



Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

'Inspiration and Excellence'

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Dear Parents/Carers

We end this week with our non-uniform day for Aspire to Africa's Campaign to build a school in Tanzania. We raised a whopping £1,000. Well done to everyone who contributed.

Last night it was a pleasure to welcome Year 7 parents and students to our 'Settling In' evening. We received some lovely feedback about how much the boys are enjoying school and glowing comments about the commitment of our staff. Thank you for the words of encouragement. Thank you also to parents for other feedback. We at school are as keen as the parents to resolve any issues in relation to sports kit. We will keep you posted on this matter. Any successful school depends of the quality of partnership between parents, teachers and students. I am really encouraged that we have the makings of an excellent partnership already with our new Year 7. A big thank you also to the Parents' Association (Anne Troman, Sam Khan, John Beggan and Mark Abbott) for their input. We hope to see a really good turn-out at the Parents' Association AGM here at school at 19:00 on Monday. It is also good to hear that there will be a good Year 7 parent turn out for the 'Curry Night' next Thursday. I look forward to seeing you there.

As parents of Year 6 boys who took the admissions test in September know, the results are in! We are holding Open Mornings next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (09:15 - 10:30) for any prospective parents and boys who wish to take another look around our school. If you know anyone who would benefit from this opportunity, please let them know. It would be good if they could let us know they are coming via email to a.kite@bishopveseys.bham.sch.uk.

This week saw the Annual Sutton Coldfield Careers Fair. Some Veseyans were spotted at this event. If you have any feedback on it please let Miss Lawson know on c.lawson@bishopveseys.bham.sch.uk. A big thank you to Miss Lawson, who along with **Ali Mirza, Umar Khan, Ben Jesson** and **Oreoluwa Akinwale** did a brilliant job of selling the school at the Town Hall at that occasion.

Next week I will be meeting on Tuesday for hot chocolate with our top ten merit winners of the week. Well done to **Finlay Port 9B, Nikhil Sahdev 10W, Jaden Lo-Watson 9B, Chirag Guha 7W, Haaris Butt 9R, Sam Gill 8G, Aadam Ahmed 8G, Harry West 10W, Joao Cariata 10B, Shoaib Sheraz 10W**.

There have been lots of excellent assemblies over the last couple of weeks. One featured a talk from representatives from the Anthony Nolan Trust who spoke to Sixth Formers about 'Being a Life Saver'. Also this week **April Slater**, Head of Spanish did a brilliant assembly marking 'Dia di Hispaniad' with a very wide overview of the impact of Spanish culture on the world.

On Monday Dr Craggs and I conducted a 'learning walk'. We saw excellent teaching taking place in Languages, Geography and Business Studies. We were also lucky enough to visit a CBSO Singing Workshop for Year 7. The quality of Year 7 singing and dancing was very uplifting.

On Thursday there was a Headteacher Careers Lunch for interested students from Years 10-13 on the theme of Computing. Duncan Turner (OV, 1995) did a fine job of talking to the students on this matter. Look out for our next Headteacher Careers Lunch after half-term, focussing on the world of Business.



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There was an excellent Art Trip for Year 9 to Birmingham this week. Thank you to **Jasbir Heer**, Head of Art, **Lesley Overton** and **Sue Cavendish-Tribe** for organising this event.

The House Competition has continued this week with Table Tennis. White House have secured at least two victories! It has been quite a week for sport. Our Netballers were crowned County Champions for the third successive season and even the second team only narrowly missed out on qualifying for the Regionals in January. Well done to all the girls and of course our inspirational coaches. It has also been an impressive week for Hockey with all four teams beating Warwick School on Wednesday, as well as a very satisfying victory over KES Birmingham. Well done everyone.

On Tuesday, we hosted Primary Schools Cross Country Competition. A big thank you to our hares, **Sophia and Leo Karski** and all sports leaders for their outstanding leadership. For more information on BVGS Sport please check out: www.bvgssport.co.uk.

