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Lord, help me not to lean on my own understanding but in everything acknowledge You so that You can direct my words, thoughts and actions. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Message from Mr O'Connor, Assistant Principal Friday 20th November 2020

November is the month of remembrance and thanks giving. We pray for those who have gone before us. We light candles in the memory of our loved ones and recall the joy of stories once told. We follow in their footsteps reliving their legacy by doing well to others.

Patrick Colm Smyth, known to all of us in the Bishop Challoner Community as 'Col'! A true Irish gentleman who would stop and talk to friend and stranger, treating everyone as equal and would go out of his way for those in greater need. His infectious personality would lift the mood of any on the darkest day. A hardworking man, strong religious faith and in touch with reality. Col loved Christmas. He loved the joy it brought to his family and to his grandchildren. Each year he took great pride in presenting his amazing crib that he displayed at home in his kitchen. Each year he would never forget the many children worldwide that desperately wanted to be loved on Christmas day. Col's commitment to the Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box appeal was stunning.



The project delivers not only the joy of what, for many kids, is their first gift ever, but also gives them a tangible expression of God's love. Each year he would personally collect 40-50 shoe boxes to donate to the charity and would encourage and inspire so many others to do the same. His legacy, and our memory of a dear friend, lives on through our Colm Smyth Shoe Box charity appeal. An amazing effort by all our students, families and staff over the past weeks has ensured that there will be smiles on over 440 children on Christmas day when they open

their gift. An incredible return when you take current challenges into account. We thank you for your support with this initiative.

This is the sixth year of commemoration of Armistice Day by the Art Department. New additions this year include two large scale poppies which feature the poem 'Perhaps' by Vera Brittain. Eight local women, some of whom are related to members of the Challoner community and who all made a personal contribution to the Second World War effort are also remembered through displaying their portraits and stories. An incredible display and a poignant tribute to these amazing women. A big thank you to the Art Department for all their amazing work. We would encourage all parents / carers to visit and spend some time to view the exhibition which is on display at the front of the school reception. Lest we forget.

As November draws to a close it brings great anticipation as we wait eagerly to view the first Christmas advert. This brings excitement to so many and officially launches the build up to the Christmas period. The time of year can also create great anxiety and concern for so many families, expensive bills and worries about putting food on the table. The pandemic has aggravated this issue further. '200,000 children have had to skip meals during lockdown', 'five million people live in families that struggle to afford food during the crisis' (Food Foundation). Our Christmas food bank appeal is one of our most important community fundraisers of the school year. Adding an additional £1 where possible to a weekly shopping bill can help us collect a mountain of food that will help families on our door step to feed their children this Christmas. Our students are incredible and do so much for those in greater need across our community. We hope that you can support this worthy charity appeal.





With the release of the new Xbox Series X and PlayStation 5 this month, we thought it would be good to point you in the direction of the parental controls for these devices. How-to guides and videos for each device can be found at the following links:

PlayStation 5-

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/ps5-parental-controls-spending-limits/>

Xbox Series X-

<https://www.xbox.com/en-GB/community/for-everyone/responsible-gaming>

As well as supporting their latest consoles with parental controls, all previous generation devices are still very much supported with these features:

Nintendo Switch - www.youtube.com/watch?v=PLdWHOW9zqc

PlayStation 4 - www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z-Mi2Ej72Fk

Xbox One - www.youtube.com/watch?v=rlt0i47exYs

If you have concerns about the content of a game, please use the previously mentioned common sense media website. This website offers a crowd sourced perspective on the media (including films and apps) and goes into much more detail than the age range on the box. <https://www.common sense media.org>

Allergy Management

Bishop Challoner Catholic College aims to minimise the risk to pupils and staff with allergies, including those who are allergic to nuts.

It is vital that staff and parents/carers and pupils adhere to the Allergy Management policy, as we have both pupils and staff in school who suffer from allergies, including nut allergies.

Persons with allergies, including a nut allergy can suffer life-threatening consequences if they come into contact with allergens, including nuts, either through ingestion or through touch.

Parents/carers, pupils and staff must not bring or send, any food into school either for packed lunches or for snacks/treats with nuts in.

For example, the following items should not be brought into school:

- Packs of nuts
- Peanut butter sandwiches
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts
- Cakes or biscuits made with nuts
- Nutella
- Muesli bars

Care should be taken when exchanging gifts, in particular at Easter, Christmas and birthdays.

We appreciate your support with this important matter.

Inhalers

If Your Child suffers with Asthma, can you please ensure they are carrying an inhaler before they leave home especially during these winter months. Thank you.

Science revision guide

Science revision guides bought on Schoolcomms can now be collected from Mrs Shore opposite S4.

