



Bishop Douglass Catholic School Parent Newsletter

In Pursuit of Excellence

11th May 2018

INTRODUCTION

We hope that everyone had a wonderful bank holiday weekend and enjoyed the sunshine—in between study of course, for those with imminent exams.

After what seems a long countdown (although probably not to the students), exam season is now upon us. Interventions and revision sessions will be continuing throughout this period, so for those of you with children sitting exams, please continue to encourage them to attend the extra sessions we have in place to support their revision. When not in exams, students will continue on timetable so all pupils should be coming to school as usual.

For those younger students not involved in examinations, school life will be continuing as normal. However, please remind your child to be conscious of the notices which will be in place throughout the school where exams are taking place and to ensure silence in those areas, so as not to disturb those sitting exams.

Thank you as always for your support. Have an enjoyable weekend.

VISIT FROM MIKE FREER M.P.

On Friday 4th May, local MP for Finchley and Golders Green, Mike Freer, visited Bishop Douglass. A group of students from across years 7 to 9 were chosen to represent the school and had an extra lesson politics and the role of MPs prior to Mr Freer's visit. This meant students were well prepared with dozens of questions to ask our esteemed visitor.

Mr Freer began by introducing himself and his role, including explaining what it means to be a Whip. The students were especially interested to hear about why he became an MP and what challenges he has faced in the role. Many students were eager to know what Mr Freer's boss is like in person—excitingly he had met with Mrs May recently and was about to meet with her again.

The students asked interesting and thoughtful questions and did so with great eloquence. It was particularly interesting to hear that Mr Freer advised anyone interested in a career in politics to experience other jobs and fields of life first before entering the profession. He spoke passionately about how rewarding he finds his job, even if it is frustrating at times, and shared with the students his own personal priorities and causes close to his heart. Well done to the students who attended and showed so much respect towards our visitor, and interest in his job and experiences.



Joshua Palmer (winner) and Emerald Park-Carroll (2nd place): Year 7 volcano competition (see page 2 for details)





THIS WEEK'S TOP EPRAISE WINNERS

Year 7: Namir Ballan(7F), Kimi Bazgan (7C)
and Aiden Gillon (7F) (+25)

Year 8: Luca Torretto de Melo (8F) (+35)

Year 9: Nathan Attobrah (9W) (+35)

Year 10: Mara Costa Colubali (10O) (+20)

Year 11: Jan Adil (11O) (+40)

6th Form: Darius-Stefan Amarie (12A) &
Annie Yao (12A) (+10)

VOLCANIC ACTIVITY

This is not a reference to events in Hawaii but to the fact that students in Year 7 took part in the long-anticipated volcano competition. Many students have been working hard on their creations for half a term or more and it really paid off! At lunchtime on Friday last week, we had dozens of volcanoes of all shapes, sizes and compositions (pun intended—the geographers will get it!) on display in the playground. Once the crowds had gathered a number of students proved their creations didn't just look incredible, but they also acted like real volcanoes! What followed was an impressive display of eruptions of all colours and types. One student even created a convincing pyroclastic flow and won 2nd prize in the competition in recognition of this. Well done to Emerald Park-Carroll in 7C!

It was a tough decision but the prestigious number one spot went to Joshua Palmer (7F) for his ferocious eruption and the ingenious cross-section incorporated into his model. Well done to all who took part—you made the deliberations very tough indeed.

Miss Alexander—
Geography



WORDS OF THE WEEK

Monday – Diminutive (Adjective): Extremely or unusually small:

- He was a **diminutive** man but when he sang, everyone in the arena was astounded by the volume and beauty of his voice.
- Although **diminutive** in stature, she was a formidable opponent.

Tuesday – Placid (Adjective): Not easily upset or excited.

- Melanie had such a **placid** nature that even the most irritating of situations failed to rile her.
- Although normally calm and **placid**, the constant train delays and cancellations began to annoy Matthew.

Wednesday – Discerning (Verb): Having or showing good judgement.

- The **discerning** reader will notice the clues leading to the identity of the murderer!
- It is important that a food critic has a **discerning** palate.

Thursday – Peevish (Adjective): Having or showing an irritable disposition.

- I would rather find the book myself than ask the **peevish** librarian.
- Sometimes, when I am over-tired, I can be **peevish** and lose patience with people.

Friday – Parsimonious (Noun): An extreme unwillingness to spend money or use resources.

