



BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Year 8 May Half Term Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a pleasure to welcome Year 8 back in to school and to see all the fabulous work that they have been completing around school. Students have worked towards completing their assessments with some assessments happening in the first week back after half term. Students have had revision materials for each assessment and these can be found on the school website for the remaining assessments. The performance in these assessments will be reported in end of year reports and can be discussed with class teachers at consultation day. It has been lovely to see sports fixtures beginning to happen again and we look forward to more of these happening next half term. It has also been great to see so many year 8 students in extracurricular-clubs and if you are not currently involved in any I would encourage you all to join at least one club next half term.

Skills Session

Students in Year 8 were able to work with the National Literacy Trust where they combine football skills with literacy. This trust was set up to increase students enjoyment of reading and their motivation to read more regularly.

Inter-school Competitions

The sixth form have organised several inter-school competitions for Year 8. Well done to all that took part in dodgeball and badminton.

Ball Crew

Bishop Challoner students are making up the ball crew team at the Birmingham Women's Classic International Tennis Tournament at Edgbaston Priory Club. International Tennis Players from all over the world attend/compete and we are incredibly proud to be the Ball Crew for this event. Well done to all of our Year 8 students who have been training hard for this event.

Boys football team

We are all incredibly thankful that the students are once again able to play after school sports. The boys' football team have recently played Wheelers Lane and won 3-1.

Maths Success

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. The following students achieved gold certificates: Aidan H, Anne-Roseline. The following students achieved a silver certificate: Reuben M, Finnley D, Oscar K, Aidan W and Hannah F.



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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 Swingler	<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



Creative Writing

Great news for some members of the Creative Writing club this week as they were announced as WINNERS of a "Spine Chillers" creative writing competition! Anne-Rosaline U, Bethany H and Holy H will have their work published in a short story collection of spooky tales due for release nationwide in July. What an achievement!

Positive Behaviour

Well done to the following students who have achieved the most positive behaviour points this term:

Avah M- 950, Hannah C- 700, Alfie L- 650, Charlie G- 650, Jeffrey T- 600 and Kian O'C- 600.

Assessments

Year 8 have been completing their T1 assessments and have completed assessments for English, RE, Science and Geography. From Monday 7th June to Friday 11th June all students will be completing three assessments in maths and an assessment in history. Every morning of that week M5 will be available from 7.45-8.20am for students to complete revision as they have some breakfast.

Attendance Champions

Well done to 8SEB who achieved the best overall form attendance for this half term and celebrated with pizza!

Food Bank

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

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HELPING LOCAL
PEOPLE IN CRISIS

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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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 students will have an enjoyable and restful half term break before starting back on **Monday 7th June 2021**.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Clarke
Head of Year 8

Miss L Williams
Assistant Head of Year 8

Key Dates

Monday 7th June
Monday 7th June-Friday 11th June
Friday 11th June
Saturday 12th June-Sunday 20th June
Thursday 17th June
Friday 18th June
Monday 21st June-Friday 25th June

Friday 25th June
Monday 28th June

Friday 2nd July
Monday 12th July-Wednesday 14th July
Thursday 15th July
Friday 16th July

School Open
Year 7-9 Assessment Window
Year 8 Immunisation Mop up
Ball Crew Nature Valley 2021
KS3 Year 8 Rewards
Year 8 ICT Bletchley Park
Primary Science Week
Refugee Week
Bishop's Got Talent
Food Bank Collections Begin
Sports Day – TBC
Inset Day – School Closed
Character Week
Drayton Manor – TBC
Parent Consultation Day
School closed to students

Remember – follow our many twitter feeds for updates on what is happening at BC!

Official School Twitter:	@BishopChalloner	Biology:	@BCCbio
Chaplaincy:	@BC_Chaplaincy	Computing Hub:	@BCCComputingHub
Computing:	@BishopChalComp	Design:	@BCCCDesign
English:	@BC_EnglishDept	FOBC:	@bc_friends
French	@BC_MFL	Geography:	@BCGeogDept
History:	@history_GCSEBC	Library:	@BC_OLC
Maths Hub:	@CentralMathsHub	Maths:	@BCMATHSDept
PE:	@BCPEDepartment	Performing Arts:	@BCPAmusic/@BCPAPA4
School Games:	@BCSGO	Science Learning Partnership:	@CentralMid-SLP
Science:	@BCSciDept	Sixth Form:	@BCCSix
Social Science:	@BCSocSciDept	Teaching School:	@teaching_school