Teaching School Update

We are delighted that we have received some strong applications for our School Direct Teacher Training programme for next September. We have started interviewing candidates online and have also made some offers! A range of secondary subjects are on offer, from Art & Design, English, Maths, Geography, and Sciences to RE, DT and Drama, as well as general primary and primary with a PE specialism. Email us at teachingschool@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk to arrange a chat about teaching.

B30 FOODBANK

**HELPING LOCAL
PEOPLE IN CRISIS**

Urgent items needed:

- Tinned spaghetti
- Long life milk (blue)
- Jam
- Macaroni cheese
- Tinned tomatoes
- Long life fruit juice
- Tinned rice pudding
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Size 7 nappies

**Collecting between
Monday 9th November
and
Friday 11th December 2020**

Sports Updates

Extra-Curricular

On Monday, the government updated its guidance for Education, stating that Schools are able to continue to offer before and after school activities and clubs for pupils. We are therefore delighted to confirm that morning and after school PE clubs can commence from Wednesday 18th November. All pupils will still be kept in year group bubbles, but we are pleased to be offering clubs that relate to the changes made to our PE Curriculum for this half term. Below is the updated PE extra-curricular timetable, so please familiarise yourselves with this so that you know which days you can attend clubs.

We strongly encourage pupils to attend and get involved in the extra-curricular clubs that are on offer. We look forward to seeing you there!

PE BGT Event

A number of pupils from Year 7, 8 and 9 have recently participated in the PE 'Bishops got talent' event! The PE department created and put together a video which captured the fantastic talent of our pupils. The video was shown to staff and pupils during form time so that everyone could enjoy our event. Archie H, Connor R, Jaroslav L-K, Christopher S, Charlie C, David O, Joseph O and Joseph C all performed their own Football skills during their Football trails. We congratulate you all on your performance and thank you for your effort and enthusiasm during this event. Well done!

Tia-Mai from Year 8 performed a creative, controlled and advanced Gymnastics floor routine, whilst Antonia James showed off her fantastic skills of ball control when performing 'keepy ups'. A huge well done to both of these pupils, it was great to see your skills.

Finally, Charlie C, Raeden C, Tye J-C, Mason S, Jaiden N and Kian H from Year 9 all performed different Gymnastics flips off a trampet. We were incredibly impressed watching these flips as they were all well executed and performed in a very controlled and professional manner. Well done, a fantastic effort!

Thank you to those pupils who were involved in this event; it was a pleasure to showcase your wonderful talent to the rest of the school. We are always amazed by the performances that our pupils produce during these events and we can't wait to hold another BGT event next term.

PE Extra-curricular timetable 2020.

Sports on offer : Badminton, Basketball, Tennis, Gymnastics & Dodgeball.

	AM- 7.45-8.25	PM- 3.20-4.15
Monday	7RC Miss Hunter & Miss Shirley	9X Mr Wilson & Miss Shirley
Tuesday	7B Miss Beall & Mr Malley	8Y/ 10Y Miss Ellis & Mr Moreira (Mr Noone cover)
Wednesday	8X Mr Wilson & Miss Smyllie	7RC Miss Hampson & Mr Malley Boxing club- Mr Noone (Off site 3.30-5)
Thursday	7B Mr Moreira & Miss Smyllie	10X (sports hall only) Mr Moon
Friday	9Y (sports hall only) Miss Beall (wk 2) Miss Hunter (wk 1)	None



Black History Month

Conratulations to Cameron A for winning First Prize in the Black History Month Competition. He produced an excellent children's story book, telling the story of Rosa Parkes bus journey. He fought off stiff competition from over 50 entries in Year 7 to claim first prize. Well done Cameron and all who entered this competition.



Sixth Form

Well done

We would like to acknowledge the considerable contribution our Sixth Form students make to our school. The vast majority are indeed role models to whom younger students look up. We are particularly proud of the support given to the shoe box appeal, whether in the form of generous contributions or actually preparing and filling the boxes in the Chapel.

Face Coverings

A reminder that students are required to wear a face covering in all indoor areas, other than classrooms, at all times. The exception is once seated and eating or drinking in the designated areas in the common room. Once again, we commend our students in joining us in doing all that is possible to minimize risk to themselves and the wider community.

Year 13

UCAS Grades

Year 13 had an assembly last week, where we made clear our stance on UCAS Predicted Grades. We do of course, take into consideration a student's current Estimated Grade, but that will not necessarily be the identical grade that we predict for UCAS. We support aspirational applications, but any predictions must also be realistic and made with integrity.

