



# Bishop Douglass Catholic School Parent Newsletter

*In Pursuit of Excellence*

24th January 2020

## INTRODUCTION

The club timetable has changed a little for this term and is attached. We also put on the same page any sporting fixtures taking place in the following week where we are notified of them, so please do look out for these.

Interventions after school and at the weekend continue as we edge closer to the exam season. Please encourage your child to attend punctually to all sessions offered.

Please note that we send a number of letters home by email so if you have not been receiving correspondence, please ensure that we have your correct contact details.

Have a relaxing weekend.

## COUNCILLOR'S VISIT

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January, Bishop Douglass played host to one of East Finchley's local councillors, Arjun Mittra. A selection of students from years 7 to 12 were chosen to attend.

Mr. Mittra spent time describing his job role as a local councillor and explained how it differs from being an MP (thanks to December's General Election, many of our students are confident with what this is!). Mr. Mittra then fielded a number of questions from the audience regarding the process of local council, his motivations and political affiliations, and comments, concerns and questions regarding East Finchley as a local area.

The students were polite and engaged, asked interesting and at times poignant questions regarding local and more national issues – for example, youth services and knife crime – and gained some keen insight into the daily life of a local councillor. Many students have since expressed a greater interest in becoming engaged with local politics and many have taken up Councillor Mittra's offer to email him with further requests. One of these relates to the 611 bus, so watch this space.

Those interested in becoming more engaged in local politics – which should be encouraged for all ages – and who are residents in East Finchley can email:

[cllr.a.mittra@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.a.mittra@barnet.gov.uk).

Thanks to Mr. Mittra for giving up his time and providing our students with such an interesting and insightful look into the inner workings of local politics.

Madam Lewinton  
Teacher of Politics



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

**Friday 7th February:** NSPCC Number Day

**Fiesta Latina Thursday 13th February:** from 4.30-7pm

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

**Tuesday 3rd March:** PTA meeting starting 5.30pm.

**World Book Day:** Thursday 5th March

## CHILD SAFETY

We have been notified by the school policing team that there has been an allegation of a child being approached on the way to school in the Colindale/West Hendon area this week. This incident is currently being investigated by the police. The police have asked us to remind all pupils and parents about the importance of children using visible routes and walking with other pupils. Please remind your child accordingly.

## FIESTA LATINA 2020

Last year saw a successful debut for this event, so we have decided to hold it again this year. The party will take place on **Thursday 13th February from 4.30-7.00pm**. Tickets cost £2 and are available from Madam Venables. As with last year there will be dance, food, music, and performances. Money raised will be donated to the Latin American Disabled People Project in south London. The dress code is **RED**. Students in years 9-11 and those studying Spanish have priority for tickets but all are welcome. *Madam Venables, Spanish Teacher*



### THIS WEEK'S EPRAISE WINNERS

**Year 7:** Adam Kent (7F) (+45)

**Year 8:** Aynaz Amiri (8W) (+40)

**Year 9:** Zion Okai-Mensah (9F) (+35)

**Year 10:** Raine Estrella (10O) (+50)

**Year 11:** Kerome Skervin (11M) (+15)

**Year 12:** Siavash Lotfi (12F) (+5)

**Year 13:** Benyamin Dehghani (13S) & Ruvarashe Benza (13L) (+5)

### VACCINATIONS FOR YEAR 9 STUDENTS

Booster vaccinations for DTP (diphtheria, tetanus and polio) and meningitis for all year 9 students will be taking place this year in school on **Tuesday 10th March** from 9.30am. They will be administered by the school immunisation nursing team. All Year 9 parents have been sent the consent forms and these should be returned whether or not you wish to have your child receive the vaccinations. There is a place on the form for you to complete if your child has already received the vaccinations or if you do not consent for other reasons.

Please have your child go to Student Services for a form if you have not yet received one.

*Student Services*

### HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

Monday 27th January is Holocaust Memorial Day, and this year marks the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp. This is a significant milestone and is made particularly poignant by the dwindling number of survivors who are able to share their testimony. It also marks the 25th anniversary of the genocide in Bosnia.

The theme for this year's day of remembrance is "Stand Together". It explores how genocidal regimes throughout history have deliberately fractured societies by marginalising certain groups, and how these tactics can be challenged by individuals standing together with their neighbours, and speaking out against oppression. In BD, there will be a special service at 1.50pm in the chapel on Monday to mark this day.

### WORDS OF THE WEEK

**Monday- Reprive**- (Verb) - Cancel or postpone the punishment of (someone, especially someone condemned to death):

- Due to a legal review, the criminal was granted a **reprive** on his sentence.
- To everyone's surprise, the convict received a **reprive** from the governor of his state.

**Tuesday- Consolidate**- (Verb) - Make (something) physically stronger or more solid; combine (a number of things) into a single more effective or coherent whole:

- The publishing company has decided to **consolidate** all of the author's poems in one large book.
- The first phase of the project is to **consolidate** the outside walls.

