



Bishop Douglass Catholic School Parent Newsletter

In Pursuit of Excellence

28th September 2018

INTRODUCTION

Our Open Evening on Thursday was a huge success and we are very proud of our pupil guides and departmental helpers who showcased the school so well. Visitors commented on how mature, helpful and courteous our pupils were. Thank you to all who helped in any way.

We have an **Open Morning on Thursday 4th October**. Please come along if you have a child in Year 6 looking to move to the school next September (parents should arrive at 9:15 for a 9:30 start).

It was wonderful to see a large turnout for our inaugural PTA meeting of this year. Everyone was eager to help with ideas on fund-raising to support the school. We will have more information on the activities suggested at a later stage. The next meeting is on 30th October at 5.15pm.

Most of the year 7 form groups have had retreats this week, with two to go next week. The RE department reports that these have been very useful events to bond with all form members and to prepare for the year ahead.

We hope you have a restful weekend.

WOMEN IN ECONOMICS CONFERENCE

On Thursday 20th September sixth form economists attended the annual Women in Economics Conference held at Caius College, Cambridge. This year's theme was 'From Theory to Policy: Economics in the Real World'.

Speakers from a range of backgrounds, including people for the IFS, the Bank of England and the Women's Equality Party, lead discussions centred around the theme.

All those who attended found it an inspirational day.

Madam Gant



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 1st October: Retreat for 7F

Monday 1st-Friday 5th October: Rome trip

Tuesday 2nd October: Retreat for 7W

Wednesday 17th October: Parent Forum 7pm

Friday 19th October: INSET day

Half Term: 22nd October—26th October (inclusive)

Tuesday 30th October: BD PTA @ 5.15pm

BD PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

A message from Madam Wejknis, BD PTA Coordinator:

A massive thank you to all parents/carers who attended the first BD PTA meeting on Tuesday. What a turnout!

We are incredibly lucky to have so many supportive parents/carers and already have a few great ideas for school events and ways of raising funds to support the school. The next meeting is taking place next half term on **Tuesday 30th October 2018 at 5.15pm**.

It is never too late to get involved—if you have ideas or want to help out, please come along.

Also, as mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, the RE department is organising a MacMillan coffee morning on Friday 5th October. If any member of the PTA is able to help out on the day, please email us at schooladmin@bishopdouglass.barnet.sch.uk and we will get back to you with more details.

Thank you for your continued support.

SPIRITUALITY MATTERS

Prayer for the week:

Lord, sometimes we find it hard not to have things our own way! To be expected to share and put others first. Help us to be generous and thoughtful as you would want us to be. We make these prayers through Christ our Lord, Amen.

EMAIL CONTACT FOR BD

Please note that if you wish to contact the school by email, you should use this address:

schooladmin@bishopdouglass.barnet.sch.uk

Emails sent to other addresses may not be picked up daily and will delay any response to you.

Thank you for your assistance.

THIS WEEK'S TOP EPRAISE WINNERS

Year 7: Farhana Sediq (7M), Gabriel Aversani Gil (7W) and Jakub Jaworski (7W) (+30)

Year 8: Yekta Shaterian (8W) (+25)

Year 9: Raluca-Elena Cozma (9C) and SIRR Kaiyewu (9C) (+30)

Year 10: Iara Goncalves (10C) and Anastasia Vasiliev (10F) (+25)

Year 11: Elisha Chan (11C) (+100)

Year 12: Jeremiah Chantre-Gomes (12O) (+15)

Year 13: Sahira Khadery (12F) (+25)

KEATS HOUSE VISIT—A LEVEL ENGLISH

On a glorious Autumn day, the Bishop Douglass Literature A-Level class joined forces with their St Thomas More counterparts for a trips to Keats' House, Hampstead.

Keats, a much-loved Georgian poet, who lived a stone's throw away from Bishop Douglass in the beautiful, leafy village of Hampstead, is a firm favourite on the A-Level curriculum. The purpose of this study day, run by the educational officer and curator of the Keats' House Museum, was for students to develop their understanding of the life and times of this poet. Being in the actual house in which Keats lived and composed so many of his tremendous works was truly inspiring for students!

