

# BC14



Hail Mary,  
Full of Grace,  
The Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit  
of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary,  
Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners now,  
and at the hour of our death. Amen

## Message from Mrs Baptiste, Assistant Principal

Friday 10th May 2024

### Month of Mary – May Devotions

“Let us keep very close to Our Lady and she will make that same spirit grow in each of us” (Mother Teresa of Calcutta)  
May, the month in which the earth springs into bloom, is the Month of Mary, during which we take time to reflect on our own relationships with God and others and invoke Our Lady to support us in everything we do. May we continue to grow in love and faith with Mother Mary.

In this month of May, we also take a moment to reflect on an extremely busy and successful start to the Summer Term. Our Platinum Jubilee Celebration Event was a tremendous success: commemorating the history of Bishop Challoner Catholic College and showcasing the talents and skills of the present with musical and spoken word performances, Spring Fayre activities and department displays highlighting the Jubilee project work created by pupils. We were delighted to see so many pupils, past and present, attending the event on 25th April, including visitors from the very first cohort at Bishop Challoner School in 1953. This was an extremely momentous occasion for our whole school community.

Bishop Challoner continues to be a bustling hive of activity with pupils of all ages involved in extra-curricular clubs, educational trips and whole school projects. In the past few weeks alone, 6th Form pupils have been on an HCPT pilgrimage to Lourdes, Year 10 pupils have been working towards their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition at Cannock Chase and presently each year group has a team representing Bishop Challoner in a sports final or competition. There has been a special buzz around school, this year more than any other, due to the build up to our Platinum Jubilee and the focus being ‘The Year of Challoner’. A snapshot of exciting projects and events throughout Creativity and Jubilee weeks included BC Jubilee Bake Off, 70 Day Doodle Challenge, ‘One Day...’ writing challenge, Science Model Making, The Nationalities of Bishop Challoner, The International School Prayer Project, Newspaper Headlines since 1953 amongst many more. We are excited to build on projects, enrichment events, educational trips and retreats this month with the upcoming Football Trip to Villareal, the PGL Netball weekend and the GCSE Fieldwork trip to Carding Mill Valley.

As our pupils approach the examination season, let us be mindful of the present, the gifts of joy in each moment that come before us. We wish each individual success as they enter into this period of assessment and we keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

We thank all students for helping to make the ‘Year of Challoner’ a truly special year and we would like to thank our school community for your ongoing support. In the words of our very own Year 13 poet, AJ Finch “May this poem be a reminder of the 70 years that’s passed. And we pray another 70 years Challoner will last”





# Platinum Jubilee Remembrance Event

70th Anniversary

Challoner is 70,  
It's 70 today.

From Welford to Coughlan,  
The school's not in disarray.

Helping to make the year  
A second home to many students,  
Throughout the years its stood.  
We celebrate completeness on this  
very sacred mud.

We celebrate its old age and how its  
full of wisdom,  
It's a family, a community and one  
could say a kingdom.

7 is a spiritual number,  
It's seen in almost every religion.  
For us: it's the creation story, the  
sacraments and perfection.

Whilst 0 means infinity,  
It has no beginning and no end.  
It marks the start of new journeys,  
It allows you to transcend.

Challoner is 70,  
It's 70 today.

We celebrate how far it's come,  
And its history this day.

May this poem be a reminder of the  
70 years that's passed.  
And we pray another 70 years  
Challoner will last.



## Junior Maths Challenge

Selected students across Year 7 and Year 8 completed a 1 hour multiple choice maths test, with some challenging problems.

### Year 7

Two Year 7 students received silver certificate; Ksenija and Pio and, 10 students received bronze certificates; Tajah, Lemuel, Andrew, Jackson, Markas, Ceasar, Ali, Yabsera, Matteo, Rowan. Congratulations to all of them.

