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Lord,
Teach me a new freedom. Freedom to reject comparison and to embrace uniqueness. Freedom to cut ties with greed And feast on love. Freedom to abstain from over indulgence And feast on self-control. Freedom to leave behind selfish thoughts And to focus on the needs of others. Freedom to fend off insecurity And to embrace grace. Lord, at this time of Lent, Thank you for the freedom you bring. Amen.

Message from Dr Coughlan, Principal

Friday 6th March 2020

Sunday 8th March is International Women's Day and so I thought I would begin this editorial with some powerful words from St. Therese of Lisieux that will no doubt resonate with us all during this liturgical time of Lent.

"Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest thing right and doing it all for love."

We are now over a week into the season of Lent and all pupils attended Ash Wednesday services to mark its start. The three pillars of Lent are to pray, to fast and to give; these pillars are strongly evidenced across our school. In our year of Community, with a focus on 'The God Who Speaks', our Chaplaincy team are encouraging more conversations with God. To support this we have mindfulness club, Rosary club and prayer journaling taking place and I would also encourage pupils to attend the Youth Group at St Dunstan's on Wednesday evenings. We are also asking all our community to "Live Simply" and during Lent: we have Frugal Fridays taking place where pupils have the opportunity to have a simple meal of bread and water for lunch donating the money saved to

those most in need.

The past two weeks have, as ever, been a busy time for the Bishop Challoner community. We have had educational visits to Birmingham Think Tank, WE day in London, Debate Mate competitions and a Year 9 Geography trip to Lapworth. Year 7 had a special assembly with former pupil Amiee Rushe now of Chelsea football club. We have had National Careers week and a brilliant careers fair taking place in the school. We have celebrated World Book day with our Book Detective quiz and a live performance of An Inspector Calls for all our Year 11 pupils. To top off a brilliant and dynamic fortnight for the school we were so proud to hear our Year 9 girls won the Birmingham School Games football competition.

Finally, our Year 11 and 13 pupils are working with real focus in preparation for their public exams in a few months and it is important that pupils remember staff in the school are there to support them all the way!

Remember the words of Therese of Lisieux and "Miss no single opportunity..."

Sports Updates

Fixtures

A huge well done to The Year 8 and 9 girls' football team who won the Birmingham School Games this week, beating numerous schools! The girls performed brilliantly as a team in a very competitive tournament. Another well done is in order to the Year 7 girls' football team who competed in the same competition and performed really well.

The Year 8 basketball team played Bartley Green and came out with an excellent result of 17-14 to Bishop Challoner. Well done to all of those pupils who competed!

A reminder that after school and morning clubs continue to run and cricket and tennis clubs are up and running. All are welcome at any club so please see the extra-curricular timetable in the PE department.

Ball Crew

A big well done to all of the Year 7's who attended Ball Crew trials last week. The department were extremely impressed by the pupils' attitude, effort and commitment to the trials and well done to those pupils who progressed into the Ball Crew Training sessions.

Year 7 Science Club trip to Thinktank

On 26th February, 14 members of science club went on a trip to the Thinktank Science Museum in Birmingham. The theme of the day was 'Destination Space', and the trip was fully funded by the RAF. During the day, our Year 7s learned a lot about space exploration and potential future careers in the UK space industry; they deliberated on where to build a spaceport in the UK, and programmed their own Lego Mars rovers. Year 7 also had a brilliant time exploring the museum, and learning about different areas of science through the different exhibits. We had a wonderful time and Year 7 were a credit to the school.

In the last few weeks, students across key stage 3 have been issued access to a brand new and exciting platform we have access to through school. The ePlatform allows students to login and access over 2000 titles, with many being available in audiobook format as well. The current estimate puts the valuation of books and content at around £60,000! The platform can be used on their netbooks as well as smart devices, and we encourage you to have a conversation with your child to promote the platform and the many benefits that reading for pleasure can have.





Roblox – Online Safety Blast

Roblox is a massively multiplayer online video game and game creation system that allows users to design their own games and play a wide variety of different types of games created by other users. As of last summer, the platform has over 100 million active monthly users.

