

Bishop Douglass Catholic School Parent Newsletter

In Pursuit of Excellence

18th October 2019

INTRODUCTION

It has been another busy week at Bishop Douglass to end the first half term of this school year. Thank you to all parents and staff who donated items for our Harvest Festival collection in aid of our local food bank. It is much appreciated. The collection is still running, so please give generously.

Please note that Interventions will continue for Year 11 and the 6th form throughout next week. The timetable is included with the email sending this newsletter. Please ensure students attend all sessions and arrive promptly.

We hope you have a relaxing week.

SOCIOLOGY LECTURE

The year 12 Sociology class attended a talk at Harrow School this week by Mrs Cherie Blair CBE QC, entitled 'Women and Education'. It was an enriching experience from start to end - our students experienced what being at Harrow School was like: they saw the teachers in gowns, and one student commented how it felt like being at Hogwarts in Harry Potter!

Mrs Cherie Blair was hugely inspiring and the whole class came away feeling very positive about the key messages in her talk. Mrs Blair outlined the many ways in which the lives of girls and women have improved over the years, but also how differences remain. The three key points of her talk were: not to underestimate the power of education in shaping lives; gender and economic inequalities still exist; and role models have a huge impact on young peoples' futures.

After the talk, the class had a healthy debate about the whole experience.

Madam Wilkhu
Head of Sixth Form & Sociology Teacher



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Half term: Monday 21st October—25th October. All pupils back in school at usual time on Monday 28th October

Monday 11th November: Remembrance Day

Tuesday 12th November: BD PTA meeting at 5.30pm. All parent/carers welcome

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

SPIRITUALITY MATTERS

The last of the Year 7 retreats was held on Thursday this week with all forms having a day together over the course of the last two weeks. The retreats were held at our school parish of St. Mary's East Finchley and were led by Father Kevin.

The theme of the retreats was community. We played games and teambuilding exercises to get us working together in groups.

Father Kevin taught us that we should all work together, listen to one another and make everyone we meet happier for the meeting.

The retreats ended with a lovely feast where we shared our food together and learned that when we share everyone has more. We ended each day with a lovely prayer.

God bless
RE Department



THIS WEEK'S EPRAISE WINNERS**Year 7:** Asya Keles (7O) (+55)**Year 8:** Arda Caner (8M) (+40)**Year 9:** Albie Western (9C) (+25)**Year 10:** Kaira Caner (10F) (+45)**Year 11:** Arber Malaj (11M) & Leigh Geli (11W) (+15)**Year 12:** Dejai Davis (12A) (+25)**EPRAISE BREAKFAST WINNERS**

The school's top epraise winners enjoyed a free breakfast on Thursday morning! A huge thanks goes to the canteen for cooking such a wonderful breakfast (which vanished in no time!). Congratulations to all the students who attended!

Yr 7

Adam Kent 7F

Lucja Dzialek 7W

Jeremiah Simpungwe 7F

Ayla Dillaby 7O

Grace Kirunda 7F

Yr 8

Arda Caner 8M

Gwenn Bulatao 8C

Nirmine Bami 8W

Naomi Allen 8W

Anna Maria D 8O

Yr 9

Jackline Kuol 9W

Roya Shaterian 9W

Manahwe Miles 9F

Raissa Alves 9O

Michael Mahel 9O

Yr 10

Kaira Caner 10F

Robert Amarie 10M

Raine Estrella 10O

Toni Rose Gomez 10C

Shreya Balamurugan 10C

Yr 11

Molly Palmer 11O

Dave Manuel 11C

Nada Alfadhli 11M

Kehinde Ajao 11C

Chinika Maccarthy 11C

**WORDS OF THE WEEK**

Monday –Benevolent- Adjective- Willing to help, do well, and be generous:

- The factory owners were **benevolent**, providing work for all the local people.
- The **benevolent** gentleman left money in his will for charity.

Tuesday – Choreography – Noun- The sequence of steps and movements in dance or figure skating, especially in a ballet or other staged dance:

- The **choreography** reflects the themes of the original play.
- Extra steps were added to the musical's **choreography**, making the dance routines more interesting to watch.

Wednesday –Preclude– Verb- Prevent from happening; make impossible:

- The young gymnast has suffered an injury which will **preclude** him from being part of the Olympic team.
- I hope that the absence of our basketball team's star player will not **preclude** a victory for our school.

