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Lord!

Today's a new day, a chance for a new start.
Yesterday is gone and with it any regrets,
mistakes, or failures I may have experienced.
It's a good day to be glad and give thanks,
and I do, Lord. Thank you for today, a new
opportunity to love, give, and be all that you
want me to be. Amen

Message from Mrs Breen, Vice Principal

Friday 5th June 2020

I hope this newsletter finds you all as well as you can be during this time. We have been very blessed with beautiful weather which I hope you managed to enjoy during half term.

It is difficult to believe that we are now in the last half term of the school year, it will certainly be a year where we look back and reflect on the many things that have happened during this period.

Last weekend Pentecost was celebrated and because of Pentecost Jesus can now be personally present with us all through his Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit brings us so many gifts including wisdom, right judgement, healing, knowledge, faith and courage - everything we need, and I am in no doubt that during this time these gifts will be of great support to many of us.

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.*

We continue to acknowledge that this time is still a very difficult time for many people and we make every effort to keep our website updated. I hope that you, if needed, have been able to access support from our Safeguarding and Well Being page. Please do not hesitate to contact school if you feel your child requires any further support.

Staff at school continue to be very busy supporting many communities both locally and nationally with PEE equipment for example, Mrs Dane's count so far is 80 PPE gowns, 28 sets of scrubs, 30 scrub bags, 38 headbands, 7 scrub hats and 9 masks. Alongside this Mr Crawford and Mr Pegg have supplied over a 1000 visors.

Please stay safe and hopefully with everyone following the guidelines we will all be able to return to school when it is safe to do so.

COVID-19 General Government Advice

Guidance for parents and carers as schools and other education settings in England open to more children and young people can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

What happens if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in a setting?

When a child, young person or staff member develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus (COVID-19), they should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 7 days and arrange to have a test to see if they have COVID-19. They can do this by visiting NHS.UK to arrange or contact NHS 119 via telephone if they do not have internet access. Their fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days. All staff and students who are attending an education or childcare setting will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), and are encouraged to get tested in this scenario.

Where the child, young person or staff member tests negative, they can return to their setting and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation.

Where the child, young person or staff member tests positive, the rest of their class or group within their childcare or education setting should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that wider class or group do not need to self-isolate unless the child, young person or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.

If your son/daughter tests positive for COVID-19 you must inform the school immediately by contacting reception.



National Online Safety is a great platform and resource that strives to “empower teachers, school staff, parents and carers with the knowledge they need to keep children safe online”. As part of this endeavour, they produce free weekly guides aimed at parents and carers to inform them of recent updates and issues that have come into play. The entirety of their catalogue of these resources can be found at the following link:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides>

Sports Updates

As the country continues to remain in this lockdown period, the Bishop Challoner PE department have provided various activities for pupils to take part in and we strongly encourage all pupils to maintain a healthy, active lifestyle. We believe that there is an activity out there for everyone so use this period of time to try some new sporting activities and challenges!

This year, given the unprecedented situation, we are running a Virtual Sports Day Challenge. Everyone is welcome to join in and take part in the challenges - pupils, parents, guardians and siblings! All PE staff are taking part! Every Monday from the 1st of June for the next 4 weeks, we will set you a range of activities/challenges for you to complete and details on how to complete the activities will be uploaded to ClassCharts. This week we are challenging you to do as many ‘keepy ups’ with a toilet roll as you can and a ‘Tik Tok’ plank challenge. Please have a go at these activities and film yourself doing them. Once completed, upload the videos to ClassCharts or tweet us the videos @BCPEDepartment. Good luck and make sure you have fun!

In addition to this, there is a fantastic opportunity coming up for pupils to participate in the ‘Birmingham School Games Challenges’. You will be able to sign up on ‘sgochallenge.com’ and have a go at the challenges that have been set. You can submit your results for each activity, so why not challenge members of your family and your friends? For those of you who thrive off of competition, there are prizes to be won for individuals who finish in the top 5 for each challenge! Follow the twitter page @Birmingham_SGO for more information and updates! Please do take this opportunity to have some fun with sport and try out a range of activities/challenges.

Sixth Form

We’re looking forward to welcoming our Year 12 students back to school in small numbers, week beginning 15th June, for a valuable one-to-one session with their teachers. Thank you to those parents/carers who have already responded to the survey. A detailed letter will be sent out shortly regarding arrangements. We have been impressed with the dedication that our Year 12 students have shown to their studies in these difficult times. Please do not hesitate to get in contact if you have any difficulties with your work.

Year 13 students, please remember that there are preparation materials available on the website for you, and we are here via email if you have any questions.

