



Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

'Inspiration and Excellence'

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Dear Parents/Carers

Cancer Research Non Uniform Day

Today we have held a very successful non-uniform day raising £1,096.25. In addition, Year 9 have done an amazing job selling cakes, wrist bands and raffle tickets. A lot of money has been raised, but it is still to be counted. Watch this space! Thank you **Miss Field** for spearheading today's very fine effort.



Aspire to Africa

I had the honour of meeting with Judith Miller from Aspire Sports Trust this week. Judith gave an update of Aspire's work in Africa, and asked me to pass on thanks to students and staff from BVGS for the tremendous support they have provided. The partnership is strong, and we hope to involve more young people from our school in the 2018 programme. For further information about the work that Aspire to Africa are involved with, please see this documentary video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xfWksx-ebwg&t=27s>.

Honour for our Former Chair of Governors

Congratulations to Clive Richards OBE DL, former Chair of Governors on his receipt of a special award from Pope Francis for services to the Catholic Church.

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Teach First Teacher Training

Kirsty Clelland, from KESH (King Edward's Sheldon Heath), joined us in the History Department for a week for her Contrasting School Experience, as part of her Teach First teacher training.

Duke of Edinburgh

Mr Greenwood and Dave Ellis from Big Strides Limited hosted our Duke of Edinburgh Parent Information Evening this week. This was a very well attended event, with parents given all the fundamental information about student requirements on eDofE and what to expect from the expeditions. Key matters for parents and students to note are that the first expedition is on Wednesday 28 – Thursday 29 March and two sections must be completed by all Bronze students by 5 May. The PowerPoint used for the evening is accessible [here](#).

BVGS Business Networking Meeting at Moor Hall

Yesterday I attended an excellent networking session at Moor Hall. Paul Faulkner, Chairman of Greater Birmingham Chambers of Commerce (one of our Corporate Partners) spoke powerfully about the exciting future for Birmingham with the arrival of companies such as HSBC, HS2 and possibly Channel 4, as well as the benefits to the region of Coventry winning 'City of Culture' and the Commonwealth Games coming to Birmingham. Exciting times ahead for all in the Vesey Community. There was also an excellent presentation from Becky Coleman from

..... Easy Fundraising

Easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bishopveseysgrammarschool

Follow the link to register and help us raise much needed funds for our school.

DfE Performance Tables

DfE Performance Tables were released this week. Click the link to see how Bishop Vesey's Grammar School have done. <https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/school/137988>

NFER GCSE English Maths Specimen Papers

The Department for Education are requiring us to have 60 of our Year 11 (chosen at random) to do sample tests in either Maths or English on 1 March. The outcome of this will not be shared with students or the school, or used as a measuring tool about the school. It is a way in which the exam boards can check that their papers being sat have the suitable rigour and standard for all students nationally.

Project Remix

James Foxall and **Nick Ward** have been selected by the CBSO to perform on stage at Symphony Hall on Friday 9 March 2018. This year's theme is music inspired by David Bowie. A very exciting project to be involved with and a chance to work with one of the world's best orchestras.

BETT Show

Our Tech Comm visited the BETT Show in London yesterday, accompanied by **Mr Bowen**, Deputy Head and **Mr Lavelle** from the Computing Department. They have returned with lots of ideas on how to improve technology at BVGS.

Poetry Live

Year 11 had a very useful day at Poetry Live on Monday with performances from some of the top writers from the GCSE poetry anthology including the charismatic John Agard, author of 'Checking Out Me History'.

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.

Spanish Flash Fiction Competition 2018



Did you know that the shortest story in Spanish is only seven words long? Here it is: 'Cuando despertó, el dinosaurio todavía estaba allí' (Augusto Monterroso, 'El dinosaurio'). Write a story in Spanish, of not more than 100 words, and send it to schools.liaison@mod-langs.ox.ac.uk by noon on Friday 30 March 2018, with your name, age and year group, and the name and address of your school. The first prize of £100 will be awarded to the winning entry in each category (Years 7-11 and 12-13), with runner-up prizes of £25. The judges will be looking for creativity and imagination as well as good Spanish! The winning entries will be published on our website.

Your Pavilion

Work on the The Pavillion makeover is about to re-start with plenty left to do both outside and in. Please contact Maxinehanley@icloud.com of the Parents' Association (or on 07766 658662) if you are able to give a few hours at the weekend (afternoons) or can donate materials (paint, furniture etc) to this amazing cause, which aims to be completed by Summer.

School Photographs

The proofs and order forms of group photographs are now available to collect from Mrs Foster's 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.

U6 Student Exhibits Art

Madeleine Muir, U6CW, an A level Art student, has been selected to be part of an exhibition at the Argentea Gallery in St Paul's Square, Birmingham. The gallery owner was so impressed by Maddy's talent and vision, that she has given her this opportunity to feature her work alongside an undergraduate art student, again highlighting how well she is doing.

