



Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

'Inspiration and Excellence'

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Dear Parents/Carers

This has been an important week for the school. Yesterday we held our annual leaving assembly for the Upper Sixth. It followed the normal pattern of the last thirteen years. The students arrived in fancy dress and had photographs taken on the Quad. They then changed into full uniform for the leaving assembly led this year by **Adam Smith, Matt Cooney and Umar Khan**. There were a couple of musical interludes with the percussion ensemble's rendition of 'Hey Ya' being enhanced by the dulcet tones of **Mr Dave Goodwin**, Assistant Headteacher and **Leo Morton's** Upper Sixth Geography revision song on the Trafford Centre sung to the tune of Bohemian Rhapsody. The students then changed back into fancy dress for more photos in the Quad. **Mr Simon James** who leaves us at the end of May to take up the post of Head of Physics at Cheslyn Hay got fully into the spirit of the occasion by dressing up in a homemade Iron Man costume! A big thank you to all who have supported and nurtured the Class of 2016. They are a lovely year group and we wish them a calm, collected and conscientious examination season.



Today we are holding our Unicef Day for Change. Students are wearing a fine array of blue items and enthusiastically getting into the spirit of donning blue hair and nails for the occasion. There are lots of great activities being held by forms today to raise as much money for Unicef as possible. A big thank you to **Miss Hearn**, Deputy Headteacher and **Miss Steadman**, Assistant Headteacher for organising a lovely day of fund raising for Unicef. I would also like to say a very big 'thank you' to **Arjun Bains** and his family who donated samosas to sell at breaktime. They were extremely popular and sold out very quickly, raising even more money for Unicef. Mr Bains, Arjun's father, had very kindly given up his morning to collect the samosas from Smethwick so that they could be served warm.

On Monday you may have heard that we trialled our lock down procedure. I was pleased with the student behaviour and we have learned from the process.

I was delighted to hear that two boys from BVGS sang at St Pauls Cathedral this week. Well done to **Ellis McKenzie** and **Ben Thompson** (Ben is the Head Chorister at the Birmingham Cathedral Choir).

Some excellent news of BVGS success in writing. 73 out of 75 entries have been accepted into the Young Writer's Spine Chillers anthology. Well done boys.

Our top merit winners to be invited to next week's hot chocolate and cookies with the Head are **Shoaib Sheraz 10W, Samuel Scott 10B, Guvraj Dhillon 10R, Hamza Mahmood 10W, Ramandeep Mahal 10R, Rakeem Uddin 10R, Charlie Coleman 9W, Stevie Davie 9R, Bilal Abidi 10R, Matthew Prince 9G**. Well done boys.

We had an excellent Sports Dinner and Awards Ceremony last week at Villa Park with over 300 students and parents in attendance. The food was great and there were lots of excellent speeches - a big thank you to **Mr Howell**, Director of Sport, **Mr Davies**, Deputy Director of Sport, **Mr Goodwin** our compere, **Mrs Clarke**, Mrs

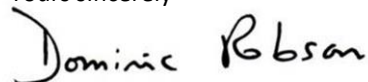
Brocklebank, Mr Doughty, Mr Davis, Mr Bousfield, Miss Egan and Mr Whiting as well as all those who made the evening possible: **Miss Williams, Mrs Pryor and Mrs Foster**. There was also some excellent singing by **Jemima Richardson-Jones**. Thank you to all who bought raffle tickets and participated in the auction. Our Guest Speaker on the night was **Rob Oliver**, a Paralympian Canoeist, who spoke very well and was very encouraging to all the students. It was a fitting celebration for an amazing year for Vesey sport. It also has to be the first time that one of our students was slightly delayed to the dinner because they themselves were giving out the prizes at another sports event - well done **Lucy Parize** who was giving out the prizes at the South Staffordshire County Netball Awards.

For further information on all things to do with Vesey sport please visit: www.bvgssport.co.uk

Finally, on Monday the Teacher i/c Duke of Edinburgh Scheme, **Tom Greenwood** and I are off to Buckingham Palace for a Gold Award Presentation to mark the Diamond Anniversary of DofE which has supported millions of young people in the UK and across the globe to achieve DofE Awards since it was founded in 1956. We will report back next week.

Good luck with supporting all the students with their revision.

Yours sincerely



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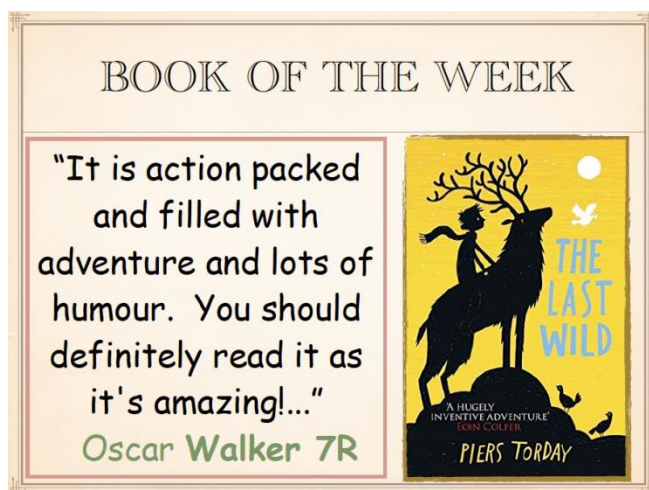
Quote of the Week

'High expectations are the key to everything'
Geena Davis

Word of the Week

'vindicate' v. to clear of an accusation or suspicion

Book of the Week



Art Star of the Week



Holly Brown L6CW. An exceptional fine artist and self-proclaimed feminist, Holly uses her artwork to express her opinions. Such a strong message, and remarkable talent.

Dates for your diary:

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
Saturday 11 June	Outreach morning
Monday 13 June	STEM Outreach Day
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
Tuesday 21 June	Debate on EU
Thursday 23 June	EU Mock Referendum Vote
Thursday 23 June	Higher Education Evening
Sunday 26 June	German Exchange
Monday 27 June	DofE Expedition
Monday 27 June	Year 7 Performance Evening 19:00
Tuesday 28 June	Year 7 Performance Evening 19:00
Wednesday 29 June	Leavers' Ball
Thursday 30 June	Year 7 Induction Day
Friday 1 July	Spelling Bee MFL National Finals, Cambridge
Friday 1 July	Vesey Ball at Aston Wood Golf Club (see flyer)
Monday 4 July	Poppies Concert in Lichfield Cathedral
Monday 4 July	Governing Body Full Board Meeting
Tuesday 5 July	Primary School Debating Competition at BVGS
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
Saturday 9 July	Lads and Dads Singing Workshop
w/c Monday 11 July	Y10 Work Experience Week
Friday 15 July	World Challenge Expedition
Saturday 16 July	Class of 1991 Reunion
w/c Monday 18 July	Activity Week
Monday 18 July	Presentation Evening Y7-10
Friday 22 July	Break up for summer