



# Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

'Inspiration and Excellence'

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Dear Parents/Carers

This week has been an interesting mix of celebrations, residentials and outreach activities.

On Wednesday we hosted the annual visit of the Shaggy Dogs, our senior Old Veseyans. Assisted by our officers and student leadership team, led by **Reiss Chahal** the Shaggy Dogs toured the school. In the afternoon, as usual, a garden party was held in Streetly at the home of **Mr and Mrs Randon**, lifelong supporters of BVGS. This year we were delighted to welcome guests from as far away as South Africa.



This coming Saturday we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Class of 1991 here at school. Tours of the school will be held from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm followed by, weather permitting, a barbeque in the Quad.

We were also having a number of reward trips this week. The Lower Sixth had a trip to Clue HQ, Birmingham. Meanwhile Year 9 have visited Jump Nation.

This morning, (Thursday), I visited the Year 7 Residential at Whitemoor Lakes, Alrewas for breakfast. The boys had evidently had a great time involving raft building, kayaking, abseiling and making the leap of faith! They had also visited the National Memorial Arboretum where they were involved in painting the model men as part of the new Somme Anniversary exhibit. Thanks to **Mr Doughty** and the large staff team for ensuring an enjoyable experience for all.

Meanwhile, there are two World Challenge Exhibitions from Year 9 to Croatia setting off from BVGS. Sea kayaking and mountaineering both await. We wish our travellers well and their accompanying teachers **Mr Brocklebank** and **Mrs Brocklebank** with Group 1 and **Mr Davis** and **Miss Field** with Group 2.

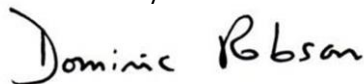
Thank you to all who supported the Sutton Games last weekend. Our Games Makers did a fine job, ably supported by **Dr Riley** and **Miss Steadman**. You may also have heard our Lads and Dads Choir performing. This 26 strong group under the leadership of **Mr Jeffries** made an excellent sound. Even I took part and have to say the whole experience was great fun and very relaxing. Watch out for more Lads and Dads Choir events and thank you to all those parents and students who supported us.

On Monday the student leadership team led a very good assembly at Little Sutton School which was very well received. The message of the assembly led by **Hannah Smith**, **Brett Waldron**, **Angalea Varma**, **Will Turley**, was on the theme of 'opening doors' and making the most of your opportunities. We also had some beautiful singing of Mozart from **Jemima Richardson-Jones**. We were very impressed by the lovely students at Little Sutton. What a great school.

The Lower Sixth had a very good assembly from **Mr Goodwin** this week on 'making the most of the summer' in terms of developing their UCAS applications. On that theme we were very lucky this week to have a visit from **Rebecca Yates**, a Medical School Mentor who graduated this week. At MedSoc she shared an important on-line forum to support medical school applicants. We wish our Lower Sixth an enjoyable enrichment week and a relaxing summer.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher



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Chairman of Governors

### Quote of the Week

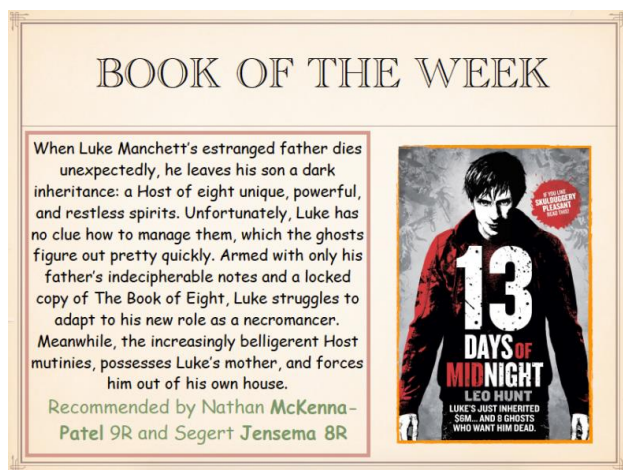
'One important key to success is self-confidence. An important key to self-confidence is preparation'

**Arthur Ashe**

### Word of the Week

'epitome' n. a person or a thing that is typical of a whole class

### Book of the Week



### Dates for your diary:

Friday 15-22 July	World Challenge Expedition to Croatia Group 1
Friday 15 July	L6 begin their Enrichment Week
Friday 15 July	World Challenge Expedition
Saturday 16 July	Class of 1991 Reunion
Sunday 17-24 July	World Challenge Expedition to Croatia Group 2
w/c Monday 18 July	Activity Week for Years 7-9
Monday 18 July	Presentation Evening Y7-10
Friday 22 July	Break up for summer
Thursday 18 August	A Level Results Day from 08:30 am
Thursday 18 August	AS Level Results Day from 10:00 am
Thursday 25 August	GCSE Results Day from 09:00 am
Monday 5 September	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 6 September	Staff Training Day
Wednesday 7 September	Autumn Term commences (Year 7 and L6 only)
Thursday 8 September	Autumn Term commences (all other years)
Saturday 10 September	Entrance Test Examination 08:30 - 12:00
Thursday 15 September	Open Evening 4.00pm - 7:00pm
Tuesday 20 September	Year 8 Welcome Evening 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Thursday 22 September	Year 10 Welcome Evening 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Thursday 29 September	Parent Pastoral Information Evening 6:00pm - 7:00pm