The game itself is a highly creative and fun experience for its users. However, unfortunately like all these platforms, there are means and ways of using it inappropriately and we have noticed a spike in this use amongst pupils at Challoner. Some of these issues have been relatively serious in nature.

We encourage all parents and carers to have a conversation with their child to ensure that if they are using it, they are using it appropriately and for the creative entertainment it is designed to be. As always, we advise parents and carers to consistently monitor their child’s use of a digital device.

Roblox Parental Guide - <https://corp.roblox.com/parents/>

Discord – Online Safety Blast

Discord is a voice and text application and website, designed specifically for gamers but has been utilised by many others. The main principle is that chat forums are invite only meaning that a user must either be invited to an existing room or, create a new one and invite others to that. There is a Discord server for almost anything in existence, for example there are servers for people who want to discuss home improvement and ones for following a football team.

Discord is produced and maintained by reputable people. However, the nature of the service that they provide means that users could potentially be exposed to inappropriate material; conversations and connections.

Discord Parental Guide - <https://blog.discordapp.com/parents-guide-to-discord-c77d91793e9c>

New eBook Platform

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Teaching School Update

After a successful marketing campaign for ‘Train to Teach with BCTSA’ including our eye-catching taxi advertisements, we are now interviewing many candidates to start their PGCE with us in September 2020. Recruiting continues though, so please encourage your friends and relatives to apply! In addition to this, we also have paid Internship opportunities for June/ July for University students who are studying Maths and Physics. This is 4 weeks of classroom experience, seeing if teaching may be a possible career in the future.

Details can be found on our website: www.bctsa.org or email us with any questions on teachingschool@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

Attendance

Year 7 - 96%	Year 10- 94%
Year 8- 95%	Year 11- 94%
Year 9- 95%	Whole School- 95%

Medication in School

Please note that if your son/daughter requires to take any medication during the school day this should be kept in the First Aid room, students should not be in possession of it.

Please contact school and speak to Mrs Jones our First Aider regarding if your child does need to take regular medication.

Upcoming Events

Canteen - USA Day
Tuesday 10th March

Year 12 Careers Day
Senior Citizens Tea Party 2-4pm
Wednesday 18th March

Year 10 Maths Feast Trip
Wednesday 11th March

Year 12 Parent Consultation
Evening 4-6.30pm
HE Day
Thursday 19th March

Malympics
Y9 BBC Young Reporter Trip
Friday 13th March

Bishop’s Got Talent-Library
Y7-8 Sponsored Football
Y8 STEM Event
Friday 20th March

St Chads Sanctuary Begins
Year 13 PCR Genetic Trip
Monday 16th March

Fugal Fridays

Opt-Into A simple meal of bread and water; donating money to those in need. Every Friday during Lent- Lunches in the Auditorium.

SEND Updates

Higher Education Pathways Event for Young People with SEND and their Parents



Thursday 12 March 2020 from 4.30pm-7.00pm

Room G14 (The Auditorium),

10 Woodcock Street, Birmingham B7 4BG

The City Council is supporting widening participation in higher education. As part of our joint SEND Strategy with the NHS and Children's Trust we are facilitating an event for young people and parents to showcase the diverse pathways in Higher Education available within the city. The purpose of the event is to raise aspirations for young people with SEND and their parents who may not have considered HE.

PROGRAMME DETAILS:

4.30pm-5.00pm Arrival and Refreshments

5.00pm-5.10pm Introduction and Welcome: Parminder Garcha, Head of Service 14-19 Participation and Skills BCC

5.10pm-5.20pm Bal Rana, Aim Higher: Increasing the numbers of young people with SEND accessing Higher Education

5.20pm-5.30pm Teresa Allen, Communication & Autism Team: What does Good Transition look like?

