



Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

'Inspiration and Excellence'

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Dear Parents/Carers

Macbeth

Just a reminder that all of Year 7 and 8 are expected to attend the performance of Macbeth/Living with Lady Macbeth, here at school, on Friday 23 March, P5. Most students have now paid, and we just wanted to remind you that the cost is £4.00, payable to Mrs Foster.

Please note that tickets are on sale for the whole school and local community priced at £9.00 (£5.00 students/concessions) for Friday 23 March and Saturday 24 March. Start time 7:00pm.

World Book Day – 1 March 2018

We celebrated World Book Day with a non-uniform day raising money for Book Aid. Thanks to all who supported.

Maths House Competition 2018

Students in years 7, 8, 9 and 10 took part in our annual Maths House Competition last half term. The competitions took place over three weeks with teams of four from each form representing their house. In year 7, there was a very close battle for first place, with 7G and 7W tied for the lead going into the final round. In the final round it was 7G who came out on top, finishing on 74 points, with 7W close behind in second place on 68 points. In year 8 there was an even closer battle between 8B and 8P, with 8B managing to claw back an 11-point deficit in the final round to win by just 1 point! In year 9, it was closer still, with 9P and 9R finishing tied for first place on 107 points. In year 10, 10W came first or joint first in every round, finishing first overall with 99 points, and 11 points ahead of 10B in second place. I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who took part, and an even bigger thank you to the Sixth Form Officers who gave up their time to help run the competition. Thank you **Mr Beasley**.

English

Adi Muthukumar (right) 7G winner of the newspaper article writing competition.

MedSoc

It was a pleasure to welcome **Mrs Jilly Croasdale** to MedSoc last week.

LawSoc

Thank you also to **Greg Rogers**, who is a barrister and Deputy Head of St Ives Chambers in Birmingham, specialist in child protection and family finance, who visited LawSoc last week.



Chinese Exchange

We are now into our second year of our cultural exchange partnership with No.4 Middle School of Zhanjiang, China. Last summer, 19 of our students visited China, staying with host families to

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experience home, and school life, as well as visiting sites of cultural heritage. It was a truly transformative experience for all, and we are delighted that this partnership is set to continue.

This year we have invited our Chinese hosts to the UK and they would like to bring a group of 20 students and 10 staff to BVGS in July. The proposed dates are **Saturday 7 July - Saturday 21 July**, with a return visit from BVGS in Summer 2019. We are keen for the Chinese students to experience everyday life in the UK, and we are therefore seeking 20 families, with students in Year 10-13, to be host guests. For further information please contact **Mr Buxton**: a.buxton@bishopveseys.bham.sch.uk.

Welcome to our New Year 7

On Thursday 15 March we welcome our new Year 7 students for September 2018. Congratulations to them and their families!

H E Evening

Excellent HE evening on Tuesday for the Lower Sixth. A big thank you to the Sixth Form team and the University of Birmingham Outreach team.

Music for Youth

Congratulations to @Musicbvgs for a fine effort in the Music for Youth Competition at the CBSO Centre in Birmingham on Tuesday. The Funky Bishops and Clarinet Ensemble sounded amazing. Well done students and Team Buxton.

Badminton School Games

Bishop Vesey's sent four players: **Tighe Crook, Abhinav Shanmukham, Jack Stevens** and **Umair Choudhry** to the Badminton County Finals. After comfortably proceeding through our box of four, we were down to the last three. The three schools had a round-robin (where the three schools play each other to decide the winner). We beat Handsworth Grammar School very comfortably proceeding to the match that decided the tournament. Camp Hill (the other school in the box) also won against Handsworth. However, in the final we lost against Camp Hill 4-1 with many close games that didn't go our way. (One of the scores was 11-10!). Therefore, Bishop Vesey's came second in the Birmingham Schools Games. **By Tighe Crook 8R.**

Parents' Association

Please find attached a short newsletter from the Parents' Association. A question I get asked often by parents is 'how can we help?' One good way is to donate money to us through the Inspiration and Excellence Fund. An additional way is to support us through the Parents' Association by attending their events, which all raise money for the school. Our next big event is the Quiz next week. It would be great to see you there. Or, come along and meet the team this Monday 12 March. It is a great way to meet other parents and get the inside track of life at BVGS.

PA Quiz Night

Just a reminder about the Bishop Vesey's Parents association quiz night on Friday 16 March 2018. This event is selling quickly, if you haven't already done so, please book your team or individual tickets now to save disappointment. It is always a great fun night. Contact carolinejmoore25@gmail.com to book your places. Tickets £8 adult/£5 students. There will be a bar and nibbles. Please come along and support the PA with their fundraising for the Vesey Experience.

Sporting Update

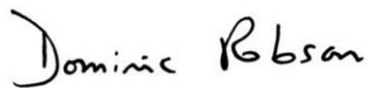
Good luck to our hockey tourists who set off to Hampton Court this morning. They are playing in a number of fixtures, including Archbishop Whitgift this week.

Ladies Lunch

Thank you to all who supported and organised this fundraiser. Over £3,000 raised for school I hear. That's amazing.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely



Dominic Robson
Headteacher



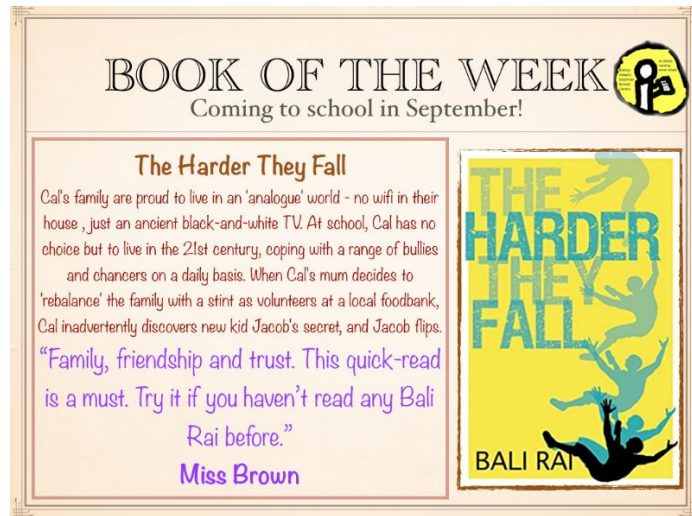
John Craggs DL BSc PhD HonDUniv FCMA
Chairman of Governors

Art Star of the Week



Thomas Moore 10B. Thomas has developed his natural forms project, by focusing on skull forms. He is very talented, always achieving a huge amount of tone and detail in his pieces.

Book of the Week



Quote of the Week: **It is easier to prevent bad habits than to break them**
Benjamin Franklin

Letters sent this week: [Year 8 Parents' Evening Letter](#)
[PA Newsletter](#)
[Year 10 Parents' Evening Letter](#)
[Energy Drinks](#)

Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2018

Monday 12 March	PA Meeting - The Hive
Tuesday 13 March	Senior Soloists' Concert 19:00 - 21:00
Wednesday 15 March	New Year 7 Welcome Morning
Friday 16 March	German Exchange arrives
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
Wednesday 28 March	Sri Lanka Cricket Tour leaves
Wednesday 28 March	Students break up at 15:25
Thursday 29 March	Staff Training Day

Summer Term 2018

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