Dear Parents/Carers

Visit by Holocaust Survivor Janine Webber and Holocaust Survival Day

Year 9 took part in Holocaust Day on Tuesday 10 July. Students participated in a variety of workshops, learning about the Holocaust from the perspective of different subjects such as English, RE, Economics and History. They then listened to sixth formers James Horn, Emily Hyde and Ciara Shankey, who gave an outstanding, thought-provoking presentation about their experiences from visiting Auschwitz in February. The workshop in RE was led by Asam Mahmood, Josh Martin, Lucy Windsor and Hashim Mohammad.

The highlight of the day was when students listened to the heart-breaking, but inspirational testimony of Holocaust survivor Janine Webber. Year 9s conduct throughout the day was exceptional, and they took the opportunity to ask Janine some very thoughtful and intelligent questions.

Year 10 Work Experience

Good luck to all our Year 10 students out on Work Experience for the final two weeks of term. There are some interesting placements being undertaken this year – architects, construction, surveyors, vets, engineers of all sorts, IT, law, opticians and many more – and (almost) all within the required B and WS postcodes. There are a total of 173 different placements for our 129 students, all arranged by the students themselves and checked by our health and safety partners, Mainframe. BVGS staff will be visiting as many of these as possible over the fortnight to check all parties are happy. Every year we are always impressed by the maturity and behaviour of our students whilst away from school. Many grow up so much in just two weeks! They are fantastic ambassadors for the school and themselves and ensure that employers are always willing to have BVGS students in the following year.
Art Club

In Mrs Rowlands' Art Club this year, Key Stage 3 students have been producing a sensory board for a Sutton Coldfield charity, 'Square Peg Foundation'. The board will be located in a mobile sensory room from September 2018 and will offer sensory therapy for people with disabilities. Students have been instrumental in both designing and making the many individual components for the board and should be very proud of their achievements. Special thanks to Mrs Gregory who has been heavily involved in sourcing materials, laser cutting and fixing it together in the final stage. Well done to:

James Emms (7P), Cameron Lovell (7P), Dominic Van Loan (8G), Alex Chan (8G), Ibrahim Abdalla (8W), Arjan Shoker (9G), Aadi Chavali (9G), Andy Bath (9P).

Chinese Visitors

We have been delighted to welcome 35 friends (staff and students) from Number 4 Middle School, Zhianjiang, China. They arrived in England during the Sweden game and have been welcomed warmly by the Vesey Community. Thank you to all our host families and Mr Bowen, Deputy Headteacher and Mr Buxton, Director of Music and our fabulous students.
Shaggy Dogs' Tea Party

We held our annual tea party for senior Old Veseyans this week at the house of Mr and Mrs Randon and supported by Mr Davies and our officers. It was a pleasure for us all to talk to our 'Shaggy Dogs!'

Rhineland trip

We have had good reports from Year 8 and 9 on a trip to the Rhineland led by Mr Götschel, Mr Keeble, Mr Bousfield and Mr Nowek.

Year 7 Residential

There have been excellent accounts from Whitemoor Lakes. The boys are having fun doing an exciting range of activities. Thanks to Mr Doughty and the team. I really liked the vigorous singing of the National Anthem by the boys before the England game.

Year 8 Trip to Harry Potter World

Thank you to Mrs Lynch for organising an exciting trip to Harry Potter World for Year 8.
Footballs for School

Ansons Solicitors, Corporate Partners and long-time supporters of the school have donated footballs to the school. Slightly smaller and lighter than official match balls, the Ansons footballs are perfect for training sessions and PE classes.

Sutton Games

Our students did a great job supporting the annual Sutton Games as ‘gamesmakers’. Well done all!

Trumpet Symposium

Lovely to hear of the musical success of our students in the end of year concerts, including the trumpet symposium (pictured).

Chester Powell (6JH, above) won the Sprint event at the Birmingham Triathlon on Sunday 24 June. The race involved a 750m swim in Powell’s Pool, followed by a 20km bike and 5km run in Sutton Park. Chester started the race hoping to win the Junior category, having come second last year, but instead went one better to win the race outright.
Summer Barbeque

There was an excellent celebration of the Vesey Business Network with a barbeque in the quad on Thursday. It was also good to have Chinese Head, Mr Chen, there to meet local business people. Thank you to Aspens for organising.

Merit Winners


Year 9 World Challenge

We wish all our Year 9 Challengers well as they set out on their expeditions to Norway this week.

Parking in the vicinity of the school

We would like to remind all parents/carers to please respect our neighbours by not parking or collecting your sons from Boswell Road, or the surrounding area. 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.

Have a great weekend, enjoy the cricket dinner.

Dominic Robson
Headteacher
BOOK OF THE WEEK

SERIES OF THE YEAR
The most read series in the library with 17 books.

Cherub

Terror doesn't let strangers in her flat because they might be undercover police or intelligence agents, but her children bring their Mark home and they run all over the place. The terrorist doesn't know that a kid has tagged every room in her house, closed the hard drive on her PC, and spilled all the numbers in her phone book. The kid working for CHERUB is not James Bond. There are no master criminals or high-tech gadgets. CHERUB kids live in the real world. They slip under adult radar and get information that sends criminals and terrorists to jail. For official purposes, these children do not exist.

"It's packed with lots of twists and turns. There are action scenes, romantic scenes, emotional scenes and only one main character." Amar Nahal 7W

"It is action-packed, funny, well-written and great for Anthony Horowitz lovers!" Luke Spencer 8B

"It is very exciting and in jam-packed with action. I recommend the rest of the series as well." Oscar J Walker 9R

"It is action-packed and follows the young spy's life - relatable for children." Thomas Moore 10B

BVGS ART EXHIBITION

Thank you to all the students who worked so hard in producing such excellent work which made this exhibition so amazing, and a thank you to all the parents and visitors to the gallery for their support. We sold 39 pieces of artwork over the two evenings, a great achievement!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.

B B King
Letters sent this week:

- Final Card Mark Report and Overview of the Year (Y9)
- Lost Property List July

Dates for your Diary

Summer Term 2018

- Wednesday 11 July - Sunday 15 July: Rhineland Trip
- Wednesday 11 - Friday 13 July: Y7 Whitemoor Lakes
- Friday 13 July - Saturday 21 July: World Challenge to Norway Group 1
- Monday 16 July: Main School Presentation Evening, 19:00 - 21:00
- Friday 13 July: Junior Cricket Dinner at Moor Hall 19:00 - 22:00
- Sunday 15 July - Monday 23 July: World Challenge to Norway Group 2
- Tuesday 17 July: A Midsummer Night's Dream at The Pavilion, 17:00
- Wednesday 18 July: Y7 trip to Kenilworth Castle
- Friday 20 July: School breaks up at 12:15

Term Dates can be found [here](#).