The opening night was on 18 January and goes on until 10 February. The gallery is open 12pm -6pm Tuesday- Saturday. Please do support Maddy and visit her exhibition (see details below).

FERTILE GROUND
NILUPA YASMIN AND
MADELEINE MUIR
THURSDAY 18 JANUARY -
SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY



[Link to website](#)

PA Disco

It was an excellent disco last Friday. Thank you to the 214 well-behaved and happy children from BVGS and Sutton Girls. Thanks to our DJ and fantastic group of 23 volunteers. We raised £800 for projects for the school. Roll on the next disco in April.

Hockey

U'16's were very unfortunate to not qualify for the Regional finals, losing on flicks to KES Birmingham in the semi-final despite dominating the game and not conceding a goal all day in the tournament, 5-0 win over Warwick and 4-0 against Bablake in the group stages

U'14 'A' won 5-0 vs K Henry VIII

U'14 'B' won 2-0 vs K Henry VIII

U'15 'A' won 4-1 vs Warwick school

1st team WON 7-1 K Henry VIII

2nd team WON 6-0 K Henry VIII

3rd team WON 9-0 K Henry VIII

1st drew 1-1 with Andrew's Royal Belfast Academicals touring team

U'13 'A' drew 2-2 vs K Henry VIII

U'13 'B' won 2-1 vs K Henry VIII

U'15 'A' drew 1-1 vs Princethorpe College (BVGS won on flicks to progress to round 2 of ISHC National Cup)

Rugby

The conditions were terrible on Saturday. As you can see the boys seemed to enjoy it however!



Netball

The Regional Netball qualifiers for Nationals is on Sunday, and we are taking our netball mixed squad of Upper and Lower 6th. We wish this squad all the best for Sunday. We would also like to thank the PE Department for re-arranging all their timetable to fit us in due to bad weather. This is very much appreciated by coaches, **Z Clarke** and **K Nimmo**. Good luck to all the girls taking part.

Cross Country

The Senior Cross Country team came second to a strong Adams Grammar team in very wet, muddy conditions in Sutton Park on Wednesday.

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

Top Merit Winners

Muhammad AYAAN 7B, Aditya MUTHUKUMAR 7G, Seth ALLEN 7P, Ben WHITE 7R, Stephen BOWMAN 7W, Dan FISHER 8B, Joseph HILL 8B, Michael BAIZLEY 8B, Dylan STEER 8G, Kenan BURROWS 8P, James PADLEY 8P, Thomas CARTMILL 8R, Suleman AHMED 8W, Finn EPTING 9B, Oliver GRAY-NIMMO 9G, Jordy CANI 9P, Benjamin PAGET 9R, Joseph MCCLAFFERTY 9R, Alex DIXON 9R, Riley BEVAN 9W, Oliver GREGORY 10B, Charlie GIBLIN 10G, Jai SINGH 10G, William JACKSON 10R, Jack LEES 10W, Finlay PORT 11B, Joshua RUSSELL 11G, Alexander BAILEY 11R, Joseph BARDSLEY 11R, Benedict NEWMAN 11R, Barney MILLER 11W, Benjamin ELLIS 11W, Benjamin HENSTOCK 11W.

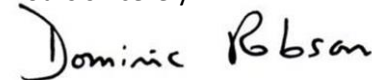
Colour Newsletter for Michaelmas 2017

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

Good luck to **Mr Swindells** and **Mr Davies** attending the Sutton Business Awards this evening. We have been nominated in the 'Business of the Year' category.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely



Dominic Robson
Headteacher




John Craggs DL BSc PhD HonDUniv FCMA
Chairman of Governors

Art Star of the Week



Krishnan Naik 10B. Krishnan is working hard on his realism skills. This piece is a fine example of how even a simple object, such as a pineapple, can be used as inspiration to create really effective Art.

Book of the Week

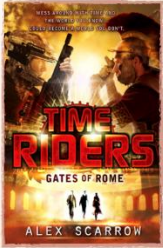
BOOK OF THE WEEK 

Time Riders: The Gates of Rome

"It is full of plot twists and leaves cliff hangers through out the story. The characters are well developed and you don't need to have read any of the other books in the series to understand what's going on."

Sam Moore 9P

"It is a thrilling read and gives a glimpse into the past." **Dylan Lindford 9P**



Quote of the Week: **For the dead and the living, we must bear witness**
Ellie Wiesel, survivor of Auschwitz and author of Night

Letters sent this week: [Jobs and Careers Fair 2018](#)

Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2018

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
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	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	
Monday 26 March	Successful candidate afternoon
Tuesday 27 March	Sri Lanka Cricket Tour leaves
Thursday 29 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:

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