



Bishop Douglass Catholic School Parent Newsletter

In Pursuit of Excellence

12th June 2020

INTRODUCTION

I hope everyone had a good half term and stayed safe. This week we have been busy preparing for the return of our Year 10 and 12 students for their face to face sessions with their teachers. We are really looking forward to seeing you next week. Work continues to be set by teachers on SMHW. Parents please do have a look and check your child is submitting their work to their teachers. Ask to physically see this as some children are telling parents they have done it but it has not been submitted. You can do this by using your parent login to SMHW. This can also be downloaded as an App on your phone. If you need a new login or password, please contact:

ITsupport@bishopdouglass.barnet.sch.uk

While some restrictions of lockdown are being eased we would encourage all to follow the advice to 'stay alert' and keep safe. Have a good weekend everyone.

Mrs Henderson,
Head of School



THIS WEEK'S PRIZE DRAW WINNERS

Year 7	Lucja Dzialek
Year 7	Joseph Wilsher
Year 8	Katerina Stapanova
Year 8	Obaid Khadery
Year 9	Leon Giacomini
Year 9	Sam Dehghan
Year 10	Deandre Samson
Year 10	Rubenn Bazgan
Year 11	Regienne Grace Ganalon
Year 11	Pascal Chanda
Year 12	Domenico De Ninno
Year 12	Lady Angel Mae Navarra

The winners of the draw for the £10 Amazon vouchers for each year group, are listed above. Every piece of work submitted is put in the draw, so keep completing that work everyone.

HISTORICAL FIGURE OF THE WEEK

Historical Figure of the Week:
Desmond Tutu



Life: October 1931 - present
Country of Origin: South African
Historical significance:
Tutu was an Anglican cleric and theologian known for his work as an anti-apartheid and human rights activist. He led the *Truth and Reconciliation Commission*, which sought to heal the wounds caused by apartheid. He was also Bishop of Johannesburg and then Archbishop of Cape Town from and was the first black African to hold these position.

**BLACK
LIVES
MATTER**

One of Desmond Tutu's most inspirational quotes:

'If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor.'



To learn more about The Most Reverend Desmond Tutu, and why he won a Nobel Peace Prize **visit:** <https://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/peace/1984/tutu/biographical/>

Read: One of Tutu's many books, a few options are: *The Rainbow People of God*, *No Future Without Forgiveness* or *The Book of Joy* which was co-authored with the Dalai Lama!

KS4: Watch: *The Forgiven* (2018) starring Forrest Whittaker and Eric Bana – based on Tutu's life and work with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

To expand your knowledge on (British) racial inequalities: (Your teachers can provide you with a fuller list if you are interested in this topic):

Read: *Natives* by Akala; *I know why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou.

Read and Watch: *Noughts and Crosses* by Malorie Blackman

Listen: *George the Poet* Podcast – Have you heard George's Podcast– BBC Sounds

MESSAGE FROM MR TISSOT

Many of our pupils and staff have been rightly outraged and upset, at the much publicised homicide of George Floyd in Minneapolis, whilst in police custody. Several pieces of work and poems have been submitted in reaction. George Floyd was cruelly treated, handcuffed and pinned to the ground and his dying words, 'Please, I can't breathe', have sparked a flood of tributes, many of which discuss the injustice and institutional racism, which can only be expunged from our world if we all work together. Philadelphia Eagles' quarterback, Carson Wentz, reflects the thoughts shared by millions through his comments on Twitter on the subject of racism: 'I'll never know the feeling of having to worry about my kids going outside because of their skin colour. However, I know that we are all equal at the foot of the cross and Jesus taught us to value others' lives like they were our own – regardless of skin tone.' I am very grateful to the member of staff who has sent in the following prayer influenced by Pope Francis' words on the feast of Pentecost in Rome. Our Holy Father called for the Holy Spirit to give us the courage to become one family:

As communities turn against each other, at Bishop Douglass School we turn to each other with love. We pledge that end-less persecution becomes less persecution and an end to injustice. Liberty and justice for some, we recognise is equality for none. We kneel in solidarity against racism, against the virus of hate, and declare: Lord, help us all to breathe again!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 15th June—Friday 19th June:

Year 10 and Year 12 face to face sessions (please see letters for appointment times)

Thursday 18th June

A wonderful opportunity for us to join together will be when Cardinal Vincent Nichols celebrates a Mass in the Cathedral for our school communities. This Mass will be celebrated on **18th June at 11.30am** and streamed live on <https://www.churchservices.tv/westminster>.

Friday 17th July: Last day of term

BISHOP DOUGLASS ON TWITTER

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WORDS OF THE WEEK

Monday- Pantheon - (Noun) - A group of particularly respected, famous, or important people; all the gods of a people or religion collectively. Louise had many alliances, a **pantheon** of friends. The deities of the Hindu **pantheon**.