Thursday –Fastidious– Adjective- Very attentive to and concerned about accuracy and detail:

- She dressed with **fastidious** care.
- While Henry would eat just about anything, his wife was so **fastidious** she barely ate anything.

Friday- Palatable – Adjective- (of food or drink) pleasant to taste; (of an action or proposal) acceptable, satisfactory or suitable:

- We found the warm sunny weather quite **palatable** for our picnic.
- Although the food is not the tastiest I have ever eaten, it is **palatable** and will fill my tummy.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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Dorothy Vaughn

Life: Sep 1910 – Nov 2008



Country of Origin: United States of America 

Historical significance:
Dorothy was the first African-American female mathematician working at NASA to become supervisor of her own a team. Her maths played a role in the success of the moon landing in 1969.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2019 **Historical Figures:**

Toussaint L'Ouverture

Life: May 1743 – April 1803



Country of Origin: Haiti 

Historical significance:
Led a victorious slave rebellion, defeating French and British army units. This resulted in making Haiti the first black independent state in the New World.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2019 **Historical Figures:**

Shaka Zulu



Life: c. 1787 – 1828 


Country of Origin: South Africa


Historical significance:
One of the most influential monarchs of the Zulu Kingdom. He forged alliances, grew his kingdom until he was assassinated by his half-brothers over claims to the throne.


BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2019 **Historical Figures:**

Nanny of the Maroons

Life: c. 1686 – c. 1755



Country of Origin: Ghana 

Historical significance:
She was born into the Ashanti people in what is today Ghana, and escaped from slavery after being transported to Jamaica. She became a leader of the Jamaican Maroons. 

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2019 **Historical Figures:**

Hannibal



Life: 247 BCE- 183 BCE

Country of Origin: Carthage

Historical significance: 
Hannibal was a Carthagian general and statesman who is widely considered one of the greatest military commanders in history. He famously rode elephants to cross the Alps to defeat the Romans.

SUPERVISED EVENING STUDY

Evening Study takes place from 3:10 – 6pm, Monday to Thursday in the Library, with a hot evening meal served at 5.35pm.

It is essential that students are actively involved in study, homework and revision to secure success and Evening Study is ideal for this purpose. Please do encourage your child to attend.

BD PTA

Thank you to all parents/carers who attended the PTA meeting on Tuesday. The main focus of the meeting was the planning for the Christmas Fair—further details to follow. If you feel you could contribute to the planning of this event, please get in touch.

The next PTA meeting is on **Tuesday, the 12th of November 2019 at 5:30pm.**

A Wejknis, BD PTA Coordinator

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS/ACTIVITIES 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 Fitness Club Gym Raising & Giving Committee DO.6 Indoor Football Club Y7 Sports Hall Drum Club EO.6	Homework Support A1.1 Maths Club A1.2 KS4 Art Club T1.2 Science Club SO.6 Geography Society B1.5 Fitness Club Gym Spanish Cine Club A3.1 Moment for Jesus Chapel School Choir EO.6	Homework Support A1.1 Maths Club A1.2 KS3 Art Club T1.2 Fitness Club Gym Bible Club DO.6 Basketball Club Basketball courts Geography Club B1.5 Guitar Club EO.3	Homework Support A1.1 Maths Club A1.2 Fitness Club Gym Basketball Club Basketball courts Spanish Cine Club A3.1 Moment for Jesus Chapel Model UN B1.4 Song in Lunchtime EO.6	Homework Support A1.1 Bachata dance club A3.1 Fitness Club Gym Basketball Club Basketball courts
After School 3.10-6pm	Homework Support A1.1 (until 4:10) Evening Study Library *Hot meal served at 5.45pm Drama Club Drama Studio (until 4.30) KS3 Boys Football Sports Field	Homework Support A1.1 (until 4:10) Evening Study Library *Hot meal served at 5.45pm Drama Club Drama Studio (until 4.30) Debate mate Y7-10 C3.1 (until 4.20) Sixth Form sports 2.10-4.30pm	Homework Support A1.1 (until 4:10) Evening Study Library *Hot meal served at 5.45pm KS3 Film Club C3.1 3.15-4.20pm Football Basketball Fitness	Homework Support A1.1 (until 4:10) Evening Study Library *Hot meal served at 5.45pm Dance Club Dance Studio (until 4.30pm) Cricket Club Sports Hall (until 4.10) Basketball fixtures Girls Football KS3 Football fields	Homework Support A1.1 (until 4.10) Chess Club —SO.1 (until 4.30)