



Bishop Douglass Catholic School Parent Newsletter

In Pursuit of Excellence

5th October 2018

INTRODUCTION

Parents of year 7-11 children should have received a letter regarding next week's assessment week. Further information is on this page of the newsletter. Please encourage your child to revise the topics provided in the letter in preparation for the week ahead.

This is a reminder that you should try to ensure all dental or medical appointments for your child are made outside school hours. In exceptional circumstances where your child needs to leave the school during the day for a medical or other appointment, please send in a note with your child clearly stating the reason and exact times for the absence. The note must be signed by a parent or carer.

We are trying to ensure that the school is cashless and any trips or payments should be made via our online system, Parentpay. If you require a login and password please email schooladmin@bishopdouglass.barnet.sch.uk and these details will be emailed back to you.

Finally, thanks to all who donated to the RE Department's MacMillan coffee morning held today. The event was a great success. Details of the amount raised for MacMillan Cancer Support will be in next week's newsletter, but there are pictures below.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Our thanks to all who donated so generously to the MacMillan coffee morning. It was a huge success due to your generosity.

Mr Hajisavva
Head of RE



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

W/B 8th October: Assessment week—Y7-11

Friday 19th October: INSET day

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

Tuesday 30th October: BD PTA @ 5.15pm

Year 11 GCSE Geography Field Trip: Thursday 1st November

Friday 2nd November: Target Setting Day

ASSESSMENT WEEK

Next week sees the beginning of the first assessment week for years 7 to 11. A letter was handed out to all students detailing subjects for revision and listing the resources provided by the school to assist your child with study and homework. Please ask your child to go to Student Services to collect a copy of this letter or contact the school for a copy to be emailed to you, if you have not received it from your child.

An update of your child's current progress, in the form of a printed report, will be available following the assessment week. Each pupil has a target grade for all subjects studied and the grades are listed on a sticker in their journal. These targets are for the end of the year, and these may increase based on a child's stage of learning.

Please ensure that your child is fully prepared for their assessments by assisting with their organisation and study at this important time.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Mr Burt
Assistant Headteacher



THIS WEEK'S TOP EPRAISE WINNERS**Year 7: Roshni Rani (7W) (+30)****Year 8: Karine Vicente (8O), Dru Amin (8O), Julian Kiode (8C), Ediola Brahilika (8W), Joshua Palmer (8F) & Ambika Rungloll (8F) (+20)****Year 9: Sirr Kaiyewu (9C) (+45)****Year 10: Enxhi Isallari (10W) (+30)****Year 11: Domenico De Ninno (11C) (+55)****Year 12: Rashida Ngwu (12S), Natasha Kalebwe (12L), Filip Kocik (12S) & Natalie Rutagamra (12S) (+15)****Year 13: Soraya Arif (13A) (+50)****OCTOBER 2018**

October is designated Black History Month throughout the UK and to celebrate this, and this year's 70th anniversary of the arrival of the Empire Windrush, students will be looking at the role played by celebrated black Britons of the 20th and 21st centuries.

Students will examine the lives of some well-known, and some less well-known, figures from past and present. This year, we are encouraging students to look at those whose lives have been based in the UK as well as people, like Wangari Maathai and Harriet Tubman, from around the world.

The best part will be when the students share their knowledge with each other to develop their awareness of our societies and their histories.

Mr Harris
Head of History

**WORDS OF THE WEEK**

Monday – Accost – Verb -approach and address (someone) boldly or aggressively.
speak to · talk to · call to · shout to · hail · initiate a discussion with:

- If someone **accosts** another person, especially a stranger, they stop them or go up to them and speak to them in a way that seems rude or threatening.
- The footballer was shy and timid off the pitch; he disliked being **accosted** by reporters in the street.

Tuesday – Insomnia - habitual sleeplessness; inability to sleep:

- Suffering from a mild form of **insomnia**, I spend a lot of time up and about in the early hours before dawn.
- When **insomnia** chases sleep away, counting sheep is supposed to help.

Wednesday –Shun – Verb - persistently avoid, ignore, or reject (someone or something):

- The recluse **shunned** the company of other human beings.
- It is a rare ability to **shun** irrelevant gossip and concentrate on important issues.

Thursday – contrition – Noun -the state of feeling remorseful and penitent:

- Following any argument, I am always full of **contrition**, and begging forgiveness.
- The goalie retreated, with head bowed in **contrition**, as the ref showed him the yellow card.

Friday – Perforate – Verb - pierce and make a hole or holes in:

- Paper manufacturers **perforate** the edges of paper towels so that they will tear easily.
- The explosion **perforated** his eardrum.



Margaret Busby OBE became Britain's youngest and first black woman book publisher, when in 1967, she co-founded Allison & Busby with Clive Allison. *Find out more on www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk*

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 Boys football training Girls basketball training	Fixture: Year 9 Girls basketball v Henrietta Barnet @ Henrietta Barnet (Ms Merrett & Ms Marsham)	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 Fixtures: Y8 football v FCH @ FCH (Mr O'Brien) Year 9 football v FCH @ BD (Mr Asaro)	Dance club: (until 4.30) Dance Studio (3.10-4.30pm) School Choir —E0.6 Fixture: Year 7 Football v FCH (Venue to be confirmed) (Mr Hart)	Chess Club —S0.1 Music Appreciation —E0.6 (until 3.30pm)