



Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

'Inspiration and Excellence'

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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to all parents not driving down Boswell Road. Your support is much appreciated.

Entrance Test

Thank you for the professionalism of invigilators and staff who helped with the entrance test last weekend.

In particular the following students provided invaluable support with calmness, good humour and efficiency, enabling us to provide an excellent experience for the 700+ young people who took the test over Saturday and Sunday.

Shoib Sheraz, Lucy Windsor, Archie Sansome, Henry Wade, Matt Hurley, Seb Smith, Harry West, Simba Mutanga, Haaris Butt, Mia Shergill, Sanan Hashmi, Brogan Ling, Omar Ahmed, Will Jackson, Nayan Day, Vraj Shah, James Whitehouse, Charlie Richards, Josh Bayliss-Sheridan, Paavan Sehmar, Jay Mittal, Jack Glover, Matt Bate, Leo Karski, Henry Guest, Arun Ladhar, Ava Bowker, Molly Markham, Dileep Sohal, Alasdair Bell, Ammar Makhzomm, Will Sedgewick, Ravi Sharma, Akshay Gogna, Ruby Cooper, Sherief Elattar, Segent Jensema, Freddie Coleman, Omar Syed, Mithun Padmanabhan, Ahmed Kadir, Bethan Davage, Aidan Croghan, Upraaj Bains, Nehmin Seneviratne, Stephen Middlemass, Callum Foster, Oliver Pratt, Dan Jones, Torin Bird, Ben Mehaffy, Liam Wragg, Haleema Shireen, Jack Lees, Tom Froggatt.

A big well done to **Heather Hodkinson** and **Kallyann Williams** for masterminding the event.

Road Safety

Please could you highlight to your sons and daughters the following points in respect of road safety :

Be visible:

Make sure you're visible to drivers at all times and make eye contact with them whenever possible. This is especially important early morning/late evening, in low-light conditions such as dusk or dawn or in inclement weather.

- Wear lightly coloured or reflective clothing at night and brightly coloured clothing during the day.
- Stay in well-lit areas, especially when crossing the road.
- If possible/necessary, make eye contact with drivers in stopped vehicles to ensure they see you before you cross in front of them.

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Stay alert - avoid distractions

Distractions are everywhere today and becoming more and more difficult to avoid. Remember that, as a pedestrian, your eyes and ears are your best tools for keeping safe. Stay alert and watch out.

- **Put down your phone.** Smartphones and handheld electronic devices are a daily part of life, but they take your eyes off the road and distract your attention.
- **Don't wear headphones.** Your ears will tell you a lot about what is happening around you - be sure to use them.

Follow the rules

- Know and follow all traffic rules, signs and signals. You need to be aware of the rules vehicles around you must follow to properly anticipate what drivers will do. This will help increase your safety. This will be addressed in assemblies/tutor time in more details.
- **Never assume a driver will give you the right of way.** Make every effort to make eye contact with the driver of a stopped or approaching vehicle before entering the roadway.

Walk in safe places

- Use crossings when crossing the road. If a crossing is unavailable, be sure to find the most well-lit spot on the road to cross and wait for a long enough gap in traffic to make it safely across. **The traffic lights at the top of Tamworth Road are causing issues due to the no green man/crossing. We advise students coming from Mere Green/Four Oaks to walk down the Tamworth Hill until it is quieter and use the primary school lollypop person, accessing the school via the pedestrian alleyway. If coming from the Anchorage Road side, then please cross further back from the traffic lights to avoid the cars that are going in different directions.**
- Stay on pavements whenever possible. If a pavement is not available, be sure to walk on the far side of the road facing traffic. This will help increase your visibility to drivers.
- Avoid walking along highways or other roadways where pedestrians are prohibited.

Year 11 Celebration and Welcome Evening

It was lovely to have such a great attendance at our Celebration and Welcome Evening. Thanks to parents for your support.

I enjoyed seeing the students receiving their awards (thank you **Mrs Davis, Chair of Governors**, for your support for our Year 11 and for your thoughtful reflections) and listening to some great piano playing from **Freddie** and **Tom**. It was also good to listen to the wisdom of **Messrs Bowen and Williams** about how Year 11 can thrive on their GCSE journey. A big thank you to them and **Matt Kemp** (from Lower Sixth), who gave a honest and mature speech about his time as a Year 11.

