

## 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](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 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.

### 2017/2018 Term Dates

#### 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  
(Christmas Holiday is from

Thursday 21st December to Monday 1st January)

#### Spring Term 2018

Tuesday 2nd January - Friday 9th February  
(Half Term is from Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February)

Monday 19th February - Thursday 29th March  
(Easter Holidays is from Friday 30th March to Friday 13th April)

#### Summer Term 2018

Monday 16th April - Friday 25th May  
(Half Term is from Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June)

Monday 4th June - Friday 20th July

### Upcoming Events:

#### September 2017

21st - Open Evening  
25th - 29th - Open Mornings

#### October 2017

13th - World Maths Day  
13th - 15th - Year 7 trip to Hindleap Warren  
19th - Year 10 Parents' Evening  
19th - 23rd - New York Trip  
20th - Citizenship Day Years 7 - 11  
23rd - 27th - HALF TERM

#### November 2017

2nd - Gwyn Feast Day  
2nd - 4th - Year 9 Belgium Trip  
9th - Year 7 Parents' Evening  
23rd - Prizegiving  
30th - Champion Feast Day



## Head of School's News

### A message from Mrs Holden—Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may know the College has had Ofsted Inspectors visiting for three days this week. There is a period of time following inspection where Inspectors write their report and the report then goes through a due process. The moment the College receives the validated and completed report, we will inform all Stakeholders of the outcome. The visit has been a very positive experience for the College.

Mrs Ruth Holden

Just another reminder about our open evening and mornings that are taking place over the next couple of weeks.

### Open sessions

Come and have a look around our school

Thursday 21st September 2017 6.30 & 7.30pm talks and tour  
Monday 25th September 2017 9.15am talk and tour  
Tuesday 26th September 2017 9.15am talk and tour  
Wednesday 27th September 2017 9.15am talk and tour  
Thursday 28th September 2017 9.15am talk and tour  
Friday 29th September 2017 9.15am talk and tour

### Clarissa Mae and Shanice Oulai wow audiences at The Green Man

After their success of their solo performances at the Royal Festival Hall last term, Clarissa Mae (10CE) and Shanice Oulai (10AD) were invited to perform as part of an event at The Green Man Centre on Tuesday evening. Together, they produced and performed an hour set between them and they sounded amazing! Well done to you both!



Mr J. Ronan  
Head of School

## Music Department News

It has already been a busy start to the new school year! As well as Clarissa Mae and Shanice Oulai's performances this week, Year 9 and 10 GCSE Music were treated to someone from a record label visiting to talk to them about working in the Music Industry. Students were given lots of information about what it's like to work in the industry, as well as how to record and advertise their own music! It was very informative and I am sure we are set to have a few Bonus Pastor pop stars of our own!

**Instrumental lessons** start soon! Make sure to fill out an enclosed application form to avoid disappointment! Any questions see Miss Bee (Head of Music.) **Please Note:** All students need to sign up for lessons, even if lessons were attended last year.

**Music clubs** sign up starts next week. Make sure to collect a form from the Music Department or Reception next week. Clubs include:

- Choir (KS3 & KS4)
- Guitar, String & Brass Ensemble
- Year 7 & Year 8 Band
- Drumming Collective



Ms C. Bee  
Head of Music

## Money Mules - Police Advice

Dear Parents/Carers

We are experiencing an increase of young person's bank accounts being used for criminal activity, this is called 'Money Mules' and a 'Mule account' is used in order to Launder Criminal Funds.

Young people are being approached by criminals or sometimes by people they know and believe they trust, who are obtaining the use of bank account and pin numbers and this is either done by force or for a financial incentive (cash/mobile phone credit).

We need your support to help educate young people around this issue. Has your young person been approached or asked for their bank account to be used? Check any bank statements, is there money going in and out that cannot be accounted for? Ask questions.

Bank accounts are private and must only be used by the account holder. Any misuse could not only be criminal but could cause serious credit issues for the account holder.

Police are working in partnership with many schools across London to combat this issue. Speak to your schools officer and/or Action Fraud is the tool to report any such activity or attempt.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

**ActionFraud**  
Report Fraud & Internet Crime  
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## House News

# Gwyn House Cake Sale for Macmillan Cancer Support

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Winlaton Playground – Lunchtime



## Inter-House Events 2017/18



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October – House Film Night  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Inter-House Handball  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Gwyn House Feast Day  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Inter-House Oware  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Champion House Feast Day  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Christmas Fair  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January – Inter-House Chess  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January – More House Feast Day  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Board Game Café  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Clitherow House Feast Day  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Inter-House KS3 Rugby

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Inter-House Netball  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Barton House Feast Day  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May – House Film Night  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Inter-House Spelling Bee  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Inter-House Badminton  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Inter-House Table Tennis  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Inter-House Quiz  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Fisher House Feast Day  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Inter-House KS3 Football  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Inter-House Girls Football  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July – House Reward Assembly



**Come along and get involved!**



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**Music Department News continued...**

**BONUS PASTOR CATHOLIC COLLEGE**

**INSTRUMENTAL LESSON FORM**

I wish my son/daughter to attend extra-curricular music lessons.

Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_

Form: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick the instrument below that you would like your son/daughter to learn.

If an instrument is not listed below please come and speak to us as we may be able to obtain a tutor.

