



Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

'Inspiration and Excellence'

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Dear Parents/Carers

Advance Notice: Centrestage @BVGS Presents 'Macbeth'/'Living with Lady Macbeth'

This is a brilliant opportunity for our students. Macbeth is a key play on our GCSE English Curriculum. This play takes place on Friday 23 and Saturday 24 March from 7:00pm. Tickets £9 for adults, £5 for students/concessions. Tickets will be available next week from Mrs Foster in the School Club Office.

Library News

Harry Potter Book Night celebrations in the library after school on **Thursday 1 February** until 5pm. Students must let us know that they are coming before **Thursday 25 January**. No muggle dress allowed! This is a worldwide celebration which this year is focusing on the 'Fantastic Beasts' book primarily.

Chris Bradford – author of the 'Bodyguard' and 'Young Samurai' series' - is coming to school on **Friday 2 March** and all KS3 students will experience one of his inspirational talks as we champion 'World Book Day' and 'Reading for Pleasure'. Miss Brown has sent out a letter for **PREORDERS** of books for the visit to Yr 7, 8 & 9 families. This is different than we usually do, as Chris is bringing the books himself. Please let the library have your orders before **Friday 9 February**. Many thanks.

Sickness Procedures

If your son/daughter is ill during the school day, they need to report to the Main School Office (MSO). It is the office (not the students) who take the responsibility to contact home and confirm any collection arrangements for the sick student. Thank you for co-operation in this matter.

Youth Speaks Wednesday 24 January OBS

The proposed competition on 23 January has now been cancelled as BVGS were the only school to enter. One of the judges from the Rotary will be coming to school next Wednesday to decide which BVGS groups (if any) should go forward to the area finals.

Photographs

It was great to see the students being photographed today by Tempest. We will let you know when these photographs will be available in school for purchase.

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Thank you to all who supported the Year 11 Parents' Evening. The boys in Year 11 have a busy few months ahead. With the right attitude and approach, they have the ability to do themselves justice. Keep up the focus boys.

Upper Sixth Mocks

The students have shown a good approach during the mocks. There will be plenty of areas for improvement. I am sure as their UCAS offers roll in they will want to do themselves justice in the summer examinations.

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MedSoc

We had the privilege of welcoming the surgeon (and Year 9 parent), Mrs Kerstin Oestreich to MedSoc today. Very inspiring.

Hockey

Vesey's U14 hockey team showed three private schools a clean pair of heels in qualifying for Regional finals at the Warwickshire County tournament on Tuesday. Solihull, Warwick and Rugby schools, together with King Henry V111 Grammar, did not manage a goal between them as BVGS won every game and showed once again that this state school can dine at the top table. Well done boys and good luck in the next round!

In a very tight contest against Rugby school in the semi-final a scrambled goal mid-way through the second half proved to be the difference. Due to a freezing pitch the final will against KES Birmingham will be played in 2 weeks but the boys have now qualified for the zonal Regional rounds. Well done on a fantastic achievement, particularly given the arctic conditions!

The 1st XI beat Welbeck College 8-0 in the first round of the National Cup, the U'16's performed very well against Bablake 1XI losing 3-1, 3rd XI won 3-1 against Bablake 2nds

U'15 'a' team won 4-0 vs K Henry VII and the 'b' team won 8-1 against the same opposition.

U'14 'b' beat Q Mary's 'a' team 2-1.

The year 7's started their hockey programme in earnest with an excellent block fixture against Foremarke Hall school.

For further information about all things sport at BVGS, including rugby fixtures and results please visit www.bvgs.sport.co.uk

Top Merit Winners

Daniel CRISP 7B, Sunny JOSHI 7B, Thomas HANLON 7B, Joseph BRADSHAW 7G, James EMMS 7P, Alex HEIRBAUT KITTERIDGE 7R, Amar NAHAL 7W, Michael BAIZLEY 8B, Amaan RAJA 8G, Sonny LEISHENRING 8P, Harry DOWEN 8R, Oliver JARVIS 8W, Luke NUTTALL 9B, Krishan PATEL 9B, Jesse SATCHWELL 9G, Matthew LAKIN 9G, James BEECH 9P, Joseph MCCLAFFERTY 9R, Taran CHAHAL 9W, Sanan HASHMI 10B, Thomas ROGERS 10G, Jack GLOVER 10G, William JACKSON 10R, Benedict RESCH 10W, Israr KHAN 11B, Huzaifah KHAN 11B, Zain ASIF 11G, Sebastian SMITH 11R, Ciaran WEIR 11W

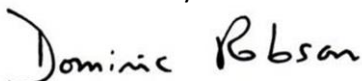
Chess at Solihull

Mr Baugh and the Senior Chess Team are off to Solihull School on Friday afternoon. Good luck boys.

