



# Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

'Inspiration and Excellence'

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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been great to get stuck into the new half term. There has been a lot going on in the school.

It was wonderful to hear of yesterday's success in the Sixth Form Mega Quiz (with contestants from all the top state and private schools across the Midlands) held in the University of Birmingham Great Hall. For **Mr Goodwin**, Head of Sixth Form this has been something of a holy grail to achieve over the last decade. This year we smashed it! We attained a record score of 105 out of 110. What an amazing team of champions.



l-r **Courtney Szanto, Kate Horton, Daniel Patrick, Isaac Stevens, Ben Clay and Juliette Thomas** pictured with the Lord Mayor of Birmingham and our own **Mr Goodwin**

A big thank you to the English team for organising an excellent theatre production yesterday evening by 'The Pantaloon's' of Jekyll and Hyde. It was very well supported with over 210 attending. It was a fantastic performance. It was amusing, engaging and completely faithful to text and the students loved it!



Today we have been holding our annual early entry interview afternoon. A big thank you to our 42 interviewers for their generous support for our students.

Please note that paper copies of Year 7 reports will be issued to all students on Monday.

Next Thursday is our Sixth Form Open Evening from 16:00 - 19:00. It is always a very popular event. Please be aware that parking is restricted on our site and we would encourage you to park at Sutton Coldfield town centre car parks and walk up to school from there. Please would any parents with special parking needs contact **Mrs Evetts** on 0121 250 5400.

At the Year 7 Evening I invited everyone to come to a meal on Thursday 10 November at the Karma Lounge, Boldmere. This is a light-hearted, friendly evening and a great opportunity to meet other parents in an informal and relaxed atmosphere. I look forward to seeing you there. To book a place please email Mrs Moore on [carolinejmoore25@gmail.com](mailto:carolinejmoore25@gmail.com).

Many thanks to all parents who are supporting our BVGS Inspiration and Excellence Fund. As I look forward there are big financial challenges ahead for our school, namely central government funding cuts and increased costs. Together these cuts and increased costs pose a very real risk to maintaining the momentum of progress at our School. Every year we invite all parents to make a regular financial contribution to our school Inspiration and Excellence Fund. This year, the money will be used to fund important, basic ICT equipment for our new STEM Block. In line with other grammar schools nationally, we recommend a suggested contribution of £360 per year (£30 per month), or £240 per year (£20 per month). If you would like any further clarification on how to donate please visit <http://www.bvgs.co.uk/support-us/why-support-bvgs>.

Thank you to **Mr Whiting** and the team for a superb Scottish Rugby Tour. There has been lots of lovely feedback from parents and students on this as well as our visit to the Somme. There will be more information coming on these events in the big Autumn newsletter. For all information on Vesey sport this week visit: <http://www.bvgssport.co.uk/>



We are pleased with the progress being made with our new STEM Block facility. Today we welcomed members of Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust to school. We are very grateful to them for the £80,000 donation they made to support ICT provision in the new block. The opening date is Thursday 8 December with the celebration being led by **Dr John Rudge** (OV) from Cambridge University.

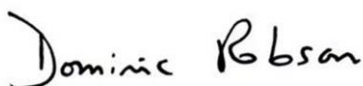
Well done to the top merit winners this week: **Zachary DEAKIN 7B, Jack WAKEFIELD 7G, Charlie WOOD 7W, Morgan DAVAGE 8G, Oliver WILLIAMS 8R, Ethan CRISP 9B, Thomas SHERRIFF 9W, David HOWE 10B, Matthew BATE 10G, Sebastian SMITH 10R, Josh HARRIS 11B, James HORN 11G, Ramandeep MAHAL 11R and Matthew GORING 11W**. They will be invited for hot chocolate and cookies with me next Wednesday break-time. We will also be counting up those students without behaviour points this half-term. All those students will be receiving letters in November.

Planning has begun for our Golf Day in June. <http://www.bvgs.co.uk/golf-day-2017>

Letters issued this week and accessible via the links below:

[Aladdin Flyer](#)

Yours sincerely

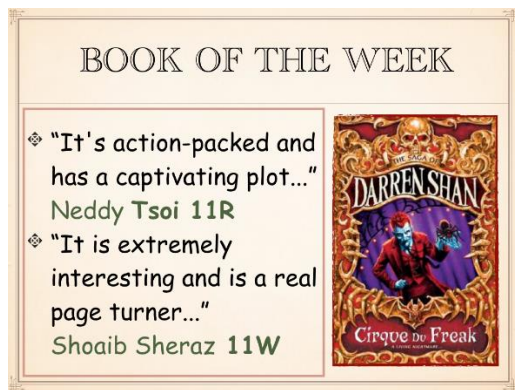


**Dominic Robson**  
Headteacher



**John Craggs DL BSc PhD HonDUniv FCMA**  
Chairman of Governors

## Book of the Week



## Art Star of the Week



**Elliot Brown, 10W.** Elliot is an exceptional artist. His drawing and tone is brilliant.

**Quote of the Week:** Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do.  
**Pele**

### Dates for your Diary

#### Autumn Term 2016

**Thursday 10 November School closes at 12:15 as we have Sixth Form Open Evening from 16:00 - 19:00**

Thursday 10 November	PAC Curry Evening, Karma Lounge, Boldmere
Friday 25 November	Speech Day - Sutton Coldfield Town Hall 19:00
Thursday 1 December	Y9 Options Evening 16:30 - 18:30
Thursday 8 December	Grand Opening of The Richards-Randon STEM Block 13:00 - 14:00
8 and 9 December	School Production of 'Find Me'. 19:00
Monday 12 December	L6 Parents' Evening 16:30 - 18:30
Tuesday 13 December	Christmas Concert 19:30
Friday 16 December	Break up for Christmas at 12:15

#### Spring Term 2017

Wednesday 4 January	Spring Term commences
Wednesday 18 January	Y11 Parents' Evening 16:00 - 19:00
Tuesday 24 January	BLH Parents' Forum 19:00 - 20:00
Thursday 2 February	Year 10 Parents' Evening 16:00 - 19:00
Monday 13 February	Review Day
Friday 17 February	Break up for Half Term
Monday 27 February	Spring Term recommences
Tuesday 28 February	Elevate Y10 Parents' Evening 18:00 - 19:15
Thursday 2 March	Y9 Parents' Evening 16:00 - 19:00
Tuesday 7 March	Higher Education Evening 19:00 - 20:00
Wednesday 15 March	Year 8 Parents' Evening 16:00 - 19:00
Thursday 23 March	Spring Concert
Thursday 6 April	Break up for Easter at 15:25

#### **Friday 7 April**

#### **Staff Training Day**

#### Summer Term 2017

Monday 24 April	Summer Term commences
Tuesday 25 April	Y7 Parents' Evening 16:00 - 19:00
Thursday 27 April	Senior Soloists' Concert 19:00
Monday 1 May	May Day Holiday
Thursday 18 May	Parents' SDP Forum 19:00

Friday 26 May	Break up for Half Term
Monday 5 June	Summer Term recommences
Tuesday 27 June	Open Evening 16:00 - 19:00
Tuesday 4 July	Performance Evening 19:00 - 20:30
Friday 21 July	Break up for Summer Holidays