- Being frugal is using one lemon for a pitcher of lemonade but being **parsimonious** is asking your guests to bring their own lemon.
- His **parsimonious** nature did not permit him to enjoy any luxuries.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 14th May: GCSE/AS/A level exams start

Wednesday 23rd May: Year 7 Parents' Evening

Thursday 24th May, 4.30pm: Wider Horizons week meeting for all parents & students on RESIDENTIAL TRIPS—Greece, Spain and Kingswood

28th May-3rd June: Half term Holidays

Thursday 14th June: Year 8 Parents' Evening



WHETSTONE WANDERERS YOUTH FC TRIAL DATES FOR 2018-2019

Current school year	Age group 2017-18	Date	Time
5 & 6	U11 & U12	Fri 11 May	18:00 – 20:00
1 & 2	U7 & U8	Sat 12 May	10:00 – 12:00
3 & 4	U9 & U10	Sat 12 May	13:00 – 15:00
11 & 12	U17 & U18	Fri 18 May	18:00 – 20:00
7 & 8	U13 & U14	Sat 19 May	10:00 – 12:00
9 & 10 & 11	U15 & U16 & U17	Sun 20 May	10:00 – 12:00
8 & 10 & 11	U14 & U16 & U17	Sat 26 May	10:00 – 12:00

Trials will be held at: The Woodside Park Club, Southover, N12 7JG

Call Alan Kelsey (Chairman) on **07766 516 589** or the Club Hotline **07470 083 118**
or email wwclubsec@hotmail.com to book or for more info;
alternatively just turn up on the day.



**EJA TRIALS in partnership with
Cockfosters Youth FC for U14, U16 & U17.
For 2018-19 season. Dates above in red
capture WWYFC & Cockfosters trials.**

If you are interested in competing in the **Eastern Junior Alliance** next season and trialling for one of our **EJA Cockfosters Youth** teams please contact Vas Chiotis (U14) on **07831 120 033**, Steve (U16) on 07534 221 565, Brett (U17) on 07763 490 094 or email wwclubsec@hotmail.com for more info.

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EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND STUDY SUPPORT

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School 8.00-8.45am	Homework Support A1.1 Independent Study Library Breakfast Club Hall – <i>free breakfast before 8.20am</i> Sage Club	Homework Support A1.1 Independent Study Library Breakfast Club Hall – <i>free breakfast before 8.20am</i>	Homework Support A1.1 Independent Study Library Breakfast Club Hall – <i>free breakfast before 8.20am</i>	Homework Support A1.1 Independent Study Library Breakfast Club Hall – <i>free breakfast before 8.20am</i>	Homework Support A1.1 Independent Study Library Breakfast Club Hall – <i>free breakfast before 8.20am</i>
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After School 3.10-6pm	Support A1.1 (To 4:10) Evening Study Library *Hot meal served at 5.45pm	Homework Support A1.1 (To 4:10) Evening Study Library *Hot meal served at 5.45pm	Homework Support A1.1 (To 4:10) Evening Study Library *Hot meal served at 5.45pm	Homework Support A1.1 (To 4:10) Evening Study Library *Hot meal served at 5.45pm	Homework Support A1.1 (To 4:10)

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS – WHOLE SCHOOL:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime 1.30-2pm	Fitness Club Fitness Suite Basketball Basketball Courts	Fitness Club Fitness Suite Basketball Basketball Courts KS3 Arts Club T1.3 Choir for Years 7 & 8 in E0.6	Fitness Club Fitness Suite Basketball Basketball Courts Film Club Y7&8 B3.2	Fitness Club Fitness Suite Gardening Club S0.7 Geography club for Years 7&8 Choir for Years 10, 11 & Sixth Form in E0.6	Fitness Club Fitness Suite
After School 3.10-4.10pm	Bishop Douglass Youth Club (BDYC) Sports Hall *Runs until 5:30pm STEM Club S0.5 Drama Club Drama Studio Orchestra Music Dept Trampoline Club Dance Studio	Music practice Music Dept. Fixture: Year 8 5-a-side football @ Mill Hill (Ms Merrett & Mr Asaro)	Rock School Music Dept. Wednesday club (girls only) Badminton, basketball, fitness, netball/football (Sports Hall) Fixture: Year 7 5-a-side football @ Mill Hill (Mr O'Brien)	Dance Club Dance Studio Gospel Choir Music Dept.	Fitness Club Fitness Suite Chess Club S0.1