



Principal's News

Hello,

Welcome back to Bonus Pastor Catholic College and to the new Academic Year 2015/2016. I hope that you all had an enjoyable Summer holiday and have come back to the College feeling refreshed and ready for the new challenges ahead of us.

OPEN SESSIONS

Come and have a look around our school

Thursday 24th September 2015 ~ talk and tour at 6.30pm and 7.30pm

Monday 28th September 2015 ~ 9.15am talk and tour

Tuesday 29th September 2015 ~ 9.15am talk and tour

Wednesday 30th September 2015 ~ 9.15am talk and tour

Thursday 1st October 2015 ~ 9.15am talk and tour

Friday 2nd October 2015 ~ 9.15am talk and tour

Exam Results - Bonus Pastor Catholic College Pastor has done brilliantly again this year!!!

The Colleges' exam results were extremely pleasing with 71% of students receiving 5 GCSEs A*-C and 66% of the students getting 5 A*-C grades including their Maths and English.

I am so pleased for all of the successful Year 11 students, their parents, but also all of the staff and Governors here at the College.

We all worked so hard; students, staff, parents and Governors at the College to get to those results these results are a real achievement. Fantastic!! Well done to everyone.

Although there were lots of excellent results - I would especially like to mention Temi Adebowlae our top achieving student this year who achieved 12 A* grades and 1 A grade - just amazing - well done Temi who is going to St Olave's to do her A level courses. Well done Temi!!

Further Education

On the subject of Further Education, every single one of the Year 11 students who left last year have taken a place at a College or 6th Form.

Well done to them again.

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Other news

Our attendance for the last academic year 2014-2015 was 97.6% which is excellent. I am very pleased about meeting this target because if students are not here then they cannot learn. It is very important that the students of this College come in every day to learn but also to socialize with other young people their own age. This year we will be texting parents and carers if a student is late or absent and in some cases sending a letter as well.

New staff - We welcome some new and additional staff to the College:

Veronica Clarke - Head of Drama
 Caroline Evans - Maths Teacher
 Michelle Stanislaus - Maths Teacher
 Layla Mannings - Maths & Drama Teacher
 Mam Joof - ICT Teacher
 Tom Brooks - Science Teacher
 Claire Carlin - Science Teacher
 Manuela Arias Hoyas - MFL Teacher
 Harriet Innis - RE Teacher
 Dawn Banton - Administration Team
 Lewis Cotter - Administration Team
 Erin Casey - Administration Team

Additional uniform items:

Please, if you can, ensure that your child is wearing our school coat and bag. It is not compulsory, but will make students at Bonus Pastor look even smarter. The school is **paying towards the cost, giving parents a large discount** for these customised, Bonus Pastor bags and coats. The items are available now at Whitehall Clothiers:

Coat size 11-12 and 13 - 14	£20.00
Coat size S/M/L/XL	£23.00
Portfolio Bag	£13.99
Back pack bag	£11.99

We would encourage all parents to buy these items for their children this term.

I again, welcome you back to the College wish us all a very successful, good, safe and positive term and year!!

Thank you and God Bless

Mrs Holden - Principal

Important Notices

- **Attendance**

A reminder to all parents that an after school detention on Friday is for lateness - whether arriving at school for registration and/or to lessons:-

- Student late twice in one week = 40 minutes
- Three lates in one week = 1 hour
- Four lates in one week = 1 hour and 20 mins
- Five lates or more in one week = 1 hour and 40 mins

Gentle reminder:

Please report your child's absence on a daily basis.

Mrs Holden — Principal

- **How to Report Student Absence**

Please remember that ANY **student absence** needs to be reported on a **daily basis** by:

- ⇒ telephoning 020 8695 2100 extension 105,
- ⇒ emailing attendance@bp.lewisham.sch.uk or cordreys@bp.lewisham.sch.uk
- ⇒ Or by replying to a text we have sent you previously.

Please ensure you leave the student's name, form and the reason the student will be absent.

You must also remember to send a letter with the student on their first day back explaining the absence for the records.



URGENT – Please Register

Letters were sent home this week for all the parents/carers that have not yet registered to use Parent-Mail. By December, we hope that all students & parents will have registered – the we can hopefully become a cashless school! You can easily register using a PC, Mac or mobile by visiting www.parentmail2.co.uk/register and following the on-screen instructions and entering the unique code at the top of the letter when asked.

We have been using this service since January 2013 to collect payments and permissions from parents. As we are now hoping to send out the Pastoral Newsletter and other information via Parent-Mail, we would encourage you to sign up for this service.

ParentMail will be beneficial to both you and your child(ren) because:

- a) You will be able to receive the Pastoral and urgent information direct
- b) You can make online payments to the school for lunches, tickets & trips – this ensures the money gets to the school safely, thus avoiding the need for students to carry money or spending it in the local shops and;
- c) In certain cases, you will also be able to give permission for events or trips online without having to sign and return forms to us.

New trips are usually added as they are arranged.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

There is a detailed Calendar on our website. However, please note: all dates and events are subject to change.

September 2015:

10th - Year 10/11 Parents' Induction Evening.

17th - Big Arts Evening

24th - Open Evening for Y6 parents & students

28th September to 2nd October Open Mornings for Y6 parents & students.

October 2015:

1st - Year 7 Settling In Evening

5th - The Big Draw @ BP

8th - Y9 GCSE Parents' Induction Evening

22nd - Year 8 Parents Evening

23rd - Year 11 Academic Review and Years 7-10 Citizenship Day

November 2015:

5th - Year 8 HPV1 Vaccinations

12th - Year 7 Parents' Evening

26th - Prizegiving at Catford Broadway Theatre

December 2015:

3rd - School Musical

Saturday 5th - Christmas Fayre

9th - Christmas Concert

10th - Year 10 Parents' Evening

15th - Christmas Lunch

2015/2016 Term Dates

Autumn term 2015

Tuesday 1 September–Friday 23 October

October Half term: Monday 26 October–Friday 30 October

- Monday 2 November–Friday 18 December

Christmas Break: Monday 21 December - Friday 1 January inclusive

Spring term 2016

- Monday 4 January–Friday 12 February

February Half term: Monday 15 February–Friday 19 February

- Monday 22 February–Thursday 24 March

Easter Break: Friday 25 March - Friday 8 April inclusive. This break includes Good Friday and Easter Bank Holiday Monday

Summer term 2016

- Monday 11 April – Friday 27 May (spring holiday will be taken on Monday 2 May 2016)

College Closed: Monday 2 May - Spring Bank Holiday

Whitsun / May Half term: Monday 30 May–Friday 3 June

Monday 6 June–Friday 15 July

2016/2017 Term Dates

Autumn term 2016

- Monday 5 September–Friday 21 October

October Half term: Monday 24 October–Friday 28 October.

Monday 31 October–Friday 17 December

HARVEST COLLECTION

CALLING ALL STUDENTS, STAFF & PARENTS

WE ARE NOW COLLECTING YOUR OFFERINGS WHICH THIS YEAR WILL GO TO THE CHARITY 'ACE OF CLUBS' WHICH CATERS FOR THE HOMELESS.

Please bring to your tutor or form or give to reception in both Winlaton and Churchdown as soon as possible.

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