



Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

'Inspiration and Excellence'

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Dear Parents/Carers

University Fair

Thank you to the Sixth Form team for organising an outstanding university fair (our first ever) on Monday 3 July. The event was aimed at L6, Y11 and Y10 and I know the students got a lot out of the experience. The following universities were involved: University of Oxford, University of Cambridge, Aston University, University of Bath, University of Birmingham, Cardiff University, Durham University, University of Exeter, Imperial College, London, King's College, London, Lancaster University, University of Leicester, University of Liverpool, Loughborough University, University of Manchester, University of Nottingham, University of Sheffield, St Andrew's University, University of Warwick.

Leavers' Ball, Villa Park 30 June

Last Friday we held our Sixth Form Leavers' Ball. It was a poignant event, with excellent speeches from **Mr Goodwin**, and School Captain **Reiss Chahal**. A big thank you to **Mrs Maskell** for whom this was the 12th leavers' ball she has organised. In her time with us Mrs Maskell has made a significant improvement in the quality of our Sixth Form. The School is indebted to her for all that she has done.

Safeguarding Reminder

For safeguarding reasons, we ask all parents and visitors to the school to sign in at Main School Office by going up the steps outside Big School.

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver Expedition

It is a busy period for the DofE scheme at present. This weekend sees 65 boys head to Malvern for their qualifying expedition, during which their navigation and campcraft will be assessed. After the expedition, 50 of the boys will have completed their award, having already signed off their volunteering, physical and skills sections – well done to them. Thanks to **Mr Greenwood**, **Mr Dobson**, **Mr Yates**, **Miss Stevens** and **Miss Langham** for their help on the expedition. We can also celebrate two more students completing the coveted Gold award – **Amber Jordan** and **Hannah Hanlan** have joined **Jemima Richardson-Jones**, **Emer-Jo Staunton** and **Georgia Curry** in achieving this top award this year.

Citizen Aid

Miss Steadman attended a safeguarding course on 4 July where a presentation was given by Brigadier Tim Hodgetts CBE who works for the Defence Medical Services. Along with three colleagues and endorsed by reputable hospitals, the military and the counter terrorist unit, he has devised a free app to download called CitizenAid which takes you through what to do in the unlikely but not impossible event of being caught up in a terrorist attack. The focus is very much on first aid and, therefore, some of the advice can be applied to accidents.

Cricket Success

Four of our cricketers featured prominently in school and club matches on Wednesday 5 of July. **Arjun Bala**, **Sachin Dubb**, **Oliver Gray-Nimmo** (year 8) and **Shailan Srikanthan** (year 7) all played in the U13 game against Bradford Grammar School. Despite a poor batting display, the U13's rallied to win by



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30 runs- encouraged by Bala's outstanding 5 wicket bowling display. The four then shot off to Water Orton to play for their club side- Walmley- who won the Warwickshire County Cup by 10 wickets against Bedworth. All of the Vesey boys played a prominent part in the win. They are now just two games away from qualifying for the NatWest club UK national final in August. We wish them well.

Year 6 Transition Day

It was a pleasure to welcome our new Year 7s for September 2017. They had an excellent day and we look forward to working with them in September. Thank you to **Mr Doughty** for organising an excellent day where boys were encouraged to work hard, be creative and resilient.

Twycross Zoo

Thank you to **Miss Gaydon** for taking Y7 to Twycross Zoo on Tuesday. We had an excellent day.



Trip to Houses of Parliament

Our winners from the Sutton Schools' Parliamentary Debating Competition, **Sophie Lloyd** and **Nickeal Sidhu** enjoyed, along with other Sutton debaters, a trip to the Houses of Parliament on Tuesday 4 July, courtesy of Andrew Mitchell MP and sponsored by BMET.

L6 Induction Day

Lower Sixth Induction Day went very well today. A big thank you to our Officers and all the students who supported the subject carousel: **Evanne Hughes, Will Hennessy, Charlotte Frazer-Morris, Mohammed Rohil, Sophie Lloyd, Malone Mukwende, Max Acton, Chris Wheat, James Batten, Emilie Ladds-Curtis, Emily Taylor, Joe Nicholson, Olivia Hastings, Phoebe Abbott, Tom Walton, Megan Wiggin, Declan Mee, Will Poland, Ed Elliman, Jainan Patel, Jack Eccles, Ben Smith, Ben Abbott, Tanya Takavarasha, Jacob Carpenter, Alfie Lockrey, Ollie Madden, Tom Edwards, Jack O'Hara, Marquis Sinclair, Jasmeet Hothi, Laura Morgan, Tia Bahia, Damilola Sowunmi, Alex Aldea, Alex Poniatowska, Louis Kill-Brown and Ben Miles.**

Careers

Follow [@BVGScareers](#) on Twitter for information and advice on career choices and the very latest opportunities.

