



Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

'Inspiration and Excellence'

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Dear Parents/Carers

Tragic News

I am sure you are well aware by now that there was a terrible traffic accident in Birmingham on Sunday morning affecting one of our families. Our school community is devastated by the news. Our thoughts and hearts go out to the young people affected and the rest of their family during this saddest of times. We are here to support them and their family in any way that we can along with our school and wider community, which have been rocked by these tragic events. Thank you to everyone for their response. We respectfully ask that the family is afforded the privacy that they need right now.

Christmas Concerts

Our Christmas concerts were such an uplifting way to finish the Michaelmas term. Over the two nights, we had an audience of over 560 turn out to see a highly entertaining and varied concert. **Ciaran O'Donnell**, Head of the Birmingham Music service (S4E) put it thus, "Huge ambition and transformation at @BVGS1527 tonight. Over 200 young people involved in a concert full of diversity and creativity. Great start from the new Director of Music - Congratulations to the team." Thank you **Mr Buxton**.



Swimming Gala at Wyndley

There were three new school records set on Wednesday at the Swimming Gala:
Charlotte Fellows (x2) in the Girls Butterfly (13.94secs, beating R Wilson's record from 2017) and also in the Front Crawl (13.58secs beating B Wright's record from 2014). 8W also set a new record in the Freestyle Relay (1.00.15min, beating Gold House's record from 2009). The event ran very smoothly, and there was an excellent atmosphere amongst the students. There were some excellent performances. It was particularly pleasing to see Purple House compete in the Canon Relay (an event normally made up of one pupil in each age category) but with no Senior students their squad was made up of two Yr7's, three Yr8's and two Yr9's. Not only did they compete against 6th Form students, they actually beat two of the houses to come 3rd in the race, with a much younger squad! Final scores were as follows:

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Main Competition

1. White House - 242 points
2. Red House – 208 points
3. Blue House – 184 points
4. Gold House – 159 points

Yr7-9 Competition (to include Purple House)

1. White House – 105 points
2. Purple House – 95 points
3. Red House – 83 points
4. Blue House – 60 points
5. Gold House – 57 points

Thank you to **Mr Davies** and the team for masterminding this excellent event.

OV News

Former School Captain, **Eddie Jacobs OV** (2008) has recently written about donating a kidney to a stranger. He said of his donation a year ago '... I do know that there is a long list of people suffering on dialysis who need a transplant. I know that I would want my children (if I ever have any) to grow up in a world where people help strangers simply because they are able to.'

Fencing

In December, **Oliver Nash 6JK** represented Great Britain at fencing. Over the weekend of 8-10 December, Oliver progressed from the group stage and defeated fencers from 6 different countries with victories against opponents from the Netherlands, Spain, Greece, Italy, Germany and Russia. We will keep a keen eye on his progress and hopefully there will be a Veseyan at the 2020 Olympic Games!

Christmas Charity

A huge thank you to all of you who have donated to the food bank so generously. We are thrilled to have hit our target and we hope to do this again next year. We have been really touched by those of you who weren't explicitly asked to donate but who have done so anyway, and your thoughtful contributions will go directly towards helping families in need at this time of year. We would also like to thank all students (especially those in 8R and 9W who have helped stock-take and pack the donations over the last couple of weeks) The Erdington Food Bank have also asked us to pass on their heartfelt thank you.

Top Merit Winners

Yuvraj SAHOTA 7B, Jamie COLEY 7B, Aditya MUTHUKUMAR 7G, George HOWELL 7G, Lasha ASATIANI-KALANDADZE 7P, Cameron LOVELL 7P, Alex HEIRBAUT KITTERIDGE 7R, Jake NEVIN 7R, Fraser PRATT 7W, Michael BAIZLEY 8B, Joseph WALSH 8G, Barnabas DOEL 8P, Harry DOWEN 8R, Jacob FORD 8W, Joel STAINTHORPE 9B, Yusuf ALI 9G, Dylan LINDFORD 9P, Jack WOODHAM 9R, Joe ROGERS 9W, James PAN 10B, Aadam AHMED 10G, Stephen MIDDLEMASS 10R, Benedict RESCH 10W, Isaac BOSMAN 11B, Cormac PARIZE 11G, Omar TAKRURI 11R. They will be invited to the Headteacher's office after Christmas.

Christmas Jumper Day

Tomorrow is Christmas Jumper Day. Please bring £1 to wear your Christmas jumper. All money going to Aspire to Africa to support our partner school in Tanzania.

Christmas Departure

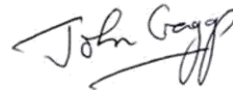
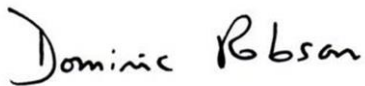
School ends at 11:45am tomorrow. We wish everyone a safe journey home. Please can parents not park on Boswell Road and be respectful our neighbours in the vicinity.

Colour Newsletter for Michaelmas 2017

Please find attached the termly colour newsletter. Hope you enjoy reading about an action packed term.

With my very best wishes for a relaxing, happy Christmas. See you on 8 January!

Yours sincerely



Dominic Robson
Headteacher

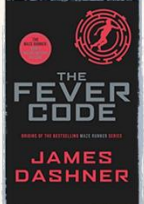
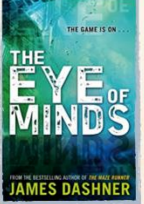
John Cragg DL BSc PhD HonDUniv FCMA
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AUTHOR OF THE WEEK
JAMES DASHNER

Maze Runner: Fever Code

When iOnce there was a world's end. The forests burned, the lakes and rivers dried up, and the oceans swelled. Then came a plague, and fever spread across the globe. Families died, violence reigned, and man killed man. Next came WICKED, who were looking for an answer. And then they found the perfect boy. The boy's name was Thomas, and Thomas built a maze. Now there are secrets. There are lies. And there are loyalties history could never have foreseen. This is the story of that boy, Thomas, and how he built a maze that only he could tear down. All will be revealed.


goodreads.com

Mortality Doctrine: The Eye of Minds

To catch a hacker, you need a hacker. For Michael and the other gamers, the VirtNet can make your wildest fantasies become real. And the more hacking skills you have, the more fun. Who wants to play by the rules anyway? But some rules were made for a reason. One gamer has been taking people hostage inside the VirtNet with horrific consequences. The government needs Michael to track down the rogue gamer, but the risk is enormous and the line between game and reality could be blurred forever.

www.usmcbooks.com



Quote of the Week: **'Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more'**

Dr Seuss, How the Grinch Stole Christmas!

Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2017

Friday 22 December

Christmas jumper day

School closes at 11:45 - School breaks up for Christmas

Spring Term 2018

Monday 08 January

Spring Term Commences

Monday 15 January

PA Meeting - The Hive

Friday 19 January

PA Year 7/8 Disco at BVGS

Monday 5 February

PA Meeting - The Hive

Friday 9 February

Whole School Review and Careers Day

Friday 16 February

Break up for half term

Monday 26 February

Spring term recommences

Monday 5 March

PA Meeting - The Hive

Friday 9 March

PA Annual Quiz

Friday 16 March

PA Quiz Night - Big School

Thursday 29 March

Training Day

Thursday 29 March

Break up for Easter

Monday 16 April

Summer Term commences

Friday 27 April

Year 7 and 8 Disco BVGS

Monday 7 May

May Day Bank Holiday

Friday 25 May

Break up for half term

Monday 4 June

Summer term recommences

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