**Wednesday- Immutable**- (Adjective) - Unchanging over time or unable to be changed:

- As we can vote for change in our country, there are no laws that are **immutable**.
- Your DNA is an **immutable** part of you that cannot be altered by anyone.

**Thursday- Disingenuous**- (Adjective) - Not candid or sincere, typically by pretending that one knows less about something than one really does:

- Although the politician promised to be open and honest during the election, he later became **disingenuous** and hid important facts from the voters.
- The detective was a **disingenuous** man who often played dumb to trick others into confessing.

**Friday- Regress**- (Verb) - To return to a former or less developed state:

- While Jack seemed to be recovering after his surgery last week, he started to **regress** today and is now bedridden.
- After eating healthy for the past few weeks, we do not want to **regress** to our old habit of eating fast food every day.

### SPIRITUALITY MATTERS

As you know, this year is the Year of the Word where we celebrate Jerome's translation of the Bible into Latin. Could you please remind your child of the RE clubs we run, including **Bible club** which takes place on Wednesday lunch time in D02 and **Moment for Jesus** Tuesday and Thursday at 13:50 in the Chapel.

God Bless  
*RE Department*

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS/ACTIVITIES AND STUDY SUPPORT

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Before School</b> <b>8.00-8.45am</b>	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 8am <b>Handwriting Club</b> Library 8.45am <b>Independent Study</b> Library <b>Maths Club</b> Library 8.50-9.10 <b>Sage Club</b> 8.30am DO.6 <b>Breakfast Club</b> Hall – free breakfast before 8.20am <b>Laud’s morning prayer</b> 8:25am Chapel <b>Sports Breakfast Club</b> —7.15 - 8am	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 8am <b>Handwriting Club</b> Library 8.45am <b>Independent Study</b> Library <b>Maths Club</b> Library 8.50-9.10 <b>Breakfast Club</b> Hall – free breakfast before 8.20am <b>Sports Breakfast Club</b> —7.15 - 8am	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 8am <b>Handwriting Club</b> Library 8.45am <b>Independent Study</b> —Library <b>Maths Club</b> Library 8.50—9.10 <b>Breakfast Club</b> Hall – free breakfast before 8.20am <b>Sports Breakfast club</b> —7.15 —8am	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 8am <b>Social skills Y7</b> A1.2 8.45am-9.10 <b>Independent Study</b> —Library <b>Maths Club</b> Library 8.50—9.10 <b>Breakfast Club</b> Hall – free breakfast before 8.20am	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 8am <b>Social Skills Y8</b> SO.5 8.45am <b>Independent Study</b> —Library <b>Maths Club</b> Library 8.50—9.10 <b>Breakfast Club</b> Hall – free breakfast before 8.20am <b>Sports Breakfast club</b> —7.15 —8am
<b>Lunchtime</b> <b>1.30-2pm</b>	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 <b>Maths Club</b> A1.2 <b>KS4 Art Club</b> T1.2 <b>Fitness Club</b> Gym	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 <b>Maths Club</b> A1.2 <b>KS4 Art Club</b> T1.2 <b>Science Club</b> SO.6 <b>Geography Society</b> B1.4 <b>Fitness Club</b> Gym <b>Spanish Cine Club</b> A3.1 <b>Moment for Jesus</b> Chapel <b>Basketball</b>	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 <b>KS3 Art Club</b> T1.2 <b>Science Club Y7:</b> SO3 <b>Fitness Club</b> Gym <b>Bible Club</b> DO.6 <b>Basketball Club</b> Basketball courts <b>Geography Club</b> B1.5	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 <b>Spanish Cine Club</b> A3.1 <b>Geography Club</b> B15 <b>Fitness Club</b> Gym <b>Basketball Club</b> Basketball courts <b>Model</b> UN B14 <b>Moment for Jesus</b> Chapel	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 <b>Fitness Club</b> Gym <b>Basketball Club</b> Basketball courts
<b>After School</b> <b>3.10-6pm</b>	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 (until 4:10) <b>Evening Study</b> Library *Hot meal served at 5.45pm <b>Drama Club</b> Drama Studio (until 4.30) <b>KS3 Boys Boys Basketball training (Y7, 8 &amp; 9)</b> Basketball Court	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 (until 4:10) <b>Evening Study</b> Library *Hot meal served at 5.45pm <b>Drama Club</b> Drama Studio (until 4.30) <b>Sixth Form sports</b> 2.10-4.30pm <b>KS3 Boys Basketball Training</b>	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 (until 4:10) <b>Evening Study</b> Library *Hot meal served at 5.45pm <b>Football</b> <b>Netball</b> <b>Fitness</b> <b>Fixture:</b> Y8 Boys Basketball v Ashmole @ Ashmole Mr O'Brien	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 (until 4:10) <b>Evening Study</b> Library *Hot meal served at 5.45pm <b>Dance Club</b> Dance Studio ( until 4.30pm) <b>Cricket Club</b> Sports Hall (until 4.10)	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 (until 4.10) <b>Chess Club</b> —SO.1 (until 4.30)