5.30pm-5.40pm Higher Education Opportunities: University of Birmingham/University College Birmingham/Aston University

5.40pm- 5.55pm Students Experience

5.55pm-6.00pm Format of Workshops: Parminder Garcha

6.00pm-7.00pm Information Workshops:

- Student Finance
- Disabled Students Allowance (and reasonable adjustments/support)
- Student Life (from the perspective of a young person with SEND, including accommodation)
- Higher Apprenticeships
- Access Courses

7.00pm-7.05pm Summary and Close

Booking:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/higher-education-pathways-event-for-young-people-with-send-their-parents-tickets-91157906753>

All Enquiries: 14-19@birmingham.gov.uk

*Please note refreshments (tea/Coffee and Biscuits)

Supported by the European Social Fund and the Youth Employment Initiative:



SENCO Surgery at BC

Mrs Breen (SENCO) and Mrs Warhurst (Assistant SENCO) will be available to discuss any queries or concerns you have about your child's special educational needs. Appointments are available between 3.30-6pm. Please telephone on 0121 444 4161 or email:

e.breen@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

s.warhurst@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

These will be held in PE1 on:

Thursday 7th May, 2020

Parent Support Group 2019/20

A Parent Support group has been set up by the Communication and Autism Team (CAT). The sessions run on a Friday 9:15 - 11:15 am at GBNFC at Chinnbrook Children's Centre on the following dates:

3rd April 2020, 15th May 2020, 12th June 2020, 10th July 2020.

For more information please contact: Katie Price, Communication and Autism Team, 0121 303 1792.

GBNFC at Chinnbrook Children's Centre, 213 Trittford Road, Billesley, Birmingham, B13 0ET. Tel: 0121 464 4772

FAMILY FORUM MEETINGS SPRING 2020



AREA	VENUE	DATE	TIME
West	Handsworth Fire Station Rookery Road B21 9QU 0121 380 7517	05/03/2020	13.30 - 14.30 pm
West	Ladywood Leisure Centre Ladywood Middleway, Birmingham B16 8TR 0330 109 9150	06/03/2020	13.30 - 14.30 pm
South	Northfield Fire Station South Road B31 2RB 0121 380 7536	11/03/2020	13.30 - 14.30 pm
West	Ladywood Leisure Centre Ladywood Middleway, Birmingham B16 8TR 0330 109 9150	09/03/2020	18.00 - 19.00 pm
East	Ward End Fire Station Washwood Heath Road B8 2HF 0121 380 7515	09/03/2020	10.30 - 11.30 am
North	Sutton Coldfield Fire Station Orphanage Road B24 9HR 0121 380 7539	09/03/2020	13.30 - 14.30 pm
North	Hollyfield Centre, Erdington Woodacre Rd B24 0JT 0121 373 1018	02/03/2020	13.30 - 14.30 pm

Are you a parent or carer with a child or young person who has additional needs, a disability or who needs extra help and support?

If so come along to one of our friendly Family Forum Meetings.

The purpose of these meetings is to provide a welcoming space for parents and carers to meet up in similar situations and share experiences over a cup of tea or coffee.

These meetings will also give you a chance to learn more about what's on, tips and advice and other information that families who have children with additional needs may need.

These meetings also give you the chance to let the Parent Link Officers know your thoughts on what you feel is needed to support families in Birmingham.

CONTACT DETAILS: 0121 303 8461 - parentlinkservice@birmingham.gov.uk



Autism Confident Teens Birmingham, Kings Norton (Evenings)

Introducing our new evening programme which comprises of a one to one session with an autism specialist at the beginning and end, followed by six weekly group sessions held in a relaxed autism friendly environment.

Ages 13-18 years/Meet other autistic teens/Understand more about autism/Recognise & manage anxiety/Understand & manage sensory difficulties/Help navigating the confusing "social world"

Date: Weekly sessions on Tuesday evenings: 10th March, 17th March, 24th March Time: 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Location: Autism West Midlands, Imperial Court, Kings Norton Business Centre, Sovereign Road, Kings Norton, B30 3ES

Cost: Free for autistic teenagers living in the Birmingham City Council area.

Booking Information: To book or for more information please contact Amanda or Sue:

E: amandap@autismwestmidlands.org.uk, T: 07881 109 496.

E: suemorris@autismwestmidlands.org.uk, T: 07808 730 519

Sixth Form

Parent Consultation

Year 12 Parents' Consultation:
Thursday 19th March 4-6

Year 13 Parents' Consultation:
Wednesday 25th March 4-6

Please make every effort to attend with your son / daughter. Reports will be issued and staff will be available to discuss progress.

