



Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

'Inspiration and Excellence'

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Dear Parents/Carers

We are now well and truly in the exam season; a world of EMPAs, orals, required practicals and moderations. Our senior students are getting to grips with the challenges that they are facing. We are encouraging a calm, methodical and well-organised approach to revision. Thank you to you, as parents, for supporting us in these objectives.

Year 7-10 are not immune from exams either. All students should have written their revision timetable and they should be preparing assiduously for the forthcoming internal examinations, the week beginning 6 June.

This week began with a very fine production by Katch22 of J B Priestley's 'An Inspector Calls'. I was pleased that Year 11 focussed well and asked some good questions of our visiting actors.

On Thursday Year 7 and 8 took the UKMT Maths Challenge. Thanks to the Maths Department for organising this excellent opportunity.

On Saturday morning the school's Practice Expedition for Duke of Edinburgh begins, concluding on Monday. This is led by **Mr Tom Greenwood** with assistance from **Mr Nick Yates** and **Miss Rosie Stevens**. There will be 42 Year 10 boys and 10 Year 11 boys on the expedition in the Long Mynd area of Shropshire so fingers crossed for good weather! Also congratulations to **Ella Sykes**, L6, for achieving her Silver award this week and to **Alex Green** 11R and **Adam Svetalovskiy** 11W for achieving their Bronze award. This now gives last year's Bronze group a completion rate of 83%, one of the highest in the Midlands area. If you are one of the 7 students who have not yet completed, see Mr Greenwood to get it approved.

I am pleased that tickets are selling really well for the Sports Dinner on Friday 6 May at Aston Villa Football Club. This is promising to be our biggest and best yet and we are delighted to have the Paralympian Rob Oliver to join with us to celebrate a great year for Vesey Sport. There is so much to celebrate. BVGS put in a stellar start to the regatta season in Birmingham last weekend with victories for the Year 8 double sculls **Segert Jensema** and **Luke Barrios** and the Year 9 quad - **Oliver Hadley**, **Matt Berry**, **Matt Burrows**, **Tom Shepherd** and **Matt Prince** (cox). Particularly noteworthy was our defeat of notable independent school opposition such as RGS Worcester and Shrewsbury School. Below you can see our quad in action.



We held our Sports Day at Wyndley Leisure Centre on Wednesday. The weather started in an interesting way with a good dose of hail and snow before turning into a lovely, bright sunny day. Thank you to all the staff leaders, especially **Mr Kevin Doughty** who co-ordinated proceedings and our top statistician from Year 10 **James Horn**. The whole day was conducted with great spirit and, as usual, great performances. It was a tightly fought contest, with the lead changing on a number of occasions. Red won the Year 7 contest but the



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Year 8-13 contest, despite the initial excitement from the Gold camp, actually shows clearly a White victory, Blue narrowly in Second, Gold in Third and Red propping up the table.

TOTALS

	B	G	R	W	P
U12	127	148	154	120	94
U13	122	135	130	95	
U14	91	124	130	132	
U15	122	117	98	135	
U16	135	107	108	124	
Senior	118	111	123	123	
Senior Girls	80	68	56	62	
TOTAL	668	662	645	671	

This has been a proud week for Vesey Music. Last Saturday on BBC2s Shakespeare Live you may have seen **Xhosa Cole** flying the flag for Vesey at the RSC Stratford. Yesterday evening Bishop Vesey's had the honour of being chosen, over all other schools in Birmingham, to play at the Greater Birmingham Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner Award Ceremony, attended by 1,000 guests at the International Convention Centre. Our String Quartet of **Eben Gutteridge, Nicholas Lee, Lauren Newbould** and **Philip Reader** played brilliantly for over an hour, as did our versatile Marimba player, **Ryan Bagley**. We received lovely feedback from the guests.



Talking of Music, you may be interested to hear that our Director of Music, **Mrs Dye** will be on BBC4 tonight at 7:30pm. Her son Sam, a trombonist at Chetham's School of Music is performing in the BBC Young Musician of the Year Brass Final. We wish the Dye family well.

