



Bishop Douglass Catholic School Parent Newsletter

In Pursuit of Excellence

26th April 2018

INTRODUCTION

British Values Week took place throughout the school this week. Year group assemblies highlighted the values and their importance in our society and in our school. Special activities took place in classrooms.

When walking in the corridors earlier this week, staff were greeted with beautiful melodies emanating from the Music Department as a GCSE drop-down day took place with a professional classical conductor. Mr Reed's report is below.

Exam season will soon be upon us and indeed, GCSE and A level Spanish students have already completed their speaking exams. French will follow early next week. Intervention sessions continue apace and the school is a hive of activity, even at the weekends.

Thank you to all parents/carers who attended the Year 10 Parents' Evening on Wednesday.

MUSIC GCSE DROP DOWN DAY

On Monday of this week the GCSE music students took part in an exam-focussed drop down day led by professional classical conductor, Lee Reynolds. Lee regularly works with some of the best orchestras in this country such as the London Symphony Orchestra and the Royal Opera House. With a wealth of expertise at his disposal, Lee led 15 students through the key musical features of Joseph Haydn's 'Clock' Symphony.

Using his background as a conductor as a base, Lee firstly led the students in a conducting masterclass. This allowed them to further understand the context of the piece and the importance of the orchestra during this period of music. This was followed by the students creating their own version of the symphony using a wide range of instruments.



Students worked incredibly hard throughout the day and were able to further cement their understanding of the piece for their GCSE exam.

Mr Reed, Head of Music



BRITISH VALUES WEEK

This week the school celebrated the importance of British Values within our school life. Students were given time in assemblies and form time to discuss what British Values are and what they mean to us. Many lessons also began with a prayer or reflection on the subject. In addition, students enjoyed activities within their lessons across the school curriculum which focused on these values and linked them directly to their learning.

This was a successful week which reminded us all that Bishop Douglass embodies British values in all aspects of school life and that we are all responsible for living these values in our personal lives too.

Ms Alexander



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 28th April: Polish speaking exams
Monday 30th April & Tuesday 1st May: French GCSE Speaking Exams and Community Language Speaking Exams
Thursday 3rd May: Portuguese Speaking Exams
Monday 7th May: May Day Bank holiday
Wednesday 9th May: Year 9 Parents' Evening
Monday 14th May: GCSE/AS/A level exams start
Wednesday 23rd May: Year 7 Parents' Evening
28th May-3rd June: Half term Holidays
Wednesday 13th June: Year 8 Parents' Evening

CYCLE SAFETY

It is good see some of our students cycling to school, however, we would prefer our cyclists to wear a helmet. Please encourage your child to do so.



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THIS WEEK'S TOP EPRAISE WINNERS

Year 7: Alekzander Voynikow (7O) (+55)

Year 8: Nicole Gonzalez Sena (8W) (+35)

Year 9: Anthony Effah-Yeboah (9C) (+50)

Year 10: Indi Rrushhi (10M) (+25)

Year 11: Gideon Larn (11M) (+60)

Year 12: Beatriz Machado (12A) (+20)

Year 13: Aiden Delor (13L) (+10)

FOOTBALL SEMI-FINALS

Year 7: BD v St Andrew the Apostle

A tremendous performance by BD resulted in an emphatic win: 8-2. Mr O'Brien said the match was "a thrilling exhibition of passing and technical prowess."

Mr O'Brien added: "With goals coming from all over the pitch it was difficult to choose a man of the match. From our goal-keeper, defence, midfield and attacking line, all the players combined to superb effect". The next match is the Barnet Plate Cup final v London Academy taking place on Wednesday 2nd May, 4pm at London Academy. Good luck to all.



YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

The date for handing in "Own Find" forms has passed but if any student has recently found their own work experience place, please hand the form into the Librarian, Mrs Pavlou, as soon as possible and she will try to accommodate this.

CAKE COMPETITIONS

Our kitchen staff were running two competitions which started this week. Each day a different cake was made using a fruit or vegetable and students tried to identify the fruit or vegetable used. A prize of £20 of credit to the lunch account of the winning student was being offered.

They are also calling for all bakers to bring in a fruit or vegetable cake for tasting, together with the recipe and method. Please see Polly about this.



WORDS OF THE WEEK

Monday – Initiate (verb): 1. To cause (a process or action) to begin. 2. To formally admit someone as a member of a group or organisation, usually with a special ceremony:

- The council committee met to **initiate** talks on the new cycle lane.
- She had been formally **initiated** into the group.

Tuesday – Sanguine (adjective): Optimistic or positive, especially in an apparently bad or difficult situation; **Noun –** A blood-red colour (especially of fabric):

- Although the company figures were not good the managing director was **sanguine** about things.
- The heatwave left me feeling quite **sanguine** and relaxed.

Wednesday – Diaphanous (adjective): Light, delicate, and translucent:

- Her wedding dresses consisted of many layers of **diaphanous** silk.
- The **diaphanous** mist was fading away very quickly.

Thursday – Succinct (adjective): Briefly and clearly expressed:

- He gave a **succinct** summary of the first chapters of the story for those who were late to the reading group before moving on.
- Everyone was happy when the politician made a **succinct** speech that did not take all evening.

Friday – Reciprocate (verb): respond to (a gesture or action) by making a corresponding one:

- Her affection for Tom was unfortunately not **reciprocated**.
- To **reciprocate** the kind invitation to the dinner party, Jenny arranged a trip to the theatre.
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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 <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) Fixture: Barnet Plate Cup final Year 7 v London Academy @ London Academy 4pm	Dance Club Dance Studio Gospel Choir Music Dept.	Fitness Club Fitness Suite Chess Club S0.1