



Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

'Inspiration and Excellence'

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Dear Parents/Carers

Last Saturday we held our annual entrance test. The pouring rain added an extra challenge to our organisation. However, the team of staff and students led by Heather Hodgkinson did a fantastic job. Thank you to all who gave up their time to ensure our Year 6 visitors had a positive experience.

We started this week with House meetings. I was very pleased by the efforts of the House Captains in leading assemblies. It is always a really good learning experience for our young leaders. The House system is an integral part of BVGS life. Every merit, good deed recognised or participation in activities and House competitions go towards points for your House. Who will win the House Cup for 2016-17?

It was great to hear about success by students in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Well done to Year 11 students **Harry Ayto, James Bishop, Ryan Potter, Roan Farley, Mohammed Aamaan, Tom Froggatt, Robin Maes-Prior, Lewis Redford** and **Ben Moore** (U6) for achieving Bronze Award. **Tom Parkes** (L6) has achieved his Silver award.

This is just one of the many examples of our Vesey students being excellent leaders. I was very impressed by all the guides at our **Open Evening** for their excellent care and attention to our visitors. Well done also to our wonderful musicians **Alex Dixon (sax), James Foxall (clarinet), Adrian Lowe (clarinet), Ayush Das (trombone), Harkirpa Takhar (piano), Matthew Monaghan (viola), Ellis McKenzie (voice), Louis Cole (voice)** and the many students supporting in classrooms with experiments, quizzes and the like. Three Year 8 boys also spoke from the stage and did a fine job. Well done **Rohan Basi, Chirag Guha** and **Ted Boyle**.

On Monday the students will be engaged in a **Walk to Africa** to help raise vital funds for a primary school in Tanzania. We will all be putting our best foot forward as we walk the equivalent 4,600 mile distance from the Royal Town to Tanzania as part of a huge effort to raise £20,000 for the Buyuni One Primary School. The Walk to Africa will see all students taking a variety of routes around the school to clock up the total distance. The event has been inspired by the school's partnership with the Aspire Sports Trust to help improve Buyuni One's infrastructure and support the development of its pupils' education. The event is being supported by Green and Co Estate Agents in Sutton Coldfield. Students should wear sensible walking clothes and shoes on Monday, not school uniform. Please bring suitable wet weather attire just in case! We are very grateful for any parental voluntary contributions that can be made to support this charitable activity.

English support evening: Thanks to all the parents who attended this very helpful evening led by **Mrs Ruth Haywood** and her team.

This coming week we have two important evenings that I hope the relevant parents can attend: **Our Year 8 Welcome Evening** is on Tuesday 20 September from 7:00pm - 8:00pm. May we ask that we restrict the number of guests on this occasion to two per family ie one parent and one child or two parents. This will ensure we can seat everyone in Big School safely. Thank you for your support in this matter. Meanwhile our **Year 10 Welcome Evening** is on Thursday 22 September 7:00pm - 8:00pm. We would also appreciate it if parents please respect the parking restrictions on Boswell Road and be sensitive to our neighbours. Thank you.

On a sporting note well done to **James Ward** who represented Warwickshire at the East and North Midlands Inter Counties Athletics Championships on Saturday and won the U15 Discus.

Top achievers this week include **Ben Foden 7W, Charlie Wood 7W, Harveer Nijjar 7W, Charles Hubbard 7W, Oliver Jarvis 7W, Charlie Churchill 7W, Joseph Cox 7W, Miles Kelly 7W, Peirce O'Dwyer 7W, Rory Barber 9G**. I look forward to meeting these boys for hot chocolate and cookies at break next week.



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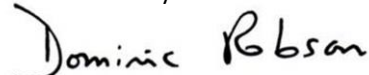
To keep up with all things sporting at Vesey please visit: <http://www.bvgssport.co.uk/>.

Please find attached to this newsletter the lunchtime and extra-curricular activities for this term. Please discuss with your son and daughter and encourage them to get involved and make the most of their Vesey experience.

Please also note that there are some places still available for Junior Drama which takes place on Monday at 1:30pm. There are also still some places left for Senior Drama meeting after school on Monday.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

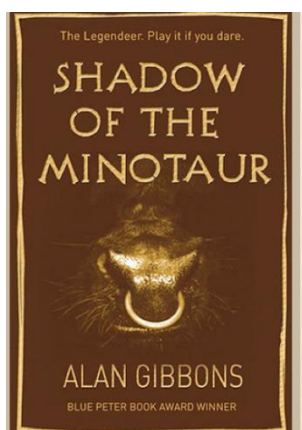


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Book of the Week

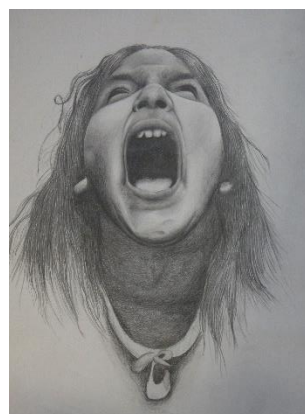


This is a great read about a game that makes you feel like you are part of it. A boy called Phoenix enters a Minotaur's maze...

