



Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

'Inspiration and Excellence'

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Dear Parents/Carers

Colour Newsletter

Have you read the latest term newsletter yet? If not please check [here](#).

Sixth Form Go on Study Leave

Good luck to the Class of 2018 who went on study leave yesterday. They have been an excellent cohort of young people, superbly led by School Captains **William Hennessy** and **Sophie Lloyd** and our talented Officer Team. The Class of 2018 have risen to the challenge of the new, tougher linear A Levels and have been an inspirational group to work with, both inside and outside the classroom. They have certainly made the most of the opportunities that the Vesey Experience provides. We look forward to remembering and celebrating their time at Vesey at the Leavers' Ball on Friday 29 June. Good luck with the forthcoming examinations. Students are very welcome to get any help and support they need from their teachers here at school throughout the examination period.

Year 7 Induction Evening

It was a pleasure to welcome our new Vesey families yesterday evening. A big thank you to all the staff who helped make the evening such a great success: **Miss Hearn, Mr Doughty, Mr Buxton, Mrs O'Dowd, Mr Howell, Mr Davies, Mr Goodwin, Miss Steadman, Mrs Kite, Mrs Jones and Mrs Joyce**. Thank you also to the Parents' Association, **Mr Abbott, Mrs Mitchell, Mr White and Mrs Southgate** as well as **Mrs Curtis** and the catering team. I was really impressed by the quality of the student drama presentations on the night. Well done **Sunny Joshi, Edward Bickley, William Dale, George Makwandi, Viraj Gupta** and **Abhilash Ganesh Kumar**. Also Sunny and **Adi Muthukumar** did superb presentations about life in Year 7. Last but not least, **Charlie Ward** and **Jeavon Braich** were a brilliant musical act, with some very mature and beautiful harmony singing.

Working with Plaster in Art



A big thank you to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery for enabling BVGS to be part of an exciting plaster cast project this week. Above is **Benny Semp**, a local artist who has been working with our boys.

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Woodwind Concert at St Michael's Boldmere

It was great to see our flautist super group in action at St Michael's, Boldmere this week. Well done boys.

Year 9 Trip to see Aladdin

Forty of our Year 9 enjoyed a visit to London on 10 May to watch the Disney production of Aladdin. Thank you to **Miss Field, Mrs Hodkinson and Mr White.**

Please support our Chinese Exchange

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 the **Saturday 7 July** until **Saturday 21 July** with a return visit from BVGS in Summer 2019. The Chinese students will be attending our school, visiting tourist spots in the UK during their stay and have an exciting itinerary planned.

We are keen for them to experience everyday life in the UK and we are still looking for 10 more families of students in Year 9-13 who are able to host guests. A full schedule of activities are planned for the visitors, so you will not be required to entertain them. We would also consider a shared arrangement if you could only manage one week for example.

Please contact Mr Buxton on a.buxton@bishopveseys.bham.sch.uk if you can help.

Merit Winners

Joseph BRADSHAW 7G, Seth ALLEN 7P, Ben WHITE 7R, Fraser PRATT 7W, Joseph JOSE 7W, Leon LWANGA 8B, Aadi CHAVALI 8G, Hugh WOODCOCK 8P, Tighe CROOK 8R, Thomas LAM 8W, Huzaifa ALI 9G, Matthew MONAGHAN 9P, Samuel REDGATE 9P, Riley BEVAN 9W, Arsh IQBAL 10B, Charlie RICHARDS 10B, Thomas ROGERS 10G, Jack GLOVER 10G, William JACKSON 10R, Pierce O'REILLY-SPEARS 10W

Student Attendance

We believe that regular, high attendance at school enables students to fulfil their potential and we are grateful for the support we receive from parents in ensuring good attendance and punctuality. Holidays in term time cannot be authorised by the Headteacher unless there are exceptional circumstances. Requests for absence should be made by completing the request form to be found [here](#) on our website.

Why attendance matters:

Less than 5 days absence = 98%+ attendance, and this is why we set a school target of 98%.

- 15 days absence (approx.) = 92.5% attendance
- 20 days absence (approx.) = 90% attendance
- 30 days absence (approx.) = 85% attendance

If a child achieves 80% attendance this means that they have missed approximately 40 days of education over the academic year, averaging 1 day per week.

We hope that you will understand that the school may contact you if attendance levels for your child drop below 92.5% without known significant reasons.

