



BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Year 7 May Half Term Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

It seems hardly possible, but the final half term is about to start, after such a short half term. As ever, at Bishop Challoner, there has been a lot happening and we look forward to a busy final half term.

P2 Assessments

P2 assessments are currently the focus. Many year 7s have been preparing well for these assessments which will highlight the enormous amount of progress that students will have made. Secondary school is about growing from childhood into young adulthood. It is always important to remember, and we do keep reminding the students, that working well throughout the year means that there is no need to become anxious over assessments. We are of course measuring attainment, but reports will reflect the effort and commitment made throughout the year. We must all remember that it is everything that students become involved in at school that will allow your sons and daughters to develop into well-rounded adults. Extra-curricular clubs, student helpers, charity events, Masses and the Commit to Character reward scheme are all things that help your sons and daughters to grow.

Assemblies

Assemblies recently have covered a range of topics such as Allergy Awareness, Mental Health, First Aid and Vaccinations and Homophobia. These are all serious issues that are important to discuss in school. Students are reminded that if they have any worries or concerns over these topics, they should speak to either parents, carers or an adult in school. Mental Health issues continue to crop up in school and we are continually reminding students of the need to keep themselves in good mental health, and what to do if they are struggling.

Maths

Some keen mathematicians in Year 7 and 8 recently sat the "Junior Maths Challenge" - a United Kingdom Mathematics Trust (UKMT) competition. The results are in, and we are incredibly proud of the students that participated. Overall, there were 2 gold certificates, 7 silver certificates and 19 bronze certificates. Congratulations to all the following students for taking part and winning certificates. Ali K, Taraneh S, Catherin L, Ismail M, Ella B, Thomas C, Harriet McD, Oliver P, Sonny F, Guneet J, Indra H, Jia C. Jayden M, Leo N, Joshua G, David O, Riley O, Beatrice M, Jerald S, Jack K, Ethan R, Esther T, Mohammed A, Fiyin O, Declan W, Cormac McG, Katelyn O'S, Neave C, Cara McC and Leo C.

Extra-Curricular

Year 7 have been superb in extra-curricular clubs! At the start of this half term, the P.E. Department decided to put on some competitions, for a variety of different weekly sports, so that students could enjoy healthy competition with their peers! The Year 7 attendance to these competitions has been excellent and all involved have relished the opportunity to win the 3 available rewards each time. Students are selected by the teacher/s in attendance and are rewarded for - Sportsmanship, Fair Play, Team Player.



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The Year 7 Boys Football team have been a credit to the school since our return to competitive school football. There has been superb attitude, professionalism, and performances from all. The team are unbeaten and have won all 4 fixtures so far with no let up. The team have one more fixture V Colmers School on Wednesday (26th) and hope to maintain their unbeaten record. The season will then conclude and preparation for next season will start, with the possibility of some 11 a-side fixtures to look forward to.



Extra-Curricular

Below are all of the extra-curricular activities that the students can get involved in:

