



Bishop Douglass Catholic School Parent Newsletter

In Pursuit of Excellence

6th July 2018

INTRODUCTION

There have been a number of highlights this week including Barnet Athletics championships and the Year 7 to 13 Prize Giving on Wednesday. In addition, on Thursday, we welcomed our new Year 7 pupils to the school for their induction day. They were shown around the school by our wonderful current Year 7 helpers and then participated in some special lessons before a speech to parents and pupils by Mr Tissot. They all seemed to have enjoyed their day very much.

Can parents please note that Evening Study has now finished for this academic year and school will now finish at 3.05pm for all pupils unless they are involved in other activities. The Library will continue to be open until 4.30pm for homework support.

We hope you enjoy the sunshine and have a relaxing weekend. Wider Horizons week takes place next week—please ensure your children are prepared for being outside in the heat with sun-cream, hats and water.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

9th—13th July: Wider Horizons Week

Tuesday 17th July: School sports day

Friday 20th July: Last Day of Term—Non-Uniform Day (CAFOD)



BARNET ATHLETICS

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Bishop Douglass Year 9 and 10 team took part in the Barnet Athletics Regional Championships on 28th June with some strong performances throughout.

Notable performances came from:

Manuella Mbundu(9C) seemed nonplussed with her result in the triple jump. She secured 3rd place in an event which also featured athletes who represented England in athletics .

James Musa(10M) put in a heroic effort finishing 2nd in both the long jump and Javelin for Year 10.

Tehjarne Mellis(10F) managed to surmount his opposition as he outshone all with a massive 12.86m in the shot putt finishing 1st place.

Mali Halliday(9F) won his 70m hurdles race with strong competition around him in his heat, **Edward Gidisu(9F)** narrowly missed out on gold but finished second in his hurdles heat.



Jordan Shodeinde, Year 10, taking part in the 1500m

800m is one of the tougher races to take part in but that did not stop **Samuel Da Silva(9M)** in Year 9 narrowly miss out on the podium with a hard earned 4th place.

A combined Year 9 and 10 girls relay team came 3rd place in the Year 10 girls relay race which consisted of **Keya Broadley(10C)**, **Manuella Mbundu(9C)**, **Chipego Kalebwe (9M)** and **Gloria Fanokun(10M)**.

A special mention and congratulations goes to **Rayne Tapper(7M)**, who represented Barnet competing in the Middlesex Championships for 100m and relay which is a fantastic achievement. She has a bright and promising future in Athletics ahead of her! All pupils behaved impeccably and were nonchalant throughout even while up against strong opposition.

With strong performances from the team Bishop Douglass have made it to the Barnet Borough Athletics Finals next week which culminates the sporting calendar for Bishop Douglass pupils.

LAMDA SUCCESSES



Congratulations to the following pupils for passing with Distinction and Merit in their Solo Acting Grade 3 LAMDA exams! Once at a certain level, these exams contribute to UCAS points which help when applying to Universities. Those interested in joining next year can see Madam Gibb and Madam McCrone. Thanks to Diverse Arts for training these pupils so well.

Patrycja Kosik
Gosia Wilk
Patrycja Hubka
Gabriella Dzienis
Victoria Kus

VICTORIA PARK YOUTH CONSULTATION

On Wednesday the charity Groundworks came to Bishop Douglass to consult with the student council members on the development plans of Victoria Park.

Judy Hallgarten, from Groundwork, commented on how articulate the pupils were, and said that they came up with some really interesting and thoughtful suggestions.

If you would like to see the development plans for Victoria Park, and share your thoughts, please visit the following website <https://engage.barnet.gov.uk/Victoria-Park-Finchley-consultation>

To learn more about what groundwork do, please go to their website <https://www.groundwork.org.uk/sites/london>



WORDS OF THE WEEK

Monday – Solicitude – Noun: Care or concern for someone or something.

- The **solicitude** shown to her by her neighbours after the robbery touched her deeply.
- I was touched by his **solicitude** for the boy.

Tuesday – Repose – Noun: A state of rest, sleep, or tranquility.

Verb: Be situated or kept in a particular place

- Mary studies so much, that her hours of **repose** should not be interrupted.
- The Mona Lisa now **reposes** in The Louvre, in Paris.

Wednesday – Volition – Noun: the faculty or power of using one's will; an act of making a choice or decision

- Helena left the company of her own **volition**.
- The house was said to be haunted as there are tales of clanking chains and doors which open and close of their own **volition**.

Thursday – Malady – Noun: A disease or ailment; a serious problem.

- It could be said that knife crime is one of our society's modern day **maladies**.
- Chicken pox is an irritating **malady** and is highly contagious.

Friday – Narcissist – Noun: A person who has an excessive interest in or admiration of themselves.

- He is a **narcissist**, believing the world revolves around him.
- Margaret, being a **narcissist** of such magnitude, could not resist parading her success in public.