Joel Stainthorpe 8B

Quote of the Week: One man who has a mind and knows it, can always beat ten men who haven't and don't. **George Bernard Shaw**

Art Star of the Week



Diran Suraj 11G. Diran has been chosen as the first star of the week, for Art 2016-2017. He is a delightful and extremely talented student. Here he shows his exceptional skills with portraits. He is able to use tone to create a brilliant, realistic effect which challenges expressions.

Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2016	Tuesday 20 September	Year 8 Welcome Evening 19:00
	Thursday 22 September	Year 10 Welcome Evening 19:00
	Saturday 24 September	OVA Dinner
	Thursday 29 September	Parent Pastoral Information Evening 19:00 - 20:00
	Tuesday 4 October	U6 Parent's Evening 16:00 - 19:00
	Wednesday 5 October	BLH Parents' Forum 19:00 - 20:00
	Thursday 6 October	Junior Soloists Concert
	Tuesday 11 October	Year 9 Welcome Evening 19:00 - 20:00
	Thursday 13 October	Year 7 Welcome Evening 18:00 - 20:00
	Tuesday 18 October	Open Morning 09:15 - 10:30
	Tuesday 18 October	L6 Welcome Evening 18:00 - 20:00
	Wednesday 19 October	Open Morning 09:15 - 10:30
	Wednesday 19 October	Year 11 Welcome Evening 19:00 - 20:00
	Thursday 20 October	Open Morning 09:15 - 10:30
	Friday 14 October	Staff Training Day
	Friday 21 October	Founder's Day
	Friday 21 October	Break up for Half Term
	Monday 31 October	Staff Training Day
	Tuesday 1 November	Staff Training Day
	Wednesday 2 November	Autumn Term recommences
	Thursday 10 November School closes at 12:15 as we have a Sixth Form Open Evening on this day from 16:00 - 19:00	
	Friday 25 November	Speech Day - Sutton Coldfield Town Hall 19:00
	Thursday 1 December	Y9 Options Evening 16:30 - 18:30
	7, 8 and 9 December	School Production
	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

Sporting Lunch-time Activities 2016-17

WK1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sports Hall	Rehab Gym - DW Basketball – 6th Form Leaders	Yr10 Rugby Gym - DW Yr8/9 Table Tennis – AP	Yr11 Rugby Gym - DW Basketball – 6th Form Leaders Yr10/11 Table Tennis	Senior Netball Gym - DW Yr7 Table Tennis - MR	SAQ Hockey Gym - DW Basketball - J Williams
Indoor Rowing Room	YR9 Indoor Rowing – YR11 Leaders	YR8 Indoor Rowing – YR10 Leaders	Indoor Rowing – YR10 Leaders	YR7 Indoor Rowing – YR10 Leaders	YR10 Indoor Rowing – 6th Form Leaders
Middle Field (Wk1)	BBG/DTG	BBG/DTG	BBG/DTG	BBG/DTG	BBG/DTG
Pitch 3	Yr7/8 Football - GG	Yr7/8 Football - GG	Yr7/8 Football - GG	Yr7/8 Football - GG	Yr7/8 Football - GG
Pitch 2	Yr9/10/11 Football	Yr9/10/11 Football	Yr9/10/11 Football	Yr9/10/11 Football	Yr9/10/11 Football
Pitch 1	Yr7 Rugby – JW Senior Hockey – DD	Yr8 Rugby – JW Yr9 Hockey - DD	Yr10 Rugby – JW Yr7 Hockey - DD	Yr9 Rugby – JW Yr10 Hockey - DD	Senior Rugby – JW Yr8 Hockey – DD
Wk2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Pitch 1	Yr7 Rugby – JW Senior Hockey – DD	Yr8 Rugby – JW Hockey - DD	Yr10 Rugby – JW Hockey - DD	Yr9 Rugby – JW Hockey - DD	Senior Rugby – JW Hockey – DD

Extra Curricular Activities 2016-17

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<p style="text-align: center;">Rowing 4.00pm - 5:30pm Water session - Snrs & Y 10 Powell's Pool</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Rowing 4:00pm - 5:00pm Water session -Year 8 & 9 Powell's Pool</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Computing 1:30pm - 2.00pm Python Programming Year 9 to Year 11 TA1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Physics Clinic 1:15pm All years Lab 51</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wind Band 1:15pm - 1:50pm Music Centre</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Chess 1:15pm - 1:55pm. All year groups and abilities Rm 11</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Strategy Board Games Club 3:30 pm - 5:30pm All years welcome Room 24</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Rowing 7:30pm - 8:30 am Fitness session Sports Hall</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sax Ensemble 1:15pm - 1:45pm Music Centre</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">German Club 1.20 to 1.50pm Year 7 Room 21</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Debating 1:15 - 2.00pm Old Big School</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">GCSE Spanish 3:30 - 4:30pm Twilight Class Room 19</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Orchestra 3:30 pm - 4:30pm Music Centre</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A2 Spanish 1:15 Speaking session Room 19</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Vesey Voices 1:15 - 1:50 Music Centre</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Funky Bishops 1:15pm - 1:50pm Music Centre</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Junior Drama 1:30pm For those who have subscribed Big School</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Percussion Ensemble 1:15 - 1:50 Music Centre</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Raw Club 1:30pm Years 7 and 8 Library</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Clarinet Ensemble 1:15pm- 1:45pm Music Centre</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Computer Games Club After school until 4.00pm Library</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CU All years B4a</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CU Sixth Form Raybould Room</p>