



Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

'Inspiration and Excellence'

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Dear Parents/Carers

Open Mornings

A big thank you to everyone helping with the Open Mornings this week. It was lovely to welcome so many families to BVGS.

Founder's Day

We have just celebrated Founder's Day. As usual it was a wonderful celebration of the Vesey community. A big thank you to all those students and musicians who were reading or singing or playing. Our guest this year was the Rt Revd David Urquhart, Bishop of Birmingham who gave us a powerful address on the theme of 'Harmony'.



Somme Trip

We have had lots of good reports about the Somme trip. Here one young man from Year 8 is pointing to one of his distant relations commemorated from Le Touret Cemetery, France.



L6 Welcome Evening

Thank you to all parents and students who supported this evening.

Library

Many thanks to Hugh Woodcock and family for the extremely generous donations to the library shelves. Thank you your continuing support.

Poppy pin badges (£3, funds going to the British Legion) and Pudsey pin badges (£1 each for Children in Need) are on sale now in the Library

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Vacancy for Parent Governor

There is a vacancy for 1 parent governor on the school's board of governors. A letter has been sent to all parents and carers providing details of the vacancy. All governors are expected to attend regular meetings of the Full Board and join one of the Governors' Committees. Meetings are usually held on Monday or Tuesday evenings at 5pm. If you would like a further copy of the letter or a copy of the nomination form please contact Mary Mellor, Clerk to the Governors, m.mellor@bishopveseys.bham.sch.uk or 0121 250 5400 x237. If you would like to discuss the role and what it entails, Dr Craggs, Chairman of the Governors can be contacted via Mrs Mellor. **Completed Nomination Forms must be returned to Mrs Mellor by 5pm on Monday 30 October 2017.**

Design Technology

This year has seen the introduction of the Design Technology workshop. The school now has the basic equipment and materials which will allow our students to fully access the DT curriculum. However, as a school with a long history of being one of the country's highest achieving schools, we are looking to inspire the next generation of industrial leaders, designers and engineers. We are therefore looking for any other sources of materials that can be used within the students' projects. If you have access to offcuts of natural timber, manmade boards or plastics that you think the school could utilise, please contact Mr Brown, Teacher of Design Technology t.brown@bishopveseys.bham.sch.uk.

Parent Charter

We are always grateful to our parents for their engagement with the school. We are so lucky in that respect. Please have a read on our protocol for parental communication. <http://bvgs.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Parents-Charter.pdf>. We are updating the list of key email addresses on the website and will provide you with the link in next week's newsletter.

Top Merit Winners

Sunny JOSHI 7B, Kamran HIBBERT 7G, Krishan PARTAP 7P, Viraj GUPTA 7R, Luke DOUGLAS 7W, Jamal RAHMAN 8B, Joel ARCHIBALD-EADES 8G, Daniel BARTLETT 8P, Theo KEARNS 8R, Matthew MERRILL 8R, Tighe CROOK 8R, Jonathan ANDREWS 8R, Joshua THOMPSON 8W, Alistair KITCHIN, Sachin DUBB 9G, Adil SOHAIL 9P, Harkirpa TAKHAR 9R, Riley BEVAN 9W, Oliver GREGORY 10B, Sam GILL 10G, Torin BIRD 10R, Connor SMITH 10W, Nicholas WARD 10W, Israr KHAN 11B, Matthew PRINCE 11G, Fraser CHAPMAN 11R, James WARD 11W. All will be invited to the Headteacher's office after half-term.

Parking and Road Safety

One of our Year 7 boys was knocked over by a car on the Lichfield Road this week. This makes the message below particularly pertinent, but also please re-visit road safety with your son.

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.

PAC New Parents' Welcome Curry Night

The PAC are holding their annual Year 7 and Lower Sixth new parents' Welcome Evening on Thursday 9 November. This is a light hearted, friendly evening at the Asian Grill, Sutton Coldfield (further details attached) Application forms are available and have been sent via SchoolComms, places are limited and this event always sells quickly.

