



# Bishop Douglass Catholic School Parent Newsletter

*In Pursuit of Excellence*

18th May 2018

## INTRODUCTION

This was a successful first week of exams with students all behaving very well in and around the school, and observing the notices up around the exam areas. Please remind your children to continue to observe silence when moving through the corridors and when moving near examination rooms.

Next week sees the restarting of our "Good Manners Programme" which is a great opportunity to see the last week of this term off on a positive note. The focus for this week, which you might like to continue at home, is using positive language to talk to others and about others.

We hope you have a lovely weekend, whether you are watching a wedding or FA Cup final, or anything in between.



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## THIS WEEK'S TOP EPRAISE WINNERS

**Year 7:** Sam Dehghani (7O) (+40)

**Year 8:** Nicole Gonzalez Sena (8W) (+30)

**Year 9:** Kehinde Ajao (9C) (+25)

**Year 10:** Vijesh D'Souza (10C) (+25)

**Year 11:** Jearmar Rose (11F) (+10)

**Year 12:** Denise Acorda (12F) (+15)

**Year 13:** Jennifer Nunes Sarayli (13O) (+10)

## WORDS OF THE WEEK

**Monday – Flagrant** – Adjective: (of an action considered wrong or immoral) Conspicuously or obviously offensive:

- He showed a **flagrant** disregard for anyone else's feelings.
- The attack on civilians is a **flagrant** violation of the peace agreement.

**Tuesday – Indomitable** – Adjective: Impossible to subdue or defeat:

- It was her **indomitable** spirit and determination not to give up on her dreams that ensured she became the fastest runner in the world.
- To be successful one should have a combination of curiosity, imagination and **indomitable** spirit.

**Wednesday – Lambaste** – Verb: To criticize (someone or something) harshly:

- The professor **lambasted** me for my careless mistake.
- Two Democrats **lambasted** the President's budget plan for being 'inadequate'.

**Thursday – Innovative** – Adjective: (of a person) - Introducing new ideas, original and creative in thinking; (of a product, idea, etc) - Featuring new methods, advanced and original:

- Andy Warhol was a highly **innovative** artist in his time.
- Apple is renowned for its **innovative** product design.

**Friday – Drove - Drovers (plural noun)** - A herd or flock of animals being driven in a body or a large crowd of human beings, especially in motion:

- The wasps attacked the picnic in **droves**.
- The guests from around the world arrived for the Royal wedding in their **droves**.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

Tuesday 19th June—Thursday 21st June: AS Biology trip

## *YEAR 11 EXAM MASS AND LUNCH*

Year 11 had their Exam Mass and lunch on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May. Father Kevin started by reminding the students of the journey they had been on from Year 7 and how they could look forward to a new beginning in the Sixth Form. The first hymn was 'One more step along the world I go' and he praised them for their beautiful singing.

The readers Xenia James and Genta Malaj led us into reflective thought, especially on what talents we had learnt here at Bishop Douglass and how thankful we were for all the opportunities we had been given. Alfie Aston led the psalm 'The Lord is my salvation and my light.' The bidding prayers were made by Jon Homer Israel, Jeamar Rose, Nancy Ndong, Alexis Ebimomi and Vhea Sobrevinas and during the offertory we offered the school ties and a cup and a blank canvas as symbols of what we represented. The final hymn was 'Shine, Jesus shine' and Mrs Henderson reminded students of seeing the exams ahead as an opportunity to 'shine' and 'be the best they could be'.

At the end of the Mass they had the opportunity to sit in their form classes and enjoy a lunch of pizza and ice-cream. After the incredible amount of hard work they have put in so far this half-term, they finished early and went home to re-charge themselves for the busy exam period starting the next week.



## *A MESSAGE FROM MRS HENDERSON, HEAD OF YEAR 11*

This week was the first full week of public examinations for pupils in Year 11 and Sixth Form. We are very proud with the way they have conducted themselves and ask parents to continue ensuring they attend the intervention sessions after school and on Saturdays, and to be in school from 8am when they have morning exams. The library will continue to remain open until 6pm each evening (a free hot meal is served at 5:45pm) for pupils who wish to study on the school site.

There are a number of important examinations next week including GCSE English Literature, RE, Science and Maths. For your information, the May half term intervention timetable will be given to students on Monday. We believe in giving the students as many sessions as possible to prepare them and ensure they stay focused so please be reminded that we do not have study leave. Revision sessions before morning exams will start at 8am, with breakfast provided and for afternoon exams, they will have a session period 3 and early lunch in preparation for the afternoon start. We appreciate your support in ensuring that students are also working hard at home.

We wish them all success.

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND STUDY SUPPORT

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Before School 8.00-8.45am</b>	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 <b>Independent Study</b> Library <b>Breakfast Club</b> Hall – <i>free breakfast before 8.20am</i> <b>Sage Club</b>	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 <b>Independent Study</b> Library <b>Breakfast Club</b> Hall – <i>free breakfast before 8.20am</i>	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 <b>Independent Study</b> Library <b>Breakfast Club</b> Hall – <i>free breakfast before 8.20am</i>	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 <b>Independent Study</b> Library <b>Breakfast Club</b> Hall – <i>free breakfast before 8.20am</i>	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 <b>Independent Study</b> Library <b>Breakfast Club</b> Hall – <i>free breakfast before 8.20am</i>
<b>Lunchtime 1.30-2pm</b>	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 <b>Independent Study</b> Library	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 <b>Independent Study</b> Library	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 <b>Independent Study</b> Library	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 <b>Independent Study</b> Library	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 <b>Independent Study</b> Library
<b>After School 3.10-6pm</b>	<b>Support</b> A1.1 (To 4:10) <b>Evening Study</b> <b>Library</b> *Hot meal served at 5.45pm	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 (To 4:10) <b>Evening Study</b> <b>Library</b> *Hot meal served at 5.45pm	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 (To 4:10) <b>Evening Study</b> <b>Library</b> *Hot meal served at 5.45pm	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 (To 4:10) <b>Evening Study</b> <b>Library</b> *Hot meal served at 5.45pm	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 (To 4:10)

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS – WHOLE SCHOOL:

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