



# Bishop Douglass Catholic School Parent Newsletter

*In Pursuit of Excellence*

11th October 2019

## INTRODUCTION

Bishop Douglass has been a hive of activity this week with a visiting Drama group providing workshops and a show, an opera masterclass in the Music Department and Mr Lammy's visit. Reports of all these activities feature in this newsletter.

Assessment week for the whole school will commence next week. Please encourage your child to revise.

Have a lovely weekend.

## MP 'S VISIT TO SCHOOL

As part of our celebrations for Black History Month we welcomed David Lammy, the MP for Tottenham, to school on the 10<sup>th</sup> October. Mr Lammy spoke to our whole Year 8 and sixth form students about his upbringing and his career as a barrister, politician and government minister. He spoke passionately about the importance of education in his life as well as the challenges facing young people in London today. Students were invited to ask questions and it was a testament to the relevance and message of the talk that so many students asked Mr Lammy a range of very interesting questions. It was enjoyable to see him answer directly (and frankly!) about subjects from his own inspirations to his views on Brexit and politics.

Afterwards, Mr Lammy very kindly held a workshop with our sixth form history, politics and media students who were all given the opportunity to ask him any question they wished. We gained a valuable insight into the day-to-day life of a politician as well as the issues Mr Lammy believes require the most urgent attention in Britain today. It was wonderful to see students not only pose their own questions but also to challenge Mr Lammy on the role of politics in society today.

We are immensely grateful to Mr Lammy for his time to come and speak to our students and we hope they will have found his talk fascinating and a motivation.

There will be further events for Black History Month coming up and all students are encouraged to enter the quiz and competition being run by the History Department.

*Mr Harris*  
*Head of Humanities*

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday 15th October PTA Meeting 5:30pm– 7.30pm:** All parents welcome

**Friday 18th October:** INSET day—school closed for all pupils

**Half term: Monday 21st October—25th October**

**Monday 11th November:** Remembrance Day

**Wednesday 13th November:** Year 11 into 6th Form meeting  
4.30pm to 6.30pm

**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



## OPERA WORKSHOP

This week, Bishop Douglass Music Department was delighted to welcome international classical singer Mr Oliver Mercer to lead an opera workshop. Hailed by the New York Times as “excellent” and “particularly impressive,” Oliver Mercer is quickly gaining recognition as an exciting young voice in classical music.

Mr Mercer, visiting from the US, treated students from years 9-11 to a live performance of works by Monteverdi and Handel. The second half of the workshop saw Chinika (11C), Toni Rose (10C) and Teya (10A) all perform.

Bishop Douglass would like to extend their thanks to Mr Mercer for finding time during his short 5-day visit to the UK to work with our students.

*Mr Reed*

*Head of Music*



## PTA MEETING

Please note the rescheduled date for the BD PTA meeting: **Tuesday 15th October at 5.30pm**. All parents and carers are welcome and any involvement is much appreciated.

On the agenda will be fund-raising plans for this year. Last year it was decided that we would try to raise funds to purchase a new school mini-bus and so far we have raised money through cake sales, the summer fair, and of course, your donations. Thank you for your continued support.

*Ms Wejknis*

*BD PTA Co-ordinator*

## LOST PROPERTY

Student Services is collecting a number of un-named coats and PE kits. If your child has lost something please tell them to go to Student Services to check whether the item has been handed in. As it can take a few days to reach Student Services, pupils should come in either in the morning or the end of the day for a few days to continue to look for the item. It would also be helpful if you could label your child's clothing to ensure that it can be reunited with them as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your assistance.

*Student Services*

## CLUB OF THE WEEK—CHESS CLUB

Chess Club runs on Fridays directly after school until 4.30 (or later) in SO.1 and is open to all interested students, from complete beginners to experts. We play and analyse games and discuss strategies.

We have entered a team into The National Schools Under 19 Chess Championships 2019/20 sponsored by Winchester College and promoted by the English Chess Federation. We will be playing against 3 other schools from North London on the 22nd November with a team of 6 players and ideally some reserves too.

We wish to encourage any pupil interested in playing for the School Team in this event and future events, to come to the Chess Club where we will give guidance and coaching for playing in such events. Please encourage your child to come along.

*Mr Carter*

*Chess Club Leader*



## SCARY STORIES COMPETITION



I am running two competitions in the Library, giving pupils a chance to win a £10 gift voucher. Quiz forms and Storyboards are available from the Library. Please encourage your child to enter the competitions.

Also note we have a wide selection of new books which have recently arrived.

*Mrs Pavlou*

*Librarian*

## HARVEST FESTIVAL DONATIONS

A reminder that we are requesting donations of tinned and dry goods for the Harvest Festival in support of our local food bank. Please give generously for this cause. Could you have your child bring in any items to the RE Office or Reception by **Monday 14th October**.

