

Bishop Douglass Catholic School

Parent Newsletter

In Pursuit of Excellence

13th September 2019

INTRODUCTION

Welcome back to everyone after what we hope has been a restful and enjoyable holiday.

Congratulations to our Year 11 and 6th Form students for their excellent examination results. We know you will be delighted that we secured record results for the third year running.

We welcomed our new Year 7 pupils to the school on Wednesday last week with a Mass of Welcome. Thank you to all parents who attended.

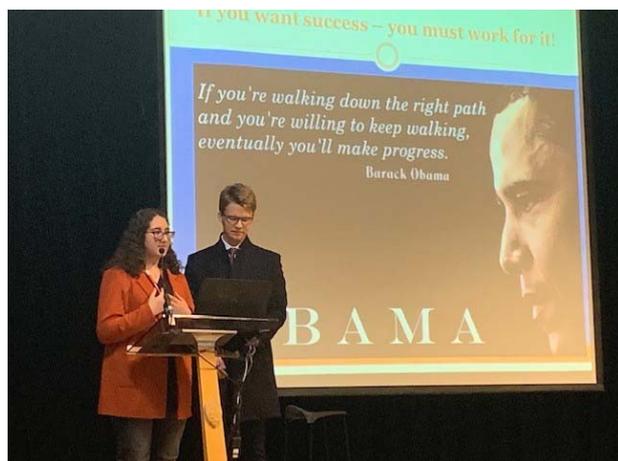
Saturday intervention for Year 11 and the 6th form starts tomorrow and the timetable is sent with this newsletter. Core mock exams for Year 11 pupils will take place from Tuesday next week.

Please make a note of the forthcoming events relevant to you for your diaries.

Have a relaxing weekend.

UP THE ANTE EVENING

The Year 13 Up the Ante evening took place on Monday 9th September. This is a crucial year for our Year 13 students as they prepare for their next steps and destinations once they leave Bishop Douglass. They received talks from members of the Sixth Form team and from Maedeh Pourhamdany and Darius Amarie Stefan (pitcutred). Maedeh and Darius left Year 13 this summer and have secured places at top London universities from September. Maedeh and Darius both offered their advice and wisdom to our current Year 13 students, and we hope this year brings them huge success in everything they do.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 16th September: Photography Day (whole school)

Tuesday 17th-Thursday 18th September: Year 11 Core mock exams

Wednesday 18th September: Year 7 Parents' Information Evening from 16:30; last entry 18:15

Thursday 19th September: BD Parent Teacher Association Meeting at 17:30—all interested parents welcome

Wednesday 25th September: Early closure at 13.:30 for all pupils

Thursday 26th September: Open morning tours from 9.30am

Thursday 26th September: Open Evening 17:30 - 19:30

Friday 27th September: Late start at 9:50am for all pupils

Thursday 3rd October: Open morning tours from 9.30am

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

Half term: Monday 21st October—25th October

OUTSTANDING GCSE RESULTS

We are very pleased with this year's GCSE results which improved for the third year running. Initial results indicate that the progress 8 score will be around the top ten percent of schools in the country.

Despite some volatility in the national results picture, results were strong in virtually all areas. Head of Year 11, Jason Hart said, 'Having been in school most Saturdays this year to oversee extra learning, I have seen the hard work and sacrifice of our pupils. I am extremely proud of this year group who have reaped the rewards for their commitment.'

Assistant Headteacher i/c Teaching and Learning, Graham Burt said, 'The progress of our students is increasing year on year. Both our highly-able pupils and our disadvantaged pupils have performed well. We had excellent results across all subjects and groups which will hopefully be acknowledged in a forthcoming inspection.' Star performers for the school included: Nantia Ntalia 2 grade 9s, 6 grade 8s and 1 grade 7. Ebrahim Adat 3 grade 9s, 3 grade 8s, 1 grade 7 and 1 distinction star.

BD PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Firstly, a massive thank you to all parents/carers who were involved with our first-ever Summer Fair. What a turn out! I am pleased to announce that we have raised **£1,633.68** which will be added to the PTA minibus fund.

