



# Bishop Douglass Catholic School Parent Newsletter

*In Pursuit of Excellence*

20th September 2019

## INTRODUCTION

Thank you to all the Year 7 parents who came to this week's information evening. It was a very successful evening.

The Year 11 core subject mock exams have now ended and the results will be available shortly. This will enable students, parents and staff to see what progress is being made and will help to identify areas which need more work. Thank you for your support.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

## YEAR 7 INFORMATION EVENING

On Wednesday, Bishop Douglass held the annual Year Seven Information Evening. The evening provided the opportunity for year seven parents and carers to meet with their child's form tutor and receive and review their recent CATs scores.

The event is designed to help our year seven pupils settle into secondary school and also gave parents and carers the chance to meet their child's subject teachers, Head of Year and other members of the school's Senior Leadership Team to discuss any questions or concerns they may have had.

We were extremely pleased with the attendance and the positive feedback from our year seven parents, carers and students. The new year sevens have made a fantastic start to their secondary school careers at Bishop Douglass so far and we look forward to continuing to working in partnership with their families to ensure they become the best that they can be.

On the evening, there was the opportunity to address any issues arising with Show My Homework; however if your child's account is still not working. Please email [schooladmin@bishodouglass.barnet.sch.uk](mailto:schooladmin@bishodouglass.barnet.sch.uk) and we will aim to resolve this asap.

*Madam Binz, Head of Year 7*

## PTA MEETING—RESCHEDULED

The PTA meeting due to take place this week has been rescheduled to **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.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**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**

[epraise.co.uk](http://epraise.co.uk)



Are you collecting enough epraise to win?

- Half-termly epraise breakfast—the top 5 students in each year group receive a breakfast on us
- Amazon voucher draw—100 points in a full term gives you the chance to win up to £50 to spend at Amazon
- Termly reward trips—combined with outstanding attendance and behaviour, book your spot on a day out
- Epraise shop—see Ms Pavlou to find out what you could buy

**Teacher Recommendation**



Each teacher will select one student per class. Students will be selected for one (or more) of the following reasons:

- Effort
- Attainment
- Progress

Recommendations will be made at the end of each half-term.  
A draw will be made at the end of each full term where students can win:

AMAZON VOUCHERS

***THIS WEEK'S EPRAISE WINNERS*****Year 7:** Adam Kent (7F) (+80)**Year 8:** Arda Caner (8M) (+60)**Year 9:** Michael Mahel (9O) (+65)**Year 10:** Estafania Henao-Pardo (10A) (+65)**Year 11:** Dave Manuel (11C) (+50)**Year 12:** Juliet Pareja Ramirez (12C) (+30)**Year 13:** Tinisha Christie (13S) (+20)***BISHOP DOUGLASS LIBRARY***

The Library houses more than 4,000 books, both fiction and non-fiction. The books are organised into KS3, 4 and 5 areas as well as general fiction and Classic Novels sections, so that pupils can easily find what they want. Non-fiction books cover a wide area of subjects and are suggested by departments to help with classwork and coursework.

Pupils are encouraged to visit the Library to borrow and read books regularly. They are allowed to borrow up to 2 books at a time for a period of 2 weeks. Books can be renewed, if required. Pupils must have a reading book with them at all times for ***Drop Everything and Read.***

There are constantly changing displays highlighting specific genres or authors. Library prizes are given every term for the most prolific borrowers, as well as various competitions throughout the year.

The Library is a congenial place of work but also a place where pupils can relax and enjoy their reading. It is open to all pupils for silent study, printing and borrowing books at the following times:

8.00 – 8.50 am Before the start of the school day.

11.10 – 11.30 am Break time.

1.30 – 2.10 pm Lunch time.

3.10 - 5.45 pm Evening study.

Printing costs 5p per side of A4 for black and white and 10p per side for colour.

Mrs Pavlou  
Librarian

***WORDS OF THE WEEK***

**Monday – Vindicate** – Verb- Clear (someone) of blame or suspicion; show or prove to be right, reasonable, or justified:

- Hospital staff were **vindicated** by the inquest verdict.
- You can **vindicate** your claim to this property by showing us the original deed.

**Tuesday – Immaterial**- Adjective- Unimportant under the circumstances; irrelevant:

- These facts are **immaterial** to the problem.
- Physical appearances are **immaterial** to me, I judge people on their personalities.

**Wednesday – Dispassionate** – Adjective- Not influenced by strong emotion, and so able to be rational and impartial:

- He dealt with life's disasters in a calm, **dispassionate** way.
- As a whole, judges are **dispassionate** individuals who base their decisions solely on fact.

**Thursday – Prostrate**- Adjective - Lying stretched out on the ground with one's face downwards:

- There was a man praying before an idol, lying **prostrate**.
- Kelly's snow angel did not come out well because she laid **prostrate** on the ground instead of on her back.

**Friday – Optimum**- Adjective - Most conducive to a favourable outcome; best:

- It takes Jared an hour to drive to work even in **optimum** traffic conditions.
- The hot sun enables the grapes to reach **optimum** ripeness.

***SPIRITUALITY MATTERS***

This is a reminder that we are asking for donations of cakes and biscuits for our MacMillan coffee morning on **Friday 27th September**. Any items for sale can be dropped off at Reception or to the RE rooms.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

God bless

RE Department



**EXTRA-CURRICULAR 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>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 Club</b> B1.5	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 <b>Maths Club</b> A1.2 <b>KS3 Art Club</b> T1.2	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 <b>Maths Club</b> A1.2	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1
<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>Homework Support</b> A1.1 (until 4:10) <b>Evening Study Library</b> *Hot meal served at 5.45pm	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 (until 4:10) <b>Evening Study Library</b> *Hot meal served at 5.45pm	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 (until 4:10) <b>Evening Study Library</b> *Hot meal served at 5.45pm	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 (until 4.10)

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS/ACTIVITIES:**

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