



Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

'Inspiration and Excellence'

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Dear Parents/Carers

This week we have marked National Careers Week. We have had an excellent array of speakers: the nuclear scientist, **David Perry** (OV), **Dr Dasgupta** from the NHS, the engineer **David New**, **Rebecca Carr** from KPMG, the author **Anna Lawrence-Pietroni**, an actuary **Rachel Titchen** (OV right), a recruiter **Charlotte Bell**, a senior law partner from Eversheds **Parmjit Singh**, a dentist **Dawn Hubbard**, **Lyndsey Dorrington** from the University of Nottingham and **Zoe Bignall** from Apprentice WMJ.



The talks have all been well-attended and have been offered to students from Year 9 to Year 13. A big thank you to all our volunteers, and in particular to **Mr Dave Goodwin**, Assistant Headteacher and **Julie Evetts**, Sixth Form Support Assistant for their organisation of this important week for the school. Pictured left is **David Perry** who left BVGS in 2007, seated with Sixth Form Learning Mentor **Mrs Maskell** who was here when David was at school

This week also saw our Work Experience Day for Year 10. Thanks to **Mr Hutchieson** for organising this.

It was good to welcome our new Year 7 this week, who have scored the highest level of any BVGS intake. Our minimum score now stands at 220. Welcome to the Vesey family boys! A big thank you to all student helpers **Chirag, Ishan, Matthew, James, Ellis, Leon, Matthew, Steven, Ayush, Tom** and the Officer Team.

Well done to our top ten merit winners for this week, I will be seeing them for hot chocolate and cookies next week **Jun Park 7G, Finlay Sly 8B, Thomas Green 7G, Aadam Ahmed 8G, Mackenzie Davis 7G, Ishan Mitra 7G, Ellis McKenzie 7P, James Whitehouse 8G, Joe Rogers 7W** and **Oliver Gray-Nimmo 7G**.

Well done to Years 8 and 9 for their efforts in their Language speaking assessments last week. **Mrs Davison, Miss Egan** and **Miss Slater** have been really impressed with their conduct and commitment towards these but we would particularly like to mention the following boys for both achievement and effort: **Henry Guest, Zak Karemo, Joe Beveridge, Paddy Andrews, Thomas Rogers, Fintan Brennan, Jay Mittal, Oliver Pratt, Olly Curwen, Govind Jandhu, Toby Page, Seb Smith, Zain Sarmad, Huzaifah Khan, Eesaa Shehzad, Adeeb Rahman, Omar Ahmed, Harry Baxter, Jack Moore, Josh Nandray, Mithun Padmanabhan, George Parkes, Hamza Rahman, Vraj Shah, Tom Sheriff, Tom Yoong, Oli Lillycrop, Daanyal Oddin, Archie Harris, Johnathan Cartwright** and **Luke Moore**.

9B have raised over £300 with their sponsored silence. A personal well done, particularly to **Jaden Lo-Watson** who organised the activity with help from **Sam Harkin**. Incidentally, Sam raised about £80 on his own!

A group of Year 7/8 students took part in the Maths Challenge at Camp Hill Boys this week. We finished fourth and are keen to learn from our performance so we secure a higher position next year.

Chess also continues to flourish with a fine victory over Solihull last week and coaching beginning after school in earnest on Wednesdays courtesy of Welsh International **Chirag Guha**. Today we take on King Edward's High School for Girls.



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Steve Baugh, Assistant Head has taken three Geology field trips this week to Wren's Nest, Dudley, Mortimer Forest, Ludlow and to the ancestral home of Lady Jane Grey in Leicestershire. Fantastic trips, but incredibly wet on Wednesday. The students were a delight, as ever.

If you can support the school, please sign up for Easy Fundraising by visiting the page [here](#) :

Today we welcomed our German Exchange visitors from Bayreuth. Thank you to all our host families.

