



Bishop Douglass Catholic School Parent Newsletter

In Pursuit of Excellence

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INTRODUCTION

Pupils in Years 11 and Sixth Form continue to work very hard for their examinations. We look forward to seeing them during half term for revision classes. The timetable for these revision sessions is published on our website and is also attached to the email sending out this newsletter.

We wish everyone a restful and sun-filled half term break and look forward to seeing pupils at the normal time on Monday 4th June.



SPIRITUALITY MATTERS

From the very beginning of creation God said: it is not good that man should be alone. We were created in love for love - to be a community of loving persons, just as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are inseparably united in a community of unbreakable love.

We love because it is our nature to love, and it is our nature because God has made it our nature. Jesus speaks to his disciples of the inseparable bond of love between himself and the Father, and of their love for us. This week, let us remember the way in which we were made, showing love to everyone we meet.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

28th May-3rd June: Half term Holidays
Monday 11th June: Year 8 and 9 Retreats
Thursday 14th June: Year 8 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 19th June—Thursday 21st June: AS Biology trip
Wednesday 4th July: Cambridge University Open Day for selected Year 12 students
Wednesday 11th July: Year 8 Science Trip to Crick Institute
9th—13th July: Wider Horizons Week

CHILDREN'S FORUM TRIP

On Thursday 17th May, 10 of us students from Year 7 were taken by Madam Gibb to represent our school at the Houses of Parliament! We had been voted in by our forms to go to the Children's Forum. This was an event run by a charity to get children engaged in politics, and to influence the government too. We met lots of politicians such as Rt Hon Iain Duncan Smith, and Rt Hon Nick Gibb, a Minister in charge of Education. Toby and myself got our questions answered about Brexit and Education, while Nicholas and Leon voiced their comments about youth violence. We liked what Nick Gibb had to say about how the government would not let Brexit affect our education negatively. We liked getting our voices heard. THEN some of us were interviewed by BBC Radio about the event, and it was broadcast that evening saying how it had inspired us in getting involved in politics. The group described the experience in these words: fun, engaging, educational!

By Esjena Hasmuja (70)



This is the link to listen to the interview: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p06572r0#play>

Listen from 2hours 48minutes to 2hours 49minutes 35seconds. We are very proud of these students who showed great maturity at this event. Well done to all.

epraise.co.uk

THIS WEEK'S TOP EPRAISE WINNERS

Year 7: Roya Shaterian (7W) (+35)

Year 8: Eduard Redincuic (8W) (+40)

Year 9: Paul Cusack (9C) (+65)

Year 10: Artin Gharehbaghi (10C) (+40)

Year 11: Cameron Lawrence (11M) (+70)

Year 12: Mia Kemp (12W) (+60)

Year 13: Sara Hajda (13O) (+20)

WIDER HORIZONS WEEK

Wider Horizons week will be taking place from Monday 9th July this year until Friday 13th July. Some lucky students have already taken up places on the residential trips which you were notified about in September. They will be going to Greece, Malaga or to the activity centre in Kingswood. Meanwhile, those staying in London will also have an interesting week.

Students from Years 8 and 9 have received letters outlining the choices available to them for the week. Information about the options is attached on the next page of this newsletter. Students have been asked to choose 4 options and number their choices from 1 to 4—1 being the option they would most like. This enables us to ensure that if their first choice is over-subscribed, we can place them according to their next preference and so on. If your child does not return the options form, they will be placed into an activity which has spaces available. Please discuss these options with your child so that they can make the choice which is right for them. These forms should be returned as soon as possible.

Year 7 students will be participating in a bespoke activities programme which is intended to highlight the glories of London, be it parks, museums, or sites of historical interest.

WORDS OF THE WEEK

Monday – Nonchalant (adjective): (of a person or manner) feeling or appearing casually calm and relaxed; not displaying anxiety, interest, or enthusiasm:

- George gave a **nonchalant** shrug when told he had another detention.
- During the police interview, Timothy tried to appear **nonchalant**, but he was extremely nervous.

Tuesday – Myriad (Noun/Adjective):- a countless or extremely great number of people or things; A unit of 10,000; (adjective): countless or extremely great in number:

- **Myriads** of insects danced around in the light.
- He gazed at the **myriad** lights of the city.

Wednesday – Gregarious (adjective): fond of company, sociable:

- Denise is a **gregarious**, outgoing young lady who enjoys socialising and entertaining.
- It was not a good idea to have a house full of **gregarious** toddlers!

Thursday - Temporal (adjective): Relating to worldly as opposed to spiritual affairs; secular; relating to time:

- His religious aunt believed people should shun **temporal** pleasures and focus on being worthy of the joys of the afterlife.
- The beneficial effects of the loan were **temporal**, the interest rate on the repayments were astronomical.
- It was a **temporal** contract; it lasted only a few weeks.

Friday – Pithy (adjective):- (of fruit or plant) - containing much pith; (of language or style) - terse (abrupt) and vigorously expressive; an example of something that might be described as pithy is short, meaningful comments. Being succinct and expressive at the same time.

- While his **pithy** response was short, it told me all I need to know.
- The greeting card has a **pithy** amount of text, but beautifully summed up my feelings.



Wider Horizons will take place on Monday 9th to Friday 13th July with 9 exciting projects organised by various departments.

1. Creative writing project
2. Summer Sensory Map
3. BD Bake Off
4. History Re-enacted
5. The Natural World
6. Hidden Treasures of London
7. Be a Palaeontologist for a week
8. BEE project: Helping BD be a BEE-friendly school
9. World's Food



✦ Students will have the opportunity to develop various skills from baking cakes and working on their culinary abilities to becoming a palaeontologist for a week or planning their planting scheme to help the survival of bees in the UK.



There will be some brilliant outings across London such as a visit to Buckingham Palace to see the changing of the guard, various trips to Museums, boat trip on the Thames, walks along the canals and exploring hidden gems in London.



Véronique Torpos
Wider Horizons Co-ordinator

EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND STUDY SUPPORT

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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
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 *Runs until 5:30pm 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