



Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

'Inspiration and Excellence'

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome Evenings

Thank you for all your support for this week's Welcome Evenings for Year 11 and Year 9. Thanks in particular to **Mr Davis** and **Miss Field**, **Mrs Hodkinson**, **Mr Goodwin** and our outstanding student guest speakers **Angus Carter**, **Archie Sansome**, **Shoaib Sheraz**, **Benedict Newman** and **Ben Ellis**.

Entrance Test

There was lots of very positive feedback from families regarding how well the entrance test was managed this year. A big thank you to **Mrs Hodkinson** and **Miss Williams** who masterminded the event with the support of an excellent team of staff and students. Our students are so good at taking responsibility.

Thank you to **Ben Miles**, **Will Hennessy**, **Louis Kill-Brown**, **Balamrit Sokhal**, **Mohammed Rohil**, **Tom Hooper**, **Ben Abbott**, **Luke Topley**, **Haaris Butt**, **Matt Hurley**, **Eesa Gharda**, **Seb Smith**, **Ben Ellis**, **Phoebe Abbott**, **Olivia Hastings**, **Ned Walklett**, **Tanya Takavarasha**, **Anas Fasih**, **Yusuf Varsani**, **Mursaleen Asif**, **Sophie Lloyd**, **Josh Russell**, **Aidan Towse**, **Oliva Dean**, **Jude Heath**, **Damilola Sowunmi**, **Mat Freer**, **Archie Sansome**, **Ben Wall**, **Tia Bahia**, **Tom Shephard**, **Sehj Kaur**, **Aiden Hill**, **Alex Bailey**, **Erik Brown**, **Caleb Woodhall**, **Sam Maynard**, **Declan Mee**, **Ed Elliman**, **Benedict Newman**, **Matt Price**, **Jaden Lo-Watson**, **Zain Asif**, **Nickel Sidhu**, **Essie McGlynn**, **Sheamol Obeda**, **Ben Smith**, **Jacob Thornley**, **Roshan Siddique**, **David Green**, **Cormac Parize** and **Joe Perrin**.

Author Visit - Steve Cole

We loved welcoming **Steve Cole**, author of the Young Bond series, and writer for Dr Who, to BVGS. Year 7 and 8 very much enjoyed meeting him.



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European Music Tour July 2018

We had an excellent meeting on Tuesday night for our European Music Tour under the leadership of our new Director of Music **Mr Ashley Buxton**. This is for all Year Groups 7-13. This looks a fantastic opportunity and if you have not heard about this yet, please contact Mr Buxton on a.buxton@bishopeveseys.bham.sch.uk.

Behaviour Policy Update

I am pleased to see that students are gaining lots of merits and we have very few students with behaviour points. Excellent start. Though the law allows for same day after-school detention, as a matter of courtesy our behaviour system always informs parents one day in advance of any after school detention. The only exception is in relation to confiscation of hoodies and mobile phones. Any student who has such items confiscated needs to report to Old Big School at 15:25 for a 15 minute detention before being released with their item at 15:40. Thank you for your support as parents as we insist on the highest standards for all our students. We continue to emphasise above all the importance of encouragement and praise for all the good that we see going on in our school every day.

Merit Winners

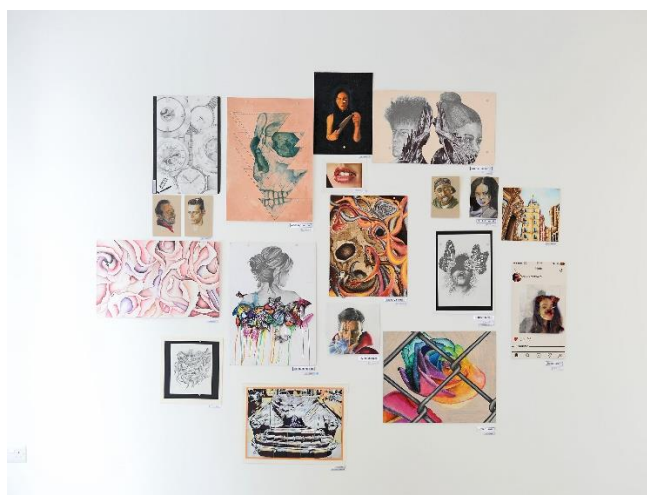
Jamal RAHMAN 8B, Luke SPENCER 8B, Finley JONES 7B, Sam GILL 10G, Uzair ZAHIR 8P, Ryan GASCOYNE 8P, Christopher WALKER-TWIGG 8P, Arnaldo SO 8P, Seth ALLEN 7P, Ben CHEEMA 8P, James PADLEY 8P, Calum DUBB 8P, Daniel BARTLETT 8P, Harry HOWES 7R, Amar NAHAL 7W, Coben MORGAN 7W. They will be joining the Headteacher at break-time Wednesday 20 September.