The next PTA meeting is taking place **on Thursday, the 19th of September 2019 at 5:30pm**. It is never too late to get involved – if you have ideas or want to help out, please come along.

Please note that our RE department is organising a MacMillan coffee morning on Friday 27th September to raise funds for the MacMillan cancer charity. If any PTA members are able to help out on Friday, please email schooladmin@bishopdouglass.barnet.sch.uk (marked for my attention) and I will get back to you with more details. If you cannot attend, but would like to support us by donating cakes, biscuits or other items, please bring them to our reception on Thursday 26th September.

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SUPERVISED EVENING STUDY

Evening Study takes place from 3:10 – 6pm Monday to Thursday with a hot evening meal served at 5.35pm. Evening Study is a great opportunity for your child to partake in after school study on a daily basis from Monday to Thursday. Evening Study will help your child to prepare work for school, write up study notes, complete homework and give time to revise and consolidate knowledge; this will improve their level of achievement in school and in examinations. It is essential that students are actively involved in study, homework and revision to secure success. Please encourage your child to attend.

WORDS OF THE WEEK

Monday – Teeming – Verb- Be full of or swarming with:

- During the summer, the beach is always **teeming** with teenagers.
- Steve and Mark enjoy going fishing at Crystal Lake because the water is always **teeming** with catfish.

Tuesday – Concur - Verb- Be of the same opinion; agree; happen or occur at the same time; coincide:

- The authors **concurred** with the majority.
- His graduation **concurred** with his birthday.

Wednesday – Laborious – Adjective- Requiring considerable time and effort:

- When you just start exercising it may seem **laborious**, but over time, it gets easier.
- Moving the oversized couch proved to be very **laborious**.

Thursday – Recuperate – Verb- Recover from illness or exertion; regain:

- She has been **recuperating** from a knee injury.
- I went away to the country to **recuperate** after hard work.

Friday – Resonate- Verb- Produce or be filled with a deep, full, reverberating sound; to be filled with a particular quality:

- The sound of the siren **resonated** across the harbour.
- The building **resonates** with historic significance.

SPIRITUALITY MATTERS

During this term there will be a time for prayer taking place in the school chapel every Monday at 8.25. Please do encourage your child to attend. In addition, at lunchtimes on Tuesday and Thursdays there will be “A Moment for Jesus” in the chapel. All students are welcome. This term also sees the start of a Bible club, which will take place on Wednesdays at lunchtime (1.30 until 2pm) in DO6.

At break on Friday 27th September the Liturgical Prefect team will be running a MacMillan coffee morning in aid of the MacMillan cancer charity. Please can you bring in cakes and biscuits for sale at this time. Last year we raised over £300 so we hope to better it this year. Any cakes can be dropped off at Reception or to the RE rooms.

Thank you as always for your support.

God bless

RE Department

YEAR 8 FOOTBALL REPORT

As we enter the twilight of summer, the return of the football season began for the year 8 pupils. The BD pitch, freshly cut and looking more like a cricket oval, hosted the old enemy **Archer** academy. A team who pipped the year 8's to the final last year, an opportunity to lay the ghosts of last season to rest. Captain **Joseph Fanokun** had led his teammates on a journey in year 7 and they looked set to state their intent on this season early on. There was a fresh face in the side on this first outing, **Jhordaine Wellington** making his debut for the side as striker. Moving up to 11 a side from 9 a side meant there was more opportunities for players to cement their place in this side.

Winning the coin toss BD elected to kick off the first half. They quickly dominated possession. An early chance fell to **Jhordaine** who just glanced a header over the bar from a corner. BD's early dominance in possession resulted from a high pressing defensive set up, led by **Kento Shigemura** who quickly won the ball back and created swift counters for both **Jhordaine** and **Davie Solomon** to pounce upon. The two forwards were creating a partnership reminiscent of Owen and Heskey or Bergkamp and Henry. Seemingly playing on telepathic communication they created chance after chance. It wasn't long before frustration came upon Archer who fouled **Davie** in the area. Penalty to BD. **Jhordaine** bravely stepped up to take the penalty. **Jhordaine** showed composure and gave the Archer keeper no chance to respond.

