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If one dream should fall and break into a thousand pieces... never be afraid to pick one of those pieces up and begin again. That's the beauty of being alive... We can always start all over again. Enjoy God's amazing opportunities bestowed on us. Have faith in Him always.
St Bernadette

Message from Mr J. Coughlan, Principal

Friday 30th April 2021

We are now a couple of weeks into our new term and we continue to look forward with great optimism as the number of cases of COVID continues to reduce across the country. We would ask our families to continue to be vigilant with regards to any recognisable COVID symptoms and to ensure outcomes of regular lateral flow testing are reported back to the school. We continue to hold in our thoughts and prayers all who have been severely affected by this pandemic.

Progress on our new six-classroom build at the front of school continues at a pace and you can follow updates via our website and also via Twitter.

<https://bishopchalloner.org.uk/catholic-college/community/bc-newbuild>

Our school Drone club are regularly taking images to record the progress of this exciting project.

As the summer term begins and the evenings remain brighter for longer, I would encourage all of our students to consider joining one of our extra-curricular clubs, full details can be found here

<https://www.bishopchalloner.org.uk/information-about-our-school/enrichment/extra-curricular-life>

Challoner has a proud tradition of incredible extra-curricular provision and it is part of the fabric of our school. Linked to this, a number of our Year 8 students are preparing for the Ball Crew at the Birmingham Classic in June. In time, we hope we can fully resume our provision once restrictions are lifted.

All students have made a brilliant start to the new term. Our Year 11 and 13 students are working hard producing evidence for the Teacher Assessed Grades this summer. There is a wealth of information available on this process via our school website:

<https://www.bishopchalloner.org.uk/information-about-our-school/awarding-grades-2021>

I congratulate all of our Year 11 and 13 students on their tremendous resilience, dedication, commitment and hard work; we are proud of each and every one of you.

As yet, we have no further information on assessment arrangements for next year for current year 10 and current year 12, as and when we receive further details we will share this information.

As our Year 11 and 13 students continue their timed assessments and revision I will end by sharing these wonderful words from Saint Catherine of Siena whose feast day we celebrated this week,

Dr J. Coughlan
Principal

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."



Building Developments

Building work is well underway for our new six classroom build to the front of our school. This is a very exciting project for the school and one that will benefit the students.

Here are a few photographs of progress so far. Further images can be found on the website home page.



Sports Updates

We are thrilled to announce that we are able to arrange after school sports fixtures for Year 7, 8, 9 and 10. Over the next few weeks, various Year groups will have the opportunity to participate and compete in Football, Netball and Rounder's. Tournaments/matches will begin with intra-school competitions and hopefully progress into inter-school competitions where we will compete/play against local schools. The Year 7 and Year 9 boys Football team have already competed in a friendly intra-school match so we look forward to seeing those teams in action against other schools in the next coming weeks. Girls - look out for information regarding the various tournaments that you will have the opportunity to participate in very soon!

PE CLUBS - COMPETITIONS

Please see below the various sports competitions we have on offer for the next few weeks during after school PE club.

Week commencing (PM clubs)	Competition
26 th April	Badminton
3 rd May	Football
10 th May	Dodgeball
17 th May	Netball
24 th May	Basketball
Half Term	Half Term
7 th June	Tchoukball
14 th June	Rounders
21 st June	Handball
28 th June	Cricket
5 th July	Tennis
12 th July	Athletics (stations)

Ball Crew 2021

The Year 8 students who are trialling for Ball Crew 2021 have trained exceptionally well so far and have shown great resilience. We have been particularly impressed with the students' dedication, concentration and effort during the after school training sessions. Please keep up this brilliant work!



Extra-curricular Clubs

A big well done to every student who has attended extra-curricular PE clubs before and after school so far this term. We have been really impressed with the amount of students who have turned up to various clubs and we will continue to encourage even more students to attend over the next few weeks.



We have placed more of an emphasis on friendly competition during after school clubs, and this week students have participated in Badminton competitions. Prizes were awarded to students for good 'Sportsmanship', 'Fair Play' and 'Team Player'. Congratulations to the Year 7 students: Indra who won 'Sportsmanship', Alfie who won 'Fair Play', and Mary Jo who won 'Team Player'. On Wednesday, three sixth formers successfully organised a ladder tournament for Badminton so a big thank you to Cairan, Harry and Sion. Well done to those Year 8 students who won an award! We hope to see you competing at future intra-school competitions!



