



Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

'Inspiration and Excellence'

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of this half-term, I am delighted to report that the Year 11, 12 and 13 continue to show considerable commitment to their studies during this examination season. From Monday 6 June Years 7-10 will join the rest of the school as they begin examination week. We have impressed upon all students the importance of preparing thoroughly for the exams. Thank you for your continued support.

Letters will be going out in exam week to congratulate all those boys with zero behaviour points this half term. Also in exam week our top merit winners to be invited on Thursday to the next hot chocolate and cookies with the Head are **Alex Dixon 7R, Ellis McKenzie 7P, Joseph McClafferty 7R, Will Meehan 7R, Aadam Ahmed 8G, Jack Lees 8W, Joshua Eager 7P, Owain Prescott 7R, Luke Cranfield 7R, Nader Takruri 7R**. Well done boys.

On Tuesday we held an English Superstar lunch celebrating our top achievers in English at KS3. **Mrs Jo Davis**, from the Governors, was on hand to distribute some prizes. Well done to **Ruth Haywood**, Head of English for her support in this matter.



Also on Tuesday we held our first ever BLH Bazaar for teachers where our staff showcased the wonderful teaching and learning they are delivering to our students. It was inspirational to see the many creative ways our teachers are using to support learning at BVGS. Thank you in particular to all our learning champions for leading the training **April Slater, Ruth Davison, Helen Perera, Cara Lawson, Tom Williams, Vivienne Green, Dan Everett, Alan Jones, Adrian Reilly, Jas Heer, Maryann Dye, Adam Clay-Croome, Ralph Brocklebank, Dan Bradley, Russell Bowen** and **Steve Baugh**.

Thank you to all parents who attended the Rhineland Evening hosted by **Mr Götschel**. I am sure it was a very entertaining and informative evening.

This week we held an Outreach afternoon. It was a pleasure to welcome students from Ladypool, Holy Trinity and Mayfield. A big thank you to all the staff involved in supporting this event. After the holiday we have a test familiarisation morning on Saturday 11 June and a STEM Outreach Day on Monday 13 June. If your son's primary school have yet to publicise any of these events, please ask them to do so as we have emailed all our primary schools across the city. To book a place on any of these opportunities, please email s.weblin@bishopveseys.bham.sch.uk. Please also be aware that the application process for the Grammar Schools of Birmingham Entrance Test has opened for all Year 5 for admission in September 2017. The closing date is 8 July <http://www.bvgs.co.uk/bvgs/year-7/25-admissions/admissions/713-year-7-admissions-2017>. Please note our Open Evening is on Tuesday 5 July 16:00 - 19:00. The entrance exam itself is on Saturday 10 September 2016. Please spread the word so talented students don't miss out on this opportunity.



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Some of you may be interested in a Peace and Friendship Walk and Gathering on Monday 30 May meeting at 11:00am from Town Gate Sutton Park (Park Road, off Clifton Road B73 6BU) followed by a gathering at the Old Court House.

We wish well all those Veseyans running the Great Midlands Fun Run on Sunday 5 June. Good luck with Cardiac Hill!

Please note that registration for the EU referendum vote ends on 7 June. There will be an excellent debate at the Sutton Coldfield Town Hall on Saturday 11 June at Mid-day.

Looking further ahead please find attached information regarding a Lads and Dads Singing Workshop here at BVGS on Saturday 9 July from 10:00am - 3:00pm with a charge of £10 for every 'Lad and Dad' pairing. This singing workshop will be led by our singing teacher **Mr Jeffries** and is suitable for all ages and should be a lot of fun. I intend to attend with my son, and I do hope that you will consider giving this a go. Mr Jeffries firmly believes that everyone has the ability to sing and that it is a fundamentally good thing to do. Can I please encourage you all to consider this new event a try? Please see the attached poster for details of how to register.