Instrument	Tick	Instrument	Tick	Instrument	Tick
Cello		Piano/Keyboard		Vocals	
Violin/Viola		Trumpet		Drum Kit	
Flute		French Horn		Clarinet	
Saxophone		Trombone		Guitar/Bass	

Please tick the lesson option that you want to receive lessons for, sign and date.

	Tick Option
<b>Tuition</b>	
Individual Lesson	
Paired Lesson	
Instrument Hire	

**PLEASE NOTE:** Payment must be made before the start of each half term for lessons to start.

Signature (Parent/Carer): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Faith Matters**

**Saint of the Week:**

St. Matthew - September 21st



We imagine Matthew, after the terrible events surrounding the death of Jesus, going to the mountain to which the risen Lord had summoned them. "When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them [we think of him looking at each one in turn, Matthew listening and excited with the rest], 'All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age' " (Matthew 28:17-20).

Matthew would never forget that day. He proclaimed the Good News by his life and by his word. Our faith rests upon his witness and that of his fellow apostles.

From such an unlikely situation, Jesus chose one of the foundations of the Church, a man others, judging from his job, thought was not holy enough for the position. But he was honest enough to admit that he was one of the sinners Jesus came to call. He was open enough to recognize truth when he saw him. "And he got up and followed him" (Matthew 9:9b).

St. Matthew is the Patron Saint of Accountants, Bankers, Tax collectors.



**Please note that CAFOD Harvest Feast Day is on Friday 6th October**

**Reflection**

All power is given to me in heaven and in earth. Going therefore, teach ye all nations; baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and behold I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world. – Matthew 28: 18-20

## ParentMail Registration



Don't miss out on important information for Parents' Evenings, Trips & Visits, general letters and other communications.

If you have not signed up for ParentMail, Please do so as soon as possible - we are moving towards being a 'Cashless' School'. We are also starting to use email for sending all letters, forms etc home to reduce our postage costs.

If you want information on registering, please email [office@bp.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:office@bp.lewisham.sch.uk) and an email will be sent to you to register.



## Have you registered?

It's an easy, convenient way to receive school messages.

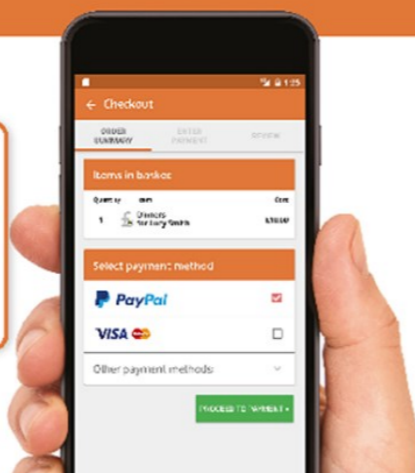
### You can:

- ✓ Receive messages on your computer, tablet or mobile
- ✓ See all your messages in one handy, uncluttered feed
- ✓ Link to other schools or clubs that also use ParentMail
- ✓ Keep up to date with your school calendar
- ✓ Authorise trips or permissions online



**We're going cashless!**

"I always get a reminder when the dinner money balance is low and with the App I can top up instantly, it's so easy!"



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## Music Department News

### BONUS PASTOR CATHOLIC COLLEGE EXTRA CURRICULAR MUSIC - INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS

Dear Parent/Guardian

I am pleased to inform you that your son/daughter has taken this letter as they are interested in starting music lessons. Lessons are great to do as they are fun, develops discipline and has been scientifically proven to help with academic skills. Instrumental lessons are 25 minutes long and are available individually or in pairs. There are 5 lessons per half term.

**PLEASE NOTE: Pupils will leave normal lessons to receive their instrumental music lesson (excluding Maths and English lessons)**

Students must catch up with any work and/or homework. Music lessons put more pressure on students to keep up with classwork which may result in extra homework.

Students who commit themselves must understand they should practice regularly to progress. This is down to the parent and student. Students who show particular progression may be asked to perform in school assemblies and events.

**PLEASE NOTE: Fees must be paid before each half term. First payment must be paid via ParentMail by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September for lessons to begin.**

**Bursaries are available** – If you think you are entitled to a bursary please ask for a form.

### Charges for Instrumental Music Lessons (per half term)

Individual tuition: £55

Paired tuition: £45

Instrument Hire: £5 (Excluding drum kit/ keyboard/piano & guitar)

Please read this thoroughly before signing up for lessons.

- Return of this form does not guarantee lessons. Lessons are allocated on a first come first served basis. Once lesson spaces are filled, names will be added to a waiting list.
- Signing this letter indicates a contract between you, Bonus Pastor Catholic College and the instrumental music teacher.
- **Payment will be made through ParentMail only.**
- Students are expected to remember to go to their lessons. If students forget/are on a trip/ill, lesson costs **will not** be reimbursed.
- If the instrumental teacher is ill or cannot attend lessons, lessons will be rearranged later on in the term.
- Students will be collected from lessons if they have individual lessons and are at the Winlaton Site. Should payment not be paid before each half term, lessons will be discontinued immediately.

### Cancellation of the Contract

- This takes account of the fact that this contract is the instrumental teacher's living. Should you wish to cancel lessons, you must write or email Miss Bee, Head of Music, giving at least **half a terms notice**.

**Failure to do this will mean full payment for the rest of that half term.**

Yours sincerely

Miss C Bee  
Head of Music Department

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