



Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

'Inspiration and Excellence'

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DGR/sw

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Dear Parents/Carers

First of all, we have received quite a lot of news this week regarding university offers for Oxford and Cambridge. Not all the information is in yet. However, congratulations are in order for the following seven students: **Sophia Thorn** (Natural Sciences, Cambridge), **Rory Gaskin** (Law and French, Oxford), **Will McCreery** (Earth Sciences, Oxford), **Josiah McNeill** (Fine Art, Oxford), **Jake Robinson** (Economics and Management, Oxford), **Molly Willars** (Mathematics, Oxford) and **Jemima Richardson-Jones** (Geography, Oxford). Jemima has also won a choral scholarship. An exceptional achievement.

This has been our first full week and the atmosphere around the school is purposeful and focussed. The Upper Sixth mocks have now concluded and the Lower Sixth are almost finished. This evening we also have the last session for our GCSE re-sit mocks.

We continue to work in partnership with other schools. All the Heads of English from Sutton Coldfield came to BVGS on Thursday to discuss and cross-moderate standards for the new English GCSE. Meanwhile on Wednesday **Mr Robson** had a meeting regarding how BVGS can collaborate with the Learning Trust for Excellence (a group of seven Sutton Coldfield primary schools). Bishop Vesey's Grammar School is now a partner of the Learning Trust for Excellence, along with local universities and the King Edward's Foundation.

Chess at Bishop Vesey's continues to thrive with two very convincing victories, 9-3 and 11-1, last Friday over Queen Mary's Grammar School, Walsall. Well done boys!

This week's top merit winners are: **Cian BURKE 7B, James Hodson 7G, Sam CULLEN 7P, Reinart JENSEMA 7R, Lucas NIX 7W, Charlie CHURCHILL 7W, Charlie CAPELLA 7W, Ethan BHERMI 7W, Oscar L WALKER, 8G, Joseph MCCLAFFERTY 8R, Chirag GUHA 8W, Vraj SHAH 9B, Patrick TYRRELL 9G, Torin BIRD 9R, Mithun PADMANABHAN 9W, Jaden LO-WATSON 10B, Freddie GOODRHAM 10W, Oliver TOPHAM 11B, Chester POWELL 11G and Benjamin THOMPSON.**

In sport we have had two excellent cup victories. In Hockey, the 1st XI beat Westwood College 4-0 in the 1st round of the England Hockey National Cup. We now play Oakham School at home in the next round.

Meanwhile in Rugby, in the North Midlands' U16 Cup we beat Bishop of Hereford Bluecoat School 25-10.

It is always good to hear of individual successes. Well done to **Karim Labib 11W**, who came 11th out of 32 competitors in the International Junior Scottish Open in Squash.

Talking of sport, last we talked about the Sutton Coldfield Sports Awards. Big apologies to **Hamish Carter** our gymnast. He has also been nominated for this year's award, but last week we didn't mention him!

For more information about all things BVGS Sport please visit : <http://www.bvgssport.co.uk/>

It is with sadness that we report the news of the death of **Alan Francis (OV)**. Alan was an inspirational Old Veseyan and amazing supporter of the school. He was very grateful to have attended our school, an experience he said which changed his life.



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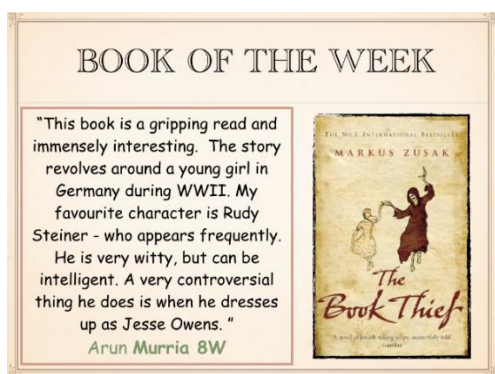
With our heartfelt wishes in 2017 Bishop Vesey's Grammar School continues to make a big difference to all its students.

Yours sincerely

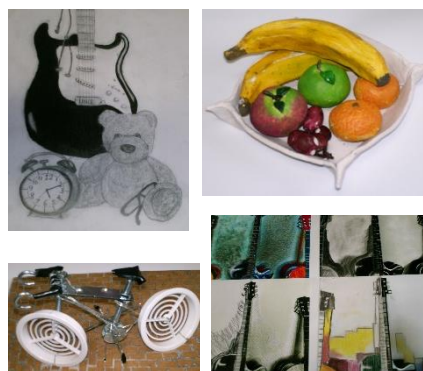
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Book of the Week



Art Stars of the Week



Cole Hancox 8P
mixed media
and ICT Work.
**Matthew
Roberts 8P**
model making
**Krisham Patel
8B** tonal still life
drawing
Joe Roberts 8W
realistic clay
fruit forms

Quote of the Week: I look for what needs to be done. After all, that's how the universe designs itself.
R Buckminster Fuller

Letters issued this week:

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Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2017

Wed 11 Jan - Mon 16 Jan	Lower Sixth mock examinations
Wednesday 18 January	Y11 Parents' Evening 16:00 - 19:00
Tuesday 24 January	Youth Speaks Rotary Competition
Wednesday 25 January	BLH Parents' Forum 19:00 - 20:00
Friday 28 January	Year 8 at Pitt Rivers Museum, Oxford
Sunday 29 January	Cambridge University Debating Competition at Solihull Sch
Monday 30 January	Year 7 at the CBSO Concert, Symphony Hall
Thursday 2 February	Intermediate Maths Challenge
Thursday 2 February	Harry Potter Book Night
Thursday 2 February	Year 10 Parents' Evening 16:00 - 19:00
Thursday 9 February	AS Geography Field Trip
Monday 13 February	Year 10/11 Art Trip
Monday 13 February	Review Day
Friday 17-24 February	Ski Trip
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	Non-uniform Day for 'Book Aid'

Thursday 2 March	Y9 Parents' Evening 16:00 - 19:00
Friday 3-6 March	Sixth Form Berlin Trip
Tuesday 7 March	Higher Education Evening 19:00 - 20:00
Wednesday 8 March	Swimming Gala 13:00 Wyndley
Thursday 9 March	New Year 7 Open Morning
Monday 13 - 15 March	Geology Trip
Wednesday 15 March	Year 8 Parents' Evening 16:00 - 19:00
Tuesday 21 March	World Poetry Day
Thursday 23 March	Spring Concert
Friday 24 March	Non-uniform Day for 'Red Nose Day'
Friday 31 March	Duke of Edinburgh Expedition Weekend
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