



Bishop Douglass Catholic School Parent Newsletter

In Pursuit of Excellence

23rd February 2018

INTRODUCTION

We hope everyone had an enjoyable half term.

Just as the days grow longer and we all prepare to welcome the warmer days, schools are at their busiest. The Spring term in schools is always the most frantic.

Bishop Douglass is a hive of activity at this time of the year: A level and GCSE Exams beckon, there are deadlines, GCSE option choices, intervention sessions, enrichment activities, sketch books to work on, questions to ask, books that won't read themselves, proms to organise and outfits to plan: so very, very much to do. But it will all get done with the right support and collaboration.

Trial exams will be taking place in the week commencing 24th March, so please encourage your child in their revision. A revision time table is an essential tool, as are mind maps, revision cards and a good night's sleep. If your child is worried about study or exams, please encourage them to share their worries with you or their friends, or a teacher, so they do not feel overcome by pressure. If you have any concerns about this, please contact your child's Head of Year.

GCSE DRAMA PERFORMANCES

GCSE Drama performances for Years 10 and 11 will be taking place soon:

- **Year 10 will be performing at 3.20pm on Monday 5th March**
- **Year 11 at 3.20pm on Tuesday 6th March.**

All students and parents are warmly invited to attend. Tickets are available on a first-come-first-served basis, with **priority for parents of GCSE Drama students.**

ROME TRIP

Please see Madam Hajiantoni for further information if you are interested in taking part in our annual trip to Rome from 1st October—5th October 2018 (inclusive).

The trip will be a combined school trip with students also attending from our sister schools. The estimated cost is £700, depending upon numbers going.



SKI TRIP—LA MOLINA, SPAIN

February half term saw students from Bishop Douglass School embarking on a week-long ski trip to La Molina, Spain.

Students received at least 5 hours of skiing lessons per day. In no time at all, all began making light work of the beginner slopes. Wey (10C), Alex (10F) and Eloise (8A) all showed great skill in turning effortlessly across the mountain and greatly impressed their instructor with their high level of control despite being completely new to the sport.

Throughout the week students also had the opportunity to take part in various après ski activities. Arcade nights and tubing (throwing yourself down a snow track on a large rubber-ring) both proved extremely popular. There was also a bowling evening which saw Eloise (8A) narrowly beat Mr Reed to become overall winner with a fantastic high score of 121!

Plans for next year's trip are already in full swing so if your son or daughter would like to join the trip please keep an eye out for the event launch in the next few months...!



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

28th February: A level Spanish trip to Cervantes Theatre

1st March: World Book Day

1st & 2nd March: GCSE Geography Field Trip

5th March: Year 10 GCSE Drama Performance

6th March: Year 11 GCSE Drama Performance

13th March: 'A Streetcar Named Desire' trip, A Level English

14th March: Selected Y10 students visit to Imperial College

14th March: A Level Geography Revision Day

15th March: UCAS Exhibition—Year 12



THIS WEEK'S TOP EPRAISE WINNERS

- Year 7:** Emma Ntanga (7W) (+55)
Year 8: Robert Amarie (8M) (+20)
Year 9: Asha-Marie Ormsby-Jackson (9F) (+20)
Year 10: Elisha Chan (10C) (+30)
Year 11: Nancy Ndong (11M) (+20)
Year 12: Toluwalolu Osoba (12A) (+10)
Year 13: Aiden Delor (13L) (+10)

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

DEADLINE for return of completed Own Find forms:
Friday 20 April 2018

Year 10 students have only **6 WEEKS** to return their completed 'Own Find' form and have the placement checked by Barnet. Without this, they CANNOT go. Please note that students cannot decide that they want to go to an 'Own Find' placement at the last minute. **This will not be allowed** and they will have to select a placement from the Barnet website. This will not be available until April/May. If this happens, students will then be in competition for placements with other schools, so the sooner they find a placement the better - or they may be left without one. Thank you for your co-operation.
 Madam Pavlou (Librarian)

EASTER EGGS WANTED

We are asking that each pupil brings in an Easter egg over Lent to donate to the community. Please bring eggs by **Thursday 22nd March 2018**. Thank you for your support.



BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS...AGAIN!

The Year 11 Boys basketball team retained their title as Barnet Champions after a hard-fought win against London Academy 51-50. The team played with excellent sportsmanship and spirit to retain their unbeaten run. *Match report next week.*

BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS 2018

Our Year 8 boys basketball team were crowned Barnet Champions after beating East Barnet School in the final this week. MVP was **Marcel Adams Sackey**.



Congratulations to all team members: Marcel, Brooklyn Oduro, Oswald Nyadu-Bekoe, Franklin Wilson, Stephen Kadiri, Matthew Milan, Ricardo Prazeres, Ilea Dehghan,

Riku Takeuchi, Makeal Scott and Ryan Forozan.

WORDS OF THE WEEK

Monday – Preposterous (adjective) - contrary to reason or common sense; utterly absurd or ridiculous:

- I thought it was a **preposterous** idea to have to bring my own food to the dinner party!
- Although it is a local custom, I found the thought of swimming in the icy lake on New Year's Day quite **preposterous**!

Tuesday – Rebuke (verb) - express sharp disapproval or criticism of (someone) because of their behaviour or actions; or (**noun**) - an expression of sharp disapproval or criticism:

- Travis ignored the **rebuke** and carried on singing out of tune.
- Tom's father **rebuked** him for the spendthrift ways he had adopted since arriving at college.

Wednesday – Dignity (noun) - the quality of being worthy of honour or respect; a sense of pride in oneself; self-respect:

- Helen may have tripped over the step, but she swiftly regained her **dignity** by pretending she had dropped her glasses.
- It was with a humble **dignity** that the fireman collected his award for bravery.

Thursday – Harbour (verb) - keep (a thought or feeling, typically a negative one) in one's mind, especially secretly; or (**noun**) - a place on the coast where ships may moor in shelter, especially one protected from rough water by piers:

- Jenny could not help but **harbour** a great affection for her first love.
- In January of 1502, Portuguese explorers landed at a **harbour** on the coast of South America, and named the site Rio de Janeiro, meaning River of January.

Friday – Synchronise (verb) - cause to occur or operate at the same time or rate:

- Soldiers used their watches to **synchronise** attacks.
- To avoid confusion, we will **synchronise** all the clocks in the office.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND STUDY SUPPORT

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

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS – WHOLE SCHOOL:

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