Dear Parents/Carers

**Easter Revision Sessions**

Please see below revision sessions that are taking place during the Easter break:

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**Spotlight on Revision**

This will be a busy Easter for families supporting Year 11, 12, 13 students preparing for public or qualifying exams. I have just sat in a Year 11 assembly with Mr Williams who gave an eclectic talk ranging from Chessboxing to John Wesley. He gave five messages which could be relevant to anyone preparing for public examinations.

1. Don’t worry about other people. Focus on what is in your power to affect.
2. Don’t waste time in ways which you may come to regret.
3. Give yourself the right space to work.
4. Plan each day (share this with your parents).
5. Make time for things you enjoy.

Good luck to all students and families preparing for exams this Easter.

**Year 11 English Study Guide**

Mrs Haywood has prepared a superb workbook for all Year 11 English students to work through this Easter. If your son was absent today this will have been posted home.
What a brilliant concert to end the term. Superb performances from the students. Well done all. Thanks again to Team Buxton and everyone who make the event run so smoothly: Mrs Weblin, Mrs Overton, Mrs Foster, Mr Goodwin, Mr Bowen, Mr Davies, Mr Swindells, Luke Butcher, Josh Russell, Sam Khan and Elizabeth Mitchell and the PTFA volunteers and the Year 10 stagehands. A big team effort. Thank you to Mr Belcher for the amazing photographs.

It was also really poignant to have some of our U6th performing for the last time on the Vesey stage. So thank you for the music to Chester, Joss, Ali Robin, Alison, Milly, Oksana, our wonderful School Captain Lucy and the irrepressible and unbelievably talented Mr Angus Carter (trumpeter and Wind band conductor).
MEP Study Day at Bishop Vesey’s Grammar School

We were very lucky to host the Mandarin Excellence Programme Day for BVGS, QMGS and QMHS students last Saturday. It was great to have Chris Crudelli with us, martial artist and presenter from BBC3’s ‘Mind, Body and Kickass Moves’. A lot of revision was also done for the forthcoming May Hurdle tests. Thank you to Mrs Wang and the team.

Letter from the Schools’ Minister Mr Nick Gibb MP

Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP
Minister of State for School Standards
Sanctuary Buildings, 20 Great Smith Street, Westminster, London, SW1P 3BT
tel: 0370 090 2283 www.education.gov.uk/help/contactus

Mr Dominic Robson
Headteacher
Bishop Vesey’s Grammar School
Lichfield Road
Sutton Coldfield
B74 2NH

29 March 2019

Dear Mr Robson

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and pupils on the outstanding progress your pupils are making and your school’s high level of EBacc entry in 2018.

Your school’s Progress 8 score of 0.53 which is well above the national average, shows that you are amongst the top 12 per cent of state-funded mainstream schools in terms of the progress your pupils make between Key stage 2 and the end of Key stage 4.

With 91 per cent of your pupils entering the EBacc in 2018, your school is in the top 3 per cent of all state-funded mainstream secondary schools in the country. EBacc subjects provide a sound basis for careers beyond the age of 16 and can also enrich pupils’ studies, giving them a broad general knowledge that will enable them to participate in and contribute to society.

We want to ensure that every child, regardless of their background, has the chance to study the EBacc at GCSE, which is why I was delighted to see your results.

Thank you for your work in continuing the drive towards higher academic standards, and congratulations again to you and your staff for your hard work and professionalism.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP
Minister of State for School Standards
Election of Student Leaders for 2019-20

Announcements so far:
- School Captains: Samantha Hurst and Joshua Russell
- Co-Presidents of the School Council: Ruby Cooper and Jaden Lo-Watson

World Challenge

Year 9 World Challenge group spent last weekend on a practice expedition on Cannock Chase. Thank you Mr Beasley and Ms Crosthwaite.

Non Uniform Day

Today we raised £854.94 for the NSPCC. The cakes were amazing too.