Our Year 8s and proud teachers Ms Humphreys/Mr Swaddle also did really well. Two students received gold certificates; Nigel and Petro they will now complete the next level of the challenge (the Kangaroo). Six students achieved silver certificates; Joseph, Jacob, Ailish, Samuel, Antoni and Florence and 11 students achieved bronze certificates; Finn, Lacey, Archie, Jacob, Zac, Joseph, Belmin, Mark, Jonathon, Zach, Niall and Harry.

## Summer Assessments and Mock Examinations

Please follow the links below for subject information and guidance on the upcoming assessments and mock examinations.

**Year 7** - <https://bishopchalloner.org.uk/examinations-information/year-7-mock-examinations>

**Year 9** - <https://bishopchalloner.org.uk/examinations-information/year-9-assessments>

**Year 10** - <https://bishopchalloner.org.uk/examinations-information/year-10-mini-mocks>

**Year 12** - <https://bishopchalloner.org.uk/sixth-form/welcome/year-12-mocks>

## Examination Timetables

[Click here](#) to view the summer examination timetables.

## Mobile Phones

Further to our previous communication ([click here](#)) if your child has their mobile phone confiscated the school reserves the right to only return it to parents/carers. We request that you reinforce the school rules on phones with your child- never seen or heard. Thank you.

## Drinks

Fizzy drinks and energy drinks are not allowed in school, if they are seen they will be taken and disposed of. Please encourage your child to bring in a clear bottle of water, there are 2 water stations in school where they can re-fill alternatively they can purchase a drink from the canteen.

# Sports Updates

## Netball

We're thrilled to share the fantastic achievements of our Year 7-10 girls who recently participated in a netball tournament at PGL Boreatton Park! Competing against numerous schools from across the country, our girls showed exceptional sportsmanship and skill on the court. Not only did they excel in netball, but they also fully embraced all the activities PGL had to offer.

We're incredibly proud of our Year 7 and Year 8 teams, who demonstrated remarkable determination and teamwork on the court. Despite not having played together before, they showed great synergy and managed to score some impressive points. It was wonderful to see them come together and perform so well as a team! A huge congratulations to our Y9+10 team, who reached the semi-finals and secured an impressive 3rd place out of 12 schools. Well done to all the girls for their hard work and dedication!

## Football

Well done to Year 11 for winning the Kings Norton Cup against Colmers beating them 6-1. Year 10 also won their final 5-1. Huge congratulations to both teams.

Well done to Year 7 boys for winning the Birmingham schools league! Great results for the PE department.

## Reporting Student Absence

All students are required to attend school/college on time every day. If for any reason your child is unable to attend, please ensure that the school attendance policy is followed, and their absence is reported before the START of the school day (8.40am) and on each day of absence. Please provide a reason for their absence and the likely length of absence, if known.

If your child is in Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 please call 0121 444 4161 and select OPTION 1.

If your child is in Year 12 please call 0121 441 6113.

If your child is in Year 13 please call 0121 441 6144

If you receive a text message or phone call from school/college because you have not reported your child's absence, please contact us on the most appropriate number as detailed above as soon as you can. Thank you for your co-operation.

## Term Dates

SUMMER TERM

Term Starts: Tuesday 9th April 2024

Half Term: Monday 27 May 2024 to Friday 31 May 2024

Term Ends: Friday 19th July 2024

**INSET School Closed: Monday 22nd July 2024**



## Year 8 HPV Update

The link for consenting to your child having the upcoming vaccinations has been updated. Please [click here](#) for further information.

# Upcoming Events

Mental Health Awareness Week  
**Monday 13th May - Friday 17th May**

Y12 and Y10 Mock exams begin  
**Monday 13th May**

A Level Art exam  
**Tuesday 14th May**

Canteen - Germany Day  
Y10 Mass  
Y8 Rosary  
Y8 and 9 CyberFiurst Girls Competition  
**Wednesday 15th May**

KS3 Football Development Tour  
**Thursday 16th May - Monday 20th May**

Y10 Warner Brothers Studio Tour  
**Thursday 16th May**

Eco Litter Pick  
**Friday 17th May**

BC Tea Party  
Y8 Rosary  
**Wednesday 22nd May**

KS3 Girls Football Tournament  
Cake Sale  
**Thursday 23rd May**

## Uniform Standards

Students are required 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 pleated school skirt. Girls are also reminded that if they choose to wear a skirt, then they should wear plain, black, opaque tights. Students are reminded that black leather school shoes should be worn and that trainers/trainer style shoes are forbidden.