It seemed like one way traffic with the game being played in the opposition's final third. Another foul from Archer due to a lack of discipline gave BD a free kick just outside the area. **Jhordaine** calmly assessed his options before striking the ball towards goal, only to be denied by the post. There was a scramble for the loose ball but **Kento** latched onto the ball and gave BD a 2-0 lead. Just desserts for his efforts in the game.

Archer found some success playing the ball between the BD defence and midfield in counters. Unfortunately they did not take account of **Ryan Inyinbor**, **Randell Kaiyewu** and **Dimitrius Lesai-Laios**, impregnable rocks in the defence that repelled Archer. A 50 – 50 call on a foul fell Archer's way and they too had a free kick near the edge of the area. Another goal mouth scramble saw Archer pull a goal back against the run of play.

Joseph ensured his side did not let their heads down and rallied the troops to push on. Pressing high to win back any lost possession again proved fruitful for BD. A break down the right saw **Parsa Sadighnoohi** leave his markers behind with a turn of pace. Before he entered the box he let of a thunderbolt of a shot from his right which could have easily come from Thors hammer itself. The keeper had no chance as the ball hit the roof of the net and the half ended 3-1.

As the second half got under way BD won a number of free kicks near to the Archer goal. Archer had tried to mark **Jhordaine** out of the game but frustration from the players saw him fouled on a number of occasions. Two-three attempts from free kicks just whisked over the bar. Archer knew **Jhordaine** was dangerous but could not keep him out of the game. It didn't take long for **Cristiano De Freitas Escorio** to release **Jhordaine** who looked set to add to his tally. Instead but he drew in a number of defenders and set up **Luca Garrido** to finish. Archer knew they needed something special in order to recover and tried firing shots from all over the pitch. It took a speculative effort that swerved as **Nathan Tsegaye** dived to his corner to make it 4-2.

Not a team to rest on their laurels, BD immediately took the game back to Archer. **Jhordaine** showed tremendous skill to take on three defenders and coolly place the ball into the corner. 5-2 to BD.. **Joseph** and **Kento** proved themselves to be work horses in the middle of the park. If there was one player who was going to finish the game off and put the result beyond Archer, it had to be **Jhordaine**. Once again linking up with his teammates **Parsa**, **Nimrod Neftalem** and **Tre-Kwan McPherson**, he found himself in acres of space. His strength in holding the ball up while his teammates pressed on was exemplary. He danced his way around the keeper scoring a fully-deserved hatrick.

BD excised the demons of last season, beating last year's finalists 6-2. With the season only just starting there is much promise for the team to take a further step up and challenge for honours at the end of the season. **Kento** and **Joseph** had strong performances as did **Ryan** and **Dimitrius** in defence, but it was the fairytale debut of **Jhordaine** who won man of the match with his hatrick heroics. A complete performance, hopefully the first of many.

GCSE RESULTS DAY PHOTOGRAPHS



EXTRA-CURRICULAR 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	Homework Support A1.1 Maths Club A1.2 KS4 Art Club T1.2 Science Club SO.6 Geography Club B1.5	Homework Support A1.1 Maths Club A1.2 KS3 Art Club T1.2	Homework Support A1.1 Maths Club A1.2	Homework Support A1.1
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EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS/ACTIVITIES:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime 1.30-2pm	Fitness Club Gym Raising & Giving Committee DO.6 Indoor Football Club Y7 Sports Hall	Fitness Club Gym Spanish Cine Club A3.1 Moment for Jesus Chapel	Fitness Club Gym Bible Club DO.6 Basketball Club	Fitness Club Gym Basketball Club Spanish Cine Club A3.1 Moment for Jesus Chapel	Bachata dance club A3.1 Fitness Club Gym Basketball Club
After School 3.10-4.10pm	Drama Club Drama Studio (until 4.30) KS3 Boys Football Sports Field	Drama Club Drama Studio (until 4.30) Debate mate Y7-10 C3.1 (until 4.20) Sixth Form sports	KS3 Film Club C3.1 Football Basketball Fitness	Model UN B1.4 Dance Club Dance Studio (until 4.30pm) Cricket Club Sports Hall (until 4.10) Basketball fixtures	Chess Club —S0.1 (until 4.30)