



Bishop Douglass Catholic School Parent Newsletter

In Pursuit of Excellence

6th December 2019

INTRODUCTION

The Year 11, 12 and 13 mock exams have been progressing well this week and continue next week. Whole school assessments for the other year groups will start next week, taking place in the classrooms.

Thank you to all who helped fund-raise and support the Senior Citizens' Christmas party which took place on Thursday evening. All participants praised our Sixth Form and Year 10 helpers saying that they thoroughly enjoyed the event.

We are very much looking forward to the Carol Service next week and hope that as many parents as possible can attend.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

WINTER FAIR

Our first ever Winter Fair took place last week. There was a wonderful array of stalls on offer and parents and pupils seemed to have a great time.

Thank you to everyone who supported the fair. Special thanks to the pupils and staff who helped prepare and man the stalls and of course to Gus, our wonderful caretaker, for the fantastic decorations in the hall.

Over £500 was raised which will be added to our mini-bus fund. Well done everyone!

Madam Wejknis, BD PTA Co-ordinator

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 11th December: Carol Service 6pm

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



THIS WEEK'S EPRAISE WINNERS

Year 7: Lucja Dzialek (7W) (+50)

Year 8: Dimitrios Lesai-Laois (8O) (+45)

Year 9: Zion Okai-Mensah (9F) (+30)

Year 10: Kaira Caner (10F) (+45)

Year 11: Derrick Chukwura (11M) (+25)

Year 12: Delane Brandy (12A) (+55)

Year 13: Gideon Larn (12F) and Michelle Praise (12F) (+10)

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

This is the final call for items for the Christmas Hamper collection. Please pass any donations to your Form Tutors by **Thursday 12th December** so that they can be distributed in time for Christmas.

We thank you in advance for your support.

God bless, *The RE Department*

SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Senior Citizens' Christmas party was held on Thursday and was deemed a great success by all who attended.

As in past years, Year 10 students were responsible for raising money for the party. They also joined in with the attendees and 6th formers, helping to serve food and drinks and making sure all felt involved.

Thank you to all organisers, Form Tutors, staff and students for your help with fund-raising, preparation and support during the event.



WORDS OF THE WEEK

Monday- Heirloom- Noun- A valuable object that has belonged to a family for several generations:

- She treasured the brooch because it was an **heirloom**.
- The violin was a family **heirloom**.

Tuesday –Punitive– Adjective- Inflicting or intended as punishment:

- The government is expected to take **punitive** steps against offenders.
- The purpose of the **punitive** lawsuit's community service ruling is to forever remind the drunk driver of the cost of his actions.

Wednesday–Unprecedented– Adjective- Previously never experienced or seen:

- Jane took an **unprecedented** step in history when she became the first female firefighter in our town.
- Before the storm, there was an **unprecedented** demand for food supplies that left many stores empty.

Thursday–Posthumous- Adjective- Occurring, awarded, or appearing after the death of the originator:

- The author received several impressive awards for her body of work; unfortunately, they were all **posthumous**.
- For most high achievers, fame and fortune during their lifetime is highly preferable to **posthumous** recognition.

Friday–Juxtaposed– Verb- The fact of two things being seen or placed close together with contrasting effect:

- Even the art critic was shocked by the **juxtaposition** of the two art styles in one portrait.
- It is interesting to **juxtapose** the lifestyle of today's teenage generation with their grandparents' generation.

CHESS COMPETITIONS

We recently took six players to a National Secondary School Chess Championship Afternoon Qualifier event hosted by Hereward House School. There were 3 teams of 6 in an "all play all" event. Our players gave their much more experienced competitors close games over 3 rounds and in some games we got chances to win. More importantly, all our students enjoyed the experience and are looking forward to further opportunities to represent the school at chess.

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 with a view to perhaps taking part in these competitions.

Mr Carter, Chess Club Lead

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)