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Dear Parents/Carers

Oxbridge and Ivy League

I am delighted to announce that of the 31 students interviewed for Oxbridge this year, we have 10 students who have received offers. Well done to them. This is no mean feat to receive an offer from a world class Oxbridge college when you are competing with an international field. The selection process for Oxbridge continues to be fiendishly difficult. Well done also to Harry Ayto, who has set a new standard and benchmark for the school in gaining a place at the prestigious Ivy League University of Princeton (while at the same time being turned down by Oxford).

Oxford:

Joel Smith: Engineering (College not

yet allocated)

Cambridge:

Nina Adriano: Engineering (Selwyn) Joseph Edwards: Maths (Emmanuel) Zachary Farmer: Spanish & Arabic

Studies (Pembroke)

Emily Hyde: History (Kings) Leo Karski: Economics (Kings) Josh Martin: English (Homerton) Oliver Nash: Maths (Downing) Neddy Tsoi: Maths (Robinson) **Harry West**: History (Selwyn)

Ivy League:

Harry Ayto: Maths (Princeton)



Congratulations also to the students who took up the challenge of applying to Oxbridge, but didn't get an offer. Relish the experience and look forward to the next opportunity coming your way. We are very proud of you all.

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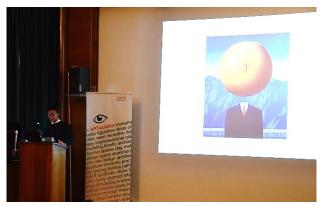




Mayor Andy Street CBE and Andrew Mitchell MP

It has been wonderful to meet the Mayor and the MP for Sutton Coldfield today. We have discussed exciting plans for the future of the Midlands. Student contributions and questions were excellent and a special word of thanks must go to **Angus Carter** who did a brilliant job of chairing the seminar.

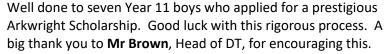
ARTiculation Regional Final at the Barber Institute



Elliott Brown (L6) was selected to represent Bishop Vesey Grammar School at the regional final of ARTiculation Prize 2019 at The Barber Institute of Fine Arts at The University of Birmingham, on Wednesday 16 January 2019. Elliott researched the work of Rene Magritte and explored ideas related to imagery and existence. His philosophical approach had the audience questioning their reality and in doing so, understanding some potentials of classification. Elliott was

praised for his knowledge, personal approach and thought-provoking presentation of Magritte's work and was awarded third place

Year 11 Arkwright Scholarship Applications







Year 7 at Symphony Hall

One of the key experiences which every BVGS student enjoys is a trip to Symphony Hall in Year 7. To see one of the world's best orchestras, the CBSO, in one of the world's best concert halls is a brilliant experience to put in the memory bank. Thank you to **Mr Buxton** and the staff for enabling this to happen.

Visit to Loughborough University

A-Level PE students visited Loughborough University on Wednesday 16 January, attending the Inspiring Minds conference, receiving excellent lectures in Sports Psychology, Sport and Exercise Science and Sports Technology. An excellent day and opportunity for Bishop Vesey's Grammar School students to look into the life of a university sports academic.

Parents Teachers Friends Association

The PTFA remind you of ways in which you can help raise money for the school.

- Easy Fundraising see the link <u>here</u> showing how
- 50/50 Club details here

Don't forget to get your tickets for the Comedy Night on 8 February 2019. More information here.

Forthcoming Events

- Comedy Night Friday 8 February in Big School Tickets now on sale details <u>here</u>
- Annual Quiz Friday 22 March in Big School
- Race Night Friday 17 May
- Family summer party Saturday 13 July

The PTFA have committed to raise funds to help BVGS, so without your support for events organised by them, there may be a need to cancel. **Money raised will go towards purchasing MAC equipment for the BVGS Music Department.**

Lunch at Tiffany's - 6 March 2019 at Moor Hall Hotel and Spa

In response the overwhelming success of last year's inaugural Spring Lunch, we have scheduled Lunch at Tiffany's on **Wednesday 6 March** at Moor Hall Hotel and Spa. The event begins at 10:30 am with a drinks reception on arrival; two course lunch and coffee; fashion show by Obsessions, Streetly Village; goodie bag; premium shopping; and musical entertainment throughout the day until the events closes at 4:00pm. Tickets are £40 per person, or as tables of ten, and can be booked through Claire Bolton in the Development Office c.bolton@bishopveseys.bham.sch.uk. Payments can be made either via the School Club office; Heidi Middleton (Obsessions, Streetly Village) 0121 353 8825; or Julie Gray (Event Organiser, Amici) 07979 075877. We would be happy to group parents together on 'Year' tables, so please make this request known when booking tickets.

Six Nations Rugby Event

We are pleased to announce that we have confirmed former England International and British Lion **Nigel Redman** as our Guest Speaker for the Six Nations Rugby Event on **Friday 1 February** at Bishop Vesey's Grammar School. Individual tickets are £55, or £500 for a table of ten. Price includes a three course meal (including wine). Please contact Development Director **Brian Davies** b.davies@bishopveseys.bham.sch.uk.

Safety Message

We have been informed by the police of a one-off incident (see below). The police are following several lines of enquiry and as a result there will be an increased police presence in the area. The police are encouraging us all to be vigilant and report anything suspicious to the police on 101 or 999 in an emergency.

On Wednesday afternoon a car-jacking took place outside Bishop Walsh School on Wylde Green Road. The driver was forced out of their car, which was then stolen by two men who were wearing balaclavas and travelling in a white Corsa.

In more general terms we do encourage students to go straight home at the end of the day and keep valuables (such as expensive i-phones) hidden from view. Wherever possible, students should travel with their friends.

Have a good weekend.

Dominic Robson Headteacher

Yours sincerely

Quote of the Week

Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that

Martin Luther King Jr

Letters sent this week

World Book Day

SIMS Parent App for Year 12 Parents

Information from Year 9 Options Evening

Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2019

Friday 18 January Year 7 and 8 disco at BVGS

Thursday 24 January Year 11 Parents' Evening 16:00 - 19:00

Friday 1 February Six Nations Rugby Event

Monday 4 February BVGS Parents, Teachers and Friends Association

19:00 in The Hive

Thursday 7 February Senior Soloists' Concert 19:00 - 21:00

Friday 8 February Whole School Review Day and Careers Fair

Friday 8 February PTFA 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

Friday 22 March PTFA Annual Quiz

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

Friday 12 April Staff Training Day

Summer Term 2019 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

Friday 17 May PTFA Race Night

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

Friday 21 June Year 7 and 8 Disco at BVGS (tbc)

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**

Saturday 13 July PTFA Family summer party

Monday 15 July KS3 Main School Presentation Evening 19:00 - 21:00

Friday 19 July Break up for summer holiday

Parents' Evenings 2018-19:

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