German Exchange

We have been delighted to have our German exchange visitors with us once again. Thank you to all our host families who have been absolutely amazing. Our guests have had a busy week with excursions to Drayton Manor and London, places of worship visit (thank you Mrs Asha) alongside a trip to meet the Mayor of Birmingham. Big thanks to Rudi Gotschel for masterminding the exchange.

Sporting Success

Year 7 House Hockey

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Biology Technician, Phil Barker, swam in the CP Sport National Swimming Championships in Nottingham (for people with Cerebral Palsy). His first time in an Olympic-sized pool and he was placed joint second in the over-19s 50m breaststroke.

Junior Sports Dinner

Tickets are now available for the 2019 Junior Sports Dinner at Veseyans Rugby Club on Thursday 16 May from 18.30-21.00. Please see details here

Please purchase tickets from Mrs Foster with a completed form detailing menu choices and any dietary requirements.

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 here showing how
### March 50/50 winner

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### Extra-Curricular Activities

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Merit Winners

Have a good Easter.

Art Star of the Week

Aimee Shorthouse in U6I. This stunning piece was created by U6 student Aimee Shorthouse, it forms part of her Fine Art coursework. Aimee’s work looks at pressures within society, in this particular case, a young girl’s earliest perception of herself and the image she projects outwardly to the world.
An advert from one of our corporate partners programme:

Southall Harries
As a team of experienced insurance brokers, Southall Harries has built its reputation for providing insurance advice and solutions that are tailored to meet the unique needs of each client. Providing competitive pricing across a range of key areas, the firm can help clients identify risk factors to avoid future claims, offering specialist risk management through its association with external specialists.

Letters sent this week

- Y7 SIMS App Questionnaire
- Whole School - Knife Crime
- Y10 Easter Holidays and Exam Week preparations
- Y10 Revision Planner
- Junior Sports Dinner Form

Dates for your Diary

**Spring Term 2019**

- **Thursday 11 April** 18:00 - 19:00: DofE Parent/Student Information Evening (Bronze/Silver)
- **Thursday 11 April**:
  - Students break up for Easter
- **Friday 12 April**:
  - DofE Training Day in school and Sutton Park 08:45-16:00 (Silver only)
  - Staff Training Day
- **Monday 29 April**:
  - Summer term commences
- **Thursday 16 May**:
  - Students break up for half term
  - Staff training day
- **Monday 3 June**:
  - Term recommences
  - Golf Day
  - Year 7 and 8 Disco at BVGS (tbc)
- **Friday 7 June**:
  - OVA Sports Reunion
- **Friday 21 June**:
  - School closes at 12:15
- **Saturday 22 June**:
  - Open Day 16:00 - 19:00
- **Thursday 27 June**:
  - Staff Training Day
- **Friday 28 June**:
  - DofE Qualifying Expedition Silver
  - DofE Qualifying Expedition Bronze

**Summer Term 2019**

- **Thursday 11 April** 18:00 - 19:00: DofE Parent/Student Information Evening (Bronze/Silver)
- **Thursday 11 April**:
  - Students break up for Easter
- **Friday 12 April**:
  - DofE Training Day in school and Sutton Park 08:45-16:00 (Silver only)
  - Staff Training Day
- **Monday 29 April**:
  - Summer term commences
- **Friday 12 April**:
  - Students break up for Easter
- **Saturday 4 May - Sunday 5 May**
  - Practice Expedition - Bronze
- **Saturday 4 May - Monday 6 May**
  - Practice Expedition - Silver
- **Monday 6 May**
  - May Day Bank Holiday
- **Saturday 18 - Saturday 25 May**
  - New Year 7 Induction Evening 18:00 - 20:30
  - Junior Sports Dinner at Veseyans
  - German Exchange - visit to Germany
- **Thursday 23 May**
  - Students break up for half term
  - Staff training day
- **Friday 24 May**
  - Term recommences
- **Monday 3 June**
  - Golf Day
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**Y7 SIMS App Questionnaire**

**Whole School - Knife Crime**

**Y10 Easter Holidays and Exam Week preparations**

**Y10 Revision Planner**

**Junior Sports Dinner Form**
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