



BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Year 11 May Half Term Newsletter 2021

Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

Congratulations Year 11 on completing all of your assessments! You have worked diligently over the last few weeks, really stepping up to the challenge that is GCSE assessments. Your perseverance and fortitude must be commended. I am so proud of the work that you have put in, the courage you have shown and how you have managed yourselves in such perverse times. Whilst none could have predicted your GCSE experience, you have risen to the challenge, taking pride in your work and in your aspirations for the future.

When you joined us in Year 7, you became a part of our school community under our mantra: 'In our community of faith, in Bishop Challoner Catholic School, we give glory to God by developing our full potential and in our service to others in the name of the father, and of the son and of the Holy Spirit'. Now, as alumni of our school, we sincerely hope you continue to be learned, compassionate, spiritual, moral, empathetic and kind in all of your endeavours. We will avidly await the news of how you are succeeding, and all the exciting things your futures have to offer you.

In pursuit of your potential, you have engaged in myriad afterschool activities from football to debate mate, ball-crew to cookery club, countless successful competitions, as well as visits to the Black Country Living Museum and further abroad, charity days, summer fetes, discos and a whole host of things you can look back on fondly. You should be so proud of the experiences you have had, the skills you have learnt, the friendships you have made and the time you have put in. All of this in addition to your work ethic in the classroom and at home, your interpersonal skills and your growth in faith as you develop into young adults.

As the challenges of GCSE's are now over, we look to best support you in all that you do with your futures, whether that is staying on at our sixth form or moving to pastures new for the next stage in your lives. As such, we have arranged lots of fun and inspiring activities for the next few weeks to help you aspire to be the people you will one day become including work around careers and future progression, A-Level taster days in school, important personal, social and health education, and a few other things. This is an excellent opportunity for you to learn a lot more about yourselves, your futures and our society. The Year 11 team are looking forward to speaking to you virtually every Thursday during form time to see how you are getting on with this work and what you are learning.

We must take this as an opportunity to grow and improve our holistic education, whilst also giving us that necessary time to reflect upon our own desires for our long term and short term future goals. I hope that you also use this time wisely to recuperate after a long year of hard work, enjoying the new freedoms that the easing of lockdown allows, whilst taking into consideration the safety and feelings of others.

In Thessalonians, it states, 'We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ'. I encourage each and every one of you to heed these words, have faith that you can, and you will. Work hard for all that you desire, and you will see your dreams come to fruition. Keep going when life gets difficult, and you will arise a stronger, more resilient, more capable person.

With the greatest sincerity, we wish you all the very best of fortune for your futures.

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