



Bishop Douglass Catholic School Parent Newsletter

In Pursuit of Excellence

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INTRODUCTION

Progress assessments and mock exams will be taking place in December and all parents have been sent an email this week with a copy of a letter with revision topics and a timetable (if relevant). Please encourage your child to revise for these assessments.

Thank you for your support with our various collections for the Christmas hampers and the Winter Fair. There is still time to add to these. Please give generously.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend.

HISTORY GAMES

Last week students across Year 8 have been playing games in their history lessons. The great thing about these games is that they have been designed and made by the students themselves to explain the topic they have been learning about: 'The Scramble for Africa'. This was a period in the late 19th century when European countries raced each other for control of land throughout the African continent, often with the aim of exploiting the new territory's resources. These pictures show 8 Campion enjoying the varied and wonderful games prepared by students.

Prizes will follow shortly.

Mr Harris
Head of History



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday 29th November from 3pm: Winter Fair. School closing early at 12.30pm

Monday 2nd December: INSET day—school closed to pupils

Tuesday 3rd December: KS4/5 Mock exams start

Thursday 5th December: Senior Citizens' Christmas party

Week commencing 9th December: Whole school assessments

Wednesday 11th December: Carol Service 6pm

Tuesday 17th December: Christmas dinner for pupils

Thursday 19th December: Last day of term

WINTER FAIR

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Winter Fair on Friday 29th November! Please note the early closure of school to prepare.

"A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE"

Our Year 12 English Literature students have been studying that seminal American play "A Streetcar Named Desire" for the past term. And on Monday 18th November we headed for the National Theatre Archive in Waterloo where we were able to watch a 2014 pivotal performance of the play starring Gillian Anderson in the role of Blanche Du Bois.

It was a long and intense performance – 3 hours in total! The purpose of the visit was really to interrogate the production and evaluate how well Williams' work had been interpreted. Students were all agreed on one thing: that Gillian Anderson was mesmerising in the role of Williams' broken tragic heroine. One student, Alexandros Esthathios, commented that "this production was all about Blanche and not about Stanley Kowalski (the play's brutish antagonist). It definitely had a 21st century feminist edge".

Madam Prina
Head of English & English
Academy Lead



THIS WEEK'S EPRAISE WINNERS

Year 7: Lucja Dzialek (7W) (+45)

Year 8: Arda Caner (8M) (+55)

Year 9: Amelia Michalewicz (9F) (+30)

Year 10: Kaira Caner (10F) (+70)

Year 11: Derrick Chukwura (11M) & Roshein Mahamalage 11M (11M) (+20)

Year 12: Dejai Davis (12A) and Michael Imomoh (12A) (+15)

Year 13: Jeamar Rose (13L) & Zariel Lee (13O)

"BD VIBES" PERFORMANCE

On Wednesday the 20th November, the year 13 BTEC performance students gave a lunchtime concert in the drama studio. The group played a selection of three songs: Billie Jean, Careless Whisper, and Bring it Back. The students have been rehearsing over the last several weeks as part of their BTEC performance module. The ensemble was well-rehearsed and it earned them thunderous applause! Well-deserved and well done BD Vibes!

Mr Reed, Head of Music



WORDS OF THE WEEK

Monday– Bewildered- Adjective- Perplexed and confused; very puzzled:

- Jack saw the **bewildered** look on my face.
- Whenever the puppy looked in the mirror, he was **bewildered** by his reflection and kept barking at the other dog.

Tuesday – Camouflage – Verb- Hide or disguise the presence of a person, animal, or object (by means of camouflage):

- As a defensive measure, some lizards can **camouflage** by changing colours to blend into their environments.
- Many of the shirts are **camouflaged** to allow fishermen to get closer to fish that are normally easily frightened.

Wednesday– Mollify– Verb- Appease the anger or anxiety of (someone):

- Perhaps a warm glass of milk will **mollify** my upset stomach.
- She managed to **mollify** the angry customer.

Thursday– Infatuation- Noun- An intense but short-lived passion or admiration for someone or something:

- I had a brief **infatuation** with painting a few years back, but I got over it in a few weeks.
- The woman was so **infatuated** with the basketball player that she never missed a game.

Friday– Avarice – Noun- Extreme greed for wealth or material gain:

- With **avarice**, you could have everything in the world and it all still would not be enough.
- Her only motivation for suing the wealthy businessman is pure **avarice**.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

This is a reminder that we have asked all students to contribute at least **one item** to their Form group to make up a Christmas Hamper.

