

Important Notices and Upcoming Events

Attendance

Late Detentions on Friday's after School. 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.

How to Report Student Absence

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

- ⇒ telephoning 020 8695 2100 - Option 1 or extension 105
- ⇒ emailing attendance@bp.lewisham.sch.uk or cordreys@bp.lewisham.sch.uk
- ⇒ Or text (by replying to a text we have sent you previously)

Please ensure that you speak clearly, 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.

Upcoming Events:

May 2017

- 18th May - Year 8 Maths Thorpe Park Trip
- 26th May - Year 11 Leavers Ball
- 29th May - 2nd June - MAY HALF TERM

June 2017

- 6th June - Citizenship Days Years 7, 8 & 9
- Year 10 Academic Review Day
- 16th - 19th June - History Society trip to Athens
- 20th June - Sports Day
- 22nd June - Year 11 Leavers' Mass
- 23rd June - Sports Award Evening
- 29th June - Summer Concert

July 2017

- 4th July - Year 7 Induction day
- 10th - 19th July - Year 10 Work Experience
- 11th - 13th July - Year 8 Paris Trip
- 19th July - Last Day of Term

2016/2017 Term Dates

Summer Term

Tuesday 18th April
to Wednesday 19 July
(Half Term is from
29th May to 2nd June)

Autumn Term 2017

Monday 4 September
to Friday 20 October
(Half Term is from
23 to 27 October)

Monday 30 October to
Wednesday 20 December



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Principal's News

GOOD LUCK YEAR 11 !!

We are now fully into the GCSE exam season with Year 11 taking their GCSEs - they have now completed their PE moderation, Drama practical, Art and Photography exams. We have the first big written exam on Monday; Religious Education.

Please keep all of the Year 11 students and their families and the staff at the school in your thoughts and prayers during this exam season.

Great news of success

Well done to three of our students who entered the 'Elephant In the Room Children's, Mental Health Charity competition' and whose work has been selected to exhibit alongside professional artists at the Moorgate Gallery, London at the end of this month. The successful students are: from Year 11 Rhianon Montaque, and from Year 10 Ayomide Badejo and Mia O'Lone

SSAT Event - this took place on Thursday evening at the school and was organised and led by Mr Ronan. The event was really excellent and there were lots of colleagues from local Primary schools and Secondary schools in attendance. Well done to the staff at Bonus Pastor and to Mr Ronan.



Mrs Holden - Principal

Attendance & Punctuality

Attendance

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

Punctuality

Tutor Groups with highest attendance	%	Year Group Attendance	%
7JJ	★ 100%	7	97.56%
8TB	99.07%	8	96.97%
9DA	99.52%	9	★ 98.14%
10SS	★ 100%	10	97.76%
11EPR	98.91%	11	97.16%
Overall school attendance for this week			97.52%
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Last Week's attendance			97.25%



Year 7 Tutor Groups	Lates	Year 8 Tutor Groups	Lates	Year 9 Tutor Groups	Lates	Year 10 Tutor Groups	Lates	Year 11 Tutor Groups	Lates
7CC	★ 0	8CB	★ 0	9AD	6	10CBR	5	11CH	7
7DM	9	8CD	5	9CE	2	10GL	3	11EP	4
7JJ	2	8LM	3	9CM	8	10JS	3	11EPR	2
7MMA	1	8SC	1	9DA	6	10PJB	7	11EW	9
7MR	1	8TB	11	9EM	3	10SD	8	11JY	3
7SY	9	8VC	7	9MA	8	10SS	5	11PJ	7
Total	★ 22	Total	27	Total	33	Total	31	Total	32
Total Number of Student Lates: 145 (Last Week's Total: 205)									



Attendance Awards

Achieved 100% Attendance: 7JJ and 10SS

Best Attendance overall: Year 9

Punctuality Awards

Achieved 0 Lates: ~ 7CC and 8CB

Best Punctuality overall: Year 7

The Year group that gets the most "Best Overall Attendance" and "Best Punctuality awards" over this term will get 5 house points for every student.