Monday	<u>Breakfast Club</u> Y7- E4 Y8- E5 Y9- E6 8-8.30 Mrs McGowan	<u>Yr 7 Reading Eggs</u> C4 8-8.30 Miss Wheeler	<u>Creative Writing</u> E1 3.10-4 Mrs Hodges	<u>Homework Club</u> Learning Support Area 3.20-4 Miss Wray	<u>Drama Club</u> PA4 3.15-4 Mrs Jethwa					
Tuesday	<u>Breakfast Club</u> Y7- E4 Y8- E5 Y9- E6 8-8.30 Mrs McGowan	<u>Y9-10 Touch Typing Club</u> C4 8-8.30 Miss Wray	<u>Yr 8 Book Club</u> Library 3.10-4 Mrs Fanning	<u>KS 4/5 French Film Club</u> L3 Week 1 3.10-4 Miss Mazabraud	<u>Yr 7 Science Club</u> S1 3.20-4 Miss Start	<u>Cyber Security Girls Club</u> C4 3.15-4	<u>Homework Club</u> Learning Support Area 3.20-4 Miss Wray	<u>Yr 7 Reading Eggs</u> C4 3.20-4 Miss Wheeler		
Wednesday	<u>Breakfast Club</u> Y7- E4 Y8- E5 Y9- E6 8-8.30 Mrs McGowan	<u>Y8 Touch Typing Club</u> C4 8-8.30 Miss Wray	<u>Keyboard Club</u> PA1 3.15-4 Miss Hughes & Miss McGeary	<u>Computing Club</u> C4 3.10-4.10	<u>KS3 Art Club</u> A1/ A2 3.15-4.15 Miss Swinger	<u>We Sing</u> PA2/Peace Garden 3.30-4.15 Mrs Choudhury	<u>KS3 Maths Drop in</u> Yr7- M6 Yr8- M5 Yr9- C5 3.15-4.10	<u>Drone Club</u> Dojo 3.15-4	<u>Homework Club</u> Learning Support Area 3.20-4 Miss Wray	<u>Year 7 Chess Club</u> SF1 3.15-4 Mr Welch
Thursday	<u>Breakfast Club</u> Y7- E4 Y8- E5 Y9- E6 8-8.30 Mrs McGowan	<u>Movement Club</u> Invite only 7.45-8.20 Dojo Miss Hampson & Ms Smith	<u>Rock School</u> 3.30-4.15 Recording Studio Miss Hughes	<u>French Club</u> L4 3.15-4 Miss Dinu	<u>Dance Club</u> PA4 3.30-4 Miss Williams (start date TBC)	<u>Robotics Club</u> C4 3.15-4	<u>Yr 7 Geography Club</u> G3 3.15-4	<u>Homework Club</u> Learning Support Area 3.20-4 Miss Wray		
Friday	<u>Breakfast Club</u> Y7- E4 Y8- E5 Y9- E6 8-8.30 Mrs McGowan									

PE extra-curricular timetable:

	AM- 7.45-8.25		PM- 3.20-4.15
Monday	9X/7RC Miss Shirley /Miss Hunter		7RC Mr Wilson & Miss Hunter
Tuesday	8Y/ 10Y Miss Beall / Mr Moreira	KS3Lunch Yr7-8 Boxing Mr Noone (Invite only) Starting 20 th April	8Y Miss Beall & Mr McDermott
Wednesday	8X Mr Wilson / Miss Smyllie		8X Miss Ellis, Miss Smyllie Mr Noone- Yr7-8 Boxing (Invite only) Off site-Starting 21 st April
Thursday	7B/ 10X Mr Moreira / Mr Malley		7B Mr Moreira & Mr Malley Mr Moon, Miss Hampson & Miss Shirley (Ball Crew training off-site)
Friday	9Y Mr Noone		None

Chaplaincy extra-curricular timetable:

CHAPLAINCY EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE				
GREEN : KS 3			BLUE : KS 4	
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
BREAK - YEAR 7 PRAYERS			BREAK - YEAR 8 PRAYERS	BREAK - YEAR 9 PRAYERS
LUNCH - YEAR 7 THEOLOGY TALKS			LUNCH - YEAR 8 MINDFULNESS	LUNCH - YEAR 9 ROSARY
		YEAR 12 - ENRICHMENT		
		YEAR 13 - HERE I AM		

The healthy competitions will continue after half term and details of what Sports this will be based on can be seen here:

PE Clubs- Competition time

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)

Please come along to PE clubs to join in with after school competitions. It does not matter if you have not played some of these sports before.

There are prizes for the following:

- Sportsmanship
- Fair Play
- Team player of the evening



Food Bank

Collecting from Monday 7th June 2021 until Monday 5th July 2021. All donations welcome.

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Uniform and Appearance including Summer Uniform

From Monday 7th June 2021 students will be allowed to wear the Bishop Challoner Summer uniform as detailed below-

- A choice of white or blue summer shirt with the school logo, available to purchase from Clive Mark, can be worn with school trousers or school skirt.
- The shirt worn alone does not have to be tucked in and students do not have to wear a school jumper or blazer.
- If a 'second layer' is required this must be a blazer and shirts need to be tucked in.
- Outdoor coats/hoodies worn with Summer shirts are not permitted.
- Girls are permitted to wear flesh-coloured tights, socks can only be worn with trousers and should be black.
- If summer shirts are not worn then the only other option is to wear full school uniform including a tie and a blazer.

- Students may be allowed to remove their blazer in the classroom with their teacher's permission.
- Coats cannot be worn in doors, including classrooms.
- Students who do not wear the uniform correctly will be in breach of school rules and sanctions may be applied accordingly.

