



Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

'Inspiration and Excellence'

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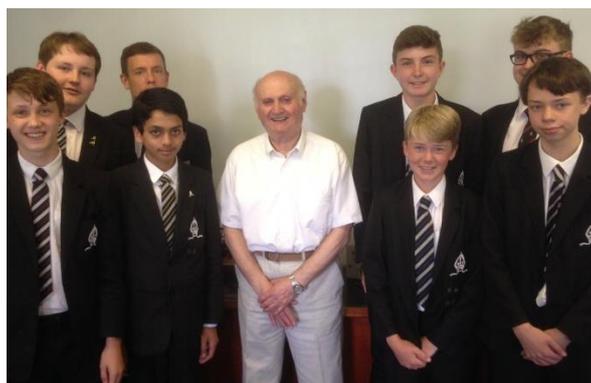
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Dear Parents/Carers

Visit of Holocaust survivor Simon Winston

It was a pleasure to welcome Simon to BVGS this week and hear his story. Look out for student reflections in the colour newsletter.



Y7 Performance Evening 11 July

This was an excellent celebration of Art, Music, Creative Writing and Drama. A big thank you to all the staff who made it happen: **Mrs Dye, Mr Jeffries, Miss Langham and Mrs Heer.**

Poetry Performance at the Birmingham Rep

On Thursday 13 July, **Harry James** (Year 10), **Callum Foster** (9R) and **Leon Yamin-Ali** (8B) performed poems they had written about the United Nations Rights of the Child at the Birmingham Rep. Accompanied by **Kate Steadman**, the boys performed in front of 700 students as well as the Director for Department Of Education, Hardip Begol, representatives from Birmingham City Council and UNICEF. Their poems were very well received and the boys did themselves and the school proud. Well done. I had a lovely message from Razia Butt, Resilience Advisor at Birmingham City Council, who wanted to let us know how impressed Unicef, and others who attended the ceremony, were with the boys from Bishop Vesey's who performed their poems. Unicef in particular thought they were very poignant.



Sutton Community Games

Year 12 students again took part in The Sutton Community Games, which were held over Saturday and Sunday last week. The Games saw record numbers of visitors, with over 10,000 local people taking up the offer of free sports at Wyndley Leisure Centre. Students volunteered as 'Games Makers,' helping to provide an unforgettable experience for all visitors. Games organiser, Dennis Kennedy commented on how brilliant BVGS volunteers had been this year, working hard despite the heat and large crowds.



Shaggy Dogs visit to school and tea party

It was a pleasure to welcome our elderly Old Vesevians to school this week. A big thank you to **Sophie Lloyd, William Hennessy** and **Matt Price** who did an excellent job of representing the school at the annual tea party on Hardwick Road.

Y7 Residential

I enjoyed meeting with the Year 7 for breakfast this morning. The boys have been excellent and **Mr Doughty**, Head of Year 7 was very proud of all of them. The boys gave me some lovely feedback about how supportive all the Whitemoor Lakes staff were throughout the residential and how they were glad to have conquered some of their fears and made new friends.

Rowing

Our final rowing regatta of the year at Burton upon Trent saw our year 11 double scull of **Matthew Goring** and **Tommo Priestley** win their event. Matt and Tommo, amongst others, have been working hard on and off the water throughout study leave and their GCSE examinations combining a balance between academic endeavours and fulfilling their commitment to school sport. A very mature approach which has yielded excellent results and established some very good habits. Well done boys!



Careers

Follow @BVGScareers on Twitter for information and advice on career choices and the very latest opportunities.

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: **Camron Khan, Zain Khan, Ben Faulkner, Arjan Shoker, Ellis McKenzie, Liam McGrade, Jamie McNeilage, Ayush Das, Ben Dodwell, Nektarios Kourtidis-Sextos and Jai Singh.**

Goodbye Zhianjiang

It was great to welcome all our intrepid explorers back to the UK. A wonderful trip. Thank you **Mr Bowen, Miss Green and Mrs Pryor.**

Rhineland Trip

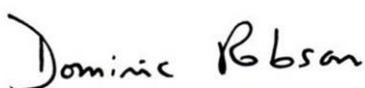
An exciting trip is underway in Germany. Photos to follow.

Main School Presentation Evening Monday 17 July

We are looking forward to celebrating the achievements of students from KS3 and Year 10 on Monday night. The ceremony starts at 7:00pm with **Carolyn Nicholl**, Chair of Governing Body Learning and Teaching as Guest of Honour.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



Dominic Robson
Headteacher



John Craggs DL BSc PhD HonDUniv FCMA
Chairman of Governors

Series of the Week

SERIES OF THE WEEK



- ❖ "It is a gripping, exciting read, that has a lot of suspense, but also a bit of humour to balance out the tension."
Edward Ballinger 7W
- ❖ "The book is a fantastic book to read with action and adventure, fantasy and twists in the tale with tense moments is intoxicating."
Hiresh Abeywickrama 7G
- ❖ "It's full of magic, fantasy, mystery and wonder and a book that'll certainly keep you enticed as well as keeping you on the edge of your seat." **Fraser Burns 7G**

Art Star of the Week



Charlie Churchill 7W. Charlie started the year modestly in Art, however his talent and effort has really developed this term. Charlie has spent a considerable amount of time developing his detail and tone skills with his drawing of a sea serpent. He also persevered with chalk pastels to create a beautifully blended jellyfish. A well-deserved star of the week to end the academic year.

Quote of the Week: **It always seems impossible until it is done**
Nelson Mandela

Dates for your Diary

Summer Term 2017

Thursday 13 July -	Rhineland trip
Monday 17 July	
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