

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 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

Hello and welcome back to Bonus Pastor Catholic College and to the new Academic Year 2017 / 2018. 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 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

Exam Results

Bonus Pastor Catholic College has done brilliantly again this year!!! The Colleges' exam results were extremely pleasing with 73% of students receiving their English and Maths and our 9-7 grades were exceptional with 26% of students achieving these.



A special mention to Chekwubechukwu Nweze who achieved grade 9 in all core subjects and A*s in all other subjects. He is going on to study his A-Levels at Dulwich College.

We are 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 at the College to get to those results. These results are a real achievement. Fantastic!! Well done to everyone.

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.

Mr Ronan Head of School

Art Scholarship Exhibition

At the end of last term the school held a Year 7 Art Scholarship Exhibition, here are a few pictures from the event. Well done to all those who took part.



PE News

Year 7 Trials

Below is the list of trials for Year 7's which will start new week (commencing 11th September). All will start straight after school in Churchdown and will finish at 5pm. Please bring your PE kit if you choose to attend.



Boys

Rugby – Tuesday
Football – Wednesday

Girls

Netball – Tuesday
Football – Friday



ParentMail Registration

 **ParentMail**
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



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Faith Matters



Saint of the Week:

Mother Teresa Canonized as a Saint by Pope Francis

A Crowd of 120,000 gathered in St. Peter's Square for proclamation.

Pope Francis proclaimed Mother Teresa a saint on Sunday, bestowing the Catholic Church's highest honour on one of the most widely admired public figures in recent history.

In a unifying gesture, the pope highlighted aspects of the new saint's legacy appealing to opposite sides of a fractious divide: Catholics who champion traditional moral teachings and those focused on economic justice. Pope Francis presented Mother Teresa's opposition to abortion and her dedication to the poor as facets of a single mission.

The canonization ceremony took place under a broiling sun before a crowd of 120,000 in St. Peter's Square, according to Vatican estimates. Behind the pope, on the facade of St. Peter's Basilica, hung a banner-size portrait of Mother Teresa, one of the late 20th century's most recognizable face. Born to an ethnic Albanian family in what is now Macedonia, Mother Teresa founded the Missionaries of Charity in 1950 with 12 followers in Kolkata, India. The order now runs hospices, homeless shelters and other services for the destitute in 139 countries.

In his homily, Pope Francis recalled the new saint as "committed to defending life, ceaselessly proclaiming that the unborn are the weakest, the smallest, the most vulnerable." But he also said she confronted the "powers of this world" with "their guilt for the crime of poverty they created."

The start of the academic year brings with it our first big fundraising event – the Harvest Collection. In line with the Catholic ethos of the College, and fulfilling our Gospel obligations, at this time of year we think about those who are suffering from homelessness and the lack of food. This year we will be collecting for the SVP (The Society of St. Vincent de Paul) who will distribute our offerings to those in need. Students can bring them in to either reception, their form tutor or to me.

Please donate generously as much as you are able.

I thank you in advance for what we hope will be a bumper harvest.

God bless

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