Open Evening

We will be holding our Open Evening on Tuesday 19 September 16:00 - 19:00. This is aimed at families who have boys in Years 3-6. If you know a family who would benefit from a grammar school education, please encourage them to attend. It is customary that our Year 8 -13 students assist brilliantly on this evening. Therefore, please encourage your sons and daughters to help us out. In the light of this, and in order to enable proper preparation for our visitors, we will be having a half-day on Tuesday with school closing at 12:15. **Mr Bowen, Deputy Head** has emailed you a letter on this matter. Please can all years 7-11 return reply slips to their Form Tutors regarding this.

Art Exhibition

The success of Thursday's event at Argentea Gallery that was reported last week, was followed up with more success on Friday evening. Over £900 worth of art was purchased, taking the total for the whole event, including commissions, to just under £2,000. A fantastic achievement for our first exhibition, organised by Development Director **Mr Brian Davis** and Head of Art, **Mrs Jaz Heer**. A number of other staff also gave up their time at the end of a tiring first week, thanks to **Graham Swindells, Adam Belcher** and **Joe Williams**. It was a particularly profitable event for **Alex Hemming** who sold two pieces of work, as well as being commissioned for two further pieces.



Walk to Africa

As part of our charitable fundraising, last year we supported Buyuni One Primary School, Tanzania. Students raised over £10, 000 for the school which enabled the building of a new well, refurbishment of core buildings and provision of teaching materials. Four of our students spent the summer in Tanzania helping with this work. This year, we aim to complete our project by raising funds to rebuild current classrooms and erect new ones. Following our hugely successful sponsored 'Walk to Africa' last year, we are undertaking the walk again this year. Students from the school will walk the distance between Bishop Vesey's Grammar School and Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania. We have measured the distance as the crow flies and each student will be asked to walk four and a half miles.

Developmental Internships

Today is the deadline for Sixth Formers wishing to apply for the Development Office Internship. Students are reminded to email Mr B Davies with a cv and letter of application.

Parking

Please respect our neighbours by not parking or collecting your sons from Boswell Road or the surrounding estate. Please note that traffic cameras are regularly in operation on Boswell Road. **It is essential that we avoid traffic congestion on Boswell Road - traffic problems are a nuisance to our neighbours and pose a health and safety risk to our children.** Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Year 11 Achieve Conference

I hear good reports about the Conference at Birmingham University. I do hope the boys attending found it useful.

Pavilion Re-Vamp

Many thanks to **Maxine Hanley** and the band of parents assisting with the re-vamp of The Pavilion. We appreciate the support being given by one of our corporate partners, and Old Veseyan, **Doug Hunt** from Honeybourne. However, as the saying goes 'many hands make light work'. If you are interested in helping, please email maxinehanley@icloud.com. We would welcome donations of black gloss Cuprinol, white masonry paint and white exterior wood paint. We will especially need some painters.

We have also found several tyres at the back of The Pavilion, seemingly doing nothing as they were hidden under the undergrowth cut back last week. Has anyone got any good ideas about how we could use the tyres for decorative purpose at The Pavilion. If so, please let Mr Robson know on d.robson@bishopveseys.bham.sch.uk.

Rugby Season

It has been a fantastic start to the rugby season for all of our teams, with all sides still unbeaten. After a tough block fixture on Saturday against Trent College, followed by cup wins for the 1st XV, U16s and U15As we have now won 11 and drew one of our 12 fixtures to date. Hopefully this great start to the season will continue tomorrow against Nottingham HS.

Rugby Competitions

NatWest u18: BVGS 50, Hinckley (JCC) Academy 0. N Mids u16: BVGS 10, Oldswinford 7. NatWest u15: Adams' GS 17, BVGS 34.

For more details please visit www.bvgssport.co.uk.

Veseyans Rugby

Veseyans Rugby Club have had an eventful and successful summer. They were recently shortlisted in the last-six for the second consecutive year at the National Rugby Awards out of thousands of clubs for the excellent work they do with Mini's and Juniors. They are also currently the North Midlands RFU 'Club of the Year'. The Mini's section has been built-up over the last two seasons from scratch, with over 50 registered Micro's (Under 6's) now involved with the club on a Sunday morning. There are a total of 339 registered players from Micro's to Under 17's, but the club are still looking to get more boys from the school involved. Sessions are held on Sunday mornings from 10-11.30am and boys of all abilities are most

welcome to attend. The seniors also got off to a great start in their league campaign with a bonus-point win victory over Kidderminster RFC last Saturday.