Tuesday- Precocious - (Adjective) - (Of a child) having developed certain abilities or inclinations at an earlier age than is usual or expected. I was a **precocious** child who at the age of four was already discussing the daily news with my parents. At only five years of age, the **precocious** pianist brought the entire audience to its feet.

Wednesday- Indignation - (Noun) - Anger or annoyance provoked by what is perceived as unfair treatment. He was full of righteous **indignation** about the attack. His response was one of high **indignation**.

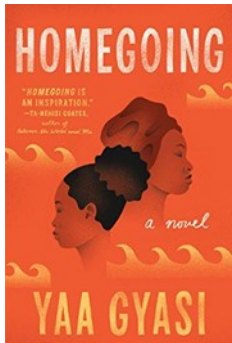
Thursday- Impartial - (Adjective) - Treating all rivals or disputants equally. A member of the jury was not **impartial**, therefore the judge insisted the case be retried. In science, we prove and disprove theories by conducting **impartial** lab experiments.

Friday- Specious - (Adjective) - Superficially plausible, but actually wrong; misleading in appearance, especially misleadingly attractive. Rather than admitting he overslept, Joe gave his teacher a **specious** reason for being late. Several weight loss products on the market make **specious** claims as to their effectiveness.

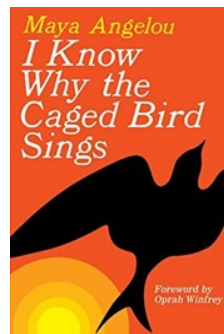
FROM THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Did you know that a recent study of young people aged 12-16 showed that 61% thought that the British education system needed a revamp to make it more engaging?

Indeed, there has been much talk and publicity in the media lately about the “Eurocentric” UK curriculum with accusations that the curriculum taught in UK schools is not diverse enough and calls to update reading lists in schools. Whilst it is a fact that the KS4 curriculum updated by the government in 2016 does not have as many literary texts that are as diverse as we would like (and with American literature “off the menu” we are unable to teach seminal African-American authors like Toni Morrison and Maya Angelou!) we maintain a highly diverse curriculum at Key Stage 3 when laying all the foundations of this subject and hopefully engendering a love for literature in our students.

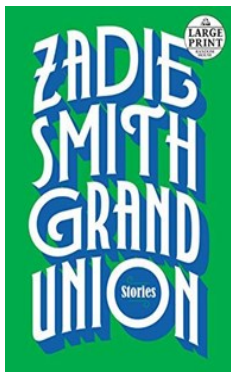


Half-sisters Effia and Esi are born in two different villages in 18th century Ghana. One marries a British slaver, while another is sold into slavery and shipped to America. Gyasi's prose follows the generations and descendants that follow.



Written by a legendary writer, civil rights activist, and one of Oprah's greatest friends, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* is a poetic memoir that captures

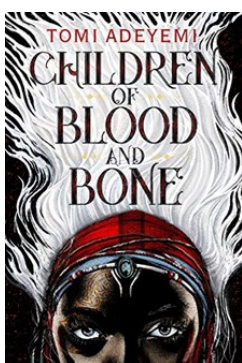
Angelou's childhood struggles and the freedoms of her adulthood, which allowed her to find strength amidst despair.



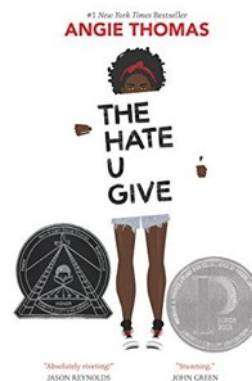
In this collection of 11 short stories, Smith explores a variety of genres to reflect on the complexities of life in modern times through themes of "place, identity and rebirth, the persistent legacies that haunt our present selves and the uncanny futures that rush up to meet us."



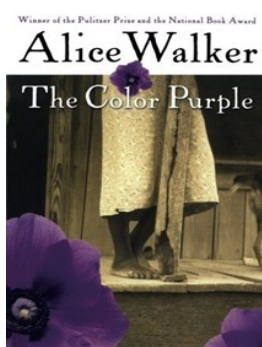
In this novel-in-verse, two sisters—one in the Dominican Republic and another in New York City—learn of each other for the first time after their father dies in the November 2001 American Airlines plane crash.



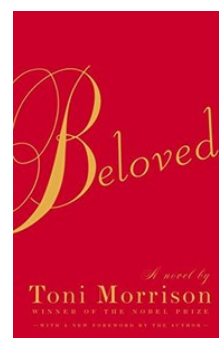
The first instalment in Adeyemi's mega-popular YA fantasy starts off with the story of Zélie. She has the power of magic, but must keep her abilities hidden after an evil king overtakes the land of Orisha and kills anyone with mystical abilities. But Zélie sees the chance to bring back magic to her people and will do anything to return it.



