



John Paul II Multi-Academy

Bishop Walsh Catholic School
Holy Cross Primary School
St Joseph's Primary School
St Nicholas' Primary School

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Bishop Walsh

Catholic School Newsletter

Caring to learn,
Learning to care



January 2017 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you and your family in 2017!

'Back to the Eighties' comes to Bishop Walsh!

It is with great pleasure that the Performing Arts Department of Bishop Walsh presents '**Back to the Eighties**'. From the era that brought the world The Rubik's Cube, Max Headroom and The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles comes this "totally awesome" musical in the style of movies such as **Back to the Future**, **Ferris Bueller's Day Off**, **The Karate Kid** and **The Wedding Singer**. Join the graduating class of William Ocean High School as they live through their final senior year - as they experience the fun, the heartbreak, the loves and the loneliness of growing up.... all set to the biggest hits of the 80's!!



Our last EIGHT school musicals (Jesus Christ Superstar! Footloose, We Will Rock You, Guys and Dolls, High School Musical, Our House, West Side Story and Annie) have come in the top three for the best school musical in the annual Birmingham wide competition. Indeed Annie won first place last year from the 55 schools entered this competition across Birmingham. This year the show is produced by **Miss Byrne and Mrs Priestnall** and has over 100 pupils in the cast. '**Back to the Eighties**' runs from **Wednesday 8th February 2017 - Saturday 11th February 2017 (all at 7.00pm in our School Theatre)**. Tickets for show will be available via an online ticket company. Details of when tickets go on sale to non-cast members will be advised via group call within the next week. Please note however there is no communication with the ticket selling provider by telephone it is on -line only with an 'e ticket'. Tickets are not available via the school. I hope you will support our pupils and staff who have put such a huge effort into this production.

Forthcoming Parents' Evenings. PLEASE NOTE DATES!!!!

I must apologise that in the last newsletter and on the website the date of the Year 7 and 9 Parents' Evenings were incorrect. Please see the **correct dates below** as well as other Parents' Evenings for this year.

Year 10 have their Parents' Evening on **Thursday, February 2nd 2017**, 4.30pm-6.30pm.

Year 9 have their Parents' Evening on **Wednesday, February 15th 2017**, 4.30pm-6.30pm.

Year 11 have a **Sixth Form Information Evening** to which all parents and pupils in that year group are invited is on **Tuesday, 28th February 2017** starting at 6pm.

Year 7 have their Parents' Evening on **Tuesday, March 7th 2017**, 4.30pm-6.30pm.

Year 8 Option Evening is on **Thursday, March 16th 2017** starting at 7.30pm.

Year 12 Parents' Evening is on Monday, March 27th 2017, 4.30pm-6.30pm.

Training Days for the rest of the academic year, 2016-2017.

Friday, 26th May 2017.

SIXTH FORM INFORMATION EVENING:

Tuesday 28th February 2017, 6.00pm-8.00pm – please note start time!

Our year 11 pupils are nearing the end of their compulsory education and are planning what they are going to be after their GCSEs. The next few weeks we will be talking to Year 11 about post-16 opportunities here at Bishop Walsh in a number of different ways. As part of government legislation we are mandated to check that all year 11 pupils are continuing in education, employment or training. I am embarking on interviewing every year 11 pupil to ensure that all pupils have a clear plan about the future and work with other staff like **Mrs Sarah Forsyth**, our **Careers Officer** to make sure this is the case.

I thank Mrs Forsyth for having interviewed so many of our year 11s already. I get such positive feedback from parents and pupils about the independent advice she gives young people when she works with them developing a career plan. If you would like your child to have a careers interview with Sarah please contact Mr. Howes at school on 0121-351-3215.

We are very confident that our Sixth Form is the best mixed comprehensive in Birmingham at A level with 50% of grades at A*, A or B and our second highest average points score per A level entry which was 216 in 2014, 228 in 2015 and 226 in 2016. Application forms for the Sixth Form and booklets will be available on this evening which will have to be handed in to Mrs Marston-Smith (Assistant Head – post-16) by early March 2017.

SEEKING THE VIEWS OF PARENTS TO IMPROVE BISHOP WALSH CATHOLIC SCHOOL. In past years we have sought to gain the views of parents by putting out a questionnaire at this time of year in preparation for the school improvement cycle which runs from Spring to Spring. Last year there were only 13 replies to this one off whole school parental questionnaire and this can distort conclusions reached. We have a much better qualitative and quantitative response at our parents evenings throughout the year. Up to half of parents regularly fill in this feedback which is published in our newsletters. The year 8, 11 and 13 Parents' Evenings evaluations are included in this newsletter. In the next newsletter at the end of February I will add responses for the year Feb. 2016-Feb.2017 thereby giving a reliable and robust parent voice to our next School Improvement Plan.

Snow and bad weather closure:

As there are still many weeks of winter left (!) we have to plan for what would happen if the school had to close due to bad weather for the rest of the winter. I have in previous years made decisions as early as possible using the website and our text system and such decisions will apply to all schools within the Multi-Academy. I will continue to use these mediums of fast communication if it becomes necessary in what is left of the winter. It can be quite difficult to get through to the local radio stations in the absence of a city wide decision but please check these sources of information if you have difficulty accessing the internet or a text.

If you haven't received a text on other occasions this year but have a mobile 'phone please contact the school with your mobile number and your e-mail address so that it can be added to our database therefore ensuring fast communication when it becomes necessary in the future.



