



Bishop Douglass Catholic School Parent Newsletter

In Pursuit of Excellence

13th December 2019

INTRODUCTION

This is the last newsletter of 2019! What a year it has been and how much we have to look forward to in 2020. Our Year 11, 12 & 13 pupils have worked hard this term attending all the extra sessions provided; the Year 7s have settled in well and it feels like they've been here forever. There is a great community spirit at Bishop Douglass which always comes to the fore when we are asked to help others—the Christmas hamper appeal response has been outstanding; thank you all for your contributions!

The mock election campaigns have been fabulous to watch. It is great to see such active engagement in the ideas being debated. Who knows, we may see some of our party leaders on TV later in their careers, having had a taste of politics at BD.

We wish you a happy, relaxing and joyous Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you all in 2020.

CAROL SERVICE

On Wednesday evening we held our annual Advent Carol Service. It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers at this year's service and, as always, to see the many fantastic performances from our students. The array of talent in the school is amazing. Thank you to those who took part and to all staff involved.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 17th December: Upper school Christmas party 7pm—10.30pm

Tuesday 17th December: Christmas dinner for pupils

Thursday 19th December: Last day of term – pupils dismissed from 12.30

Friday 3rd January: INSET day—school closed to pupils

Monday 6th January: School starts, normal time

MOCK ELECTIONS

The poster campaign was a great success and posters have appeared all around school. The competition winners both came from 8 Campion: Gwenn Bulatao with a Conservative poster and Nathanielle Manuel representing the Greens. Congratulations!



On Wednesday our budding politicians held a mock Leaders' Debate in front of an eager audience. The Leaders were keen to pick up votes in their final appearance before the elections on Thursday. They made the most of the opportunity to remind voters why they should choose their party. All managed to survive tough questioning by the audience.



The manifestos had been proudly displayed, the battle buses had wheeled out their party's claims, but on Thursday the ballot box occupied pride of place....



Election Day coverage continues later in the newsletter, including the election results.

THIS WEEK'S EPRAISE WINNERS

Year 7: Sofia Van Der Sandt (7F) (+30)

Year 8: Nathan Tsegaye (8C) Aynaz Amiri (8W) & Marcin Paszel (8W) (+40)

Year 9: Angelo Distor (9C) (+45)

Year 10: Raine Estrella (10o) (+30)

Year 11: Anastasia Vasiliev (11F) (+25)

Year 12: Dejai Davis (12A) (+50)

Year 13: Natalie Rutagamirwa (13S) (+40)

CAREEERS TALK

On Monday 9th December we hosted another careers talk, this time from a specialist IT and technology consultant. He spoke to our pupils about his business and what sort of A levels and further study you might need to flourish in the IT sector.

We had a large number of sixth form pupils who attended, asking many questions. Everyone really enjoyed the session.



WINTER WONDERLAND

On Thursday 17th December Year 11 students will be going on a reward trip to Winter Wonderland in Hyde Park to participate in ice-skating and to experience the stalls and activities available. If you are a parent of a Year 11 student, please ensure that payment for this trip is made via Parentpay as soon as possible, so as to book your child's place.



Mr Hart
Head of Year 11

WORDS OF THE WEEK

Monday- Rebuffed- Verb- Reject (someone or something) in an abrupt or ungracious manner:

- Thousands of voters deserted the party delivering a stinging **rebuff**.
- I asked her to marry me and was **rebuffed** in no uncertain terms.

Tuesday – Propagate- Verb- To spread and promote (an idea, theory, etc.) widely:

- In times past, the French **propagated** that, the English were a nation of small shopkeepers.
- The political candidate hopes to **propagate** his vision to potential voters.

Wednesday–Eradicate– Verb- To destroy completely; put an end to:

- The disease that once claimed millions of lives has now been **eradicated**.
- It is a global mission to **eradicate** hunger, and many politicians include that mission as part of their platform.

Thursday–Riven- Verb- Split or tear apart violently:

- The old tree behind our house was **riven** by lightning last night.
- The wood was **riven** with deep cracks.

THE CANTERVILLE GHOST

A group of 46 Year 7 students will be heading to the Unicorn Theatre next week to watch a production of "The Canterville Ghost" by Oscar Wilde. It promises to be a suitably spooky (and funny) performance. We hope to hear more about it next year.



CHESS COMPETITIONS

We are hoping to get two teams together for competitions taking place in January: the Team Chess Challenge Central London Qualifier on Saturday 18th January and the Junior Team Chess Challenge Mill Hill Qualifier on Thursday 16th January.

If your child is interested in chess, please encourage them to attend the chess club on Fridays after school .

Mr Carter, Chess Club Lead



WORLD HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

World Human Rights day takes place every year on the 10th of December and it fell on Tuesday this week.

The day is intended to inspire a new generation to speak up and take action to end discrimination in all of its forms, whenever and wherever it is manifested.

Human Rights Day commemorates the day in 1948 when the United Nations General Assembly embraced the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It was proclaimed that the declaration should be a "common standard of achievement for all people of all nations". The European Convention on Human Rights was adopted a few years later. The UK introduced the Human Rights Act 1998 which came into force in October 2000 making the rights and freedoms in the European directly enforceable in the UK.

*Madam Grounds
PSHE & RSE Academy Lead*

FOOTBALL TEAM NEWS

The BD girls football team took on Christ College Finchley in a cup game last week, their first game of the year. BD got off to a strong start and had a couple good chances. Unfortunately the pressure didn't result in a goal and the first half finished 0-0.