If summer shirts are not worn then the only other option is to wear the standard uniform of blazer, tie, white/blue shirt with black straight leg school trousers (not skinny or boot cut) or girls can wear a knee length black school skirt. Students are reminded that black leather school shoes should be worn and that trainers/trainer style shoes and boots are forbidden.

Please note that school shoes must be kept completely black. There are a number of styles, particularly for girls, currently in fashion with wood style soles. These are not suitable for school. School shoes should also be leather and not patent.

Students continue to wear PE kit on days that they have PE. Anyone in kit when it is not required, parents/carers will be contacted and asked to bring correct uniform into school.

In order to complement the smart school uniform we insist that students' hair is smart in appearance and that students do not have shaved/razored hair styles or lines/patterns shaved into the hair. Extreme changes of hair colour are also not permitted. The final decision as to whether a particular haircut/style is appropriate is at the discretion of senior staff.

Make up, nail varnish and jewellery are not permitted with the exception of one pair of stud earrings which may be worn by girls.

I know that you will, as always, support us in maintaining the smart appearance of your children and high standards of discipline, so that our focus in school can be on educational achievement.

Attendance and Punctuality

If your child is absent from school, a notification phone call needs to be made to the school on the first day of the absence and every further day that they are absent too. Upon return to school, a written note needs to be handed in to their form tutor, stating the reason for absence. Please encourage your child to be at school by 8.30am to instil the important life skill of good punctuality.

Lateral Flow Testing

Please continue to carry out Lateral Flow Testing at home and report the results here:

- the link to report all LCF test results to the school is <https://tinyurl.com/CVResultBCCC> .
- the link to report all LCF test results to the NHS is <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

First Aid Reminder

If your child has asthma they should always be carrying an inhaler with them. If a student is due to go off site for PE or a trip and they do not have an inhaler with them this may result in them being unable to participate, this is for their own safety.

Allergy Management

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

It is vital that staff and parents/carers and students adhere to the Allergy Management policy, as we have both students 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, students and staff must not bring or send, any food into school either for packed lunches or for snacks/treats with nuts in **(including sesame seeds)**. 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.

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BRIEFING
PARENT
WEBINAR**

June 2021





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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.

Speech & Language Therapy

Speech & Language Summer Camp 2021

Speaker: Tamsin Ruane– Speech & Language Therapist
Annie Loftus – Speech & Language Therapist

Tuesday 15th June - 10.00am – 11.00am – Supporting your child's speech, language and communication over the summer holidays, age 0-5
TICKET LINK: [Speech & Language Summer Camp 2021 for Ages 0-5](#)

Wednesday 16th June–2.00pm – 3.00pm – Supporting your child's speech, language and communication over the summer holidays, age 5+.
TICKET LINK: [Speech & Language Summer Camp 2021 for Age 5+](#)

All people who book a ticket will be sent a copy of the presentation and a copy of the recording of the Webinar.





New Build

Ready for concrete!



Changes to the School Day

8.40	School begins – Form Time
8.50	Period 1 begins
9.50	Break– take bags.
10.10	Period 2 begins
11.10	Period 3 begins
12.10	Go to period 4, drop off bags then go to lunch.
12.50	Period 4 begins
1.50	Period 5 begins
2.50	Tuesday-Thursday Form Time Begins
3.15	Monday-Thursday School Ends
2.45	Friday School ends

I hope all pupils will have an enjoyable and restful half term break before starting back on Monday 7th June 2021.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs H McGowan
Head of Year 7

Miss E Shirley
Assistant Head of Year 7

Key Dates

Monday 7 th June	School Open
Monday 7 th June-Friday 11 th June	Year 7-9 Assessment Window
Wednesday 16 th June	KS3 Year 7 Rewards
Monday 21 st June-Friday 25 th June	Primary Science Week
Friday 25 th June	Refugee Week
Monday 28 th June	Bishop's Got Talent
	Food Bank Collections Begin
	Sports Day – TBC
Friday 2nd July	Inset Day – School Closed
Monday 12 th July-Wednesday 14 th July	Character Week
Thursday 15 th July	Drayton Manor – TBC
Friday 16th July	Parent Consultation Day
	School closed to students