Adapted into a 2018 film, this novel that made the National Book Award Longlist, tells the story of a teen named Starr Carter, who's the sole-witness to the fatal police shooting of her childhood best friend. As the tragedy hits national news, her community becomes divided and Starr must decide whether to remain private or to become the public face of a movement.



Adapted into a Steven Spielberg directed film that earned Oprah an Oscar nomination, *The Color Purple* tells the tale of Celie, a young woman growing up in poverty in segregated Georgia. Despite suffering hardship, Celie finds her way back to the ones she loves in a time-tested story.



This Pulitzer Prize-winning novel is arguably Morrison's most well-known. It tells the story of Sethe, a former slave who escaped to Ohio in the 1870s—but despite her freedom, finds herself haunted by the trauma of her past. In 1998, Oprah starred in the film adaptation.

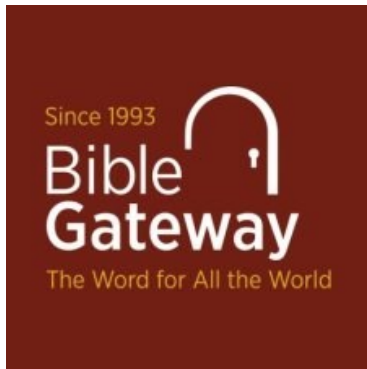
FROM THE RE DEPARTMENT

In these unique and challenging times, we need to find strength wherever we can find it. One way God continues to show this to us is in scripture.

In this special year of the Word called 'The God who Speaks' let us take some time to read through the wisdom of God's words and understand the characters within it.

Bible Gateway

<https://www.biblegateway.com/>



If you do not have a Bible at home or have one that is easily accessible, Bible Gateway is an easy way to search for scripture and it also has different versions of the Bible. It also contains commentaries on many of the difficult Bible passages.

Laudate App

https://download.cnet.com/Laudate-1-Catholic-App/3000-18495_4-75682997.html



Laudate combines a large number of Catholic religious resources into a single app, giving you instant access to everything you could need, from a copy of multiple versions of the Bible, to prayers, confession prompts, and more.

Bible Doctor

<http://www.thebibledoctor.com/>



The 'working' of this site is very simple: the site contains definitions and explanations of terms, roles, places and people found in the Bible, primarily the Gospels.

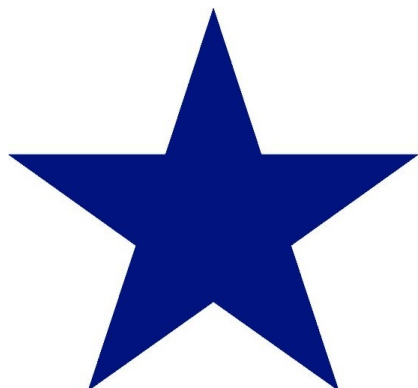


BibleProject

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If reading scripture is something you find difficult, why not go to The Bible Project Website and watch free videos on scripture and more explanations of aspects of it.

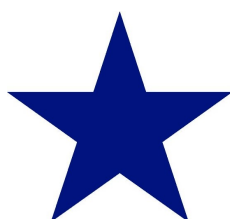


Star Pupils of the Week

A massive well done to all the pupils named below who have been mentioned by their teachers for completing excellent work on ShowmyHomework.

Keep it up!

Forename	Legal Surname	Subject	Year	Reg
Anna Clara	AGOSTINI DE SOUZA	Spanish	7	7 Champion
Esah	AHMED	English	7	7 Ward
Rayan	ALMAZUMI	French	7	7 Owen
Rocco	ANTONIAZZI-GALEA	French	7	7 Owen
Javier	APPEANING	English; French	7	7 More
Lucja	DZIALEK	Maths; English	7	7 Ward
Josiah	GACHERU	Drama	7	7 Champion
Jorge	IZA TASIPANTA	English	7	7 Ward
Troja	MEHMETI-KRASNIQI	Maths	7	7 Owen
Isabel	NORMAN	Maths; English	7	7 Ward
Jhosh	PAYONGAYONG	French	7	7 More
Monique Ashley	TAN	French	7	7 Owen
Joseph	WILSHER	Spanish	7	7 Fisher
Gilbert	YEBOAH	Maths	7	7 Ward
Mustafa	AHMED	Maths	8	8 Owen
Vivek	AJESH	English	8	8 Fisher
Negar	AMIRI	Maths	8	8 Ward
Gabriel	AVERSANI GIL	Maths	8	8 Ward
Boduinor	BITALO	Maths	8	8 Ward
Shian Ayesha	BULANDOS	Maths	8	8 Owen
Gwenn	BULATAO	French	8	8 Champion
Rhasharn	BURRELL	Maths	8	8 Ward
Anna	DAVLETSINA	English	8	8 Fisher
Anna Maria	DRUMCHIYSKA	Maths	8	8 Owen
Joseph	FANOKUN	Maths	8	8 Owen
Christos	GKEGKOLLARI	Maths	8	8 Owen
Jonathan	GUADALUPE HERRERA	Spanish	8	8 More
Hamza	JAZEER ALI	French	8	8 Champion