As well as a series of talks and the detailed study of two poems by Keats, students had the opportunity to explore the house, try on some typical Georgian dress and inspect some of the art-works and other artefacts that were of such vital importance to the poet.

We work with Keats' House regularly—running workshops and creative writing sessions with them in the Summer term too, and this day was a success; students left there brimming with ideas and a heightened understanding of the poet's life and times.



Keats' House, Hampstead

Madam Prina
Head of English

WORDS OF THE WEEK

Monday – Trajectory – Noun: The path followed by a projectile flying or an object moving under the action of given forces:

- The missile's **trajectory** was preset.
- The footballer kicked the ball and sent it on a **trajectory** that ended with the game-winning goal.

Tuesday – Notoriety – Noun: The state of being famous or well known for some bad quality or deed:

- The song gained some **notoriety** in the press and was promptly banned by the BBC!
- His experiments have achieved **notoriety** in the world of science.

Wednesday – Eavesdrop – Verb: Secretly listen to a conversation:

- My father often **eavesdropped** on my phone calls, I found it very intrusive.
- I didn't mean to **eavesdrop**, but I was glad I did or I would never have known I was about to be dismissed.

Thursday – Indictment – Noun: 1. A formal charge or accusation of a serious crime; or 2. A thing that serves to illustrate that a system or situation is bad and deserves to be condemned:

- The **indictment** was absolutely humiliating for him; he lost his parliamentary seat and his reputation.
- The show is a chilling **indictment** of what happens when strangers are forced to live together in a small space.

Friday – Fastidious – Adjective: 1. Very attentive to and concerned about accuracy and detail or 2. Very concerned about matters of cleanliness:

- She always dressed with **fastidious** care.
- The second-hand car was in excellent condition; it was clear that the previous owner was **fastidious** in their care for the car.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

The RE department will be holding a MacMillan's coffee morning next **Friday 5th October**, in the food room. This is to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support, which provides specialist health care, information and financial support to people with cancer.

Donations of cakes, biscuits, sweets/confectionary are welcomed. Please bring donations to the RE department.

Thank you for your support.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND STUDY SUPPORT

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School 8.00-8.45am	Homework Support A1.1 Handwriting Club Library 8.45am Independent Study —Library Breakfast Club Hall – free breakfast before 8.20am	Homework Support A1.1 Handwriting Club Library 8.45am Independent Study -Library Breakfast Club Hall – free breakfast before 8.20am	Homework Support A1.1 Handwriting Club Library 8.45am Independent Study —Library Breakfast Club Hall – free breakfast before 8.20am	Homework Support A1.1 Social skills Y7 A1.2 8.45 Independent Study —Library Breakfast Club Hall – free breakfast before 8.20am	Homework Support A1.1 Social Skills Y8 A1.2 8.45am Independent Study —Library Breakfast Club Hall – free breakfast before 8.20am
Lunchtime 1.30-2pm	Homework Support A1.1 Maths Club A1.2	Homework Support A1.1 Maths Club A1.2	Homework Support A1.1 Maths Club A1.2	Homework Support A1.1 Maths Club A1.2	Homework Support A1.1 Maths Club A1.2
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 Fitness Suite Basketball Club	Fitness Club Fitness Suite Basketball Club Choir E0.6	Salsa/Bachata dance A3.3	Fitness Club Fitness Suite Basketball Club Senior Choir —E0.6 Y11 Anime Club C3.1	Fitness Club Fitness Suite Basketball Club KS3 Art Club T1.2
After School 3.10-4.10pm	Drama Club —E0.4 Lord of the Flies rehearsals (3.10-4.30pm) Orchestra —E0.6	.	Music practice Club —E corridor KS3: Football Basketball Fitness KS4 & 5: (from 4.10) Basketball, Fitness Drama Club Rehearsals (see Monday)—E0.4 Fitness Club —Fitness Suite	Dance club: (until 4.30) Dance Studio (3.10-4.30pm) School Choir —E0.6	Chess Club —S0.1 Music Appreciation —E0.6 (until 3.30pm)