



# Bishop Douglass Catholic School Parent Newsletter

*In Pursuit of Excellence*

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## INTRODUCTION

It has been a busy week this week with many activities going on in and out of school. A particularly poignant assembly was held for all year groups commemorating Holocaust Memorial Day. It was a chance to honour survivors of the genocide in WW2 and subsequent genocides, and also to reflect on our own lives and communities today. Genocide can be the end result of a gradual process of marginalisation and exclusion which begins when the differences between us are not celebrated but used as a reason to separate us.

Next week is another busy one—see below for the upcoming events which may affect your child/children.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

29th Jan: Y12 RE students Retreat; also Goldsmiths University Visit for selected Y10 & 11
30th Jan: Year 12 & 13 RE students conference at St George's School
31st Jan: 11Y Retreat
1st Feb: 11X Retreat; also 6th Form History trip to Royal Academy and National Portrait Gallery; Bank of England Economics trip for 6th form
2nd Feb: NSPCC Number Day; Retreat for mixed group of Y10
5th Feb: Retreat for remaining group of Y10
7 Feb: 6th Form Parents' Evening from 16.30
February Half Term—week commencing 12 Feb 2018
Ski Trip to Molina, Spain during half term
19 Feb: Year 9 DTP & Meningitis Vaccinations

## SPIRITUALITY MATTERS

This week, we listened to the strong urgency to receive and respond to Jesus' call for conversion. In our present time of turbulence and sin, Jesus calls every one of us to respond willingly and with urgency to become his messengers of repentance and conversion. Let us ask the Lord that we may be given the grace of deep personal conversion so that we can bring others back to God, especially our loved ones and those around us.

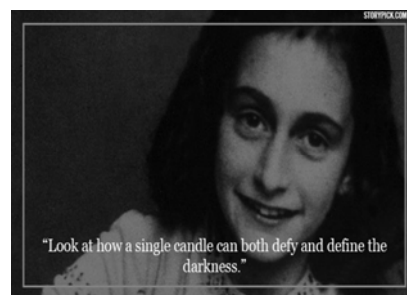
## HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

The 27th of January marks Holocaust Memorial Day. As part of the school's commemoration, a new temporary display was erected outside the hall to highlight the need to remember the Holocaust. On Thursday pupils took part in a short service which was led by Fr. Kevin in memory of all victims of genocide.

A Level and GCSE History and Religious Studies pupils received a talk from the granddaughter of one of the Holocaust survivors. She called her Grandmother's story "The Kindness of Strangers" and described how her Grandmother was hidden as a young child during the occupation of Belgium during WW2. The pupils could not help but be touched by the story.

Staff and pupils have been given the opportunity to sign pledge cards to encourage them to "use their voice" and speak up in the face of prejudice and discrimination, as inspired by Martin Niemöller:

*First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out—  
Because I was not a Socialist.  
Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out—  
Because I was not a Trade Unionist.  
Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—  
Because I was not a Jew.  
Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me.*



NSPCC Number Day takes place on Friday 2nd February and staff will be using the day to promote numeracy throughout the school. There will be a penny collection at the gate.

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## THIS WEEK'S TOP EPRAISE WINNERS

Year 7: Kacper Michalczuk (7 Ward) (+25)

Year 8: Rianna Lanigan (8 More) (+40)

Year 9: Katrina Galvan (9 Ward) (+60)

Year 10: Clifford Appiah (10 More) (+35)

Year 11: Cameron Lawrence (11 More) (+55)

Year 12: Jennifer Quansah (12 Fisher) (+30)

Year 13: Aiden Delor (13 Owen) (+40)

## UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON VISIT

On Thursday the year 12 Extended Project Qualification pupils visited Southampton University to get support in completing their projects. The head librarian gave talks on how to structure an extended essay, how to write critically, and how to reference. The pupils were then given the opportunity to complete some research, finding articles and books in the library. Darius said 'it was great to visit such a reputable library, and access some really valuable sources.' The pupils are also planning to apply to the Summer School programmes that the university run over the summer holidays.



★ **Maths Challenge - Solution**

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## Maths Challenge

What is  $\frac{3}{7}$  chicken,  $\frac{2}{3}$  cat and  $\frac{2}{4}$  goat?



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## WORDS OF THE WEEK

**Monday- Uproarious (adjective)** - characterised by or provoking loud noise or uproar:

- The festivities were so loud that, at times, the **uproarious** music and crowd could be heard outside.
- The crowd reacted with **uproarious** cheers when the last runner passed the finish line.

**Tuesday- Fulsome (adjective)** - complimentary or flattering to an excessive degree; of large size or quantity; generous or abundant:

- Richard found the press embarrassingly **fulsome** in their appreciation of his charity work.
- The Christmas table was laden with **fulsome** mounds of appetising food.

**Wednesday – Coalesce (verb)** - come together to form one mass or whole; combine:

- The two paints began to **coalesce** until they blended into one colour.
- The soap bubbles will group together and **coalesce**, forming larger bubbles.
- The detectives began to **coalesce** the clues in order to solve the crime.

**Thursday – Flounder (verb)** - to behave awkwardly; make mistakes:

- Pete began to **flounder** when he lost the next page in his speech.
- You may **flounder** in your studies if you depend on other people to do your work for you.

**Friday – Morose (adjective)** - having a gloomy attitude or character:

- James became **morose** and sullen when his Xbox was taken away.
- Joan's **morose** nature makes her always expect the worst.

## 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> Year 8 Football v FCH @ BD	<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>Fixture (TBC):</b> Year 7 Basketball v Friern Barnet @ BD	<b>Dance Club</b> Dance Studio  <b>Gospel Choir</b> Music Dept.	<b>Fitness Club</b> Fitness Suite  <b>Chess Club</b> S0.1