



Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

'Inspiration and Excellence'

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25 November 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

I am delighted to report that our total from Children in Need so far stands at £1450. Our final Children in Need event will take place on Monday. This will be a Boys v Girls netball match. A big thank you to Dr Adrian Reilly, Mrs Lesley Overton and the student charity leaders: Lauren Abbott, Megan Littlewood and Isabella Page. Dr Reilly tells me that we have already raised an amazing £12000 since September. We will be doing a special feature on the impact of this money in this term's coloured newsletter.

The Year 11 finished their mock examinations on Wednesday. No papers will be handed back until the week beginning Monday 5th December. Yesterday, Mr Goodwin gave Year 11 a good assembly on the Sixth Form admissions process and choosing the right subjects for them at A Level.

Yesterday there was an excellent KS5 Art trip to London (see below) taking in the Welcome Gallery and Tate Modern.



Thank you to Mrs Heer, Head of Art and Mrs Rowlands. It was a great day, apart from the long journey home!

Thank you to Esther Waterhouse, Consultant in Palliative Medicine, for running an excellent session with Medsoc. It is always appreciated to get support from our Vesey parents working in the medical field.

Well done to Daniel Leyva and Joe Perrin who represented BVGS in the ESU Mace Public Speaking Competition on Tuesday at Solihull School. Miss Egan, Head of Year 12, tells me that the boys did a fine job in arguing that there should not be salary caps for professional sportsmen. However, they were pipped at the post by some excellent debating by Warwick School.

Tonight we hold our annual Speech Day, primarily for the Upper Sixth leavers at Sutton Coldfield Town Hall. Our speaker tonight is Bilal Ahmad OV (2008-2010) MEng and former Eddowes Prizewinner, who now works for BP in Norway. As well as celebrating our record breaking A Level year, we will honour two notable Veseyans who retire from service this year: our Clerk Kerry Osbourne and our Groundsman Bob Brown. Between them they have over 80 years of service to our school community. Following Speech Day, we are



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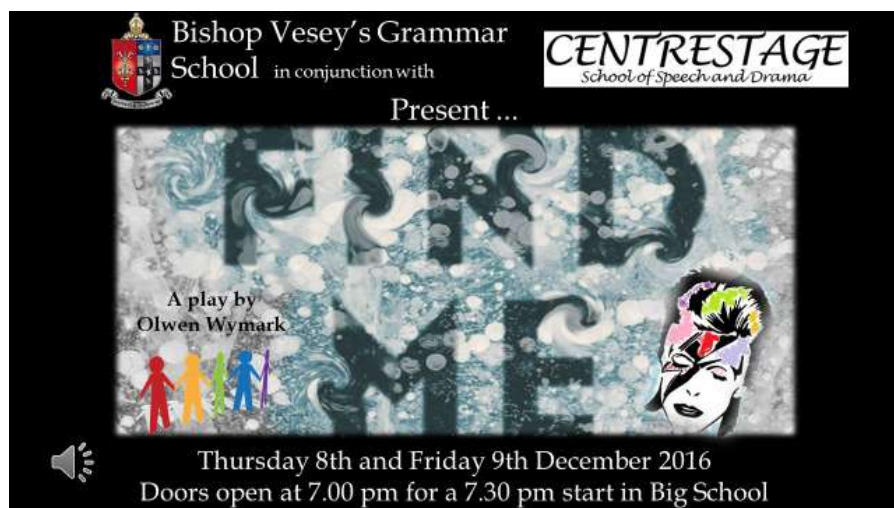


hosting four events after school in Old Big School to distribute GCSE certificates. Students that are with us in the Sixth Form, as well as our leavers will be there. Refreshments will be provided. The dates are as follows:

11B	Tuesday 29th November	3.30 to 4.00pm
11G	Monday 5th December	3.30 to 4.00pm
11R	Tuesday 6th December	3.30 to 4.00pm
11W	Tuesday 13th December	3.30 to 4.00pm

Looking ahead, Christmas Concert tickets for Tuesday December 13th are going on sale next week from Mrs Foster in the School Club Office, £9 for adults, £5 for students and concessions. Tickets always sell quickly for this festive event.