Key messages:

- Fill in any gaps in your notes.

- Start revising for your mock examinations (w/b 12 November) NOW
- You can still do some extra-curricular opportunities in Year 11. It's all about balance between work and play.

Open Evening

We look forward to welcoming parents of boys in Year 4 and 5 at our Opening Evening on Tuesday 25 September

Please come along and see what our inspirational and excellent school can offer.

For your convenience we would advise you to park in Sutton Coldfield, or around the Town Hall area, as we are unable to offer parking on site

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Open Evening

Tuesday 25 September 2018
4:00pm

Headteacher's talks at 5:00pm and 6:00pm

Open Mornings:
Tuesday 16 October 09:00 – 10:30
Wednesday 17 October 09:00 – 10:30
Thursday 18 October 09:00 – 10:30

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See our 'Admissions' page (Year 7) on the website for details of how to make an application



Academic Enrichment

Thank you to two of our Old Veseyans, who have been in school this week generously giving their time to the next generation:

Niall Keating (reading Engineering at Cambridge) spoke to aspiring engineers and **Ella Sykes** (reading Medicine at Cardiff) spoke to MedSoc.

Don't forget MedSoc is open every Thursday 1.15pm in the Hive to students from Years 10-13 interested in all things to with the medical professions.

Merit Winners

Nathan ALLISON 7B, Kian ERATNE 7B, Rivan MITRA 7G, Cody MORGAN 7G, Hugo KELLY 7P, Sarvesh Mridul LEOPRABHU 7R, Nirushun KISHORE KUMAR 7W, Ryan CARTWRIGHT 7W, Lewis WHITEHALL 8B, Aditya MUTHUKUMAR 8G, Toby VARLEY 8P, Seth ALLEN 8P, Rohan AOULICK 8R, Christian HILL 8R, Rohit KOONER 8W, Ethyn JAMES 8W, Leon LWANGA 9B, Samuel BRYARS 9G, Ben CHEEMA 9P, Jack BATES 9P, Aren PEACE-MINIHAN 9R, Henry WILKES 9W, Lucas CORDEN-BOWEN 10B, Luke NUTTALL 10B, Matthew BEACH 10G, Amar PAUL 10P, Benjamin PAGET 10R, Ruben SIDHU 10W, Sanan HASHMI 11B, Talvinder RAI 11B, Charlie RICHARDS 11B, Sam GILL 11G, Sam WOOD 11R, Arun LADHAR 11R. All will be invited to Mr Robson's office on Wednesday 19 September at break-time.

Parents' Association

The first Parents Association meeting for the 2018/9 year will be held on Monday 17 September at 7pm in the Hive.

Colour Newsletter, Summer 2018

The link is live to our colour newsletter for the end of year which pays tribute to our leavers and the many achievements of our students last term. Hope you enjoy it.

http://bvgs.co.uk/newsletters/termly_newsletters/summer_newsletter_2018.pdf

Corporate Partners Programme

Our Corporate Partnership Programme was established in January 2017, and gives companies exposure across our community of students, parents, alumni and suppliers. There are currently over 30 businesses supporting the school, their details can be found at <http://bvgs.co.uk/partner-with-bishop-veseys/>. If you wish to use one of these companies for a product, or service that they provide, then please mention your relationship with the school. Supporting our Corporate Partners provides long lasting benefits for our students, and by becoming a Corporate Partner you will have a designated page on the school website (attracting approximately 15,000 hits per month) and two marketing banners at the school's sporting venues. Partners are invited to half-termly networking events, receive complimentary places at our Ladies Lunch, Six Nations Rugby Evening and Golf Day and have a stall at our annual Jobs and Careers Fair alongside some of the nation's biggest employers. Our Development Office will also arrange personal introductions to other parents, alumni and local businesses. If you would like any further information about the Corporate Partnerships programme, please e-mail our Development Director Brian Davies at b.davies@bishopveseys.bham.sch.uk

A summer to remember

We were delighted by our A Level and GCSE results achieved during a time of considerable national upheaval in education. Read all about it in our two press releases below:

<http://bvgs.co.uk/2018-level-results/> <http://bvgs.co.uk/outstanding-gcse-results/>

