

# Bishop Douglass Catholic School Parent Newsletter

*In Pursuit of Excellence*

7th February 2020

## INTRODUCTION

We are delighted to let you know that it has recently been confirmed that Bishop Douglass is **7th in the country** and the **top school in Barnet** for progress made by our students. Many congratulations to all our hard-working students and staff, and to our parents and governors for all the support they have provided.

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended this week's Sixth Form parents' evening. We trust the meetings with teachers have given students the impetus needed for the push towards their upcoming exams.

We hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

## UNIVERSITY VISIT

Always trying to glean out cultural capital opportunities, the English department took all A-Level students to London's University of Westminster for two seminar sessions on their set novels.

The first session entitled "Disorientation in Wuthering Heights" was by far the most popular and urged students to consider how claustrophobic this seminal novel can feel. The second session explored the avant garde modernist novel "Mrs Dalloway" and encouraged students to examine narrative voices and innovations within this novel. Some invaluable ideas were given which students will undoubtedly incorporate into summer exams!

The students quizzed the professors, asking thought-provoking questions and everyone agreed that much was gained from the afternoon!

*Ms Prina, Head of English and English Academy Lead*



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday 11th February:** Non-uniform day—£1 donation

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

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

**Wednesday 26th February:** Ash Wednesday

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

**Thursday 5th March:** Community Languages Evening; World Book Day

**Week commencing 9th March:** Science Week

**Wednesday 25th March:** Year 10 Parents' Evening

**Friday 3rd April:** Last day of term

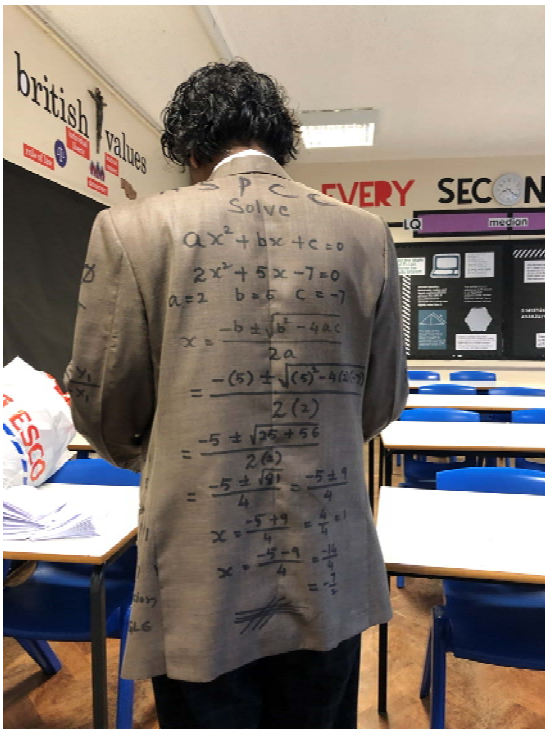


There are still some tickets available for la Fiesta Latina on Thursday 13th February (from 4.30pm). Tickets cost £2 and are available from Ms Venables. The dress code is red.



Today we were raising funds for NSPCC and promoting all things mathematical during Number Day. A full report will follow in the next newsletter, but thank you to all who supported the event by taking part in quizzes, guessing the number of sweets and making purchases to support the charity.

*Ms Kalam, Maths Teacher*

**THIS WEEK'S EPRAISE WINNERS****Year 7:** Esah Ahmed (7W) (+40)**Year 8:** Dimitrios Lesai-Laios (8M) (+40)**Year 9:** Adam Mohammed (9O) (+35)**Year 10:** Raine Kyle Estrella (10O) (+140)**Year 11:** Dejean Francis (11F) (+65)**Year 12:** Amber Rayner (12W) & Petra Papp (12F) (+35)**Year 13:** Gideon Larn (12F) (+10)*The Head of Maths, Mr Chaganti with his Number Day display.***OLYMPIC ATHLETES' VISIT**

On Tuesday 11th February two Olympic athletes will be visiting our school. It will be a non-uniform day with pupils encouraged to wear sports clothes and bring in a £1 donation which will go towards the athletes preparation for the next Olympic games. **Pupils are still expected to bring in their books, journals and homework.**

The athletes visiting are:

**Reuben Arthur:**

Commonwealth Gold medalist 4x100m

**Jordan Smallin:** Team GB

Bobsleigh member and previously a 400m hurdler.

**WORDS OF THE WEEK**

**Monday- Arduous-** (Adjective) - Involving or requiring strenuous effort; difficult and tiring:

- Playing the piano may seem **arduous** at first, but it gets easier with practice.
- Walking 3 miles is easy, but running 3 miles without stopping is an **arduous** feat.

**Tuesday- Bereft-** (Adjective) - Deprived of or lacking (something); (of a person) sad and lonely, especially through someone's death or departure:

- The **bereft** parents felt hopeless when they learned of their daughter's death.
- Since all the curtains were closed, the living room was **bereft** of sunlight.

**Wednesday-Porous-** (Adjective) - (of a rock or other material) having small gaps through which liquid or air may pass; not retentive or secure:

- The shell has to be slightly **porous** to enable oxygen to pass in.
- Some rocks are more **porous** than others.

**Thursday- Translucent-** (Adjective) - (of a substance) allowing light, but not detailed shapes, to pass through; semi-transparent:

- Blue veins showed through her **translucent** skin.
- He could barely make out a shape moving behind the **translucent** glass.

**Friday- Audacious-** (Adjective) - Showing a willingness to take surprisingly bold risks; showing an impudent lack of respect:

- Jack was an **audacious** chess opponent who won nearly every match because of his bold moves;
- Although Anne is an **audacious** athlete, she does not participate in any dangerous sports.

**LOST PROPERTY**

We currently have a large number of very nice winter coats in Student Services which have not been claimed by any student.

All unclaimed property will be packed up and given to charity over the half term, so please send your child to check for any lost property before this.

*Student Services*

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS/ACTIVITIES AND STUDY SUPPORT

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Before School</b> 8.00-8.45am	<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 – <i>free breakfast before 8.20am</i> <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>Sage Club</b> 8.30am DO.6 <b>Breakfast Club</b> Hall – <i>free breakfast before 8.20am</i> <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 – <i>free breakfast before 8.20am</i> <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 – <i>free breakfast before 8.20am</i>	<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 – <i>free breakfast before 8.20am</i> <b>Sports Breakfast club</b> —7.15 —8am
<b>Lunchtime</b> 1.30-2pm	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 <b>Fitness Club</b> Gym	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 <b>Maths Club</b> A1.2 <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>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> 3.10-6pm	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 (until 4:10) <b>Evening Study Library</b> *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 Library</b> *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>Fixture:</b> Y9 Basketball v JCoss @ BD (Mr Navarro) <b>Fixture:</b> Y10 Basketball v East Barnet @ EBS (Mr Asaro) <b>Fixture:</b> Y8 Football v CCF @ CCF (Mr Hart)	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 (until 4:10) <b>Evening Study Library</b> *Hot meal served at 5.45pm <b>Football Netball Fitness</b> <b>Fixture:</b> Y9 Football v Whitefield @ BD (Mr O’Brien)	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 (until 4:10) <b>Evening Study Library</b> *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>Fixture:</b> Y7 Basketball v TTA @ TTA (Mr Navarro) <b>TBC</b> <b>Fixture:</b> Y8 Basketball v TTA @ TTA (Mr O’Brien) Early tip-off 3pm	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 (until 4.10) <b>Chess Club</b> —S0.1 (until 4.30)