Mocks

Year 13 Mocks run from January 11th -22nd. Timetables will be issued next week. Students will be reminded in class about revision strategies that work. There will also be information available on the website and links will be sent out.

Again, we would like to reassure students that their performance in their mocks will be used to inform, but not determine, any centre assessed grade that we may be required to give, should the need occur next year.

Year 12

Once again, we would remind Year 12 students to read the opportunities bulletin each week. There are a host of virtual opportunities on offer, including Master Classes, Open Days and Work Experiences and these opportunities are updated on a regular basis.

Sixth Form Opportunities Bulletin

Click on the links below to keep up to date with opportunities in further education, apprenticeships and much more.

<https://www.bishopchalloner.org.uk/sixth-form/enrichment/sixth-form-opportunities> (Every week)

<https://bishopchalloner.org.uk/welcome/catholic-college/careers/year-11> (Every fortnight)

Chaplaincy

Within Chaplaincy, we have been providing opportunities for pause for prayer and reflection.

Examinations of Conscience

Whilst we are in the lead up to the liturgical season of Advent, the opportunity for confession commences in preparation for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. During November, we have been hosting interactive sessions on examining our conscience, reflecting on our choices and wishes for self-betterment are offered. Students will have the opportunity to pause for prayer and reflection about who they are, and the person God calls them to be. This call for reflection during the term and at the beginning of the school year can help us be the person God calls us to be throughout the year.

Colm Smyth Shoe Box Appeal

This year, the shoebox appeal is in memory of Colm Smyth, his passion and joy for giving to others and how much he cared for this initiative and the school.

"A true Irish gentleman who would stop and talk to friend and stranger, treating everyone as equal and would go out of his way for those in greater need. His infectious personality would lift the mood of any on the darkest day. A hardworking man, strong religious faith and in touch with reality."

The shoeboxes were collected November 16th and as a school community, we prepared and sent shoeboxes. Our sincerest gratitude to all for giving their very best to support such a wonderful act of social outreach. Matthew 25:40.

Virtual Youth Group

The Chaplaincy Team, in collaboration with St Dunstan's Parish, have launched a youth group. This consists of interactive sessions of icebreakers, reflection and a pause for prayer each Wednesday at 6:30pm-7:10pm. If you would like any information or express interest, email: n.collins@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk.

Upcoming Events

Mock Examinations begin
Food Bank Collection begins
Monday 30th November

KS3 Rewards Year 7
Post 16 Pathways
Wednesday 2nd December

KS3 Rewards Year 8
Thursday 3rd December

KS3 Rewards Year 9
BGT Event
Friday 4th December

Attendance

Year 7 - 95%
Year 8 - 94%
Year 9 - 94%
Year 10 - 95%
Year 11 - 94%

Whole School - 94%

Pause.

ForwardThinking
Birmingham

Need someone to talk to?
Struggling to cope with feelings?
We're here for you.

We are operating a telephone-based service while Pause in Digbeth is closed. Register for support via our website: www.forwardthinkingbirmingham.org.uk/services/13-pause

Or call **0207 841 4470** and we will arrange for one of our friendly staff to call you back.

Who can use us?

You can use us if you have a Birmingham GP and are:

- Under 25 years old (If you are under 14 you will need to have a parent / caregiver with you when we call to give consent).
- Or if you are a parent / caregiver looking for support for their child who is under 25 years old.

How can we help?

We can offer:

- Self-help strategies, skills for managing difficult situations and feelings.
- A non-judgemental listening ear.
- Details for other organisations that might also be able to help you.
- Each call lasts around 20-30 minutes which focuses on ways forward.

Our Opening Hours:

Monday to Friday: 10am-6pm, Saturdays: 10am-5pm.
We are closed on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

The
Children's
Society

SEND BRIEFING PARENT WEBINAR

November 2020



Parent/Carer Webinars take place regularly throughout the year and cover a number of different topics. Please see the local offer website for further details. Each webinar should last approximately one hour and take the format of a presentation followed by an opportunity to ask questions.

SUPPORTING CHILDREN AT HOME.

BEHAVIOUR

Speaker: Dr Claire Jarvis, Educational Psychologist

About this webinar: Information to help you:

- To develop an understanding of why children display challenging behaviour or struggle to manage their emotions
- To have practical strategies to take away to support your child at home

Friday 27th November at 2.00pm

To secure your place on this webinar please click on the link below to order your free ticket and on the day you will be contacted admitting you in to the webinar.



<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/managing-childrens-behaviour-and-supporting-children-at-home-tickets-128862979441>

All Saints Youth Project

All Saints Youth Project, Vicarage Road, Kings Heath, is offering the following support and advice to parents and carers whose children have Autism and or ADHD:

Autism and ADHD group meetings on Zoom every Thursday at 11.00am for ninety minutes. Guest speakers sometimes take part and discuss issues including sleep, diet and Education and Health Care Plans (EHCP).

