



Bishop Douglass Catholic School Parent Newsletter

In Pursuit of Excellence

17th January 2020

INTRODUCTION

As the weather turns colder, it's good to remember that there are a number of different clubs open to students during lunchtime and after school, and the library is always warm and welcoming to those wishing to take some quiet time to read.

Please also remind your children that Evening Study is open from 3.10pm to 6pm Monday to Thursday, with a hot meal provided at 5:40pm. Pupils do not have to attend every day and they can leave at any time, with your prior knowledge. Members of staff are there to support pupils with the completion of their work. Year 11 and 6th Form also have their own areas with support available.

We hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

WINTER WONDERLAND

In the last week of last term, Year 11 students were taken on a reward trip to Winter Wonderland in Hyde Park. The ice-skating was subsidised by the school and a large number made use of this and enjoyed their time on the ice. Below are some of the photos of the event.

Mr Hart, Head of Year 11



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 5th February: 6th Form Parents' Evening from 4.30pm

Friday 7th February: NSPCC Number Day

Monday 17th February—Sunday 23rd February: Half term holidays

Tuesday 3rd March: PTA meeting starting 5.30pm.

PTA MEETING

Dear Parent/Carers,

First of all a massive thank you to all parents/carers who attended our last PTA meeting. We have discussed the improvement ideas for our events. The next event that we are going to focus on is the Summer Fair 2020, and we would like to see more students and their families involved in both, organising and attending.

The next PTA meeting is taking place on **Tuesday, the 3rd of March 2020 at 5:30pm**. It is never too late to get involved. If you have ideas or want to help out, please come along.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed via ParentPay. We have received donations of £1,130! If you would like to contribute, please select the PTA target donation option on your ParentPay account.

Kind Regards,

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BD PTA Coordinator

THIS WEEK'S EPRAISE WINNERS

Year 7: Elisio Brahilika (7W) (+60)

Year 8: Clayton Roberts (8F) (+50)

Year 9: Tashana McKenzie Moore-Dingwall (9F) (+30)

Year 10: Raine Estrella (10O) (+60)

Year 11: Aaron Opoku-Afena (11M), Molly Palmer (11O), Martine Loua (11O), Kyro Taylor Guthrie (11F) & Matina Pampoukou (11O) (+15)

Year 12: Mariam Njie (12W) and Jorga Harris-Noonan (12C) (+15)

DANCE CLUB

Dance club is looking for participants. Please see the flyer for details. There is an exciting opportunity to perform solos and group pieces in a show this year.

Madam
McCrone
Dance Club
Leader



JUNIOR TEAM CHESS CHALLENGE

The Junior Team Chess Challenge is an event for pupils in Years 7 and 8 and this year is the 5th year it has been running. Bishop Douglass took 8 pupils for the regional qualifier at Mill Hill County High School on Thursday this week. The pupils played in teams of 4, and they played 4 games of fast chess with chess clocks against pupils from 4 other schools. In each game they only had 10 minutes to make all their moves.

Our pupils managed to win 2 games against pupils from other schools and in the final round 2 boards produced games where players from our A team played players from our B team. We finished 6th and 7th in the competition. Our pupils have now had the experience of playing chess against other schools and can only learn from this experience. We hope to attend such events in the future.

Mr Carter, Chess Club Leader

WORDS OF THE WEEK

Monday- Unequivocal- (Adjective) - Leaving no doubt; unambiguous:

- Since we raised over a million dollars for our charity, we considered the fundraiser to be an **unequivocal** success.
- The laboratory experiment must be repeated because the results are not **unequivocal**.

Tuesday- Articulate- (Adjective) - Having or showing the ability to speak fluently and coherently; (Verb) form a joint:

- When I get nervous, it is very hard for me to **articulate** my thoughts.
- Even though English was not Maria's native language, she was still able to **articulate** her statement to the court in that language.

Wednesday- Eclectic- (Adjective) - Deriving ideas, style, or taste from a broad and diverse range of sources:

- Universities offer an **eclectic** mix of courses.
- The restaurant's menu was **eclectic** and included foods from a number of ethnic groups and cultures.

Thursday- Cumbersome- (Adjective) - Large or heavy and therefore difficult to carry or use; unwieldy; difficult to manage:

- The large lockers were **cumbersome** and heavy to carry.
- The science experiment apparatuses were far too **cumbersome** to be used regularly.

Friday- Anathema- (Noun) - Something or someone that one strongly dislikes; someone who is cursed or shunned:

- As an animal-lover, Marshall views any type of animal control as an **anathema**.
- My daughter hates the taste of broccoli, she considers it to be an **anathema**.

CONTACTING SCHOOL

If you need to contact the school by email please use the school email address —

schooladmin@bishopdouglass.barnet.sch.uk, as this is monitored regularly. Thank you for your assistance.

YEAR 7 HISTORY LESSONS

Never a dull moment in KS3 History! This week, year 7's have been learning about the contenders for the English throne in 1066, Harold Godwinson of Wessex, William of Normandy and Harald Hardrada, King of Norway. The claimants had to present rousing speeches about why 'they' deserve to be King, and their opponents inform their audiences why they were in fact NOT worthy! Year 7 then created campaign slogans for their chosen claimant in a bid to convince the rest. We will find out next lesson, who was victorious...

Year 8's have also been discovering new topics – in this instance, about protesters against increasing industrialisation during the Industrial Revolution. Here we can see our valiant Luddites campaigning dressed up as their fictional leader's wife. Who said there wasn't whimsy in the olden days, eh?! We also had 'Robert Owen' in the hot seat to explain the improvements he made to his factories, and the real reasons behind it. Happy workers, harder work! That motto could certainly be true in the Humanities department, which is why we make sure to include varied and interesting methods of learning within lessons.

Madam Lewinton, History Teacher



DANCE CLUB

Lyrical

Commercial

Musical Theatre

Salsa

Street

Contemporary




Every Thursday

3:10-4:30pm

All years welcome

Meet in E05

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 – <i>free breakfast before 8.20am</i> 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 – <i>free breakfast before 8.20am</i>	Homework Support A1.1 8am Handwriting Club Library 8.45am Independent Study —Library Maths Club Library 8.50—9.10 Breakfast Club Hall – <i>free breakfast before 8.20am</i>	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 – <i>free breakfast before 8.20am</i>	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 – <i>free breakfast before 8.20am</i>
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 Boys Basketball training (Y7, 8 & 9) Basketball Court	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 KS3 Boys Basketball Training	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—KS3 Girls Basketball Fitness Trampoline	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) Fixture: Y9 Basketball v Ashmole @ Ashmole Ms Green	Homework Support A1.1 (until 4.10) Chess Club —SO.1 (until 4.30) Fixture: Y11 Football v 6th Form @ BD Mr O’Brien, Mr Hart, & Mr Hadjisava