



Bishop Douglass Catholic School Parent Newsletter

In Pursuit of Excellence

27th September 2019

INTRODUCTION

We had a very successful Open Evening last night. Tours of the school were run by our pupils and all department presentations had student helpers. Visitors commented on the maturity, knowledge and enthusiasm of our pupils and were very impressed with the presentations. Thank you to all students for your help in the preparation around the school and on the evening. We have a second opportunity for parents and prospective students to visit the school on morning tours, next Thursday 3rd October from 9.30am.

Saturday interventions continue for Year 11 and the 6th form. Please ensure that your child makes the most of these sessions and arrives punctually.

The Macmillan cake sale on Thursday evening and Friday morning was very successful. £331.50 was raised for this fantastic charity. Thank you all for your contributions and a special thank you to the members of the PTA who helped with these sales.

Have a wonderful weekend.

"A DOLL'S HOUSE" - THEATRE VISIT

Drama students from Years 9, 10 and 11 were privileged to go to see a performance last week at the Lyric Theatre. The play was a reimagining of "A Doll's House" by Henrik Ibsen. This version has the play set in Calcutta allowing for the exploration of the themes of gender politics, and the clash of identities and female independence.

This is one of the plays studied in GCSE drama so it was a great opportunity for the Year 11s particularly to see it brought to life.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 3rd October: Open morning tours from 9.30am

PTA Meeting 5:30pm– 7.30pm: All parents welcome

Friday 18th October: INSET day—school closed for all pupils

Half term: Monday 21st October—25th October

Monday 11th November: Remembrance Day

Wednesday 13th November: Year 11 Into 6th Form meeting
4.30pm to 6.30pm

Monday 2nd December: INSET day—school closed to pupils

Tuesday 3rd December: KS4/5 Mock exams start

Thursday 5th December: Senior Citizens' Christmas party

Week commencing 9th December: Whole school assessments

Wednesday 11th December: Carol Service 6pm

Tuesday 17th December: Christmas dinner for pupils

Thursday 19th December: Last day of term

PTA MEETING

Please note the rescheduled date for the BD PTA meeting: **Tuesday 15th October at 5.30pm.** All parents and carers are welcome and any involvement is much appreciated.

On the agenda will be fund-raising plans for this year. Last year it was decided that we would try to raise funds to purchase a new school mini-bus and so far we have raised money through cake sales, the summer fair, and of course, your donations. Thank you for your continued support.

Ms Wejknis
BD PTA Co-ordinator



WORDS OF THE WEEK

Monday – Intransigent – Adjective - Unwilling or refusing to change one's views or to agree about something:

- Her father had tried persuasion, but she was **intransigent**.
- Nobody wants to work in a group with Jack because he is **intransigent** and unwilling to be a team player.

Tuesday – Incipient- Adjective- Beginning to happen or develop:

- The best way to stop the disease from spreading is by identifying it while it is **incipient**.
- He could feel **incipient** anger building up.

Wednesday – Coalesce– Verb- Come together to form one mass or whole:

- The puddles had **coalesced** into shallow streams.
- Local high school principals have agreed to **coalesce** around new approaches for college preparation.

Thursday – Stray- Verb- Move away aimlessly from a group or from the right course or place:

- Dog owners are urged not to allow their dogs to **stray**. Even with the simplest task, Camille's mind will **stray** and meander.

Friday – Mitigation- Noun- The action of reducing the severity, seriousness, or painfulness of something:

- The doctor gave me a prescription to **mitigate** the pain.
- Because people are concerned about their safety on the internet, many social media sites have enacted policies to **mitigate** privacy concerns.

BD CONTACT

Please note that if you need to contact us by email, you should use the following email address:

schooladmin@bishopdouglass.barnet.sch.uk

Please do not use the email service used to send you this newsletter as it is not checked regularly. Please do not send texts but telephone our Receptionist on 020 8444 5211 or use the email above.

Thank you for your support.