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Forename	Legal Surname	Subject	Year	Reg
Ashley	LITHY	Maths	8	8 Ward
Saina	NAGVENKAR	Maths	8	8 Owen
Rachael	ODUGU	Maths	8	8 Fisher
Marcin	PASZEL	Maths	8	8 Ward
Rafaela	PONCHIO	Spanish	8	8 More
Farhana	SEDIQ	Maths	8	8 More
Adam	SHERGOLD	Maths	8	8 Fisher
Davie	SOLOMON	Spanish	8	8 Owen
Emin	SOYLER	Maths	8	8 Ward
Arelle	SUAREZ	Maths	8	8 Fisher
Aras	YILDIZ	Maths	8	8 More
Raissa	ALVES OLIVEIRA TRINDADE	Maths	9	9 Owen
Dru	AMIN	English	9	9 Owen
Rebecca	HARTGEN	English	9	9 Fisher
Achai	KUOL	Maths	9	9 Ward
Fabian	LOCKRIDGE-SCOTT	French	9	9 Champion
Emma	MARTINKEVIC	English	9	9 Fisher
Jeremy	MATTHEWS	English	9	9 Fisher
Amelia	MICHALEWICZ	English; Health & Social Care	9	9 Fisher
Zion	OKAI-MENSAH	English	9	9 Fisher
Kyrique	PREPRAH	English	9	9 Fisher
Cajarna	QUINLAN	Health & Social Care	9	9 More
Ambika	RUNGLOLL	English; Health & Social Care	9	9 Fisher
Rishikesh	SUNDARALINGAM	English	9	9 More
Karine	VICENTE	Maths	9	9 Owen
Shane	WILLIAMS-JAIPAUL	Maths	9	9 Owen
Shevonne	WOODE	English; Health & Social Care	9	9 More
Iuliana	ADAMOWIX	English; French	10	10 Champion
Oluwateniola	ALABI	French	10	10 All Saints
Nazila	ALIEVA	English	10	10 Ward
Mohammadali	AMIRI	English; Science	10	10 All Saints



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Forename	Legal Surname	Subject	Year	Reg
Dameli	ANAFINA	Maths; English; Science	10	10 Fisher
Jawad	ARIF	English	10	10 Ward
Rania	BAMI	French	10	10 All Saints
Emanuela	CANDIDO	English	10	10 Fisher
Kaira	CANER	English	10	10 Fisher
Emily	CHOW	French	10	10 Fisher
Raluca-Elena	COZMA	English	10	10 Champion
Giulia	CRISOSTOMI	Maths	10	10 Fisher
Giulia-Angela	DAMIAN	History; French	10	10 Champion
Tara	DEV	Spanish; Drama	10	10 All Saints
Andi	DRICI	English	10	10 All Saints
Gabriella	DZIENIS	Drama	10	10 Owen
Raine Kyle	ESTRELLA	French	10	10 Owen
Igor	GAWRYLUK	English	10	10 Fisher
Jo-Yu	HUANG	English	10	10 Fisher
George	ILISOI	History; English	10	10 More
Michee	MUNGENGA	French	10	10 Fisher
Zakaria	NAKMOUCH	History	10	10 All Saints
Louisa	PAPAPETROU	History; English	10	10 More
Ayomide	PELETU	Science	10	10 Fisher
Monty	RAYNER	English; French	10	10 Owen
Gabriele	SAPKAITE	English	10	10 All Saints
Danyal	SARKHANI	Drama	10	10 Champion
Makael	SCOTT	Spanish	10	10 All Saints
Deandre	SIMPSON	Maths	10	10 Champion
Arturas	VERTELKA	English	10	10 More
Alexandra	WARRINGTON	English	10	10 More
Anuk	WEERAWARDANA	History; Drama	10	10 More
Grace Ybette	YNION	Maths; Science	10	10 Ward
Cristina	AGOSTINI	History	12	12 Fisher
Tyri	DENNIS	History	12	12 Fisher
Amber	RAYNER	History	12	12 Ward