To join the meetings, parents need to download Zoom and contact Ian Barber, Family Support Co-ordinator for the ID and passcode. The All Saints Youth Project Support line for parents and carers to call for further information is 07436 798 497. Other services like Triple P and training courses such as Non Violence Resistance (NVR) are also available.

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Computing Hub:	@BCCComputingHub	PE:	@BCPEDepartment
Computing:	@BishopChalComp	Performing Arts:	@BCPAmusic/@BCPAPA4
Design:	@BCCCDesign	School Games:	@BCSGO
English:	@BC_EnglishDept	Science Learning Partnership:	@CentralMidSLP
FOBC:	@bc_friends	Science:	@BCSciDept
French:	@BC_MFL	Sixth Form:	@BCCSix
Geography:	@BCGeogDept	Social Science:	@BCSocSciDept
History:	@history_GCSEBC	Teaching School:	@teaching_school

Advertise with us...

Newsletter sponsorship

If you were to kindly sponsor us, we will make sure that we advertise your business in our 3 termly newsletters at Christmas, Easter and Summer for a total of £150.

Use promo code (BC14) and we will put your advert for FREE in our fortnightly newsletter BC14 as a thank you for supporting our school.

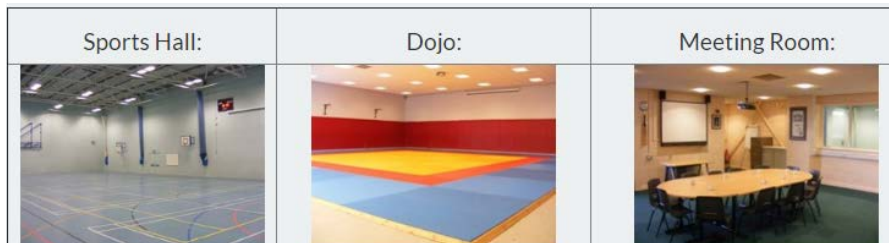
We only require your advert to be sent by email to us and we will do the rest.

We gladly accept BACS payment or Cheque depending on which is convenient for you and we will issue a receipt along with your copy of our Newsletter.

Our Christmas newsletter deadline is Friday 4th December 2020.

Please email Gerald Noone:- g.noone@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk
Tel:- 0121 4444161.

Venue Hire For more information call: 0121 441 6103



CORONAVIRUS: PUBLIC INFORMATION

There are three simple actions we must all do to keep on protecting each other



Wash hands - keep washing your hands regularly
Cover face wear a face covering in enclosed spaces
Make space stay at least 2 metres apart - or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions

For guidance on the new National Restrictions from 5th November 2020 please follow the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november>

If you have symptoms (high temperature, a new, continuous cough, loss of, or change to your sense of smell or taste) - get a test. Do not leave home for at least 10 days if your test result is positive.

If someone in your house has symptoms, stay at home until they have their test results. If they are positive you must stay at home for 14 days from the first day of symptoms.

DfE guidance for parents/carers

A reminder to make families aware of the government's guidance 'What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges in the autumn term'. This guidance sets out when children and young people may be unable to attend school in line with public health advice to self-isolate because they:

- have had symptoms or a positive test result themselves
- live with someone who has symptoms or has tested positive
- are a close contact of someone who has coronavirus (COVID-19) and are requested to do so by NHS Test and Trace or the PHE advice service

School Fund and Match Fund

Please visit the school website for more information on School Fund contributions and Match Fund through your employer.

Easy Fundraising

Our extra curricular and enrichment programme enriches the lives of young people in our school and gives them the opportunities to fulfil their full potential. Our programme runs 40 clubs per week ranging from book club to gymnastics.

Join easyfundraising and you can collect free donations for us every time you buy something online.

Billboard Advertising

No need to pay the High Street prices for billboard advertising.

You could advertise to 2000 people a day at Bishop Challoner for a fraction of the price.

We are delighted to offer advertising space in our community areas, including our sports hall, function room and gym.

This opportunity is available for £40 per month. Please contact Laura on 0121 441 6103 or email: sportscentre@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

Absence Reporting and Covid-19

Please ensure you contact school if your son/daughter is not well and cannot attend. Calls should be made each day they are absent.

If your son/daughter is required to self isolate in line with government guidance work will only be made available via Class Charts when the school is informed. Please keep school informed of any progress regarding testing.

If your son/daughter's is confirmed positive please inform the school immediately. (results@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk)