



Bishop Douglass Catholic School Parent Newsletter

18th November 2022

Introduction



This week we celebrated our Bishop Douglass Day. Pupils had Mass led by our school Chaplain Father Kevin. Pupils were given a special roasted lunch in celebration and were able to join together in Module 5 to reflect on their personal development, the history of Bishop Douglass and Catholic emancipation in the 18th and 19th century.

Please encourage your child in Years 11-13 to be revising for the upcoming mock exams. As a school, we have provided excellent provision in order for each child to make exceptional progress. This year, we continue to offer the following support to assist students: Breakfast club (Free breakfast provided for those who arrive before 8.20am); specific homework support clubs for those who require assistance; after school prep in the form of evening study (this runs from 3.10-5.40pm every Monday to Thursday and a free hot meal is provided at 5.40pm for those who have attended); academic and pastoral mentoring and after-school, Saturday and holiday support sessions.

On Wednesday 23rd November 2022 we will be having a non-uniform day where all staff and students are asked to support the cause by joining 72 countries around the world to highlight the suffering - injustices, discrimination, violence, oppression, torture and death of so many Christians and others that are prosecuted for their faith of which goes largely unnoticed by the world. Pope Francis would like us to support the cause and therefore we will be having a non-uniform day where we are all asked to wear something RED, i.e. it could be a pair of red socks, shoes or T- shirt. Pupils are to donate £1. This also supports the mission of our school, living out the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount from the Gospel of St Matthew 5:3-10 "Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justices' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

We hope you have a relaxing weekend.

**Mrs Henderson,
Head of School**



Good News

Epraise Breakfast

Well done to the following students for receiving the most E Praise this term! You have been invited to our reward E Praise Breakfast on Thursday 8th December 2022 in the Main Hall at 11am.

Keep up the hard work!

Year 7

Daniel Fitzgerald
Sergio Villegas Palacio
Joydip Bhattacharjee
Alan-Anthony Adele
Rukhsana Shanghanoo

Year 8

Alexandros Lesai-Laios
Carlos Mohsni
Kiana Patel
Elias Abdelrahman
Amir Ali Kochakdezfuli

Year 9

Meraj Afshar
Ioan Usciuc
Jahmari Allen
Narges Rahimi
Breanna Florez Moreno

Year 10

Janet Williams
Jane Williams
Donya Shaterian
Charna Scott
Isabel Norman

Year 11

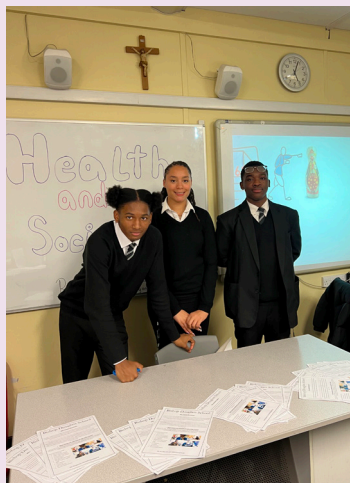
Charles Florenzano
Anna Davletshina
Jason Nartey
Dimitrios Lesai-Laios
Armani Holder

-- Madam Demetriou

Sixth Form Open Evening

On Wednesday we had our Sixth Form Open Evening. Our current Year 11's got a chance to visit the Sixth Form area, and tour all of the subjects that we offer at A-Level. There were lots of external candidates too, who were very impressed with what the school had to offer.

Thank you to our Sixth Form helpers for being so warm, friendly and approachable, and thank you to those who guided tours and helped out with subjects, we couldn't have done this without you! Pictured are our Health and Social Care subject helpers, Michael, Manahwee and Ezekiel.



Bishop Douglass Day

On the 16th we celebrated the life and values of Bishop John Douglass, who is our schools namesake. Pupils from Year 7-10 gathered in the Sports Hall for a Mass of celebration of the life and work of Bishop John Douglass, who died in 1812.

Our service was led by Fr. Kevin and given life by our liturgical team of readers, altar servers and of course, the school choir who sang three hymns. We followed the Mass with a free lunch and a lesson on the life and values of Bishop Douglass.





Announcements...

PSHRSE Theme of the Half Term: Setting Myself up for Success PSHE Focus of the Week: Anti-Bullying Week

This week is National Anti-Bullying week. Students covered what bullying means and what forms this can take. Students also learned about behaviours that are considered bullying, even if students don't actively consider it so. This includes 'banter' or failing to stand up against hurtful language, or joining in jokes aimed at others.

With the focus on Catholic Social Teaching on Bishop Douglass Day, it was a great opportunity for students to reflect on their behaviour as well as their role in being a positive and upstanding citizen.

Students are encouraged, alongside this year's Anti-Bullying Week theme, to reach out if they or anyone they know needs support from the school. Students can report to any staff member or email:

saynotobullying@bishopdouglass.barnet.sch.uk



PTA Meeting

Dear Parent/Carers,

A massive thank you to all parents/carers who attended our PTA Meeting on Tuesday. It was so nice to see so many parents/carers getting involved and contributing to Bishop Douglass community. During the meeting we have discussed the upcoming fund-raising event, PTA Christmas Movie Night for Years 7, 8 and 9 that will take place on Thursday 8th December 2022 from 3:10pm to 5pm.