Important First Aid Notice

It is extremely important you make sure you send all students with Asthma into school with their own inhalers.

Any expired medications kept at school will need replacing, you will be notified by email in the first instance, please check regularly (and junk mail). We will contact those with no email address by other means.

Goodrest Croft Surgery is due to close, if you have re-registered elsewhere please notify the school as soon as possible to update our records

LIBRARY (OLC)

Before Easter, we celebrated World Book Day with the whole school. We achieved this by playing a 10-minute pre-recorded book excerpt that teachers from every department had read and prepared for the students and at the beginning of every lesson for a whole week. Staff and students reported this to be an enjoyable and calming experience.

Continuing the theme of enjoyment, ten lucky year 8 students are embarking on a Literacy Skills Academy course, which combines reading skills with football skills. Our thanks to two of our wonderful English teachers for taking the mantle and delivering the course.



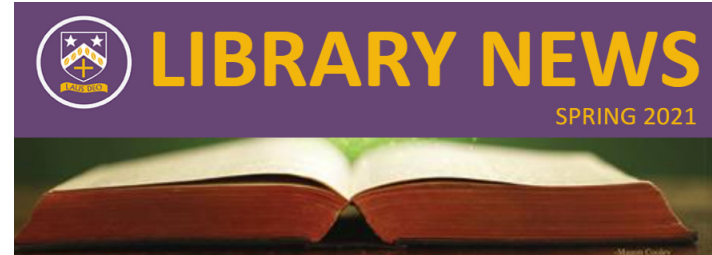
Read more on our twitter page: [here](#)

We are as always, encouraging reading whenever we can. We have looked at books we read during lockdown, have weekly paired reading groups and a year 8 book club and we are looking at where reading can take you with our new Library display.

New Library books are on order and there are new books



added to the e-Library every month. See the library web page for more details.



<https://www.bishopchalloner.org.uk/library>

What's cooking?



MEXICAN DAY

5th May
in the canteen.



16-21 May is British Sandwich week

Bishop Challoner's Sensational Sarnie Challenge

Students in specific food groups are designing, planning and making sandwiches suitable to be sold in the school canteen to promote National Sandwich Week. The sandwich which must be creative and original and meet specific criteria such as cost and allergy awareness.

The person with the winning design will win a prize and have their sandwich served into canteen during National Sandwich Week.





The table below includes a list of resources that we have used and continue to do so, as part of our teaching and practice.

All these resources are free to use and provide appropriate content for a range of age groups.

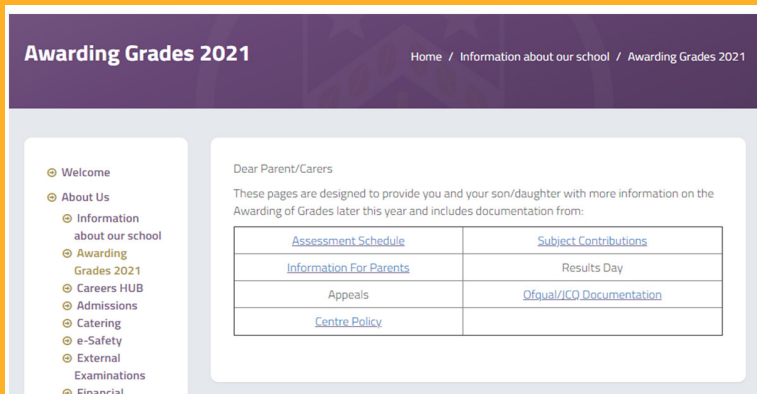


Resource	Link
NSPCC Online Safety – huge repository of guidance and advice around many topics related to online safety and talking to children about it.	https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/
UK Safer Internet Centre – source of information for children, parents, carers and teachers. Activities and resources can be downloaded for free.	https://www.saferinternet.org.uk
Think U Know – Online safety learning resources which cover ages 4-14+. Also, resources for parents and carers are available.	https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk
Internet Matters – Resources for ages 0-14+ in relation to online safety and the use of devices.	https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/
Common Sense Media – provides insight into media (tv, film, games and apps) allowing for a understanding of appropriateness for age.	https://www.common sense media.org

