Bishop Douglass Catholic School Parent Newsletter

5th June 2026

Introduction

Welcome back. We hope you and your families had a restful and joyful half-term break. As we begin the final half term of this academic year, we do so with gratitude, hope and excitement for all that lies ahead.
This is always a special time in the life of our school community. A season filled with opportunity, celebration and reflection. It is a chance for our young people to recognise how far they have come, to persevere in their studies and to continue growing in faith, character and confidence.

This week, careers education has been a strong focus for Years 9 and 10. Year 10 students benefited from guidance meetings with our Careers Adviser, while Year 9 took part in an inspiring assembly workshop, encouraging them to think ambitiously about their futures and the gifts God has given them.

There is much to look forward to over the coming weeks including:

End of Year Examinations –starting Thursday 19th June for Years 7–10 and Year 12. These assessments provide students with an important opportunity to demonstrate their progress and resilience. Thank you, as always, for your continued support with revision and preparation at home.

Wider Horizons Week – beginning Monday 6th July. This promises to be an enriching and memorable week of activities and experiences for our students. Further details will be shared shortly.

Summer Fayre – Tuesday 14th June, organised by our wonderful PTA. We are incredibly grateful for their dedication and service to our school community.

Sports Day – taking place during the final week of term on Wednesday 15th July. This is always a joyful occasion celebrating teamwork, determination and school spirit.

If you have any clean used uniform items that your child has outgrown and you are able to donate to the school, these would be much appreciated.

As ever, thank you for your continued partnership, encouragement and support. Together, we continue to nurture a community rooted in faith, excellence and service.

I wish you and your families a peaceful and blessed weekend.

Mrs Henderson, Headteacher

Welcome to our New Year 7's

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students to their Team Building Session on the 11th June from 4:15 pm to 5:45 pm. It will be a great opportunity for them to meet new friends, build confidence, and begin their secondary school journey together. We can't wait to see them there!

Safeguarding

Our school safeguarding team is Ms Price, our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Henderson our Headteacher. Our Child protection Officers are, Miss Lowdell, Mr Onwumere, Mrs Wilkhu and our Deputy Designated Safeguarding lead is Ms Motisi.
You can contact them via:

schooladmin@bishopdouglass.barnet.sch.uk

Announcements....

Book Shop Visit

Year 7 readers were thrilled to join the publication day event for author Matt Goodfellow. They got to hear all about his new book, the motivation, the process and were gifted a free copy. They were even able to meet him and get their book signed at the end. This book was particularly poignant as it goes through a child's transition from Year 7 to Year 8.

Year 10 trip to Oxford

We started the day hearing from students at the university of oxford what their experience studying there is like, how they got in and their whole story. We then had some workshops with some lecturers/PhD students at University of Oxford. In the first one, students discussed an ethical dilemma in a particular scenario as a doctor dealing with doctor-patient confidentiality. The second one was regarding a Psychology talk, where students discussed the debate of Free Will Vs Determinism.
The third one, was a Maths/Computer science talk where utilising Binary pupils had to solve a problem.
Students then had a tour around 2 colleges in Oxford. A very engaging and informative trip.

Congratulations to our Top BD Merit Achievers!

Announcements...

Free School Meals

Please be aware that the price of Free School Meals will be increasing to £2.96 from the 1st of May 2026 for a Main Course and Dessert. The school will be increasing the allowance, so for those Parents/Carers with students recieving Free School Meals, please do not worry, your students meals will be paid for.

Your child might be able to receive Free School Meals if you get any of the following.

Income Support
Income-Based Jobseeker's Allowance
Universal Credit
Child Tax Credit
Working Tax Credit Run-On
Support under Part VI of the immigration and Asylum Act 1999

If you believe your child should be receiving Free School Meals, please ask your child to collect a form from Student Services. or email - schooladmin@bishopdouglass.barnet.sch.uk

Headteachers Award

The following students Hussain in 7A, Shalev in 9A, Amir in 8O and Ayva in 9M were awarded the Headteachers Award for excellent achievement in Mathematics. They all received a certificate and a box of chocolates.

Career of the Week

Game Programmer

Information

You'll need a passion for games, technical skills and the ability to work on your own and with a team to succeed as a games developer Working in games development, you'll be involved in the creation and production of games for personal computers, games consoles, social/online games, arcade games, tablets, mobile phones and other handheld devices.

With a large games company, you may focus on a particular area of programming such as network, engine, graphic, toolchain and artificial intelligence. With a smaller independent 'indie' game producer, there's often much less of a distinction between the role of developer and designer, and your job may incorporate both programming and design. The making of a game from concept to finished product can take years and involve teams of professionals. There are several stages, including creating and designing a game's look and how it plays, animating characters and objects, creating audio, programming, localisation, testing, editing and producing.

Starting Salary: £25,000
Expected Salary:
Up to £70,000

For more information speak to Ms Temel

This week...