Preparing for Exams

Early and effective revision is the way to prepare for exams and reduce anxiety to a minimum. This has been discussed regularly in assemblies and form time. Students should be aware of the techniques that are effective, and those that are not so useful. It is important that precious hours are not wasted carrying out revision that is proven to be ineffective, such as merely rereading or rewriting notes. Subject teachers and members of the Sixth Form team can always be approached if students require further guidance.

The following link will take you to a useful article by the University of Birmingham on memory and revision. <https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/libraryservices/library/asc/documents/public/Short-Guide-Memory-Techniques.pdf>

Year 13 Mocks

An additional Year 13 mock exam period will run 23rd-27th March to give students additional preparation for the summer.

Year 12 UCAS exams

Year 12 exams will run 11th -22nd May. These will be their "UCAS exams" as the grades achieved will inform teachers' predicted grades for UCAS applications the following term.

A reminder: as all of our A Level courses are two year courses, students who decide that they want to change subjects at the end of year 12 will be required to restart year 12. This will also apply to students who have not shown adequate progress or levels of achievement to cope with the demands of year 13 courses.

Mental Health and Wellbeing Support

- Feeling worried about something?
- Do you need to talk to someone?
- Do you need a quiet place to just sit and think or not think?
- Why not 'DROP IN' to one of our wellbeing sessions where you can talk to a mental health champion or just chill in a quiet safe place.

When and where?

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

Time	Location
8am-8.40am	KS3/KS4- Student Support Coordinator Office KS5- Sixth Form Office
KS3/KS4 Lunch	Student Support Coordinator Office
KS5 Lunch	Sixth Form Office

Year 11 and 13 Proms

Year 11 prom will take place on Thursday 25th June at Edgbaston Stadium, 7.30pm start.

Year 13 prom will take place on Thursday 2nd July at Highbury Hall, 7.30pm.

Details regarding consent and ticket cost will be communicated in the near future.

Advertise with us...

Newsletter sponsorship

If you were to kindly sponsor us, we will make sure that we advertise your business in our remaining 2 termly newsletters at Easter and Summer for a total of £100.

Use promo code (BC14) and we will put your advert for FREE in our fortnightly newsletter BC14 as a thank you for supporting our school.

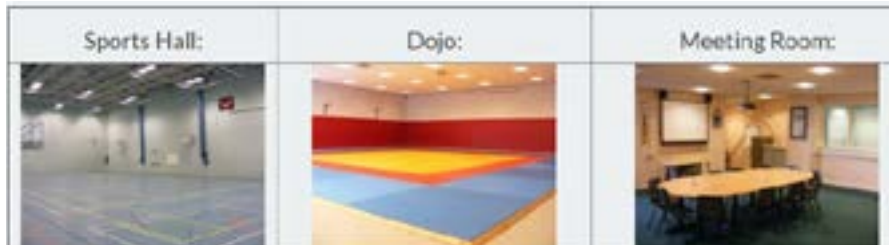
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Please email Gerald Noone:- g.noone@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

Tel:- 0121 4444161.

Venue Hire For more information call: 0121 441 6103



Don't take our word for it - check out the website stats and see the exposure your advert will receive. (figures quoted 1st Feb - 10th March 2019.)

- 46,167 page views to our website in one month!
- 2,330 actual views on newsletters!

School Fund and Match Fund

Please visit the school website for more information on School Fund contributions and Match Fund through your employer.

Easy Fundraising

Our extra curricular and enrichment programme enriches the lives of young people in our school and gives them the opportunities to fulfil their full potential. Our programme runs 40 clubs per week ranging from book club to gymnastics.

Join easyfundraising and you can collect free donations for us every time you buy something online.

Billboard Advertising

No need to pay the High Street prices for billboard advertising.

You could advertise to 2000 people a day at Bishop Challoner for a fraction of the price.

We are delighted to offer advertising space in our community areas, including our sports hall, function room and gym.

This opportunity is available for £40 per month. Please contact Laura on 0121 441 6103 or email:

sportscentre@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk



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
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