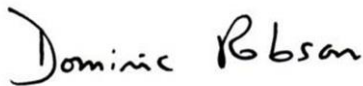
This coming week sees our Lower Sixth Information Evening on Tuesday and, as usual, the half-term finishes with the Founder's Day Service for all Year 11 and Sixth Form students. The theme this year is 'Refugees'. Our Guest Speaker is former International Development Minister Andrew Mitchell MP and we also are lucky to welcome representatives from local refugee charities such as St Chad's Sanctuary.

Thinking ahead to next half-term, I will be holding a meeting next week for all cadets regarding our Remembrance Day Services on Wednesday 11 November.

STOP PRESS: Great Rugby results at Lawrence Sherriff School today: U12A won 38-24, U12B drew 30 all, U12C won 25-20 and U12D won 30-20. Mr Whiting tells me 'a good time was had by all'.

With my very best wishes for a relaxing weekend.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher



Dr John Craggs DL PhD FCMA
Chairman of Governors

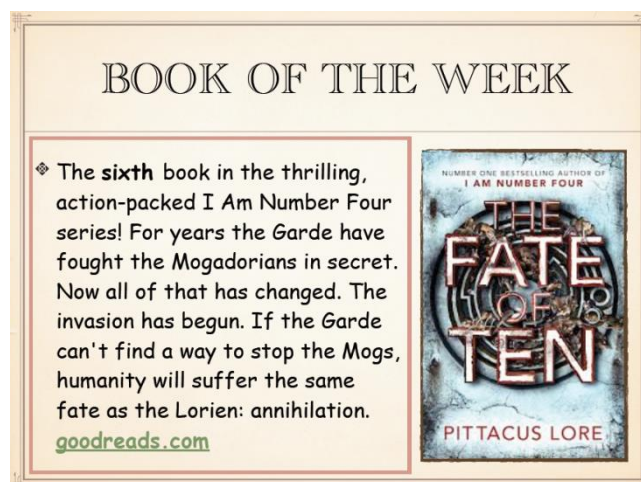
Quote of the Week

'Accept the challenges so that you may feel the exhilaration of victory'
David Salton

Word of the Week

'predilection' n: a tendency to think favourably of something in particular

Book of the Week



Art and Design Stars of the Week



Stars of the week this week are the Year 9 Art students. Students worked extremely well during their art trip to Birmingham Art Gallery this Thursday. In the morning, gallery staff commented on their commitment and focus in producing artwork based on the exhibits.

Dates for your diary:

OCTOBER 2015	
Monday 19	Finance and Estates Committee Meeting (budget review)
Monday 19	PAC AGM
Tuesday 20	Open Morning 09:15 - 10:30
Tuesday 20	L6 Information Evening 18:30 - 19:15 and 19:30 - 20:15
Wednesday 21	Open Morning 09:15 - 10:30
Thursday 22	Junior Hockey Tour
Thursday 22	PAC Welcome Curry Night - Bhujon, Mere Green
Friday 23	Founder's Day on the theme of 'Refugees'
Friday 23	Break up for half-term
NOVEMBER 2015	
Monday 2	Training Day
Tuesday 3	Term re-commences
Friday 6	PAC Year 7 and 8 Disco at BVGS
Monday 9	Learning and Teaching Committee Meeting
Monday 9	PAC meeting
Wednesday 11	Remembrance Services
Thursday 12	Open Evening for prospective Sixth Form 16:00 - 19:00
w/c Monday 16	Busking Week
Monday 16	Finance and Estates Committee Meeting
Wednesday 18	PAC Pamper and Shop Evening - Big School
Thursday 19	Year 7 Parents' Evening 16:00 - 19:00
w/c Monday 23	Year 11 mock week

Friday 27	Speech Day 19:00 at Sutton Coldfield Town Hall with Guest Speaker Lord Keith Bradley (OV)
Friday 27	Senior King Maths Challenge
Monday 30	GCSE Presentation Evening 19:00 at BVGS
DECEMBER 2015	
Thursday 3	Year 9 Options Evening 16:30 - 18:00
Sunday 6 - Wednesday 9	Dress and technical rehearsals for school play
Monday 7	Governing Body Full Board Meeting
Monday 7	Y12 Parents' Evening
Monday 7	PAC meeting
Thursday 10 and Friday 11	Performance of 'Two'
Tuesday 15	Christmas Concert
Thursday 17	Break up for Christmas