House Music Festival

A big thank you to **Ciaran O'Donnell**, Head of the Birmingham Music Service (SFE) and **Mrs Dye** for an excellent House Music Festival this Thursday.



Your Pavilion needs you!

Thank you to generous parents who worked on our Pavilion. Please contact maxinehanley@icloud.com if you wish to join the team.

Cookies with the Headteacher

Well done to the following top achievers: **Samuel BRYARS 7G, Harry VLAHAKIS 7W, Thomas HUGHES 9G, Fraser BELL 9R, Sidharth KHANNA 9W, Cian BURKE 7B, Ibrahim ABDALLA 7W, Lewis ALLISON 7B, Hiresh ABEYWICKRAMA 7G, George QUARTERMAIN 7P, Matthew MERRILL 7R, Amer DILSHAD 7W, Henry WILKES 7W, Ben FAULKNER 7W, Sam STODDART 8G, Arjun BALA 8P, Chirag GUHA 8W, Charlie RICHARDS 9B, Jack GLOVER 9G, Nicholas WARD 9W.**

Toad

Last night's performance went very well. We do it all again tonight. Students to arrive at 18:00 and the performance starts at 19:30.



Art and D&T Exhibition - Wednesday 5 July 17:00 - 19:00

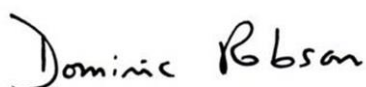
Star of the week this week goes to all the students who have worked so hard to produce the exceptional work which made our end of year exhibition so amazing. Mrs Heer and the Art and D&T team would like to thank everyone who came to support the evening. The show really was a huge success.



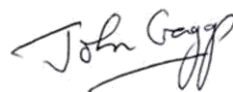
Year 7 Performance Evening - Tuesday 11 July

All Year 7 parents are welcome to attend this celebration of Year 7 creativity on Tuesday 11 July 19:00 - 20:00. This is a free event. Drinks are available in Big School from 18:30.

Yours sincerely

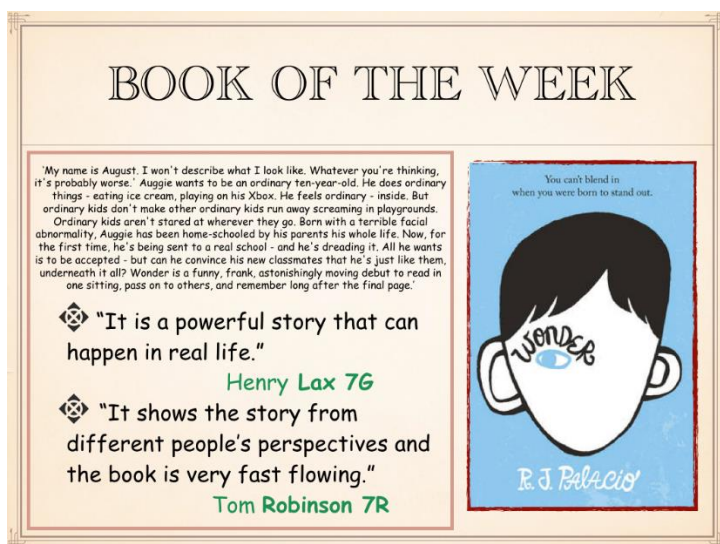


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John Craggs DL BSc PhD HonDUniv FCMA
Chairman of Governors

Book of the Week



Quote of the Week: **The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today**
H Jackson Brown Jr

Dates for your Diary

Summer Term 2017

Tuesday 11 July	Performance Evening 19:00 - 20:00
Wednesday 12 July	Shaggy Dogs Tea Party
Wednesday 12 - Friday 14 July	Y7 Residential to Whitemoor Lakes
Thursday 13 July - Monday 17 July	Rhineland trip
Monday 17 July	Main School Presentation Evening 19:00 - 21:00
Wednesday 19 July	Kenilworth Castle
Thursday 20 July - Thursday 27	World Challenge Croatia (1)

Friday 21 July	School breaks up at 12:15
Saturday 22 July - Saturday 29 July	World Challenge Croatia (2)
Monday 24 July - Friday 11 August	Rugby Tour
Thursday 17 August	A Level Results Day
Thursday 24 August	GCSE Results Day