PAC Chair Vacancy

Could you be the new Chair of Bishop Vesey's Grammar School PAC? **John Beggan** is stepping down as the Chair of the PAC after a number of years of great service to the school. We are looking to find a new Chair from the parent body. We have a wonderfully supportive committee who will be very helpful in supporting any new Chair. If you would like a chat about what's involved, don't hesitate to contact me on d.robson@bishopveseys.bham.sch.uk or John Beggan himself on johnb@feltonconsult.co.uk.

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. Some excellent ideas have been submitted about what to do with our tyres. Watch this space!

Sporting Success

Netball: Vesey netballers are County Champions for the 5th year running and go forward to regional finals in January.

Rowing: On Saturday 14 October we had a good start to the year racing at Evesham Jr Head. Some excellent performances throughout the squad has set a great benchmark for the year ahead. A special mention must go to the year 9 boys who proudly represented BVGS on the water for the first time, **Harpreet Dosangh, Hugo Martin, Matthew William, Noah Green, Jesse Satchwell** and **Ted Boyle**. Off the water **Matthew Rusling** broke the Year 8 500m record with a time of 1:42.4 which stood since 2007 set by **Jasroop Bhogal**, a real prospect for the future! There is a lovely video of Evesham Head on our Twitter feed.

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

Cake Sale for Music

Well done to Zak (Y7) and friends for organising a cake sale for the Music Tour



Wishing you all a lovely half term.

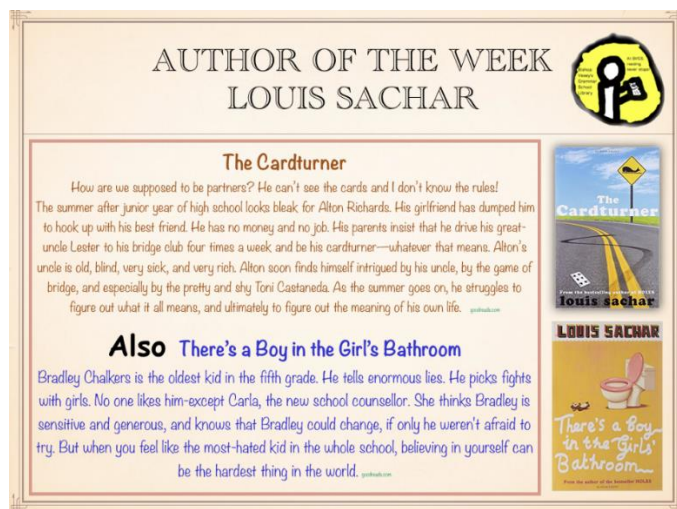
Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

John Craggs

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Chairman of Governors



Quote of the Week: It is our choices ... that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities
J K Rowling

Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2017

Tuesday 31 October	Autumn Term recommences
Friday 3 November	Oxbridge and early entry interview afternoon 13:00
Monday 6 November	PAC AGM and Meeting - The Hive
Tuesday 7 November	School closes 12:15 Sixth Form Open Evening 16:00
Thursday 9 November	PAC Year 7 Parents' Welcome Event, Asian Grill 19:00 for 19:30 start.
Friday 10 November	PAC Year 7 and 8 Disco Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls
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)
Saturday 18 November	09:00 - 17:00 Mini Medical Interviews OBS
Wednesday 29 November	Year 9 Options Evening 16:30-18:30
Friday 1 December	PAC Year 7/8 Disco at BVGS
Monday 4 December	PAC Meeting - The Hive
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

Monday 15 January	PAC Meeting - The Hive
Monday 5 February	PAC Meeting - The Hive
Friday 9 February	Whole School Review and Careers Day
Monday 5 March	PAC Meeting - The Hive
Friday 9 March	PAC Annual Quiz
Friday 16 March	PAC Quiz Night - Big School
Friday 27 April	Year 7 and 8 Disco BVGS
Friday 22 June	Year 7 and 8 Disco Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls
Friday 13 July	BVGS PAC Ball at Moor Hall

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