



# Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

'Inspiration and Excellence'

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Dear Parents/Carers

This week the school has reverberated to sounds of Christmas carols being sung and played. All tickets have been sold for the Christmas Concert on Tuesday. If anyone who has bought a ticket, knows they are not now able to attend, please return your tickets to the School Club Office and Mrs Foster so we can sell on to those parents keen to see their children perform.

Please note that our Library Book Fair continues on Monday and Tuesday (including before the concert and during the interval). It has already been quite useful for me with my Christmas shopping!

Wednesday to Friday have seen performances of our Senior School Production in conjunction with Centrestage School of Speech and Drama of Jim Cartwright's play 'Two' from 1989. It is a moving and dynamic play, and I have to say that the production and acting have been absolutely superb. If you are able to attend this evening, I would commend this to you. There are some tickets still available on the door. Well done to our amazing actors:

Landlord - **Joe Perrin**, Landlady - **Alessandra Davison**, Other Woman - **Pia Keeley-Johnson**, Alice - **Sneha Lala**, Fred - **Tom Froggatt**, Old Man - **Ethan Gore**, Old Lady/Lesley - **Nyandavoh Foday**, Roy/Frank Leigh - **Sam Houseman**, Brenda/Mrs Iger - **Jemima Richardson-Jones**, Mr Iger - **Chester Powell**, Barry - **Zachariah Sturch**, Maudie - **Danielle Miller**, Moth - **Daley Cond**, Craig - **Harvey Quinn**, John - **Himmat Sidhu** Boy - **Barney Coleman** Hen Party - **Danielle Miller**, **Nyandavoh Foday**, **Pia Keeley-Johnson** and **Jemima Richardson-Jones**.

Thank you also to the Technical Crew; **Eben Gutteridge**, **Ryan Bagley**, **Ben Saveker**, **Michael Saunders**, **Nikheleshwar Madamsetty**, **Ho-San Cheng**, **Jamie Barber** and **Edward Shakespeare** for their brilliant work on the lighting and sound. You have been fantastic too!

Above all a big thank you to **Rebekah O'Dowd**, **Ella McGrail** and **Simon Garrington** from Centrestage for their energy, expertise and commitment.

This time of year is also quite a reflective one. There was much to think about for the Lower Sixth at Monday's Parents' Evening as they prepare for the mock examinations for the first week back after Christmas. Similarly, Year 11 have been thinking about their learning from the experience of the mock examinations. Year 11 full reports are issued next week.

Today we have held a non-uniform day with £929.28 going to our project in Africa. Thank you to all who contributed.

It is always nice to receive visits from Old Veseyans. Thank you to **Oliver Ayto** who returned from Oxford University to give an assembly to the Lower Sixth this afternoon.

Well done to our top ten merit winners this week: **Hamzah Mahmood 10W**, **Shoaib Sheraz 10W**, **Oliver Gray-Nimmo 7G**, **Haaris Butt 9R**, **Finlay Port 9R**, **Guvraj Dhillon 10R**, **Sam Whitehouse 10G**, **Ethan Finney 7G**, **Matthew Whitehouse 7G** and **Harry West 10W**.

In sport this week Year 7 - 10 triumphed at Table Tennis against Arthur Terry and Bishop Walsh. Meanwhile Gold triumphed in the Year 8 House Rugby and the netball girls won yet again. For more information on our sporting week visit: [www.bvgssport.co.uk](http://www.bvgssport.co.uk).



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It was a pleasure this week to welcome **Simoné Noordermeer**, cousin of **Anton Spencer** in Year 7 this week, visiting us from South Africa. She enjoyed visiting lessons on Thursday morning.

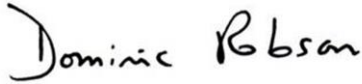
Don't forget that all students have until Thursday to submit their application to the PAC student voice fund to improve our school. <http://www.bvgs.co.uk/student-voice-fund-application-2015>.

Also why not have a read of the School Captain, **John Clarke's**, latest blog which is available to read here: <http://www.bvgs.co.uk/school-captains-blog>.

Finally thanks to all parents and students for attending the Iceland 2016 meeting this week. For further detail visit: <http://www.bvgs.co.uk/iceland-2016-trip-presentation>.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Yours sincerely



**Dominic Robson**  
Headteacher



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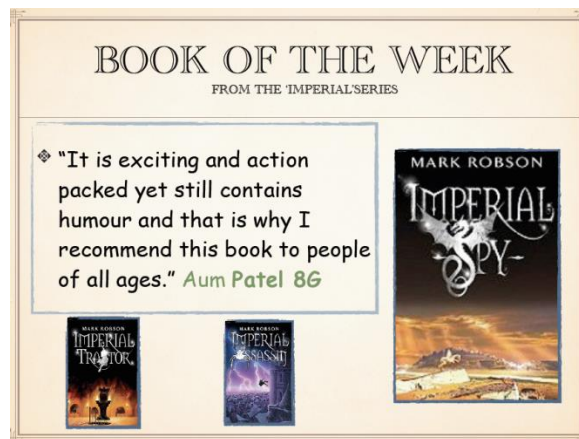
### Quote of the Week

'Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one'  
Malcolm S Forbes

### Word of the Week

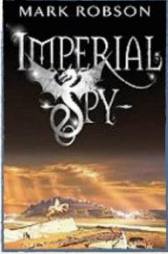


'precocious' adj: unusually advanced or mature in development

### Book of the Week



BOOK OF THE WEEK  
FROM THE 'IMPERIAL' SERIES

◆ "It is exciting and action packed yet still contains humour and that is why I recommend this book to people of all ages." **Aum Patel 8G**



### Art Star of the Week



**Krishan Patel, 7B** Having spent the autumn term studying portraiture, students were asked to carry out artist research focussing on the work of Chuck Close. As part of this, individuals were asked to complete a transcription from one of his paintings. Krishan selected the eye detail and, despite the level of difficulty, produced a stunning piece of work in pencil crayon.

#### Dates for your diary:

<b>DECEMBER 2015</b>	
<b>Friday 11</b>	Performance of 'Two' - 19:30
<b>Tuesday 15</b>	Christmas Concert - 19:30
<b>Thursday 17</b>	Break up for Christmas
<b>JANUARY 2016</b>	
<b>Monday 4</b>	Spring Term Commences
<b>w/c Monday 4</b>	Y13 Mock Week
<b>w/c Monday 11</b>	Y12 Mock Week
<b>Monday 18</b>	Finance and Estates Committee meeting (budget review)
<b>Wednesday 20</b>	Year 11 Parents' Evening
<b>Monday 25</b>	Full Board Meeting
<b>FEBRUARY 2016</b>	
<b>w/c 1</b>	Busking Week
<b>Monday 1</b>	Whole School Review Day
<b>Thursday 4</b>	Year 10 Parents' Evening
<b>Thursday 4</b>	Intermediate Maths Challenge

<b>Friday 5</b>	Harry Potter Book Night (tbc)
<b>Friday 5</b>	PAC Night at the Races 19:30
<b>Monday 8</b>	Learning and Teaching Committee
<b>Wednesday 10</b>	Year 10 vaccinations
<b>Friday 12</b>	Break up for half-term
<b>Friday 12</b>	Year 10 - 13 Iceland Trip
<b>Monday 22</b>	Term re-commences
<b>Monday 22</b>	Finance and Estates Committee meeting