WORD OF THE DAY

Monday
Oppressive - (Adjective) – Cruel and unfair.

Tuesday
Rivalry - (Noun) – A situation in which people, businesses, compete with each other for the same thing.

Wednesday
Lauded - (Adjective) – Highly praised, commended for achievements.

Thursday
Impromptu - (Adjective) – Unplanned and on the spur of the moment.

Friday
Panache - (Noun) – A stylish, original, and very confident way of doing things that makes people admire you.

Virtue of the Week: Kindness

Jesus reminds us that God sent His Son not to condemn the world, but to save it through love. As a school community, we are called to reflect this love through kindness. Every act of kindness, a welcoming smile, helping a colleague, forgiving others, or speaking gentle words, becomes a way of sharing the light of Christ. When we choose kindness each day, we help make our school a place where everyone feels valued, respected, and loved by God.

Prayer

Dear Lord
I ask that You continue to make Yourself real to me in the ways You choose. Give me eyes to see You, not just in the unusual and amazing ways You make Yourself known, but also in the small and easily overlooked ways. As I see Your presence in my life, strengthen my faith, I pray. Help me to trust You with all that I am. Amen.

Upcoming Events

9th June
Coding Workshop - Year 7

11th June
New Year 7 Team Building Event

19th June
Whole school End of Year assessment

22nd June
Year 12 Biology Trip to Suffolk

23rd June
Year 11 Prom

26th June
Year 7 Trip to Banqueting House

29th June
Year 10 to Westminster Synagogue

PSHE theme: Making Good Choices

This week, we're focusing on Snapchat. With over 900 million monthly users, it remains a favourite among children and young people; however, as the platform evolves, so too do the risks. From AI-generated filters and chatbots to disappearing messages and the Snap Map location-sharing feature, it's easy for young users to find themselves in potentially unsafe situations.
This week, we shared a guide that explores the latest Snapchat updates, including the Lens+ subscription service and access via web browsers and highlights what parents and carers need to know. With expert advice from online safety consultant Dr Claire Sutherland, this guide is designed to help you better understand the platform and support children to use it safely and responsibly.
The aim is to support meaningful conversations at home about online safety, wellbeing and responsible use, while helping young people build the confidence to manage their digital lives more independently and securely.

Clubs & Societies

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Early Risers Club Indoor Football	Early Risers Club Indoor Football		Early Risers Club Indoor Football	Early Risers Club Indoor Football
Lunch	Maths Club (A2.1) Well-Being All Years (T0.12) A Moment for Jesus (D0.2) Persian Language Club (S0.2) Minecraft Club (C2.2) Geography Society Club (B1.4) Book Club (6th Form Led D0.7) Year 11 Sports Sports Hall Fitness Club (Fitness Suite)	Maths Club (A2.1) Well-Being All Years (T0.12) A Moment for Jesus (D0.2) Spanish Cinema Club (A3.3) KS3 Reading Club (E0.4) Uno Club (B1.3) Anime Club (A1.2) Film Club (KS4-5) (D0.5) Art Club (T1.3) Year 10 Sports Fitness Club (Fitness Suite)	Maths Club (A2.1) Well-Being All Years (T0.12) A Moment for Jesus (D0.2) Band Club (E0.1) KS3 Drama Club (E0.4) Chess Club (S0.4) Girls only Cricket (Sports Hall) Girls only Fitness (Fitness Suite) Girls only Sports	Maths Club (A2.1) Well-Being All Years (T0.12) Christian Union (D0.2) Spanish Cinema Club (A3.1) Women's Society (D0.7) Live Lounge (E0.6) Year 7 - 9 Sports Fitness Club (Fitness Suite)	Well-Being All Years (T0.12) History Society (B1.3) Fitness Club (Fitness Suite) Year 7 Sports Band Club (E0.6) A Moment for Jesus (D0.2) Computing Club (D0 F1 Club (S0.9) Magistrates Club (D0.5)
PM	KS3 Evening Sudy - 3:15 - 5:45 pm (Library) Table Tennis Club (Dance Studio) Boys & Girls Basketball (Year 7 - 9) Trampoline Club Year 7-9 Dance Studio)	KS3 Evening Sudy - (Library) Table Tennis Club (Dance Studio) Girls Football (Years 7-9) BDYC - Youth Club (E0.5) Debate Mate (E0.4)	KS3 Evening Sudy (Library) Table Tennis Club (Dance Studio) Mixed Cricket Club (Sports Hall)	Gospel Choir (E0.6) KS3 Evening Sudy - (Library) Chess Coaching (S0.3) Cooking Club (T0.11) Girls Social Sports Sports Hall Table Tennis Club (Dance Studio)	Chess Club (All Years S0.3) Table Tennis Club (Dance Studio)

Club Announcements.....

Club of the week goes to Debate Mate Club. Thank you for Madam Imansouren and Mr Kirkwood for running this wonderful club.