

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.

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 Monday 18th December

(Christmas Holiday is from

Tuesday 19th 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:

January 2018

- 15th - Year 9 Vaccinations
- 16th - Inter House Chess
- 18th - Academic Progress Meetings
- 31st - More Feast Day Trip
- 31st - Year 10 WEX Parents' Meeting

February

- 12th - 16th - HALF TERM
- 22nd - Year 8 Curriculum Choices Evening
- 26th - Year 8 Curriculum Choices Deadline

March

- 1st - World Book Day
- 14th - Maths Pi Day
- 20th Clitherow Feast Day
- 22nd - Year 9 Parents' Evening
- 23rd - 26th - GCSE Geog. Lake District Trip
- 27th - Inter house KS3 Rugby
- 28th - Inter house Netball
- 29th - Inter house Egg Hunt
- 30th - EASTER HOLIDAYS

April

- 16th - Summer Term Begins



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Head of School News

Oxford place

Well done to our former student **Igor Mitich** from the class of 2016, now studying at Dulwich College who has been accepted to Study at Oxford University! Well done Igor! A fantastic achievement

Year 9 Football

The Year 9 Boys Football team continued their impressive form with a 2-0 win against Kennel. Well done to Kyden Lewin-Thomas who was man of the match.



Chinese School Secondary exchange

Bonus Pastor are excited to announce that we plan to welcome a Chinese Secondary School in June or July 2018.

Hosting a student

Families are sought to welcome the visiting Chinese students into their homes, which can be rewarding and exciting for the whole family.

For safeguarding purposes, families must be able to host two visiting students. Host families will receive a small payment to cover any expenses incurred as a result of the visit.

To register your interest, please email homestay@opportunity-education.com. Further information about the Opportunity Education can be viewed at www.opportunity-education.com. We will be hosting a presentation evening for families if there is enough interest

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.

Mr Ronan
Head of School

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	%
Cli III	96.74%	Clitherow	95.45% ★
Fis I	97.22% ★	Fisher	91.99%
Cam III	94.02%	Campion	92.44%
Gwy II	95.31%	Gwyn	93.89%
Mor IV	95.50%	More	93.89%
Bar III	95.83%	Barton	94.12%
Overall school attendance for this week			93.63%



Last Week's attendance	94.97%
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Barton	Lates	Campion	Lates	Clitherow	Lates	Fisher	Lates	Gwyn	Lates	More	Lates
Bar I	10	Cam I	8	Cli I	5	Fis I	12	Gwy I	8	Mor I	6
Bar II	9	Cam II	7	Cli II	7	Fis II	9	Gwy II	11	Mor II	5
Bar III	11	Cam III	5	Cli III	4	Fis III	6	Gwy III	2	Mor III	2
Bar IV	8	Cam IV	8	Cli IV	2	Fis IV	10	Gwy IV	3	Mor IV	8
Bar V	5	Cam V	6	Cli V	7	Fis V	4	Gwy V	2	Mor V	4
Total	43	Total	34	Total	25 ★	Total	41	Total	26	Total	25 ★

8Total Number of Student Lates: 194
(Last Week's Total: 268)

Attendance Awards

Achieved 100% Attendance:

Best Attendance overall: Clitherow

Punctuality Awards

Achieved 0 Lates: ~

Best Punctuality overall: Clitherow and More



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.

Year 10 Work Experience

Dear Parent/Guardian

RE: Work Experience- Monday 9th July 2018 to Tuesday 17th July 2018

I am writing to inform you that the Year 10 Work Experience meeting for parents/guardians will be on **Wednesday, 31st January 2018 at 6:15pm in the Winlaton Hall**. The purpose of this meeting is to outline the procedure for Work Experience. The College regards the Work Experience Scheme as making a valuable contribution to student learning by raising awareness of the importance of the development of key skills that are necessary in the workplace. Bonus Pastor Catholic College is part of the Lewisham Work Experience Team who arranges the allocation of placements and makes risk assessments of all work places to ensure that they are suitable for pre-16 young people.

Own Find Placements

These are placements that are organised by students, parents or contacts. If you would like to organise an own find placement, it is very important that the appropriate form is completed well in advance (which we will provide) in order that health and safety checks can be carried out, and also to assess the suitability of the placement.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting, and will be happy to answer any queries at that time.

Yours sincerely

Ms P McMahon
Work Experience Co-ordinator

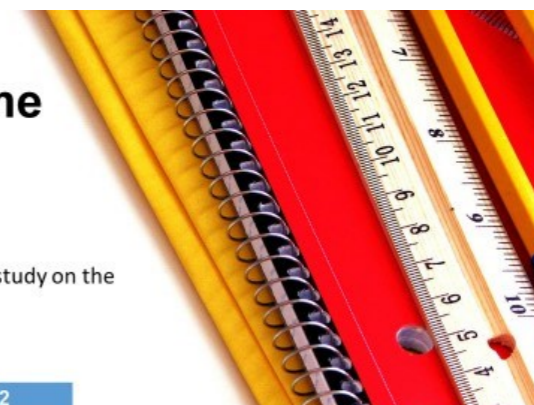


Year 11 Notices

Year 11 Lunchtime Study Space

WS08 is open at lunchtime for quiet study on the following days:

Week 1	Week 2
Tuesday	Monday
Thursday	Wednesday
Friday	



Year 11 - Have you applied to College?