Teaching School Update

It’s almost business as usual for Teaching School, with much of our activity now online. Recruitment continues through UCAS for teacher training for a September start. We are looking at the best ways to support our newly qualified teachers and how other courses can run remotely. We now have just a few places left on our Maths/Physics Internship programme, which is suitable for University students thinking of going into teaching. Details and an application form are on our website, but be quick - it starts on the 15th June! - <https://www.bctsa.org/605/teaching-internship-programme>

Year 10 and 12 Phased Return

Please visit our website for more information on the phased return for Year 10 and 12.

<https://bishopchalloner.org.uk/year-12-phased-opening-information>

<https://bishopchalloner.org.uk/year-10-phased-opening-information>

Communication and Autism Team

<https://www.sccb.ac.uk/virtual-open-day>

SCCB have a virtual open day in the month of June which include:

Live sessions

The CAT team will be hosting live course-specific sessions each Wednesday in June, starting on 3 June.

In each session, you’ll hear from a panel of speakers (including course tutors and heads of school) and get the chance to ask questions in a live Q&A.

What else to expect from the Virtual Open Day

- Welcome message from one of the students
- Course profiles, campuses and facilities
- Course and career-path overviews from the tutors
- Stories from the students and alumni

Web chat takeovers - so you can ask questions about specific courses

Chaplaincy

Within Chaplaincy, we have been aiming to have time for prayer and reflection at the heart of each day. From daily prayers and reflection sheets on the website to highlighting diocesan initiatives, students have the opportunity to pause for prayer each day. There are blog posts about prayer, some from guest speaker priests and active resources. During the half term, the Annual Birmingham Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes was fulfilled online. The programme was filled with liturgies, Masses and opportunities to pause for prayer. Thank you to all who got involved. If you missed the pilgrimage, there are many opportunities for pausing for prayer and live-streamed Mass that we highlight on our website within the "Diocesan News" and "Daily Prayers and Reflection" tab. We hope to share in taking time each day for a moment of prayer and reflection, why not join in on one today?

We're looking forward to celebrating the dedication of St Chad's Cathedral/ Sacred Heart of JC

Library

Reading is a skill. Like many other skills, it takes time to develop. If a child reads for twenty minutes every day, they will have read 1.8 million words in a year. This is a phenomenal amount of exposure to language. If you would like to find out more about all the benefits of reading, please visit www.readingagency.org.uk

With so many children now unable to come into school, this is an ideal time to build a reading routine into the day. In case you don't have access to books or other reading material at home, all Challoner students do have access to a wide range of free books and free audio-books. To borrow these books, download the Wheelers ePlatform phone app or click the ePlatform box on the Activities page, or visit www.bishopchalloner.wheelers.co

To login, students only need their normal computer login and the password is BCReading1!
This is case-sensitive.

Alternatively, you can borrow eBooks from your local library, audible and other websites. There are potentially so many benefits to reading or listening to stories. Use this time to enjoy escaping into the untold world's within the pages of a good book.

Educational Psychology

Educational psychologist telephone helpline for parents and carers

Do you as a parent or carer at home with your children during the school shut-down, feel that you need someone to talk to about how you can cope with this challenging time for families?

Birmingham Educational Psychology Service is providing a telephone helpline for any parent or carers of children, who feel they would benefit from a consultation with a psychologist to support them with any concerns arising at this time, for them or their families.

Areas of concern you may wish to discuss could include:

- Anxiety around the current situation and its impact on your children and family.
- Supporting you to support your children's emotional needs.
- Concerns about family relationships.
- Concerns about friendships, learning, daily structure and activities.
- How to best look after yourself so you can support your children.

The concerns can be related to school or family life

You will be offered an initial telephone consultation of 30 minutes with a psychologist and a potential follow up session of another 30-minute consultation at a later date. These will be Monday-Friday, within standard working hours.

If you would like to access this service please email: Stephanie.Bowen@birmingham.gov.uk with the following information:

- Your name
- The telephone number you would like to be contacted on.
- The name of your child's school.
- Times and dates you are **not** available for a consultation.
- Whether an interpreter is required for you to access this service.

We will aim to get back to you within 2 working days to confirm a time and date for your consultation.



GIRL'S FOOTBALL

To register for girls football contact:
Strike9tcic@gmail.com

RECRUITING

Building teams for all age groups,
contact us for more information



DEVELOPING

AGED 5 - 11

Wildcats Session Indoors every
Tuesday 5 - 6pm / Saturday
12 - 1pm

inspiring girls of all ages to
enjoy football. Wildcats provide
girls aged
5 - 11 with regular opportunities
to play football in a fun and
engaging environment

TRAINING

AGED 11 - 16

Join us every Tuesday from
5-7pm all ages + abilities
welcome
Thursday night open age session 7
- 8pm

All Sessions held at:
Moseley School Springfield Road
B13 9NP

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FOBC:	@bc_friends
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History:	@history_GCSEBC
Library:	@Mrs F Library
Maths Hub:	@CentralMathsHub
Maths:	@BCMathsDept
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