



# Bishop Douglass Catholic School Parent Newsletter

*In Pursuit of Excellence*

23rd March 2018

## *INTRODUCTION*

Well done to all students who participated in the Trial Exams over the last two weeks; results will be available after Easter. If your child is sitting GCSE/AS/A Level exams next term, please encourage them to continue revising over the holidays and to attend all the intervention sessions available in order to maximise their study time in the short run-up now to the real thing.

The last day of the term is Thursday 29th March. We hope that you have a safe and holy Easter break and we look forward to seeing students back on **Monday 16th April**, rejuvenated and fully prepared for the final term of the school year.



## *SPIRITUALITY MATTERS*

*'Let the one among you who is guiltless be the first to throw a stone at her.'* (John 8: 7)

In this passage from John's Gospel Jesus is teaching us about how we should treat others. The teaching is simple, we are not to condemn others for their wrong doings, and instead we are to treat others with love and forgiveness. May we be guided by this teaching in our daily lives, and reflect upon its meaning. May we not celebrate people's wrong doings, but rather use them as an opportunity to show love and forgiveness.

## *FORTHCOMING EVENTS*

26th March: re-scheduled GCSE Geography Field trip

26th March: Y12 & 13 Art visit to Mall Galleries

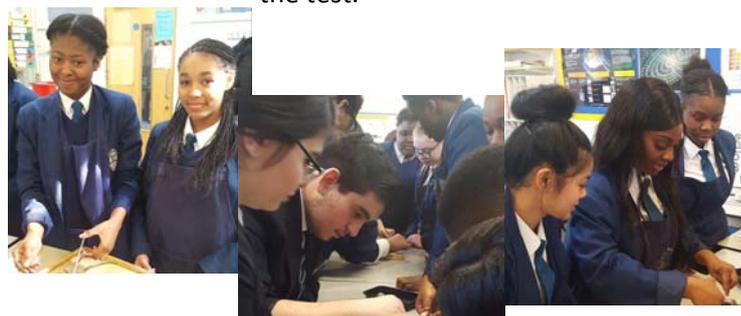
Last day of Term: 29th March 2018

First day of new Term: 16 April 2018

16th April: Trip to Mini plant for Y12 & 13 Business students

## *SCIENCE WEEK...PART TWO*

The dissection masterclasses were a big hit with students eager to try out their surgical skills. Strong stomachs were needed by our brave students as they learned all about the organs of the rat. Below are some photographs, edited for the squeamish among us, of students putting their skills to the test.



The Busking Science showcase also proved popular with the team performing experiments to the delight and amazement of all.



## *SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY QUIZ*

This quiz was tackled by all forms. How many could you answer?

1. Which famous scientist wrote the book 'A Brief History of Time'?
2. Who invented the television?
3. What is the offspring of a grizzly bear and polar bear called?
4. In which plant cell organelle does photosynthesis take place?
5. What is the most abundant gas in air?
6. Is a 'light year' a measure of speed, distance or time.
7. What major greenhouse gas is released when fossil fuels are burnt?
8. In which human organ would I find the cardiac muscles?
9. What force is responsible for keeping the moon in the Earth's orbit?
10. What was the year of the first moon landing and who was the first man on the moon?



## THIS WEEK'S TOP EPRAISE WINNERS

**Year 7:** Ediola Brahilika (7W) (+35)

**Year 8:** Patrycja Hubka (8A) (+40)

**Year 9:** Paul Cusack (9C) (+20)

**Year 10:** Jaime Henao-Pardo (10C) (+50)

**Year 11:** Cameron Lawrence (11M) (+40)

**Year 12:** Elizabeth Salawu-Erih (12C) (+20)

**Year 13:** Markus Konig (13O) (+10)

## SCIENCE QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Professor Stephen Hawking
2. John Logie Baird
3. Pizzly Bear
4. Chloroplast
5. Nitrogen
6. Distance
7. Carbon Dioxide
8. Heart
9. Gravity
10. 1969 and Neil Armstrong

## EASTER EGG DONATIONS

We have been asking that every pupil brings in an Easter Egg which we can donate to our local community. The deadline for bringing in the eggs



has been extended to Monday 26th March. Please give generously.

## YEAR 8 BARNET CUP SEMI-FINAL

The Year 8 football team will play Ashmole in the semi-final of the Barnet Cup on Monday 26th March. We wish them luck. The match will be taking place here at BD and pupils are welcome to come and cheer on our team.



## YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

DEADLINE for return of completed Own Find forms:

**Friday 20 April 2018**

**2 (school) weeks** remain for the return of completed "Own Find" forms. Please hand them in at the Library.

Thank you for your co-operation.  
Madam Pavlou (Librarian)

## WORDS OF THE WEEK

**Monday – Petulant** – Adjective: Childishly sulky or bad-tempered (of a person or their manner):

- He was a petulant child; his parents had learnt to ignore his tantrums and frequent explosive outbursts.
- Charles was a handsome chap, but it was rarely noticed because of his petulant pout!

**Tuesday – Insurgent** – Noun: A person fighting against a government or invading force; a rebel or revolutionary. Adjective: Rising in active revolt:

- The insurgents had managed to get as far as the government buildings but were held back by the armed police.
- She had alleged links with insurgent groups.

**Wednesday – Austerity** – Noun: 1. Sternness or severity of manner or attitude.

2. Difficult economic conditions created by government measures to reduce public expenditure:

- He was noted for his austerity and his authoritarianism.
- The country has been subjected to acute economic austerity.

**Thursday – Condescending** – Noun: Having or showing an attitude of patronising superiority; the act of looking down on others:

- I had decided to leave my job as my condescending boss was making it unbearable.
- The senior members of the club were condescending with the would-be members who lacked wealth and status.

**Friday – Good Friday**

## Ryan's Ramblings.....Easter Spring Term.....from the Chaplain's Desk

We are approaching the end of the Second Term. As we do more and more, pieces are being put together on our jigsaw. Year 7 are sprouting! Year 8 now "own" BD while year 9 continue to flex their muscles and plan their futures along with year 10 and 11 who are busy choosing the way forward while the Sixth Form closely monitor the goings on and help run the school in a most orderly fashion in between working their socks off with one eye on the nearness of the future which is just round the corner!

So the sporting analogy with how we live our lives remain valid and true: teamwork; management skills; relationships; aims; goals; direction...all very relevant on the "*spiritual journey*" or the "*game of life*". It has been eye opening sharing Reconciliation services with pupils and staff as we strive to reconcile who we are with the persons we actually are. I know I can be a better person! Whatever hat I wear I can improve: what do I need to do to be a better son? A better brother? A better friend? I come back to the notion of *choice* ! I choose the right way or the wrong way. No one can make the choice for me. I need to make the choice myself. Each and every one of us needs to make the choice of how we live and move! That goes for staff and parents alike! The choices we make will have a bearing on how we act and react with others. May the choices we make bring light and life and love to all those who surround us! That's my hope.

Our Lenten journey is coming to completion and we look forward to the newer and fuller life that the Passion and death of the Lord has to offer in the glory of Easter. Gods' love is so great that it is ours to share. At BD we do that in so many ways and that's why "everyone we meet is happier for the meeting." We are *by no means perfect*, but we are on the road. We haven't "*won*" anything yet; no league championships or cups - yet; but as we progress and sort the pieces in our jigsaw of life together we know that *when we work together as a team* we cannot fail to win. The prize isn't any trophy or title but a *well-rounded and meaningful life*.

We take pleasure in learning and growing and loving together; because that's what we do. Perhaps this Easter Season I can remind myself to reach out and mend some of the broken bridges in my relationships; fill in some of the potholes on my path and stretch out a helping hand to those who need it and bring some healing and peace where it is needed? Since we really are pretty much alike and *we all belong to the same family of God* we could make some gesture of reconciliation in the *woundedness* of any broken relationship we might have? I am sure that with the help and grace of God, we can!

Every blessing to you and yours this Eastertime and always,

**Fr. Kevin S.X.**



## 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 – free breakfast before 8.20am <b>Sage Club</b>	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 <b>Independent Study</b> Library <b>Breakfast Club</b> Hall – free breakfast before 8.20am	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 <b>Independent Study</b> Library <b>Breakfast Club</b> Hall – free breakfast before 8.20am	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 <b>Independent Study</b> Library <b>Breakfast Club</b> Hall – free breakfast before 8.20am	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 <b>Independent Study</b> Library <b>Breakfast Club</b> Hall – free breakfast before 8.20am
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<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>Fixture:</b> Y8 Football v Ashmole @ BD (Mr Asaro)	<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