If you are unsure about anything, just ask! No question is a silly question!

REMEMBER – come and see Ms Hill any day before school or Thursday lunchtimes for help!

Upcoming College Application Deadlines

January 2018	
Monday 8 th January 2018	Dartford Grammar School
Friday 19 th January 2018	Newstead Wood School The Prendergast School
Friday 26 th January 2018	Bishop Justus School
Wednesday 31 st January 2018	Haberdashers' Aske's Knights Academy
February 2018	
Friday 9 th February 2018	Langley Park School for Girls The Sydenham and Forest Hill Sixth Form
March 2018	
Thursday 29 th March 2018	Harris Academy
Open Deadlines	
City of Westminster College	
Haberdashers' Askes Hatching College	
Corelli College	
Bromley College (London South East Colleges)	

House News

Inter-House Chess Tournament



Date: Tuesday 16th January 2018

Time: 3.10pm - 4.30pm

Venue: Winlaton Small Hall

See your House Leader for a letter to play.

Free School Meals Process

News and Information



Free School Meals - New Paperless Application Process from 1 January 2018

Following the successful launch of the [Parent Portal](#) the Pupil Support team will **not be** accepting paper application forms for Free School Meals after 31 December 2017.

All applications from 1st January 2018 must be made via the [Parent Portal](#) ensuring the security of parent and child details.

'Important Information About Free School Meals' and 'How to Apply Online for Free School Meals' documents can be downloaded and included in the welcome/information packs distributed to parents.

Should there be an issue with the Parent Portal please contact the Pupil Support team for further advice at pupil.support@lewisham.gov.uk

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Faith Matters

The Christmas Season may be over and all the lights and decorations put away another year, but the message of Christmas and the Hope that it brings for all Christians doesn't get put away in the loft or cupboard until next Christmas!

It is important for us as a Catholic Community to reflect on the words of His Holiness on Christmas Day, so here is the first part of the Pope's speech on Christmas day in Rome. Please take time to read and reflect on this words – especially "Where God is Born, Hope is Born."

Pope Francis delivered his Urbi et Orbi message from St Peter's Basilica

Dear brothers and sisters, Happy Christmas!

Christ is born for us, let us rejoice in the day of our salvation!

Let us open our hearts to receive the grace of this day, which is Christ himself. Jesus is the radiant "day" which has dawned on the horizon of humanity. A day of mercy, in which God our Father has revealed his great tenderness to the entire world. A day of light, which dispels the darkness of fear and anxiety. A day of peace, which makes for encounter, dialogue and, above all, reconciliation. A day of joy: a "great joy" for the poor, the lowly and for all the people (cf. Lk 2:10).



On this day, Jesus, the Saviour is born of the Virgin Mary. The Crib makes us see the "sign" which God has given us: "a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger" (Lk 2:12). Like the shepherds of Bethlehem, may we too set out to see this sign, this event which is renewed yearly in the Church. Christmas is an event which is renewed in every family, parish and community which receives the love of God made incarnate in Jesus Christ. Like Mary, the Church shows to everyone the "sign" of God: the Child whom she bore in her womb and to whom she gave birth, yet who is the Son of the Most High, since he "is of the Holy Spirit" (Mt 1:20). He is truly the Saviour, for he is the Lamb of God who takes upon himself the sin of the world (cf. Jn 1:29). With the shepherds, let us bow down before the Lamb, let us worship God's goodness made flesh, and let us allow tears of repentance to fill our eyes and cleanse our hearts. This is something we all need!

He alone, he alone can save us. Only God's mercy can free humanity from the many forms of evil, at times monstrous evil, which selfishness spawns in our midst. The grace of God can convert hearts and offer mankind a way out of humanly insoluble situations.

Where God is born, hope is born. He brings hope. Where God is born, peace is born. And where peace is born, there is no longer room for hatred and for war. Yet precisely where the incarnate Son of God came into the world, tensions and violence persist, and peace remains a gift to be implored and built. May Israelis and Palestinians resume direct dialogue and reach an agreement which will enable the two peoples to live together in harmony, ending a conflict which has long set them at odds, with grave repercussions for the entire region.

We pray to the Lord that the agreement reached in the United Nations may succeed in halting as quickly as possible the clash of arms in Syria and in remedying the extremely grave humanitarian situation of its suffering people. It is likewise urgent that the agreement on Libya be supported by all, so as to overcome the grave divisions and violence afflicting the country. May the attention of the international community be unanimously directed to ending the atrocities which in those countries, as well as in Iraq, Libya, Yemen and sub-Saharan Africa, even now reap numerous victims, cause immense suffering and do not even spare the historical and cultural patrimony of entire peoples. My thoughts also turn to those affected by brutal acts of terrorism, particularly the recent massacres which took place in Egyptian airspace, in Beirut, Paris, Bamako and Tunis.

To our brothers and sisters who in many parts of the world are being persecuted for their faith, may the Child Jesus grant consolation and strength. They are our martyrs of today.

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