



BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Year 9 May Half Term Newsletter 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our May Half Term newsletter! It has been so lovely to have the students back in school again and I hope that as the restrictions are starting to ease you are all enjoying being able to spend more time with friends and family. Year 9 have made an excellent return to school and teachers are relishing having the students in front of them. Year 9 have had to make important decisions recently regarding pathways and everyone should have received a letter home detailing their assigned options choices.

Currently students are working hard in preparation for their T2 assessments. Details of these assessments has already been published and I would encourage you to go through this with your child to help them prepare. I know that students will do their best to prepare for these assessments but it is important that they continue to look after their well-being. Research shows that working for short bursts (up to 45 minutes) in the build up to an assessment is far more effective than trying to study for hours on end or 'cram' the night before. If any students are unsure about what they need to be doing in preparation they can ask their teacher or see myself or Miss Hunter for extra support. Taking time-out is vital for good well-being. Exercise, talking to a friend or reading a book are just a few activities that I would encourage students to engage with in order to help them maintain a good balance.

Assessments

From Monday 24th May, Year 9 have been completing their T2 assessments. English assessments have been completed this week. From Monday 7th June students will be completing assessments in Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, History, Geography, French and RE. If any pupils are unsure as to what they need to be doing in preparation for these assessments they can consult the letter sent home previously, look on Class Charts or contact their subject teacher. Good Luck with all your assessments Year 9!

Year of Community

In form time students have been discussing fund raising ideas and we hope to organise some events later on in the term.

Staff have identified the following students as having put in a lot of effort recently – well done to all of these students:

Maths: Lloyds, Jasmyn, Daniel Z, Felix, Daniel C

Science: Finn, Ava, Suraya, James, George, Senan, Cora, Michelle, Dontae, Nancy, Declan, Natalie, Lily-Mae, Grace, Aoife, Lukas

English: Nancy

Religious Studies is especially grateful for the efforts and positivity that Year 9 have shown. May they continue to memorise and use sources of wisdom and authority in their everyday discussions to build upon their annotation skills. A good debate never hurt, giving the reasons, defending them with evidence and backing it up with impact- why not continue to debate moral and ethical topics? Students deserving of extra recognition: Aine, Oliver, Lily-Mae, Ellis, Natalie, Oscar, Liam, Mathias, Olivia, Daniel.

Sports

A huge well done to Year 9 girls who participated in their first intra school friendly for netball. It was amazing to see our netballers and non-netballers back playing in a fun, friendly environment. With sport and fixtures slowly returning be sure to look out for more exciting opportunities in a range of sports.

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A handful of Year 9 students have continued training for Ball Crew every Thursday after school at Billesley Tennis Centre. The dedication and commitment to the after-school training, so far, has been fantastic and all students are working hard and meeting the standards set, well done! We are very much looking forward to progressing on with the Ball Crew training over the coming weeks.

After half term information will be given to students regarding our sports day. Of course, COVID 19 has had an impact on what our "typical" sports day would usually look like, however there are many exciting opportunities available to students in lessons and in the run up to our annual sports day. We cannot wait to tell you more!

The Year 9 Boys Football team kicked off their football fixtures with a friendly against Wheelers Lane, where the team drew 1-1. A good performance by all and we look forward to their 9 a side tournament at Kings Heath Boys on the 20th May, as well as their friendly against Kings Norton on the 26th May.

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		

Careers

This term Year 9 have chosen their GCSE Pathways and should now have received their confirmed choices. This year the Pathways process has been a little different, with the Pathways Evening event taking place virtually. Students had an assembly explaining the process to them, the different guided pathways (red, blue and green) and the different subjects available. Year 9 have also had two PSHE sessions looking at Pathways including help with how to decide which subjects to take. Year 9 students have also been using Unifrog, an online careers platform, to help them research different jobs and explore how their Pathways choices will impact their career options in the future. All of the information from the Pathways process, including the Virtual Pathways Evening is still available to view on the school website here: <https://bishopchalloner.org.uk/about/careers/student-zone/year-9-pathways>

We hope Year 9 are happy with the subject they have chosen, and are looking forward to starting their GCSE courses in September.