NB: Lateness to school twice in one week will account for an after school detention on the Friday of that week—see back page for more information.

Failure to attend a Friday Detention may result in a Saturday Detention being given.

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PE News

Annual Sports Day 2017

Tuesday 20th June @ Crystal Palace Sports Stadium

Attendance is Compulsory for all Year 7 to 10 students

Students are expected to be in College at 8:25am as usual and will be transported by coach

Full Bonus Pastor PE kit - wearing their house T-shirt

Parents are encouraged to come and watch – Events start at 9:30am

If you would like to attend the day and wish to take your child home with you when all the events have finished, please indicate this on the reply slip.

Letters have been given to students already and reply slips need to be returned by

Friday 19th May



Music Competition



For the competition info: <http://www.schoolgroundsounds.org/2017/03/28/2017-songwriting-competition/>

Last year's winning song: <https://soundcloud.com/school-ground-sounds/thulani-hunnigan-21-questions>

Competition entry form: <https://sgs.typeform.com/to/FG3Gwa>

2017 Songwriting Competition

We are looking for the best young songwriters in London. Could you be one of them?

Entries will be judged by our panel of music industry professionals (to be announced)

It takes just 5 minutes to apply. You will need to submit a sound file and a lyrics sheet.

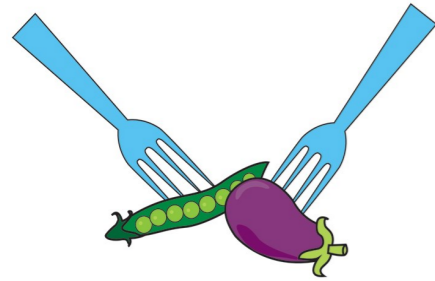
Open to ages 11-18
From Monday 24th April - Friday 26th May.

Good Luck!!!



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Pupil Support
Benefits
4th Floor, Laurence House
Catford
London SE6 4RU

pupil.support@lewisham.gov.uk

Dear Parent/Guardian

Important information about Free School Meals

Free school meals are part of something called 'pupil premium'. As well as providing free school meals, pupil premium provides extra funding of up to £1,350 to your child's school. The school can then use this funding to support your child's education through extra tuition, teaching staff or after-school activities.

If your child is in Reception, Years 1 and 2 they are automatically eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meal. However for them to qualify for Pupil Premium you will need to submit a free school meal application.

For children in years 3 and above an application is required and if this is successful you could save up to £400 a year.

Families are eligible for free school meals if they receive one or more of the following benefits:

- **Income- based:** Jobseeker's Allowance (**Not eligible if on contribution based Jobseeker's Allowance**)
- **Income –related:** Employment Support Allowance (**Not eligible if on contribution based Employment Support Allowance**)
 - Income Support
 - Universal Credit
 - The guaranteed element of state pension credit
 - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - Child tax credit

And if the combined annual household income is below £16,190.

Please note the following

- If your income is below £16,190 and you are not on any benefits your family will not be eligible for free school meals.
- If you receive working tax credit regardless of your annual household income your family will not be eligible for free school meals.
- If one partner/spouse in the household is on benefit and the other is on annual income above £16,190 your family will not be eligible for free school meals.

If one partner/spouse in the household is on contribution based Jobseeker's Allowance or contribution based Employment Support Allowance your family will not be eligible for free school meals.

If you are in receipt of one of the benefits above, you can apply online at www.lewisham.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals. For further information please refer to the Lewisham website.

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Faith Matters

Saint of the Week - St. Simon Stock 16th May

Welcome to The Friars



Set in the heart of Kent, England, **The Friars** - Aylesford Priory - is an ancient religious house of the Order of Carmelites dating back to the 13th Century. Over the centuries and now today

The Friars has become for thousands of visitors:

- a place of peace
- a community of prayer
- an experience of God
- a centre of welcome
- a venue for gathering
 - a work of art

Now that the weather is improving, and you want to get out and about, consider a retreat or a day's visit to Aylesford Priory where Bonus Pastor students go out on retreat. It is a peaceful and quiet place – conducive to prayer and meditation. Here in the main chapel is a relic of St. Simon Stock. We are so lucky to have such a place within easy reach of London. 40 mins by car!



**Pope Francis is no stranger to Twitter – on 1st May he said:-
May Saint Joseph give young people the ability to dream, to take risks for big tasks, the things that God dreams for us.
In our Catholic Youth Service, some news is given regarding Pope Francis' action for our youth, for 2018.**

In 2018, Pope Francis will meet Bishops and others to talk about Young people, Faith and Vocational Discernment. At this gathering, they will discuss how the Catholic Church can accompany young people in their faith and help them to hear God's call.

We would like you to help us collect the views of young people aged between 13-29 years, the Catholic Church in England and Wales would like to hear the experiences of young people their thoughts on faith and connection with the Catholic Church. To help you the Bishops Conference have created a Youth Poll that you can access using this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll>

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Faith Matters continued...**LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO YOUNG PEOPLE ON THE OCCASION OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE PREPARATORY DOCUMENT OF THE 15th ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS***My Dear Young People,*

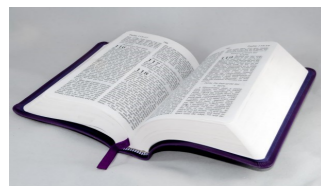
I am pleased to announce that in October 2018 a Synod of Bishops will take place to treat the topic: "Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment." I wanted you to be the centre of attention, because you are in my heart. Today, the Preparatory Document is being presented, a document which I am also entrusting to you as your "compass" on this synodal journey.

I am reminded of the words which God spoke to Abraham: "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you." (*Gen 12.1*). These words are now also addressed to you. They are words of a Father who invites you to "go", to set out towards a future which is unknown but one which will surely lead to fulfilment, a future towards which He Himself accompanies you. I invite you to hear God's voice resounding in your heart through the breath of the Holy Spirit.

When God said to Abram, "Go!", what did he want to say? He certainly did not say to distance himself from his family or withdraw from the world. Abram received a compelling invitation, a challenge, to leave everything and go to a new land. What is this "new land" for us today, if not a more just and friendly society which you, young people, deeply desire and wish to build to the very ends of the earth?

But unfortunately, today, "Go!" also has a different meaning, namely, that of abuse of power, injustice and war. Many among you are subjected to the real threat of violence and forced to flee their native land. Their cry goes up to God, like that of Israel, when the people were enslaved and oppressed by Pharaoh (cf. *Ex 2:23*).

I would also remind you of the words that Jesus once said to the disciples who asked him: "Teacher [...] where are you staying?" He replied, "Come and see" (*Jn 1:38*). Jesus looks at you and invites you to go with him. Dear young people, have you noticed this look towards you? Have you heard this voice? Have you felt this urge to undertake this journey? I am sure that, despite the noise and confusion seemingly prevalent in the world, this call continues to resonate in the depths of your heart so as to open it to joy in its fullness. This will be possible to the extent that, even with professional guides, you will learn how to undertake a journey of discernment to discover God's plan in your life. Even when the journey is uncertain and you fall, God, rich in mercy, will extend his hand to pick you up.

**Reflection:**

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

[\[1 Timothy 4:12\]](#)

Year 7 Retreats

Last week the whole of year 7 went out on retreat to Aylesford Priory over two days. They experienced spirituality in a beautiful calm and prayerful setting. The days were run by our Diocesan Youth Group who lead the students in prayer, and made them look at themselves and their attitudes towards others. The students really enjoyed the experience. (Photos to follow next week.)

Mrs. Bresin

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House News**Inter-House Table-Tennis Tournament**

Date: Tuesday 23rd May 2017
Time: 3.15pm to 5.00pm
Venue: Churchdown Sports Hall

See your House Leader for a letter to play.

Inter-House Badminton Tournament

Date: Thursday 25th May 2017
Time: 3.15pm to 5.00pm
Venue: Churchdown Sports Hall



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