The second half saw CCF start off the better team but our defence fought valiantly, with Troja and Akelea staying strong and not letting CCF anywhere near our goal the goal which was proudly protected by Manabi. Sofia also put in plenty of hard work to help the defence during the half.

With the score still tied at the end of the game the girls went into extra time, which saw the newest member of the squad, Aida, come on to make her mark on the game.

However, the game was unable to be decided through regular and extra time so the match went to penalties. Anne, Sara and Troja all stepped up to take a penalty and all scored brilliant penalties. To win the game Manabi would have to save the last penalty, which she did with ease!

The girls erupted with joy and celebrations started as BD won the game and go through to the quarter finals, where they will play Wren Academy.



Well done to all the girls. It's not too late for others to join the team!

*Madam Green
PE Teacher*

UPPER SCHOOL XMAS PARTY

Please ensure payment is made by parentpay by **Monday 16th** at the latest and that the reply slip is returned ready for the party on Tuesday evening from 7.30-10.30pm.

Mr Hadjisavva & Madam Binz

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Christmas Dinner will be held on **Tuesday 17th December**. This is a tradition held every year at Bishop Douglass where the whole school community sits down together to have a meal and celebrate Christmas.

Students will need to buy the meal in advance using Parent Pay. The meal is £2 and there will be no other food served on the day. Students with Free School Meals do not need to pay.

BD MOCK ELECTION DAY



Year 8 voting

Polls opened at 9am on the receipt of ballot papers. Polls remained open until 4:30pm to reflect the way that real polling stations work. It was also a great educational experience for students that the school contained a polling station.

Students took great delight in posting their ballots into the ballot box, and eagerly asked each other who they had voted for – some choosing to exercise their right to their secret ballot.

As with the real election, our party leaders took full advantage of their photo opportunity when submitting their ballots, and many volunteers took part in encouraging voter turnout. School turnout was 68% which was higher than the national average – a particular well done to Year 9 whose turnout was a huge 81%.

With the close of the polls, volunteers appeared in their number to count and recount the votes.

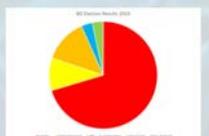


Votes being counted

The results of the Bishop Douglass Election 2019 were as follows: **Labour** wins with 63% of the vote. Labour won 21 of the contested 33 seats.

The commitment to the campaign has been fantastic, with members of all years becoming involved. Thank you to all our participants: party leaders, voters, helpers and organisers.

*Madam Lewinton
Teacher of Politics*



EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS/ACTIVITIES AND STUDY SUPPORT

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School 8.00-8.45am	Homework Support A1.1 8am Handwriting Club Library 8.45am Independent Study Library Maths Club Library 8.50-9.10 Sage Club 8.30am DO.6 Breakfast Club Hall – free breakfast before 8.20am Laud’s morning prayer 8:25am Chapel	Homework Support A1.1 8am Handwriting Club Library 8.45am Independent Study Library Maths Club Library 8.50-9.10 Breakfast Club Hall – free breakfast before 8.20am	Homework Support A1.1 8am Handwriting Club Library 8.45am Independent Study —Library Maths Club Library 8.50—9.10 Breakfast Club Hall – free breakfast before 8.20am	Homework Support A1.1 8am Social skills Y7 A1.2 8.45am Independent Study —Library Maths Club Library 8.50—9.10 Breakfast Club Hall – free breakfast before 8.20am	Homework Support A1.1 8am Social Skills Y8 SO.5 8.45am Independent Study —Library Maths Club Library 8.50—9.10 Breakfast Club Hall – free breakfast before 8.20am
Lunchtime 1.30-2pm	Homework Support A1.1 Maths Club A1.2 KS4 Art Club T1.2 Fitness Club Gym Raising & Giving Committee DO.6 Indoor Football Club Y7 Sports Hall Drum Club EO.6	Homework Support A1.1 Maths Club A1.2 KS4 Art Club T1.2 Science Club SO.6 Geography Society B1.5 Fitness Club Gym Spanish Cine Club A3.1 Moment for Jesus Chapel School Choir EO.6	Homework Support A1.1 Maths Club A1.2 KS3 Art Club T1.2 Fitness Club Gym Bible Club DO.6 Basketball Club Basketball courts Geography Club B1.5 Guitar Club EO.3	Homework Support A1.1 Maths Club A1.2 Fitness Club Gym Basketball Club Basketball courts Spanish Cine Club A3.1 Moment for Jesus Chapel Model UN B1.4 Song in Lunchtime EO.6	Homework Support A1.1 Bachata dance club A3.1 Fitness Club Gym Basketball Club Basketball courts
After School 3.10-6pm	Homework Support A1.1 (until 4:10) Evening Study Library *Hot meal served at 5.45pm Drama Club Drama Studio (until 4.30) KS3 Boys Football Sports Field	Homework Support A1.1 (until 4:10) Evening Study Library *Hot meal served at 5.45pm Drama Club Drama Studio (until 4.30) Debate mate Y7-10 C3.1 (until 4.20) Sixth Form sports 2.10-4.30pm	Homework Support A1.1 (until 4:10) Evening Study Library *Hot meal served at 5.45pm KS3 Film Club C3.1 3.15-4.20pm Football Basketball Fitness	Homework Support A1.1 (until 4:10) Evening Study Library *Hot meal served at 5.45pm Dance Club Dance Studio (until 4.30pm) Cricket Club Sports Hall (until 4.10) Basketball fixtures Girls Football KS3 Football fields	Homework Support A1.1 (until 4.10) Chess Club —SO.1 (until 4.30)