On Thursday 8th and Friday 9th December, we will be putting on our school play, Find Me. Please support us. Again tickets are £9 for adults, £5 for students and concessions and are available from Mrs Foster.



In the world of sport this week, I am delighted to see that the U13 and U16 Table Tennis teams triumphed in the Birmingham School Games!

For more information on Vesey sport this week visit: <http://www.bvgssport.co.uk/>

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>.

The move into the Richards-Randon STEM Block continues. DT lessons are now also taking place in the new block. Meanwhile, the English department has now moved from the top floor into the area where Maths have vacated.

Many of us are starting to turn our thoughts to Christmas shopping. Did you know that you can support BVGS while undertaking your Christmas shop online? Do sign up for Easyfundraising via <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bishopveseysggrammar/>

Finally, Mr Beggan, Chair of PAC, would like me to publicise the BVGS Year 7 and 8 Christmas Disco, Friday 2nd December. Tickets are selling fast. Please remember to provide a fully completed and parental signed consent form. The PAC also need a minimum of 10 adults present to ensure the smooth running of the disco. If any parent can assist, please complete the form and provide a contact email address. Regrettably, the disco will need to be cancelled if we are unable to meet this requirement.



Bishop Vesey's Grammar School
Year 7 and 8 Xmas Disco
Friday 2nd December 2016
7.30pm - 9.30pm
Tickets £4
Big School (Main School Hall)


Tickets On Sale
Mrs Foster - School Office
Tickets selling fast.....
Closing date for ticket sales 30th November

Numbers are limited, sold on a first come, first served basis and are for the sole use of the pupil purchasing them.
Correct money to be presented with the signed permission slip below. Tickets will not be sold on the door or
without a signed permission slip. Camera mobile phones are not permitted.

With our best wishes for a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely


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Headteacher


John Craggs DL BSc PhD HonDUniv FCMA
Chairman of Governors

Series of the Week

Art Star of the Week

Our star of the week : Madeleine Muir, L6. She continues to develop exceptional drawing and tone work. Her drawing and photography work, captures imagination and expression, in a very individual way. Her star of the week is a portrait, based on the work of Cara Phillips.


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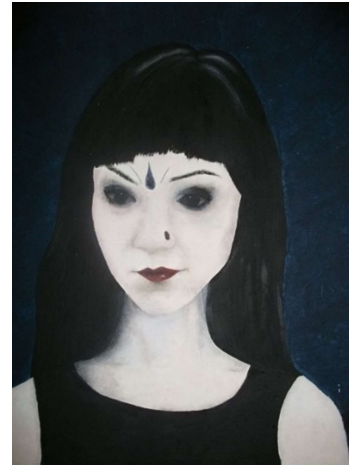
The nation of Panem, formed from a post-apocalyptic North America, is a country that consists of a wealthy Capitol region surrounded by 12 poorer districts. Early in its history, a rebellion led by a 13th district against the Capitol resulted in its destruction and the creation of an annual televised event known as the Hunger Games. In punishment, and as a reminder of the power and grace of the Capitol, each district must yield one boy and one girl between the ages of 12 and 18 through a lottery system to participate in the games. The 'tributes' are chosen during the annual Reaping and are forced to fight to the death, leaving only one survivor to claim victory.

"It is extremely well written with lots of action and excitement throughout the book. It is an interesting read which grips you in so you need to continue." **Joshua Littleford 11G**

"It is interesting and unique concept, worth a read". **Ben Rowland 11B**

"It's an exciting read and it has a good storyline with lots of decision making involved in it. **Ethan Duddridge 9B**





Quote of the Week: To raise new questions, new possibilities, to regard old problems from a new angle, requires creative imagination and marks real advance in science.
Albert Einstein

Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2016

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