God bless,

*RE Department*

*BLACK HISTORY MONTH*

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**Historical Figures:**

## Gladys Mae West



**Life:** 1930- Present

**Country of Origin:** United States of America 

**Historical significance:**  
An American mathematician known for her contributions to the mathematical modelling of the shape of the Earth, and her work on the development of Global Positioning System (GPS).

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## Dame Linda Dobbs



**Life:** Jan 1951 - Present

**Country of Origin:** Great Britain 

**Historical significance:**  
High Court judge in England and Wales from 2004 to 2013. Dobbs was the first non-white person to be appointed to the senior judiciary of England and Wales.

Above are some of the figures students learned about this week. The History Department are running two Black History Month competitions with prizes of epraise and Amazon vouchers up for grabs. Please encourage your child to participate.

*Madam Lewinton  
History Teacher*

**THIS WEEK'S EPRAISE WINNERS****Year 7:** Grace Kirunda (7F) (+45)**Year 8:** Oliver Dingivan (8M) (+45)**Year 9:** Joan Pau Jaen Mendoza (9C) & Lola Borkar (9F) (+25)**Year 10:** Kaira Caner (10F) (+ 90)**Year 11:** Nada Alfadhli (11M) (+55)**Year 12:** Ebuka Anene (12C) (+15)**Year 13:** Tinisha Christie (13S) (+10)**DR FAUSTUS**

GCSE Drama students enjoyed Splendid Productions' performance of *Dr Faustus*, written by Marlowe in 1590 and converted to a modern setting in the style of Brecht. Nicole Gonzalez Sena 10W said it was "an amazing show and the workshop taught me how to convert our human emotions to help create stories onstage."

We look forward to what the students will create for their GCSE as a result!

**WORDS OF THE WEEK**

**Monday –Itinerary–** Noun- A planned route or journey:

- The teacher had to submit an **itinerary** for her field trip, listing every stop they would make at each hour of the day.
- His **itinerary** included an official visit to Canada.

**Tuesday – Constitution –** Noun- The basic principles and laws of a nation, state, or social group that determine the powers and duties of the government and guarantee certain rights to the people in it:

- Britain lacks a codified **constitution**.
- The **Constitution** gives certain rights to the states.

**Wednesday –Refurbish–** Verb- Renovate and redecorate (something, especially a building):

- The premises have been completely **refurbished** in our corporate style.
- My dad's hobby is buying classic cars so he can **refurbish** them.

**Thursday –Eschew–** Verb- Deliberately avoid using; to avoid something which you do not think is right or proper: #

- I **eschew** smoking because I know it is dangerous to my health.
- A civilised leader must **eschew** violence.

**Friday –Effigy- Noun- A sculpture or model of a person:**

- The farmer used an **effigy** of a scary man to keep the birds away from his crops.
- To express their rebellion, the military prisoners set fire to an **effigy** of the captors' flag.

**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>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>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>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>Homework Support</b> A1.1 8am <b>Social skills Y7</b> A1.2 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>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>Lunchtime</b> 1.30-2pm	<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>Raising &amp; Giving Committee</b> DO.6 <b>Indoor Football Club</b> Y7 Sports Hall <b>Drum Club</b> EO.6	<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> B1.5 <b>Fitness Club</b> Gym <b>Spanish Cine Club</b> A3.1 <b>Moment for Jesus</b> Chapel <b>School Choir</b> EO.6	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 <b>Maths Club</b> A1.2 <b>KS3 Art Club</b> T1.2 <b>Fitness Club</b> Gym <b>Bible Club</b> DO.6 <b>Basketball Club</b> Basketball courts <b>Geography Club</b> B1.5 <b>Guitar Club</b> EO.3	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 <b>Maths Club</b> A1.2 <b>Fitness Club</b> Gym <b>Basketball Club</b> Basketball courts <b>Spanish Cine Club</b> A3.1 <b>Moment for Jesus</b> Chapel <b>Model UN</b> B1.4 <b>Song in Lunchtime</b> EO.6	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 <b>Bachata dance club</b> A3.1 <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 Football</b> Sports Field	<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>Debate mate</b> Y7-10 C3.1 (until 4.20) <b>Sixth Form sports</b> 2.10-4.30pm	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 (until 4:10) <b>Evening Study Library</b> *Hot meal served at 5.45pm <b>KS3 Film Club</b> C3.1 3.15-4.20pm <b>Football</b> <b>Basketball</b> <b>Fitness</b>	<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>Basketball fixtures</b> <b>Girls Football</b> KS3 Football fields	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 (until 4.10) <b>Chess Club</b> —SO.1 (until 4.30)