BWA – PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION

Thank you to those parents who make up our fantastic BWA which has raised so much money for various projects which benefit all children at Bishop Walsh Catholic School. If you can come along and join the BWA you will be very welcome and their next meeting is on **Monday 6th February 2017** at 7.30pm in the Cardinal Newman Centre. It would be very much appreciated if we had an influx of new members during 2017.

St John Paul II Multi-Academy term dates for the rest of 2016/2017:**Spring Term 2017**

Monday 6 January - Friday 17 February (Half Term Mon 20 Feb - Fri 24 Feb)

Monday 27 February - Friday 7 April (Holidays: Mon 10 April- Fri 21 April)

Summer Term 2017

Monday 24 April - Thursday 25 May (Half Term: Mon 29 May - Fri 2 June)

Monday 5 June - Friday 21 July

St John Paul II Multi-Academy Term Dates 2017/2018:**Autumn Term 2017**

Wednesday 6th September 2017 – just year 7.

Thursday 7th September 2017 – all year groups.

Until Friday 20 October (Half Term: Monday 23 Oct–Friday 27 Oct)

Monday 30 October-Friday 22 December (Holidays: Mon 25 Dec –Fri 6 Jan)

Spring Term 2018

Monday 8 January 2018-Friday 16th February (Half Term: Mon 19 Feb – Fri 23 Feb)

Monday 26 February-Thursday 29 March 2018 (Holidays: Fri 30 Mar – Fri 13 Apr)

Summer Term 2018

Monday 16 April-Friday 25 May (Half Term - Mon 28 May – Friday 1 Jun)

Monday 4th June - Friday 20 July 2018

IN CONCLUSION

We welcome **Miss Smith** (a second one!) who has joined the staff as a Media and Drama teacher helping to cover the maternity leaves of Mrs Killworth and Mrs Yeubrey. We also say congratulations to **Mr Early and his wife** who had a baby girl at the end of November called Lina and congratulations also goes to **Mr and Mrs Killworth** on the birth of their daughter, Anna, who was born just before Christmas. I hope that 2017 will be a prosperous one for your families and for all the pupils at Bishop Walsh Catholic School.

Please check the front of our school website for regular updates about news and events in school between these newsletters at <http://bishopwalsh.net/>

God Bless,

J.B. Farrell.



Mass times

Erdington Abbey- Parish of SS Thomas and Edmund of Canterbury, Sutton Road, Erdington.
(Rector and Parish Priest; Very Rev.Father Gabriel Maguire C.Ss.R)

Vigil Mass: 6.00pm. (Saturday)

Sunday: 8.00am, 9.15am, (Children's Mass) 10.30am, (Sung) 12.00 Noon, 6.00pm.

Holy Cross and St. Francis, Signal Hayes Road, Walmley (Parish Priest; Rev. Father Neil Bayliss)

Saturday: 6.00pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 8.30am and 10.30am

Holy Trinity, Lichfield Rd, Sutton Coldfield Centre (Parish Priest; Rev. Father Michael Ho-Huu-Nghia.)

Saturday: 6.00pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 9.30am, 11.00am and 7pm.

Sacred Heart, Lichfield Rd, Four Oaks, (Served by Holy Trinity)

Saturday: 5.00pm at Fotherley Hall. Sunday: 8.30am and 10.30am

St. Nicholas, Boldmere. (Parish Priest; Rev. Fr. Allen Morris)

Saturday: 6pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 9am and 11am

SS. Peter and Paul. Kingsbury Rd. Erdington. (Parish Priest; Rev. Father Joseph McLoughlin)

Saturday: 5.15pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 9.00am and 10.30am



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Active and Creative Learning Faculty (PE and Performing Arts)
Extra- Curricular Activities
Half Term 2a & 2b



<i>DAY</i>	<i>Gym</i>	<i>Sports Hall</i>	<i>Jane Sixsmith Courts</i>	<i>Field</i>	<i>Dance Studio</i>	<i>Drama Studio</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Music Room</i>	<i>Other</i>
MONDAY	Volleyball (GH)	Girls Football (NMc)	Netball (WLC)		School Show: Dancers year 7 & 8 (OBY)	School Show: Actors (JP & HY)	School Show Actors (JP & HY)	Pop Group Riff Raff (MT & CR)	
TUESDAY									
WEDNESDAY	Golf (Walmley Golf)	Badminton (SH)			School Show: Dancers year 9 – 13 (OBY)	School Show Whole Cast (JP & HY)	School Show Whole Cast (AD)	1)Blues/ Funk Band 2)Music Tech (MT & CR)	
THURSDAY	Table Tennis (GH)	Basketball (External)	Rugby & Hockey (External)		Year 7 Dance Club (CSA)		Company Dance (BTEC and GCSE)	School Show Singing & Band (MT & CR)	DofE (GH)

After school club times - 3.30-4.30pm

Clubs are open to all years and both girls and boys, unless specified.

Sporting fixtures are arranged separately – please listen to briefing to find out when these are.

Lunch time Clubs:

****Monday – Year 9 Dance Club (dance studio 6th form)**
****Wednesday- Year 8 Dance Club (dance studio LD)**

****Tuesday – All years Drama club (drama studio – 6th form)**
****Thursday – Choir (Music Room MT & CR)**



HOLY NAME U13's



Players wanted

Holy Name U13's (yr. 8) are looking for competitive players that want a chance to progress.

We train on a Thursday night at The Broadway School Perry Barr 7pm till 8pm. Play in the Lichfield league, Division 1, Sunday afternoon 2pm kick off.

Please contact me on the following for more details.

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