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 coming up this week is our Spring Concert on Thursday. There are still some tickets left so please buy on Monday as we don't want people missing out as happened at the Christmas concert. At the concert we will be holding a raffle for some excellent prizes such as tickets for the Moscow State Symphony Orchestra, a champagne afternoon tea at The Belfry. We even have a very large stuffed toy dog! Please come along and support Vesey Music.

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'.

I'm hearing good reports of the Hockey tour in the South West. Today they have played Dauntsey's School.

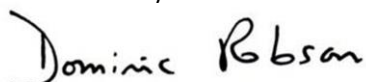
For a full round up of Vesey sport this week including the U14As winning the Warwickshire League visit: <http://www.bvgs.co.uk/diary/sports-results>.

Last weekend was huge for school rugby with the NatWest Vase U15 Semi Final at Allianz Park against Sir Thomas Rich's School. The boys played amazingly well and narrowly lost 23-19. In assembly on Thursday **Rob Hollinghurst** and **Hiwa Khalis** spoke very well in their match report on the game. We are very proud of them and all our magnificent squad. If you haven't seen the highlights of the game please take a look at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=isOOIQOxSIU>. A big thank you to all our parent and Old Veseyan supporters, as well as of course, our magnificent coaches **Mr Julian Whiting** and **Mr Alex Davis**. Mr Davis had quite a weekend because he also graduated from Oxford University with an MSc on Saturday. Well done Sir!

Talking of Rugby, well done to Y7 who have just won the Plate final in the KES, Birmingham 7's Tournament. Excellent preparation for next week's 7's tournament at BVGS.

Have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely



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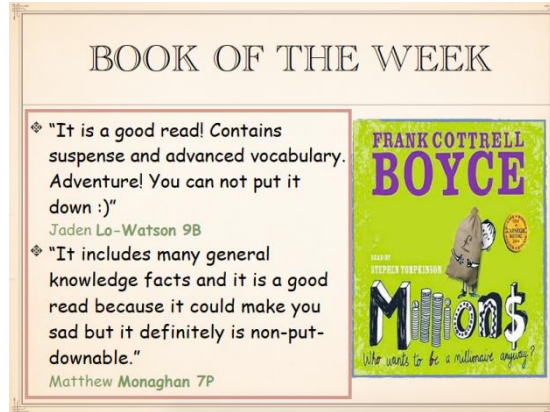
Quote of the Week

'Fall seven times; stand up eight'
Japanese Proverb

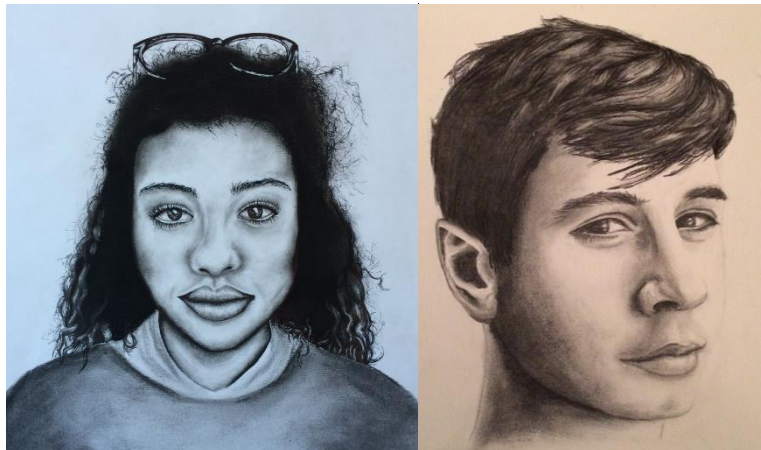
Word of the Week

'colloquial' adj. appropriate to familiar conversation rather than formal speech or writing

Book of the Week



Art Star of the Week



Jasmine Lawrence, U6CW Jasmine is a talented student, she has a diverse ability to develop successful work in a variety of media- from mix media collage to detailed realism. Here she has used pencil, charcoal, fine liner and white pen to draw exceptional tonal portraits. Well done !!!

Dates for your diary:

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
Friday 6 May	Sports Dinner - Villa Park
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