Colour Newsletter for Michaelmas 2017

Please find [here](#) the link to the termly colour newsletter. Hope you enjoy reading about our last action packed term.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher



John Craggs DL BSc PhD HonDUniv FCMA
Chairman of Governors

Art Stars of the Week



Finlay Patterson



Luke Douglas



Adam Hurley



Kalim Aslam



Harry Mammatt



Ben White



Amar Nahal



Frazer Pratt



James Emms




Edward Bickley

Year 7 projects: have been selected, once again, for Star of the Week. Several students put so much time and effort in their work, to develop incredibly successful and creative studies.

Book of the Week

SERIES OF THE WEEK
Jamie Johnson by Dan Freedman



Jamie's desperate to become Highwood School's star football player (and in his dreams, Hawkstone United's too). But after he wrecks his chances at the trials, the pressure's on to prove himself.

"It is about people around our age and this means that you can relate to the way that the characters think in some ways. It is also funny in some places." **Jack Bates 8P**

"It is all about football and if anyone loves football it will be perfect!" **Henry Wilkes 8W**

"It is easy and quick to read and it is entertaining." **Tye Coughlan 9G**

Quote of the Week: **Difficulties mastered are opportunities won**
Winston Churchill

Letters sent this week: [Update for Year 11 Parents](#)
[Notice of Non Uniform Day](#)
[Letter re Leavers' Ball](#)
[Ladies' Lunch Event](#)

Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2018

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| Friday 19 January | PA Year 7/8 Disco at BVGS 19:30 - 21:30 |
| Monday 22 January | Year 11 Poetry Live |
| Tuesday 23 January | Duke of Edinburgh Information Evening 18:00 - 19:00 |
| Tuesday 23 January | Youth Speaks Public Speaking Competition 18:00 - 22:00 |
| Thursday 25 January | Vesey Business Networking at Moor Hall 18:00 - 20:00 |
| Wednesday 31 January | Harry Potter Book Night 15:30 - 17:00 |
| Monday 5 February | PA Meeting - The Hive |
| Friday 9 February | Whole School Review and Careers Day |
| Saturday 10 February | Cambridge University Union Debating Competition at Solihull School |
| Monday 12 February | Guest Speaker from University of Sheffield |
| Thursday 15 February | Ski trip to Canada departs |

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| Thursday 15 February | Year 7 and 8 Parents' Curry Night (venue tbc) |
| Friday 16 February | Break up for half term |
| Thursday 22 February | Ski trip returns |
| Monday 26 February | Spring term recommences |
| Thursday 1 March | Romeo and Juliet trip at the Town Hall |
| Thursday 1 March | NFER sample tests for Year 11 (as required by DFE) |
| Thursday 1 March | Sixth Form trip leaves for Berlin |
| Thursday 1 March | Sixth Form Parliamentary Debating Competition chaired by Andrew Mitchell MP. Refreshments from 18:00, competition in Big School until 22:00 |
| Friday 2 March | Chris Bradford author visit |
| Monday 5 March | PA Meeting - The Hive |
| Saturday 3 March | World Challenge training on Cannock Chase |
| Tuesday 6 March | HE Evening |
| Wednesday 7 March | New Year 7 Welcome Morning |
| Wednesday 7 March | Ladies Lunch (Ladies Lunch - Bishop Vesey's Grammar School) |
| Tuesday 13 March | Senior Soloists' Concert 19:00 - 21:00 |
| Friday 16 March | Jerrard 100 celebrations. Lunch OBS followed by service, Big School |
| Friday 16 March | PA Quiz Night - Big School |
| Saturday 17 March | Rugby Sevens Tournament |
| Thursday 22 March | Senior Sports Dinner at BVGS |
| Friday 23 March | Drama production of Macbeth (£9 adults, £5 concessions/students) |
| Saturday 24 March | Successful candidate afternoon |
| Monday 26 March | Sri Lanka Cricket Tour leaves |
| Tuesday 27 March | Training Day |
| Thursday 29 March | Break up for Easter |
| Wednesday 28 March | Break up at 15:25 |
| Thursday 29 March | Training Day |
| Monday 16 April | Summer Term commences |
| Tuesday 24 April | Spring Concert |
| 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

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| 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