We have also discussed other potential events that will take place throughout the year. After great discussions at the PTA meeting, we are considering more regular option to purchase second hand uniform. More information to follow in coming weeks.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed via ParentPay. This academic year we have received donations of £309! If you would like to contribute, please select the PTA target donation option on your Parent-Pay account.

The next PTA Meeting will take place on Tuesday 10th January 2023 @4:30pm. All welcome! The aim of the meeting will be to decide on how to allocate the funds raised so far and spring term event planning.

Kind Regards,

The PTA Team

schooladmin@bishopdouglass.barnet.sch.uk

Jack Petchey Speak Out!

On Wednesday 30th November, we will be hosting a 'Jack Petchey Speak Out! Challenge'.

The day will include a trainer working with a group of 31 of our students to develop their communication skills -- a very exciting opportunity!

Students will be in DO.6 all day with Madam Demetriou



This week...

WORD OF THE DAY



Monday

Intuitive (Adjective)

Using or based on what one feels to be true even without conscious reasoning; instinctive.

Tuesday

Panoply (Noun)

An extensive or impressive collection.

Wednesday

Illustrious (Adjective)

Well-known, respected, and admired for past achievements.

Thursday

Stoical (Adjective)

Enduring pain or hardship without showing emotions or complaining.

Friday

Lull (Verb)

Calm or send to sleep, typically with soothing sounds or movements.

HISTORICAL FIGURE OF THE WEEK

Marsha P Johnson

Life:

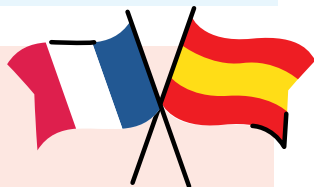
Aug 1945 – July 1992



Country of Origin:

USA

Historical significance: Johnson was one of the prominent figures in the Stonewall uprising of 1969, and a founding member of the GLF.



“Vouloir, c’est pouvoir.”

To want is to be able.

GEOGRAPHY FACT OF THE WEEK

There Are 7,100+ Islands in the Philippines.





Clubs & Societies

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Nessy's Maths Club All Years (Library Form Time)	Nessy's Maths Club All Years (Library Form Time) Basketball Years 11-13 (Sports Hall)	Nessy's Maths Club All Years (Library Form Time)	Nessy's Maths Club All Years (Library Form Time)	Mass All year (Chapel) Basketball + Fitness All year (Sports Hall)
Lunch	Year 9 Sports Hall Computing Club Years 7-9 (C1.1) Maths Club Years 7-11 1:45 - 2:05 Mental Well-Being All Years (D0.1) Logic Club Years 7-11 (E0.6) Bookclub Years 7-9 Years 10-11 B3.2 Medical Society Club- Years 7-13 S0.5	Year 7 Sports Hall Maths Club Years 7-11 1:45 - 2:05 Mental Well-Being All Years (D0.1) Spanish Cinema Club Years 7-9 (A3.1) Music Theory Club Years 7-13 (E0.6) Chemistry Olympiad Club Years 12-13 (S0.1) Science Club Years 7-9 (S0.8) Fitness Suite All Years	Year 8 Sports Hall Maths Club Years 7-11 1:45 - 2:05 Art Club Years 7-9 (T1.3) Mental Well-Being All Years (D0.1) BD Live Lounge Years 7-9 (E0.6) Cultural Exchange All Years (D0.2) Engineering Club All Years (S0.8)	Year 10 Sports Hall All Years (Sports Hall) Maths Club Years 7-11 1:45 - 2:05 Mental Well-Being All Years (D0.1) Spanish Cinema Club Years 7-9 (A3.1) K-POP Club All Years (B1.4) KS3 Ukulele Years 7-11 (E0.6) Fitness Suite All Years	Maths Club Years 7-11 1:45 - 2:05 Mental Well-Being All Years (D0.1) World Music Choir Years 7-11 (D0.1) Logic Club Years 7-11 (E0.6) F1 Club All Years (C1.1) Music Listening Club All Years (B1.3) Year 11 Sports Hall All Years (B1.3)
PM	Boys Football Years 7-8 (Sports Hall) Time Management All Years (C1.1) Debate Mate All Years (B3.3) Gardening Club All Years (Outside Sports Hall) Girls Basketball All Years (Sports Hall) Table Tennis Club All Years (Sports Hall)	Girls Football Years 7-9 (Sports Hall) Drama Years 7-9 (E0.4) Time Management All Years (C1.1)	Girls Netball Years 7-9 (Sports Hall) Cooking Club Alternating Weeks Years 7-9 (T0.1) Years 10-11 (T0.1) Time Management All Years (C1.1) Boys Football All Years (B1.3)	Boys Football Years 9-10 (Sports Hall) History Club Years 7-9 (C1.1) Time Management All Years (C1.1) Choir All Years (E0.6) Youth Club All Years Main Hall/ Dance Studio Maximising Progress Club All Years S0.1 Boys Basketball Years 9-11 16:10 - 17:00	Multi Sports Years 10-12 (Sports Hall) Boys Football Years 11+ 12 (Sports Hall) Chess Club Years 7-11 (S0.3) Forensics Club Years 9-11 (S0.3)

Club Focus

The students made Khanom Tom (Thai coconut balls) in cooking club this week. Here is a picture of the cooking club representatives in action, Lorena in 7L and Raluca in 9M, as well as Liseli in 7L.