Looking further ahead tickets have now gone on sale for the Lichfield Festival Concert on the morning of Monday 4 July, which commemorates the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme. Students involved in the after-school drama group working on the devised piece on World War I will be taking part in this, as will the Year 7 students who will be with Mr Jefferies in June/July for singing, namely: **Cameron Bailey, Fraser Barnett, Riley Bevan, Mark Bryan, Cameron Chohan, Dexter Connor, Luke Cranfield, Alex Dixon, Finn Epting, Benjamin Frost, Chirag Guha, Ben Hooper, George Jacob, Jordan Knight, Hugo Martin, Will Meehan, Arun Murria, Jun Park, Marcus Phillips, Samuel Redgate, Yuan Sagala, Jesse Satchwell, Raajan Sian, Anton Spencer, Nader Takruri, Daniel Utley** and **Tillmann Willett**. Friends and family can get advance tickets for this big event via: <http://lichfieldgarrick.com/4B-Poppies-WW1-Schools-Remembrance/index.asp>

Also in July on the 1st, we have the Vesey Ball. Are you coming? *See attached flyer.*

By the way, can you support the Vesey Ball through donating an auction prize? If so, please contact Dave Goodwin, Assistant Headteacher on d.goodwin@bishopveseys.bham.sch.uk.

A number of students will be invited to see DGR as part of the 'Top Ten Merit Winners of the Week' going back over the last fortnight. Watch this space!

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Yours sincerely

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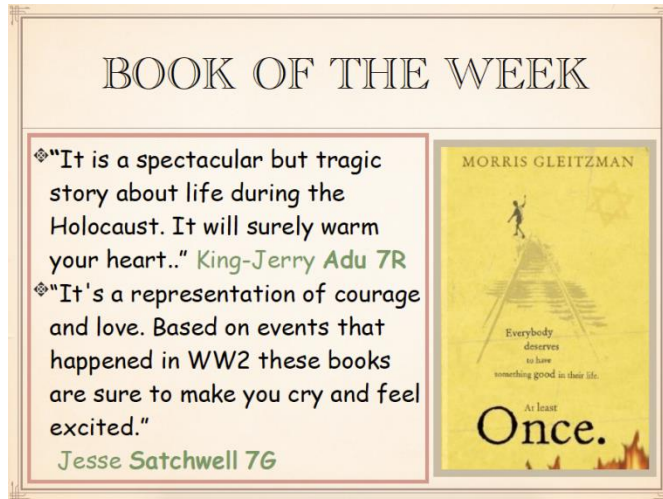
Quote of the Week

'If a window of opportunity appears, don't pull down the shade'
Tom Peters

Word of the Week

'fiduciary' n. a person to whom property or power is entrusted for the benefit of another

Book of the Week



Art Star of the Week



Alex Hemming 11 G -Alex has completed his GCSE Art exam, his project was eyes and he really pushed his realistic drawing and use of tone. Alex created an imaginative composition, where the sunglasses show a reflection of architecture.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 2 May	DofE Expedition
Thursday 5 May	Induction Evening 18:00-20:15
Friday 6 May	Sports Dinner - Villa Park
Monday 9 May	Governing Body Full Board Meeting
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
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	Year 7 Induction Day
Wednesday 29 June	Leavers' Ball
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
w/c Monday 18 July	Activity Week
Monday 18 July	Presentation Evening Y7-10
Monday 18 July	Netball tour
Friday 22 July	Break up for summer



THE VESEY BALL

Friday 1st July 2016

ASTON WOOD GOLF CLUB

BVGS PAC are delighted to invite you to 'The Vesey Ball' on Friday 1st July. Tickets cost £50 per head and will be sold on a 'first come, first served' basis, so please book your tickets early. The evening will include, Four Course Dinner, Live Band, Licensed Bar to 12.00am. Dress will be Black Tie.

Tables of 10 or 12 can be booked or if your party is smaller, or you wish to book as a couple, we will endeavour to seat you with parents from the same year group where possible.

The Vesey Ball–Friday 1st July 2016

Please provide me with tickets for The Vesey Ball.

I enclose a cheque for £..... payable to BVGS PAC

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