The School Office

PRAYER FOR THE WEEKEND

Prayer: Father in Heaven, bless all the homeless people in our world, and those who have to beg for food. Open our eyes to their needs so that we can help them in whatever way we can. Amen

THIS WEEK'S EPRAISE WINNERS

Year 7: Adam Kent (7F), Jeremiah Simpungwe (7F) and Lucja Dzialek (7W) (+115)

Year 8: Arda Caner (8M), & Dimitrios Lesai-Laios (8O) (+75)

Year 9: Michael Mahel (9O) (+115)

Year 10: Estafania Henao-Pardo (10A) (+70)

Year 11: Dave Manuel (11C) (+55)

Year 12: Juliet Pareja-Ramirez (12C) (+40)

Year 13: Rashia Ngwu (13S) (+20)

611 SCHOOL BUS CONSULTATION

Transport for London are consulting about removing the 611 school bus route and replacing it with additional 112 buses that would stop on the North Circular Road by Christ College School. Our view is that the 611 bus service should not be cut, as the bus-stop on the North Circular Road would be less convenient. New parents like the fact that the 611 bus stops virtually opposite the school and is an easy, safe and supervised walk into the school.

We are also concerned that the 112 bus stops on the polluted and busy North Circular Road where children will have to wait. We would be grateful if as many parents as possible would consider objecting to the proposal by visiting <https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/buses/routes-112-and-611/> by **Monday 28 October 2019**.

SPIRITUALITY MATTERS

Thank you to everyone who contributed cakes for our Macmillan cake sale yesterday and today. Our pupils were very enthusiastic in their purchases. Thank you too, to our PTA members who ran the sale, with the help of our 6th form liturgical team; your help was much appreciated!

God bless,
The RE Department



EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND STUDY SUPPORT

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School 8.00-8.45am	Homework Support A1.1 8am Handwriting Club Library 8.45am Independent Study Library Maths Club Library 8.50-9.10 Sage Club 8.30am DO.6 Breakfast Club Hall – free breakfast before 8.20am Laud’s morning prayer 8:25am Chapel	Homework Support A1.1 8am Handwriting Club Library 8.45am Independent Study Library Maths Club Library 8.50-9.10 Breakfast Club Hall – free breakfast before 8.20am	Homework Support A1.1 8am Handwriting Club Library 8.45am Independent Study —Library Maths Club Library 8.50—9.10 Breakfast Club Hall – free breakfast before 8.20am	Homework Support A1.1 8am Social skills Y7 A1.2 8.45am Independent Study —Library Maths Club Library 8.50—9.10 Breakfast Club Hall – free breakfast before 8.20am	Homework Support A1.1 8am Social Skills Y8 SO.5 8.45am Independent Study —Library Maths Club Library 8.50—9.10 Breakfast Club Hall – free breakfast before 8.20am
Lunchtime 1.30-2pm	Homework Support A1.1 Maths Club A1.2 KS4 Art Club T1.2	Homework Support A1.1 Maths Club A1.2 KS4 Art Club T1.2 Science Club SO.6 Geography Club B1.5	Homework Support A1.1 Maths Club A1.2 KS3 Art Club T1.2	Homework Support A1.1 Maths Club A1.2	Homework Support A1.1
After School 3.10-6pm	Homework Support A1.1 (until 4:10) Evening Study Library *Hot meal served at 5.45pm	Homework Support A1.1 (until 4:10) Evening Study Library *Hot meal served at 5.45pm	Homework Support A1.1 (until 4:10) Evening Study Library *Hot meal served at 5.45pm	Homework Support A1.1 (until 4:10) Evening Study Library *Hot meal served at 5.45pm	Homework Support A1.1 (until 4.10)

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS/ACTIVITIES:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime 1.30-2pm	Fitness Club Gym Raising & Giving Committee DO.6 Indoor Football Club Y7 Sports Hall	Fitness Club Gym Spanish Cine Club A3.1 Moment for Jesus Chapel	Fitness Club Gym Bible Club DO.6 Basketball Club	Fitness Club Gym Basketball Club Spanish Cine Club A3.1 Moment for Jesus Chapel	Bachata dance club A3.1 Fitness Club Gym Basketball Club
After School 3.10-4.10pm	Drama Club Drama Studio (until 4.30) KS3 Boys Football Sports Field	Drama Club Drama Studio (until 4.30) Debate mate Y7-10 C3.1 (until 4.20) Sixth Form sports	KS3 Film Club C3.1 Football Basketball Fitness	Model UN B1.4 Dance Club Dance Studio (until 4.30pm) Cricket Club Sports Hall (until 4.10) Basketball fixtures	Chess Club —S0.1 (until 4.30)