



# Bishop Douglass Catholic School Parent Newsletter

*In Pursuit of Excellence*

5th March 2018

## **INTRODUCTION**

The recent snowstorms have highlighted both the beauty of nature and its disruptive power. In the case of the school, it has also highlighted the fragility of our technology. We want to acknowledge that there was a delay in the communication to parents about the school opening on Wednesday which was due to our website platform crashing after unprecedented demand across all London schools. We apologise for any inconvenience this caused.

A number of school trips and events were cancelled this week. World Book Day events will be held next Thursday 8th March. The Year 11 Geography Field trips to the Flatford Mills Field Study Centre was cancelled. This will be re-arranged, and parents will be notified once the centre has given us a new date. Meanwhile, Spanish students from the 6th form braved the snow with Madam Venables on Wednesday to visit the Cervantes Theatre for 'Las Casa de Bernarda Alba'.

Trips to Rome and China are taking place in the next school year. Information letters are available from Madam Hajiantoni and Madam Cheng respectively.

## **SPIRITUALITY MATTERS**

As a school community, we are commemorating the season of Lent. Lent offers us all a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to a way of life, rooted in our baptism. In our busy world, Lent provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our patterns, to pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what we've done and failed to do, and to be generous to those in need. As we move through this week, let us take hold of this opportunity to reflect and rebuild our relationship with God.

## **NEW SCHOOL ENTRANCE PROCEDURE**

Please note the following change to pupil arrivals each morning: all students will now enter from the Hamilton Road side gate (LSU) open from 7.45 until 8.50am. Late-comers will continue to use the normal entrance via the estate gate. End of school procedures remain the same, that is, all pupils to leave via the normal gate via the estate, and the Reception when this is closed. Please use the staff car park to drop off your child/children.

## **YEAR 11 BARNET BASKETBALL CHAMPS**

As the top two placed teams in the Barnet League, BD and London Academy were paired against each other for the Championship final. It proved to be a fiercely fought match with both schools producing some top quality basketball. A tense final quarter ended with BD retaining their title as Barnet Champions for the third year running, with the final score 51-50.

Congratulations to all squad members and the finals team of: Angelo Jimenez (C), Edgar Escartin, Tehjarne Mellis, Patryk Rosak, Gideon Larn, Kuda Benza, Ben Dehghani.

Mr O'Brien



## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

5th March: Year 10 GCSE Drama Performance

6th March: Year 11 GCSE Drama Performance

8th March: World Book Day

KS4 & 5 Trial Exams: Week Commencing 12 March

13th March: 'A Streetcar Named Desire' trip, A Level English

14th March: Selected Y10 students visit to Imperial College

14th March: A Level Geography Revision Day

15th March: UCAS Exhibition—Year 12

Music Springfest: week commencing 19th March

## MUSIC SPRINGFEST

The week commencing 19th March will be a festival of music as a variety of showcases take place to highlight the great range of musical talent in the school both in the staff ranks and among the pupils. Charities will also benefit with collections made during performances.

Mr Craig, Mr Layton, Mr Harris and Mr Reed together form "The BDs" and are shown below rehearsing for this event.



## CHINA TRIP—OCTOBER 2018

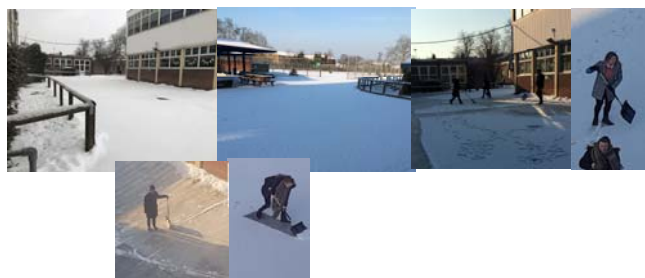


Following a successful trip last year, we are offering another chance for students to go to Beijing. It is proposed that the trip will take place in

October 2018. This will be a joint schools trip and 32 places are available. Letters of interest are available from Madam Cheng so please contact her if you are interested in your child attending this trip.



## SNOW SCHOOL



## EASTER EGGS WANTED

Please remember to bring eggs by **Thursday 22nd March 2018**. Thank you for your support.



## YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

DEADLINE for return of completed Own Find forms:  
**Friday 20 April 2018**

**5 Weeks** remain for the return of completed "Own Find" forms. Please hand them in at the Library.

Thank you for your co-operation.  
Madam Pavlou (Librarian)

## WORDS OF THE WEEK

**Monday – Secrete (verb):** 1. To place out of sight; hide; conceal. 2. (Of a cell, gland or organ) To produce and discharge (a substance).

- Tim had tried to surreptitiously **secrete** his sweets in his pocket.
- Insulin is **secreted** in response to rising levels of glucose in the blood.

**Tuesday – Imposition (noun):** 1. The action or process of imposing something or of being imposed. 2. A thing that is imposed, in particular an unfair or unwelcome demand.

- David thought it may have been an **imposition** to ask his neighbours for teabags – but he did anyway as he was desperate for a cup of tea!
- It was no **imposition** to visit my grandparents every Sunday.

**Wednesday – Deplore (verb):** Feel or express strong condemnation of (something).

- I **deplore** the way some restaurants expect you to eat off slates - a nice china plate is always preferable.
- The Football Association said it **deplored** the unacceptable scenes of violence.

**Thursday – Insubordination (noun):** Defiance of authority; refusal to obey orders.

- Philip was frequently disturbed by the **insubordination** of his classmates.
- Lorraine was finally fired by her boss for her failures and **insubordination**.

**Friday – Trinity (noun):** A group consisting of three closely related members; a group of three people or things:

- The starter was the first of a **trinity** of excellent courses at the new restaurant.
- The Holy **Trinity** has always been a mystery – three beings in one: the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

## 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 – <i>free breakfast before 8.20am</i> <b>Sage Club</b>	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 <b>Independent Study</b> Library <b>Breakfast Club</b> Hall – <i>free breakfast before 8.20am</i>	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 <b>Independent Study</b> Library <b>Breakfast Club</b> Hall – <i>free breakfast before 8.20am</i>	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 <b>Independent Study</b> Library <b>Breakfast Club</b> Hall – <i>free breakfast before 8.20am</i>	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 <b>Independent Study</b> Library <b>Breakfast Club</b> Hall – <i>free breakfast before 8.20am</i>
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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 <i>*Runs until 5:30pm</i> <b>STEM Club</b> S0.5 <b>Drama Club</b> Drama Studio <b>Orchestra</b> Music Dept <b>Trampoline Club</b> Dance Studio	<b>Music practice</b> Music Dept.  <b>Fixture:</b> Y8 Football v Hendon @ BD (Mr Asaro)	<b>Rock School</b> Music Dept. <b>Wednesday club (girls only)</b> Badminton, basketball, fitness, netball/football (Sports Hall)	<b>Dance Club</b> Dance Studio  <b>Gospel Choir</b> Music Dept.  <b>Fixture:</b> Y8 Basketball v Christ College @ BD (Mr O'Brien)	<b>Fitness Club</b> Fitness Suite  <b>Chess Club</b> S0.1