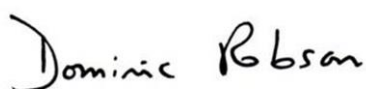
Exam Grid Updates

Please find attached the exam grids for GCSE and A Level for 2017 for your perusal.

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

Have a good weekend.


Yours sincerely



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Headteacher

John Craggs DL BSc PhD HonDUniv FCMA
Chairman of Governors

AUTHOR OF THE WEEK
DAVID EDDINGS





The Belgariad Series

Pawn of Prophecy

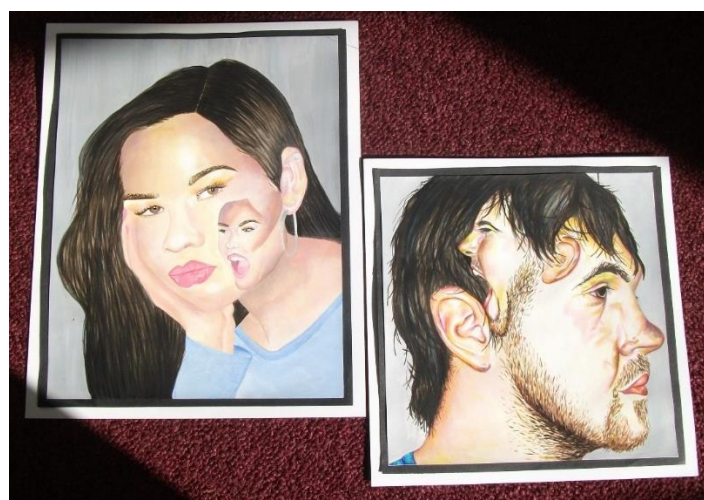
A magnificent epic set against a history of seven thousand years of the struggles of Gods and Kings and men - of strange lands and events - of fate and a prophecy that must be fulfilled! goodreads.com

Domes of Fire

Danger stalked Queen Ehlana's realm. When an ambassador from the far-off Tamul Empire begged for help, Sparhawk, Ehlana's champion and Prince Consort, was the Emperor's last hope. For surely the knight who had killed the evil God Azash could prevail against the terror in Tamul. But waiting for him was a glittering court seething with corruption, treachery--and the greatest danger Sparhawk would ever face! goodreads.com



Art Star of the Week



The Art Star of the week this week is **Aimee Shorthouse (L6CW)**. Aimee has been selected, as our first star of the week for 2017. Her summer work is exceptional. She has responded to the work of Carl Beazley.

Quote of the Week: Always do your best. What you plant now, you will harvest later
Og Mandino

Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2017

Tuesday 19 September	Open Evening 16:00 School finishes 12:15
Friday 22 September	Non-uniform day and whole school Walk for Africa
Tuesday 26 September	Junior Soloists Concert 19:00 - 21:00
Thursday 28 September	Year 10 Welcome Evening 18:00 - 19:15
Saturday 30 September	Philip Bates Trust Concert @BVGS 18:30
Tuesday 3 October	U6 Parents' Evening 16:00 - 19:00
Thursday 5 October	Year 8 Welcome Evening 18:00
Tuesday 10 October	Vesey 2027 launch at Reform Club, Pall Mall
Thursday 12 October	Year 7 Welcome Evening 18:00 - 19:15
Tuesday 17 October	Open Morning 09:00 10:30 Lower Sixth Welcome Evening 18:00-19:15
Wednesday 18 October	Open Morning 09:00 - 10:30
Thursday 19 October	Open Morning 09:00 - 10:30
Friday 20 October	Founder's Day with Bishop of Birmingham Break up for half term
Tuesday 31 October	Autumn Term recommences
Friday 3 November	Oxbridge and early entry interview afternoon 13:00
Tuesday 7 November	School closes 12:15 Sixth Form Open Evening 16:00
Saturday 11 November	Old Veseyan Dinner
Friday 24 November	School closes 13:15 Speech Day - Sutton Coldfield Town Hall 18:30 -21:00 with Sir Julian King KCVO CMG (OV)
Wednesday 29 November	Year 9 Options Evening 16:30-18:30
Thursday 14 December	Lower Sixth Parents' Evening 16:00-18:30
Tuesday 19 December	Christmas Concert 19:00
Wednesday 20 December	Swimming Gala at Wyndley
Friday 22 December	Christmas jumper day School closes at 12:15 School breaks up for Christmas

Parents' Evenings 2018:

Thursday 18 January -	Year 11	16:00 - 19:00
Wednesday 7 March -	Year 9	16:00 - 19:00
Thursday 15 March -	Year 10	16:00 - 19:00
Tuesday 27 March -	Year 8	16:00 - 19:00
Thursday 19 April -	Year 7	16:00 - 19:00

Term Dates can be found [here](#) on our website