# BC Wellbeing News

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Welcome to the first Wellbeing newsletter of the new academic year. This is a half-termly publication with well-being news, tips and useful links.

# **Meet our Well-being Team**



# **Well-being at Bishop Challoner: Our offer**

"Mental health is a state of well-being in which an individual realises his or her own abilities, can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and is able to make a contribution to his or her community."

World Health Organisation. 2018

At Bishop Challoner Catholic College we aim to promote good mental health and wellbeing for our whole community: students, staff, parents and carers.

# We aim to develop protective factors by being a community in which all:

- are respected
- have a sense of belonging and feel safe
- are able to talk openly with trusted adults
- see good mental health as something to be valued and nurtured

#### **We want all members of our community to:**

- feel confident in themselves
- be able to express a range of emotions appropriately
- be able to make and maintain positive relationships with others
- cope with the challenges of everyday life
- manage times of stress and deal with change
- thrive and achieve

# We aim to achieve this through:

- living out our school missions statement "...
  we give glory to God by developing our full
  potential..."
- our PHSE curricuclum
- awareness raising (wellbeing assemblies, tips for good mental health)
- listening to our students
- gaining insights via student voice
- working in partnership with parents/carers where there are concerns about mental health
- signposting sources of external help and advice
- making referrals and working with external agencies to provide additional support to those who need it
- recognising the importance of staff mental health and wellbeing.
- modelling healthy attitudes and habits

# We are not able or qualified to offer:

- counselling
- testing and diagnosis of mental health conditions
- specialist therapies

# **Helping Young People Help Themselves**

In line with our character values, especially being intentional, we remind students that there is a lot they can do to support good mental health. This is summed up as 5 Ways to Wellbeing. Through clubs, charitable events, volunteering and sports there are a host of opportunities in school to enable this.





The NSPCC has produced some excellent family friendly resources on a wide range of wellbeing matters, accessible by following this link:

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/childrens-mental-health/





Parents/carers can also find a huge amount of support and advice on the Young Minds site by following this link:

https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/



