



## Principal's News

[HAPPY NEW YEAR &  
ALL THE BEST FOR 2017](#)

Welcome back the Spring 1 term, although I have to say that the weather does not feel at all Spring-like. It is a very busy and action packed six week half term and a lot is going on. Please keep up to date with all of our events as per the website and Pastorale.

### Well done to Isabel Steet in Year 11

Isabel received confirmation just before the Christmas holidays to confirm that she has been selected for the U17 Kent County Cricket Squad.

### Year 11 Parents' Evening

This exceptionally important evening is next Thursday - that's the 12<sup>th</sup> January, for all of our Year 11 Parents and students, which of from 4.30pm to 7.30pm. All Parents must attend.

### Notices

All students need a warm coat now it is Winter. Please look in the planner to make sure the coat is within the school's rules.

Please can I ask parents to look at our website on a frequent basis to ensure that you are kept up to date with what is going on at the College. [www.bp.lewisham.sch.uk](http://www.bp.lewisham.sch.uk)

Mrs Holden  
Principal

## Attendance & Punctuality

### Attendance

Please see inside the back page for information on how to report your child absent.

### Punctuality

House Groups with highest attendance	%	House Group Attendance	%
More III	99.56	Gwyn	88.98%
Fisher I	97.44	Clitherow	88.69%
Fisher II	97.22	More	88.66%
Gwyn I	96.83	Campion	88.64%
Campion I	95.88	Barton	88.63%
Barton III	95.73	Fisher	88.65%
Overall school attendance for this week			94.13%



Last Week's attendance	97.23%
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Barton	Lates	Campion	Lates	Clitherow	Lates	Fisher	Lates	Gwyn	Lates	More	Lates
Bar I	14	Cam I	7	Cli I	6	Fis I	5	Gwy I	9	Mor I	3
Bar II	9	Cam II	15	Cli II	6	Fis II	4	Gwy II	1	Mor II	2
Bar III	3	Cam III	6	Cli III	9	Fis III	4	Gwy III	3	Mor III	5
Bar IV	5	Cam IV	4	Cli IV	2	Fis IV	17	Gwy IV	5	Mor IV	2
Bar V	3	Cam V	7	Cli V	8	Fis V	5	Gwy V	10	Mor V	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>

**Total Number of Student Lates:**  
(Last Week's Total: 236)

### Attendance Awards

**Achieved 100% Attendance:** Bar IV, Cam I, Clit V, Fis I

student gets 5 house points!

**Best Attendance overall:** Fisher



### Punctuality Awards

**Achieved 0 Lates:** Cli I

**Best Punctuality overall:** Clitherow

The House group that gets the most "Best Overall Attendance" and "Best Punctuality awards" over this term will get 5 house points FOR EVERY STUDENT

Lateness to school twice in one week will account for an after school detention on the Friday of that week. Lateness more than twice in one week will account to a Saturday morn-

**Faith Matters***The Feast of Epiphany - 6<sup>th</sup> January*

The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ is one of the oldest Christian feasts, though, throughout the centuries, it has celebrated a variety of things. *Epiphany* comes from a Greek verb meaning "to reveal," and all of the various events celebrated by the Feast of the Epiphany are revelations of Christ to man.

The Western Church began celebrating the Epiphany in the 4th century where it was, and still is, associated with the visit of the magi (wise men) to the infant Jesus when God revealed himself to the world through the incarnation of Jesus. According to Matthew 2:11 they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

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*Wishing you all a very happy, healthy and blessed  
New Year*

**2016/2017 Term Dates****January 2017****Spring Term**

Tuesday, 03rd January -

Friday, 10th February

12th January - Year 11 Parents' Evening/

19th January - Citizenship Day for Year 7/9/10/11

19th January - Year 8 Academic Review Day

25th January - Year 7 / 8 Showcase Performance

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## Faith Matters

### *Blessing of the House*



If you're a Catholic, you've probably seen it: a mysterious series of letters and numbers, looking for all the world like an equation, inscribed in chalk over a doorway at your parish, or at the home of a friend. Maybe you thought you could figure it out. Maybe you were too embarrassed to ask, what it is.

If you don't know what the chalk is all about, don't be ashamed. You're certainly not alone.

Epiphany (also known as Twelfth Night, Theophany, or Three Kings Day) marks the occasion of a time-honored Christian tradition of "chalking the doors."

The formula for the ritual – adapted for 2016 – is simple: take chalk of any color and write the following above the entrance of your home: 20 + C+M + B + 16.

The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi – Caspar, Malchior, and Balthazar - who came to visit Jesus in His first home.

They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross, and the "20" at the beginning and the "16" at the end mark the year.

Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request that Christ to bless those homes so marked that he stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year.

Reflection :

[Isaiah 60:1](#)

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

**Year 7**

CDA - Gymnastics (SH)

AFU - Fitness (SH)

SCO - Football

SCH - Hockey

**Year 9**

CDA - Multi-skills/Teambuilding (FIELDS)

AFU - Volleyball (SH)

MJO - Step Aerobics (DS)

AMM - Multi-skills/Teambuilding (WH)

SCO - Rugby

SCH - Boxercise

JRO - Football

**Year 10**

CDA - Volleyball (SH)

AFU - Teambuilding (Fields/DS)

MJO - Cricket (MUGA)

**Tae Kwon Do Session (for six weeks 24 students will be selected) Sports Hall**

SCO - Rugby

SCH - Boxercise

JRO - Football

**Year 11 Girls**

Dance (DS)

Cricket (MUGA)

Basketball (SH)

**Year 8**

CDA - Trampolining (SH)

AFU - Cricket (MUGA)

SCO - Football

SCH - Table Tennis

**Year 11 Boys**

Options

## Important Notices and Upcoming Events

### Attendance

Late Detentions on Friday's after School will start this week. A reminder to all parents that these are for lateness to school registration and 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.

NB: Year 7s are given a bit of grace for a couple of weeks for an odd 'late', however persistent lateness will not be accepted and a detention will be given.

### 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](mailto:attendance@bp.lewisham.sch.uk) or [cordreys@bp.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:cordreys@bp.lewisham.sch.uk)
- ⇒ Or text (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.