



# Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

'Inspiration and Excellence'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful summer. We are looking forward to welcoming the students back this week.

## A Summer to Remember

We were delighted by our A level and GCSE results. Read all about it below:

<https://bvgs.co.uk/2019-level-results>

<https://bvgs.co.uk/2019-gcse-results/> (Newsflash: **Alexander Tripp** now has eight grade 9s).

Thank you to all our staff leading memorable trips to Croatia (World Challenge) and Japan and Singapore (Rugby Tour). I know the students got a lot out of these experiences.

## BVGS gets greener!

We will not be selling single use plastic bottles in the dining hall any more. Bring your own refillable plastic bottle to School and re-fill at break and lunchtime from filling stations in the dining hall or outside the staff room.

This is just the start of fulfilling the wishes of the school community to having a more sustainable School. A big thank you to the School Council for the strong ethical focus you are bringing to this issue. This is just the beginning.

## Start of Term Arrangements

We look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 and Lower Sixth for their first day tomorrow (Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September).

Year 7 boys should be here at 9.40am. They will be greeted on Boswell Road. Don't forget money for lunch, a pen, and your trainers (if you want to go on the astroturf at lunchtime.)

Meanwhile, the Lower Sixth are expected to arrive at The Hive by 9.45am for their induction day.

(Parents please do **not** come on to the school site with the students. If dropping the students off, please do not drive down Boswell Road or obstruct the Lichfield Road. Ideally, do not use cars at all, and use public transport such as buses or trains).

The school year starts in full for all year groups on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Don't forget our new school day times below:

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## THE SCHOOL DAY:

8.35-8.50am	Registration / Assembly (Students go straight to assembly and are registered there)
8.50-9.50am	Period 1
9.50-10.50am	Period 2
10.50-11.15am	Break
11.15-12.15pm	Period 3
12.15-1.15pm	Period 4
1.15-2.05pm Lunch	If it is a games day students receive priority lunch and they move to games at 1.55pm. Games is 1.55pm-3.20pm
2.05-2.15pm	Afternoon registration
2.20-3.20pm	Period 5 Games starts at 1.55pm

### Year 7 Mandarin meeting, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September, 4.30-5.15pm, Big School

All Year 7 parents interested in their sons taking part in the prestigious **Mandarin Excellence Programme** should attend the after school meeting on Thursday from 4.30-5.15pm with **Mrs Wang**. This is the second year we have run this programme – I have to say it has been brilliant with our students excelling at a national level. The 32 Year 8 Mandarin Excellence Programme students will be going to China in the summer of 2020 for a fortnight as part of this programme.

### Year 7 Sports meeting, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 3.00-3.30pm, Big School

All Year 7 parents are invited by **Mr Howell, Director of Sport**, to find out more about Vesey Sport at this meeting here at school on Friday.

Please note that we know there have been considerable problems with sports kit provision. If your son/daughter has PE or Games before you have chance to collect (or the kit is delivered) then they should bring suitable sportswear instead. The PE staff are very understanding of this situation and will be sympathetic to the students on this matter.

### Medical and additional needs of students

Please let us know if any students have medical or additional needs. Don't forget that any students susceptible to an anaphylactic reaction must carry an Epipen with them at all times. A spare Epipen must also be left at the Main School Office. **This is a very important health and safety issue.** If you need to talk about any medical or additional needs with the Pastoral Team, please contact the Main School Office urgently.

### The Veseyan, Summer 2019

The link is live to our colour newsletter for the end of the academic year, which celebrated the many achievements of the summer term: <https://bvgs.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/190719.The-Veseyan.002.pdf>. I hope you enjoy perusing this.

With my very best wishes for a productive and happy 2019-20 academic year,

Mr Dominic Robson