Please note that school shoes must be kept completely black and boots of any kind are not allowed.

Our uniform requirements are complemented by a smart appearance and as such, hair styles that should not have a distinct contrast in length. Hair that is dyed must be of a natural hair colour and may not contain more than one colour. To avoid a health and safety risk, long hair must not impede vision or cover the face, except for a fringe which must not cover the eyes. Long hair must be tied up for practical lessons. Religious head coverings must be black and securely tied for practical lessons. Hair bands or accessories must be for functional use to secure the hair. Where hairbands are worn they must be black. Headwear that has religious or cultural purpose should be black. 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 plain stud earrings which may be worn.

Students found to be wearing an inappropriate item of uniform may be asked to change this or in some cases parents/carers will be contacted and requested to bring replacement uniform to school.

We appreciate your support in ensuring that standards of uniform and appearance are maintained.

## First Aid Reminders

In the case of an Emergency it is imperative we can contact parents or carers, please make sure you provide your current contact numbers to the school and inform of any changes.

It is important to stay hydrated all year round please provide your child with a water bottle so they can refill at our water stations around school.

Please inform the school of any new medical conditions or investigations, this is extremely important in helping us to correctly support your child's medical needs in school.

## Emergency Contacts

It is imperative we have your current correct contact information on our systems. Please inform the school if anything has changed, especially telephone numbers.

## Asthma

Asthma is a chronic long term condition, it can be well managed and in many cases some don't suffer severely, however if you have been diagnosed with Asthma even if you have it well managed you must carry an inhaler on you.

## Asthma, Anaphylaxis, Diabetes

In order for your children to participate safely with Trips and offsite events including offsite PE, they must carry their medication with them. This is imperative for their safety and to avoid disappointment if unable to participate. Other medications must be handed in to first aid or the trip lead on the day.

## First Aid Emails

Please be advised First Aid may contact you regarding your child visiting during the school day or informing you of an expiry date on your child's medication. **The email address of such communication will be from donotreply@medicaltracker.co.uk, please read these emails.**

Movement is important for your mental health. It can increase your energy, reduce stress and anxiety, and boost your self-esteem. Read our tips to help you get moving more for your mental health.



### Find moments for movement every day

When life's busy, it can be tricky finding time for wellbeing-boosting activities. Finding moments for movement might be easier than you think. Why not use the time you spend waiting to move more? When you're waiting for the kettle to boil; for your kids to come out of school; or for a bus to arrive. These moments will add up!

### Set small, achievable goals

Set yourself small goals. It might be walking to the end of your street. Then you can push yourself a little further each day. As you make progress, you will create positive feelings that can boost your confidence and mood.



### Take a break from sitting

Many of us sit for long periods during the day: working at desks, driving, or watching our favourite TV show. Research shows that it's unhealthy to be still for long. Set a timer to take regular breaks to stand up, walk around and stretch.

### Find the fun

Choose activities you enjoy that get you moving. Instead of thinking of movement as a chore, embrace your inner child and find the joy in movement. Fun alongside movement will increase your motivation and the psychological benefits.



### Connect with others

We can strengthen our relationships or even make new friends when we take part in moving with others. These social connections are also great for our mental health. Think about ways to make your catch-up with friends more active. Check out groups and activities happening in your area.

### Move in nature

Research suggests that moving in nature has greater positive effects on our wellbeing compared to indoors. Take your moments for movement out in the wild. Go for a walk in the countryside or try cold water swimming. Parks, gardens, nature reserves, all provide opportunities for movement and meeting new people.