Have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely



Dominic Robson
Headteacher

Book of the Week



Quote of the Week

Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all
Aristotle

Letters issued this week:

[Year 10 Welcome Evening](#)

[MidYis Tests for Year 7](#)

[Sixth Form Academic Societies Invite](#)

[Letter to parents about Rugby](#)

Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2018

Tuesday 11 September	Year 11 Welcome Evening 18:00 - 19:15
Thursday 20 September	Year 10 Welcome Evening 18:00 - 19:15
Tuesday 25 September	Open Evening 16:00 School finishes 12:15
Tuesday 2 October	U6 Parents' Evening 16:00 - 18:30
Thursday 4 October	Year 8 Welcome Evening 18:00 - 19:15

Monday 8 October	Year 7 Welcome Evening 18:00 - 19:15
Saturday 13 October	OVA Dinner
Monday 15 October	Y10 English Support Evening 18:00 - 19:30
Tuesday 16 October	Open Morning 09:00 - 10:30
Tuesday 16 October	L6 Welcome Evening 18:00 - 19:25
Wednesday 17 October	Open Morning 09:00 10:30
Thursday 18 October	Open Morning 09:00 - 10:30
Tuesday 23 October	Junior Soloists' Concert 19:00 - 21:00
Friday 26 October	Founder's Day
	Break up for half term
Wednesday 31 October	Oxbridge Admissions Tests
Monday 5 November	Autumn Term recommences
Wednesday 7 November	School closes 12:15
	Sixth Form Open Evening 16:00
Friday 9 November	Remembrance Day Services in School
Friday 9 November	Oxbridge and early entry interview afternoon 13:00
Friday 9 November	Y7&8 Disco at SCGSG
Wednesday 21 November	Year 9 Parents' Evening 16:00 - 19:00
Friday 30 November	School Closes 12:15
	Speech Day at Sutton Coldfield Town Hall
Thursday 13 December	Lower Sixth Parents' Evening 16:00-18:30
Monday 17 December	Christmas Concert 19:00
Tuesday 18 December	Christmas Concert 19:00
Friday 21 December	Christmas jumper day
	School closes at 12:15
	School breaks up for Christmas
Monday 7 January	Spring term commences
Thursday 17 January	Year 9 Options Evening 16:30 - 18:30
Thursday 24 January	Year 11 Parents' Evening 16:00 - 19:00
Friday 1 February	Six Nations Rugby Event
Thursday 7 February	Senior Soloists' Concert 19:00 - 21:00
Friday 8 February	Whole School Review Day and Careers Fair
Friday 8 February	Comedy Night
Friday 15 February	Break up for half term
Monday 25 February	Term recommences
Wednesday 6 March	Ladies' Lunch at Moor Hall
Thursday 14 March	Year 10 Parents' Evening 16:00 - 19:00
Thursday 28 March	Year 8 Parents' Evening 16:00 - 19:00
Friday 5 April	Year 7 and 8 PA Disco at SCGSG
Tuesday 9 April	Spring Concert 19:00 - 21:00
Thursday 11 April	Students break up for Easter

Spring Term 2019

Summer Term 2019	Friday 12 April	Staff Training Day
	Monday 29 April	Summer term commences
	Monday 6 May	May Day Bank Holiday
	Thursday 9 May	New Year 7 Induction Evening 18:00 - 20:30
	Thursday 16 May	Junior Sports Dinner at Veseyans
	Thursday 23 May	Students break up for half term
	Friday 24 May	Staff training day
	Monday 3 June	Term recommences
	Friday 7 June	Golf Day
	Saturday 22 June	OVA Sports Reunion
	Thursday 27 June	School closes at 12:15
		Open Day 16:00 - 19:00
	Friday 28 June	Staff Training Day
	Monday 15 July	KS3 Main School Presentation Evening 19:00 - 21:00
Friday 19 July	Break up for summer holiday	

Parents' Evenings 2018-19:

Wednesday 21 November	Year 9	16:00 - 19:00
Thursday 24 January	Year 11	16:00 - 19:00
Thursday 14 March	Year 10	16:00 - 19:00
Thursday 28 March	Year 8	16:00 - 19:00
Thursday 2 May	Year 7	16:00 - 19:00