Parking in the vicinity of the school

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.

Golf Day

A reminder about the third annual BVGS Golf Day which will be taking place on Friday 8 June at Walmley Golf Club. Teams and places can be booked via our website [here](#). Details of sponsorship are available [here](#).

PA Ball

We regret that the PA Ball to be held on **Friday 13 July** has been **cancelled**.

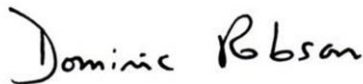
PA Disco

This is on tonight for Year 7 and 8 starting at 7:30PM here at BVGS.

German Exchange

Good luck to **Herr Götschel** and **Herr Keeble** and our party of 23 Year 10 Germanists who are off for an exciting week tomorrow in Bayreuth.

Have a great weekend.



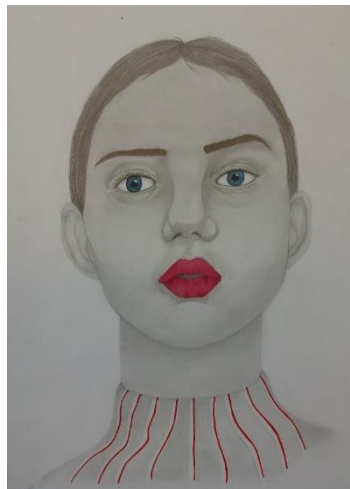
Dominic Robson
Headteacher



John Craggs DL BSc PhD HonDUniv FCMA
Chairman of Governors

Art Star of the Week

Cornel Buck-Beason 11G. Influenced by Kei Meguro, Cornel has really developed his portrait drawing and tonal skills. Cornel has successfully contrasted black and white pencil with bright, bold colours on the features.



Book of the Week

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Book 1 of 6 in the 'Wereworld' Series



The Rise of the Wolf

Imagine a world ruled by Werelords - men and women who can shift at will into bears, lions, and serpents. When Drew suddenly discovers he's not only a werewolf but the long-lost heir to the murdered Wolf King's throne, he must use his wits and newfound powers to survive in a land suddenly full of enemies. Drew's the only one who can unite the kingdom in a massive uprising against its tyrant ruler, Leopold the Lion. But the king is hot on Drew's tail and won't rest until he's got the rebel Wolf's head.

"It takes you on a rollercoaster of events with thrills, action and adventure. This book is a great read as well because once you pick it up you simply can't put it down!"

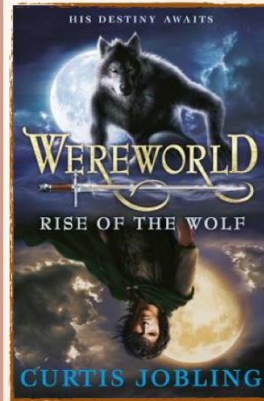
Fraser Burns 8G

"It is an entertaining and exciting read."

Daniel Aston 8B

"It is very action-packed and it has a very gripping story."

Daniel Utley 9W



Quote of the Week

In the long run principles are just more important than expediency
Sir Alex Ferguson

Dates for your Diary

Summer Term 2018

Friday 11 May	Y13 go on study leave
Friday 11 May	Year 7 and 8 Disco at BVGS (Please note change of date)
Saturday 12 May	German Exchange
Monday 14 May	UCAS qualifying exams begin
Thursday 24 May	Students break up for half term (except those taking exams on Friday 25 May)
Friday 25 May	Magpie (Training) Day
Monday 4 June	Summer term recommences
Monday 4 June	Exam Week
Friday 8 June	BVGS Golf Day
Friday 22 June	Year 7 and 8 Disco Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls
Thursday 28 June	Open Evening - 16:00 -19:00
Friday 29 June	Music Tour
Friday 29 June	Leavers' Ball
Wednesday 4 July	Y7 Transition Day
Wednesday 4 July	Art and DT Exhibition Argentea Gallery, St Paul's Square
Thursday 5 July	Parliamentary Debating Competition
Friday 6 July	Sixth Form Induction Day
Friday 6 July	DofE Silver Expedition
Saturday 7 July	DofE Bronze Expedition
Saturday 7 July	Sutton Community Games
Saturday 7 July	Chinese party welcomed
Monday 9 July	Work Experience for 10
Wednesday 11 July	Rhineland Trip

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](#).