This has been a good week for Vesey sport with a couple of fine tennis victories over Bishop Challoner and some very tense cricket matches. The game of the week award has to go to the U12/13 side who defeated Warwickshire U12s. Well done to **Sachin Dubb** (capt), **Mithun Padmanabhan**, **Umair Choudhry**, **Oliver Curwen**, **Clark Wells**, **Haidar Aqbal**, **Fraser Bell**, **Qasim Arshad**, **Arjun Bala**, **Ben Kirman**, **Sid Khanna**, **Aum Patel**, **Ben Hooper**. For all information on Vesey sport this week please visit www.bvgssport.co.uk.

Thank you to all those of you who are supporting our inaugural Golf Day Fundraiser on Wednesday 8 June. For more details please contact **Brian Davies**, Deputy Director of Sport on b.davies@bishopveseys.bham.sch.uk. Similarly a big thank you to all who are supporting the Ball on 1 July. There are still some tickets left. Please come along, have fun and support raising money for our school (in particular ICT for the new STEM Block). Contact Helen Green MIHLGreen@aol.com for tickets.

There are a couple of charity initiatives I wanted to bring to your attention. **Benedict Resch** and **Max Fallon** in 8W are raising money to support their World Challenge Expedition to Croatia by running for 16.8 miles. Good luck boys. Meanwhile **Graeme Pallister**, School Governor, **Warwick** (Y9) and the rest of the family are hiking the Inca trail in Peru this summer and raising money for the Matt Hampson Foundation. Matt Hampson was a young England player who was paralysed in a scrum. His charity supports other sportsmen and women who have suffered similar life changing injuries. You can help Graeme raise money for this great cause by donating directly to their fundraising page - https://www.justgiving.com/Graeme-Pallister?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraisingpage&utm_content=Graeme-Pallister&utm_campaign=pfp-email. JustGiving sends your donation straight to The Matt Hampson Foundation and automatically reclaims Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer, so your donation is worth even more.

And finally a big good luck to **Simon James** who leaves us today after 7 ½ years outstanding service to begin a promotion as Head of Physics at Cheslyn Hay School. Simon is a very talented Physics teacher who has been very successful in working with all students at BVGS. He has always had an excellent rapport with the students he has taught and, as witnessed by his home-made Iron Man costume, has always got into the spirit of the Vesey Experience!! We will miss him. Good luck Simon to you and your family and please keep in touch with all your friends here at BVGS. Thank you for everything you have done for our school.



Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

John Craggs

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Chairman of Governors

Quote of the Week

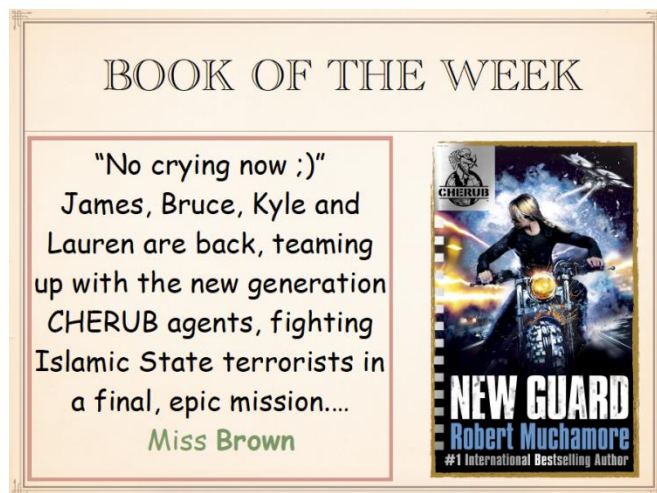
'You can't have a better tomorrow if you are thinking about yesterday all the time'

Charles F Kettering

Word of the Week

'catharsis' n. the purging of emotions or relieving of emotional tensions

Book of the Week



Dates for your diary:

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

LADS — AND — DADS



ARE YOU UP FOR IT?
EVERY CHAP CAN SING – INCLUDING YOU

Singing workshop for boys and men

Find your voice ★ Bring your lad or dad ★ Give singing a go ★ Eat, sing, perform!

SATURDAY 9 JULY 2016
10am - 3pm (breakfast 9.30am)

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£10 per 'Lad and Dad' Register: ladsanddadssing@gmail.com £3 for every extra 'Lad'