Awarding of Grades

With the increasing amount of information regarding grades, we have now divided the information into sections on the following page on the website. All information and future information can now be found at:

<https://www.bishopchalloner.org.uk/information-about-our-school/awarding-grades-2021>



A reminder about face coverings

For the safety of all of our community, and in line with government guidelines, students will be expected to wear face covering at all times on site, unless a distance of 2m can be maintained and unless they are exempt from wearing a face covering. . The exception to that will be when eating or drinking at break and lunch, in designated areas.

Absence Reporting and Covid-19

Even if your child is not attending school please ensure you contact school if your son/daughter is not well. Calls should be made each day they are absent.

If your son/daughter is required to self isolate in line with government guidance. Please keep school informed of any progress regarding testing.

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

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 further guidance please follow the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

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 10 days from the first day of symptoms.

Chaplaincy

During the month of May the month of Mary, we are going to be thinking about Mary and her love for all of us and her love for God. She was so unapologetic in Her Yes to God and we remind ourselves of this Yes that she so willingly said and knew that Gods plan for her was steadfast and true.

“Mary’s “yes” is most profound to me in the way that it changed her life. It is believable, even without God’s request, that she and Joseph would have become parents. Because of her “yes” though, she became not only a mother, but the mother of Jesus. An ordinary life was made sacred by way of an invitation that she affirmed. “

We are told that Mary did not run or hide when the angel came to her. Somehow, she was present to the experience and the request. We think about this joyful “Yes” this month.

Notable Dates in May

- Sat 1 Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker
- Mon 3 Feast of Ss Philip and James, Apostles
- Tue 4 Feast of the English Martyrs
- Thurs 13 Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
- Wed 19 Memorial of St. Dunstan
- Sun 23 Pentecost Sunday
- Mon 24 Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church
- Tue 25 Memorial of St. Bede the Venerable
- Wed 26 Memorial of St. Philip Neri
- Thurs 27 Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest
- Sun 30 The Most Holy Trinity
- Mon 31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



SCHOOL UNIFORM GRANT SCHEME

Please find below the application link for the School uniform grant scheme for 2021.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YEFGGRANTS2021>

The password for your students/families to apply is:
YEF2021

Closing date for applications is: Friday 2 July 2021.

Grants are only paid where the student is eligible for free school meals or listed on the school’s Pupil Premium Register AND lives in the charity’s area of benefit: mainly B11, B13, B14, B25, B26, B27, B28, B33 and B34, ask school to check the map if you are unsure.

BUS ROUTES - DIVERSIONS

Birmingham city centre will be affected with some bus routes having to be diverted including services 33, 51, 907, 907a, 934, 936, 937, 937a, 997 & X51.

Transport for West Midlands would like all young people to know about these changes and the impact they may have on bus services and stops so they are easily able to travel to and from school when the works take place.

Here is a link to the March newsletter that provides more information about the improvements happening in this area.

<https://metroalliance.co.uk/>



Paid Summer Internship Offer with Bishop Challoner TSA

We have a fantastic opportunity for current University students who are on Maths or Physics degrees coming up this summer. Our Teaching Internship programme will be running for 4 weeks, from 14th June to 9th July and offers the opportunity for undergraduates to see if secondary teaching may be a future career option. Some of the course will be delivered online and hopefully, if restrictions allow, then also the chance to be in a classroom too. Interns will receive up to £1,200 gross for attending. More information and an application form can be found on our website:

<https://www.bctsa.org/605/teaching-internship-programme-2021>

TEACHING INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

Earn
£1,200



4 weeks @
£300 per week

Monday 14th June to Friday 9th July 2021
Apply now for a place on this popular programme!



Have you ever thought about a career in teaching Maths or Physics?



Are you currently studying for an under-grad degree in Maths or Physics (in any year), or a related subject?

If so, apply to take part in our online Teaching Internship Programme. Spend 4 weeks on our programme and discover the power of teaching to improve the life chances of students. Previous interns unfortunately cannot apply. Time in schools if restrictions allow.



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