



Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

'Inspiration and Excellence'

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Dear Parents/Carers

This afternoon Mr Shrubbs' funeral was held at All Saints, Four Oaks. It was an excellent turn out from the Vesey Community. Rest in peace Mr Shrubbs and thank you for everything.

A big thank you to Year 9 parents for an amazing turn-out at yesterday's Parents' Evening. Your support was very much appreciated.

Well done to our top ten merit winners for this week, I will be seeing them for hot chocolate and cookies next week **Joao Cariata 10B, Alex Dixon 7R, Samuel Kakosa 7R, Anas Fasih 9B, Brogan Ling 10W, Tom Froggatt 10W, Lewis Redford 10B, Roan Farley 10G, James Horn 10G and Ahmed Kadir 10B.**

We have had the results in for the UKMT Maths Challenge. Some excellent performances with 13 GOLD, 29 SILVER and 69 BRONZE; 12 qualifiers for the Kangaroo!



On Tuesday it was an historic day for Sutton Coldfield with the official event to mark the formation of the Sutton Coldfield Parish Council. Our student leaders and Mr Barker were there to represent the school. Pictured is John Clarke, School Captain speaking to dignitaries at the ceremony at the Birmingham Council House.

Yesterday we marked World Book Day. All week we have held assemblies on this theme and displays in Big School Corridor have revealed our teachers' current reads. All of Year 7, 8 and 9 have had lessons on reading for pleasure. Yesterday a number of the school community dressed up and we raised almost £700 for Book Aid. A big thank you to all the English Department led by **Ruth Haywood, Wendy Brown** our Librarian and our amazing students who helped lead the assembly on this theme: **Alex Bailey, Anas Fasih, Jaden Lo-Watson and Yusuf Varsani.**



Next week we look forward to National Careers Week. Thank you to all parents involved.

We held the Swimming Gala this week. Thank you to all the staff involved in organising this and our event scorer from Year 10, **James Horn.** Seven new records were set:

Penny Whittingham Individual Medley, **Rachel Wilson** Butterfly, Relay squad from Blue house, 8W and Reds 6th form boys in the Medley Relay, White House 7-strong Cannon squad. **Leighton Palmer-Whyte 10B** also broke **Brad Lynch's** breaststroke record from 2011 by over a second to record a time of 36.58 seconds. The final scores were as follows:- 1st Gold - 160 points, 2nd Blue - 152 points, Joint 3rd - Red and White - 139

points. For more information on Vesey Sport this week please see: <http://www.bvgs.co.uk/diary/sports-results>.

Please do come along and support the school at our annual PAC Quiz Night on Friday 18 March, where our very own **Dave Goodwin** will be Quiz Master. Also please note an important date for your diary: the Vesey Ball on Friday 1 July @ Aston Wood Golf Club. Tickets are £50 per head.

The BVGS Community will be coming together on Sunday 5 June for the Great Midlands Fun Run. Staff, students and parents of all abilities are urged to sign up to raise money and have some fun. To register visit <http://www.greatmidlandsfunrun.com/> and from the drop-down menu click on 'Team Vesey'.

This is a huge weekend for school rugby with the NatWest Vase U15 Semi Final at Allianz Park against Sir Thomas Rich's School. I will be there cheering the boys on with parents and OVs. We wish the boys well. For those unable to watch the game live it will be screened live at the following web address: <http://www.englandrugby.com/news/live-natwest-schools-cup-u15-semi-finals-from-allianz-park-1316651/>

Have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

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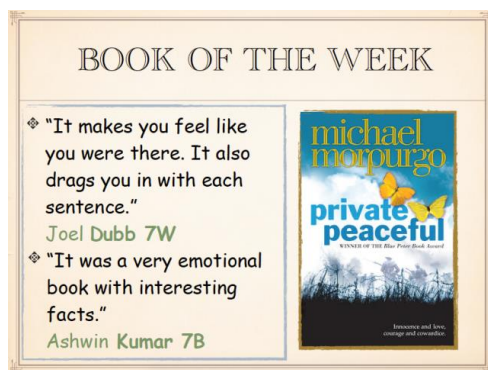
Quote of the Week

'Life is too short to be little'
Benjamin Disraeli

Word of the Week

'evanescent' adj. vanishing' fading away; fleeting

Book of the Week



Art Stars of the Week



Jack Lees 8W, Matthew Brown 7R and Zak Karemo 9R. The first prize and winning design for BVGS Mental Health logo goes to **Jack Lees, 8W** (left). The second prize and runner up goes to **Matthew Brown 7R** (centre), with third place being awarded to **Zak Karemo** (right). The competition was held across KS3, with over one hundred designs being entered. Well done to all those who took part.

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 6 March	NatWest Vase Semi Final 1:00pm, Allianz Park
7-19 March	National Careers Week
Monday 7 March	Work Experience Day
Monday 7 March	AS/A2 Geology field Trip
Monday 7 March	Governing Body Full Board Meeting
Tuesday 8 March	Welcome Open Morning for new Year 7
Wednesday 9 March	Welcome Open Morning for new Year 7
Thursday 10 March	Year 7 and 8 Hockey Tour
Thursday 10 March	Intermediate Olympiad Maths Challenge
Friday 11 March	German Exchange visitors arrive
Monday 14 March	Governing Body Admissions Committee meeting
Wednesday 16 March	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Thursday 17 March	Spring Concert 19:00
Thursday 17 March	Intermediate Kangaroo Maths Challenge
Tuesday 22 March	L6 Geography Field Trip
Wednesday 23 March	Half Day, break up for Easter
Thursday 24 March	Training Day
23-27 March	Barcelona Trip
Monday 11 April	Summer Term commences
Thursday 14 April	Senior Soloists' Concert 19:00
Friday 15 April	Non Uniform Day
Monday 18 April	Membership and Appointments Committee
Friday 22 April	PAC Year 7 and 8 Disco
Wednesday 27 April	Sports Day
Thursday 28 April	Junior Maths Challenge
Monday 2 May	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 2 May	DofE Expedition
Thursday 5 May	Induction Evening 18:00-20:15
Monday 9 May	Governing Body Full Board Meeting
Monday 16 May	Finance and Estates Committee meeting (budget review)
Monday 23 May	HR Committee meeting
Wednesday 25 May	Outreach afternoon
Thursday 26 May	Students and teaching staff break up for half-term
Friday 27 May	Other staff break up for half term
Monday 6 June	Term re-commences
w/c Monday 6 June	Exam Week
Monday 6 June	Learning and Teaching Committee meeting
Monday 13 June	Finance and Estates Committee meeting
Tuesday 14 June	Junior Maths Kangaroo and Olympiad
Thursday 16 June	SDP Parents' Forum
Thursday 16 June	Rhineland Trip
w/c Monday 20 June	Busking Week
Thursday 23 June	Higher Education Evening
Sunday 26 June	German Exchange
Monday 27 June	DofE Expedition

Tuesday 28 June	Year 7 Performance Evening 19:00
Wednesday 29 June	Year 7 Induction Day
Wednesday 29 June	Leavers' Ball
Monday 4 July	Governing Body Full Board Meeting
Tuesday 5 July	Open Evening for prospective Y7 16:00 - 19:00
Thursday 7 July	House Music Festival
Thursday 7 July	Art Exhibition
Friday 8 July	L6 Induction Day
w/c Monday 11 July	Y10 Work Experience Week
Friday 15 July	World Challenge Expedition
w/c Monday 18 July	Activity Week
Monday 18 July	Presentation Evening Y7-10
Monday 18 July	Netball tour
Friday 22 July	Break up for summer