All donations need to be in by **Thursday 12th December** so that they can be distributed in time for Christmas.

We thank you in advance for your support as always.

God bless, *The RE Department*

SWEET COMPETITION

Year 10 All Saints recently ran a "How Many Sweets in the Jar" competition in order to raise funds for the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party.

I am delighted to inform you all that **Jacoby Tumba (70)** has won the competition.

The official count was carried out on Thursday morning which found that there were 526 sweets in total. This led to a 4-way tie of students who had guessed 525. The final winner was picked at random by Mr Hadjisavva.

Mr J Reed

Head of Music & Form Tutor for 10A



Jacoby with his winnings

CATHOLIC LIFE

November is the month where we remember those who have passed. This week in RE pupils have been attending remembrance services in the Chapel with Father Kevin.

The RE Department



BD PTA WINTER FAIR

The first BD PTA Winter Fair will be held on **Friday 29th November 2019 from 3pm to 5pm**. Please donate anything you can for prizes, however small. Suitable items would include chocolates, toiletries, scented candles, cakes, bottles, hampers, vouchers for the raffle etc. Please bring in donations to school along with a note of your name so we know who to thank. Alternatively, if you work for a company that would be interested in sponsoring us or donating a prize for the event please let us know. Please have your child bring any donations into school by **Wednesday 20th of November** so that we can advertise them and prepare for the event.

Please put the date in your calendar and join us taking part in the festive spirit. Many thanks in advance for your generosity and support.

Ms Wejknis, PTA Co-ordinator

PUPIL POLITICS

Our pupils are being encouraged to take an interest in current political events lead by Madam Lewinton, who teaches Politics at A Level in BD. Form Tutors have been provided with information about constituencies of interest—these constituencies either have a well-known politician as MP or are those which are marginal seats. Summaries have been provided of each party's position on various issues. Over the coming weeks, it is hoped that this information will generate discussions and debates in form time about the issues raised and how each party proposes to 'fix' these problems.

In addition, a number of Year 12 students have volunteered to represent each party and have held hustings to discuss issues raised and their party's election promises/manifestos.

It is hoped that these activities will generate interest and engagement in UK politics and the process of elections.

We look forward to hearing more over the next few weeks from our budding politicians in Year 12, as their campaigns count down to election day.



WORLDWIDE ANTI-BIOTIC AWARENESS WEEK

Taking ANTIBIOTICS when you don't need them puts you and your family at risk

Keep  Working



Antibiotics are used to treat bacterial infections such as meningitis, tuberculosis and pneumonia. They do not work on viruses, so antibiotics cannot treat infections such as colds and flu. Bacteria are continually adapting to develop new ways of withstanding antibiotic treatment. This is called antibiotic resistance and is one of the biggest threats facing us today.

Antibiotic resistance can then spread between different bacteria in our bodies. Antibiotic resistant bacteria can be carried by healthy or ill people and can spread to others. Overuse and misuse of antibiotics is a major factor that causes antibiotic resistance. The more often a person takes antibiotics, the more likely they are to develop antibiotic resistant bacteria in the body. To reduce this risk, it is important that antibiotics are taken only when necessary and that patients follow advice given by the doctor, nurse or pharmacist.

There are simple actions you can take to help keep antibiotics working:

- Don't ask for antibiotics if you have a cough or cold. Antibiotics should only be taken for bacterial infections. Many infections get better on their own, without the need for antibiotics. Go to your pharmacist for advice first and they may be able to help with your symptoms.
- If the doctor does prescribe you with antibiotics, take them exactly as prescribed; never save them for later and never share them with others.
- Spread the word. Tell your friends and family about antibiotic resistance.

You can also help prevent infections spreading by:

- Using tissues and disposing of them when you sneeze.
- Washing hands thoroughly with soap, especially after you have used a tissue or sneezed into your hand.
- Get the flu vaccine if you or your child are eligible.



You can find out more and choose a pledge about how you can protect yourself, your family and friends against the spread of antibiotic resistance on the Antibiotic Guardian website (<http://antibioticguardian.com/>).

There are several fun educational activities linked to the national curricula to educate children on microbes, infections and antibiotics on the e-Bug website (www.e-bug.eu).



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)