Positive Behaviour

Students with the highest number of positive logs since April: Emma, Oscar, Ava, Darragh, Niamh, George, Eleanor, Shanice, Taylor, William, Marcella.

Staff Changes

After half term I will be moving to my new role of Assistant SENCo. I will continue to assist with Year 9 but I would like to say congratulations to Miss Hunter as she becomes Head of Year 9 and welcome to Miss Higginson who returns to school after maternity leave, in the role of Assistant Head of Year 9. I feel privileged to have worked with such a fantastic year group. I wanted to take this opportunity to wish all students well for the future as they move into Year 10. I look forward to seeing you all around school and keeping up to date with how everyone is getting on.

Food Bank

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

B30 FOODBANK
HELPING LOCAL
PEOPLE IN CRISIS

Changes to the School Day

8.40	School begins – Form Time
8.50	Period 1 begins
9.50	Period 2 begins
10.50	Break – take bags
11.10	Period 3 begins
12.10	Period 4 begins
1.10	Lunch
1.50	Period 5 begins
2.50	Tuesday-Thursday Form Time Begins
3.15	Monday-Thursday School Ends
2.45	Friday School ends

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.

SEND



The banner features a blue background on the left with the text 'SEND BRIEFING PARENT WEBINAR' in white, and 'June 2021' below it. On the right, there is a photograph of a family (a man, a woman, and two children) looking at a tablet together. The Birmingham City Council logo is in the top right corner.

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](#)

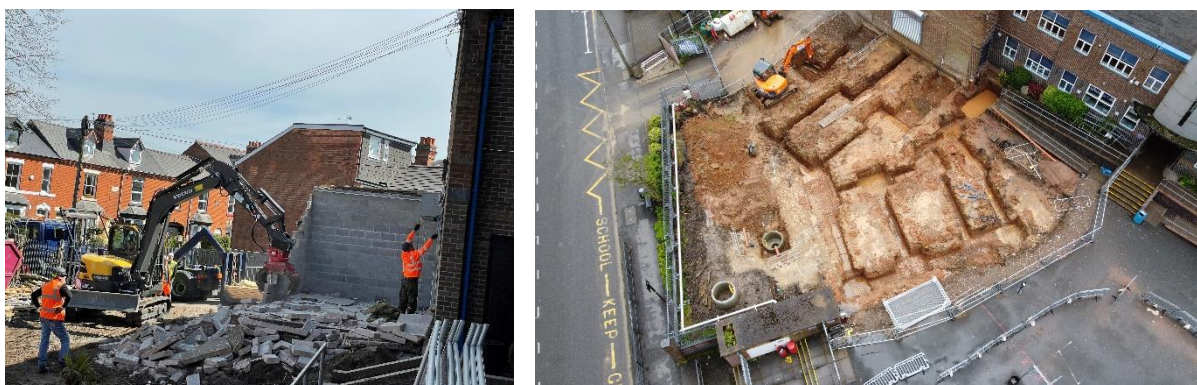
Wednesday 16th June – 2.00pm – 3.00pm – Supporting your child's speech, language and communication over the summer holidays, age 5+.
TICKET LINK: [Speech & Language Summer Camp 2021 for Age 5+](#)

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!



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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Brown
Head of Year 9

Miss H Hunter
Assistant Head of Year 9

Key Dates

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

Friday 25th June
Monday 28th June

Friday 2nd July

Friday 9th July
Monday 12th July-Wednesday 14th July
Thursday 15th July

Friday 16th July

School Open
Year 7-9 Assessment Window
Ball Crew Nature Valley 2021
KS3 Year 9 Rewards
Primary Science Week
Refugee Week
Bishop's Got Talent
Food Bank Collections Begin
Sports Day – TBC

Inset Day – School Closed

Year 9 DofE
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:	@BCCDesign
English:	@BC_EnglishDept	FOBC:	@bc_friends
French	@BC_MFL	Geography:	@BCGeogDept
History:	@history_GCSEBC	Library:	@BC_OLC
Maths Hub:	@CentralMathsHub	Maths:	@BCMatsDept
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