### Try something new

Trying new experiences can boost our wellbeing. Pushing ourselves to try new things opens us up to new opportunities for movement, making new friends, and having fun. Having the courage to try something new will also give your confidence a boost.

### Plan things to look forward to

Having events and plans in the diary to look forward to is great for mental health, it can give a sense of hope and excitement for the future. Add moments for movement to your diary and make plans to do fun things that you can get excited about.



### Listen to the music that gets you moving

Some songs are just made for moving. We all have favourite tunes that get us dancing. So, crank them up and have a living room disco where you can dance like no-one's watching!

Get more tips and advice at [MENTALHEALTH.ORG.UK/MHAW](https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/mhaw)



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## Hall Green and Selly Oak Families Newsletter

[Click here](#) to download your copy.

### Attendance Updates

Attendance Percentage  
 Year 7 - 94.0%  
 Year 8 - 94.1%  
 Year 9 - 91.5%  
 Year 10 - 89.1%  
 Year 11 - 92.5%  
 Whole School - 92.3%

### GET IN TOUCH

In order for us work together, to best support our young people, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have information to share regarding the safeguarding or wellbeing of your child.

This is particularly important if there has been a change in circumstances for the young person.

Please contact Mrs K Peckover, Mrs M Nutt or any DSL or member of the Wellbeing Team.

## Faith formation in the family

Below is a list that reminds us of when and where Mass is celebrated in our local parishes.

You may wish to consider using this information to help direct your family to participate frequently in the celebration of Mass in 2023.

Church	Postcode	Parish Priest	Sunday Mass Times	Saturday Vigil Mass Time
St. Dunstan's	B14 7JN	Fr John Peyton	10am 12noon 6.30pm	5.30pm
St. Jude's	B14 5PE	Fr John Peyton	9.15am	-
Our Lady Of Lourdes	B13 0EU	Canon Sean Grady	9am 11am	6pm
St Catherine Of Sienna	B5 7BE	Fr. Jagadishmario Kurapati (Fr. Mario)	10.30am	5pm
St Edward's	B29 7DB	Fr Denis McGillicuddy	10.15am	6pm
St Mary's	B17 0DN	Fr John Reid	8am/9.30am/ 11am/5pm	6pm
Sacred Heart and Holy Souls	B27 6RG	Canon Jonathan Veasey	8.30am 10am 12noon	5pm
English Martyrs	B11 3JN	Fr Robert Murphy	9.45am	6pm
St Chads Cathedral,	B4 6EX	Mgr Tim Menezes	9.30am 11.30am	4.30pm
Our Lady And St Brigid	B31 5AD	Fr Cecil Rogerson	9.00am 11.45am	10am 5pm
Our Lady Of Fatima	B32 1LL	Fr Philip Long Nguyen	9.00am 11.00am	6pm
St Ambrose Barlow	B28 8QU	Fr Paul Johnson	10.00am 5.30pm	5.30pm
The Oratory Of Saint Philip Neri	B16 8UE	Fr Anton Guziel	8.30am 10.30am 12pm 5.30pm	5.30pm
St Peters	B32 3QG	Fr Gary Buckby	9.30am	-
Our Lady And St Rose Of Lima	B29 5DY	Fr Gary Buckby	11am	5.15pm

## Prayer and Worship

Each Monday morning we begin our school day with a reflection on the Gospel shared in Mass on Sunday.

Each week we share our reflection on the school website, you can view it [here](#).

We would strongly encourage parents/carers to engage in developing their children's faith by sharing this reflection together as a family. As a family you can discuss the message of the Gospel say the prayer together and share what personal messages we can take from this going forward.

## Pre-loved Uniform

Thank you to parents/carers that already send in uniform that children have grown out of. If you have any of the following items in good reusable condition that you are willing to donate please bring them into reception and we will look to include them in future pre-loved uniform sales- blazers, pleated skirts, trousers, ties, PE kit (all items), royal blue sweatshirts, maroon sweatshirts. Thank you in advance for your support.