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God our Father,
We give you thanks for the talents you have
given to mankind and for the blessings received
through those who use their gifts well.
Amen

Message from Dr Coughlan, Principal

Friday 10th September 2021

We are absolutely thrilled and delighted to see all of our young people return to our school this September. Our year 7 have made a magnificent start to their time at Bishop Challoner and we are delighted to be welcoming back a huge cohort of students into our sixth form. I congratulate all of our students on an excellent start to the new academic year.

We have had a tremendous summer of sporting success with the England team performing so well in the Euros, the wonderful achievements of the Olympics and more recently the Paralympics. I was particularly struck by the achievements of Helen Glover this summer; an incredible woman and an incredible Olympian. Hers was a story about what people can do. Helen has three children under five, the youngest of them a pair of twins who were born in January 2020. She had previously won Gold medals at the past two Olympic games in London and Rio. She decided to try to make her comeback this year competing in the woman's pair rowing. Helen and her rowing partner Polly Swann eventually finished fourth in the final, so no medal this time around. When it was suggested by a reporter that fourth was not a great reward for it all, Helen was having none of it. "I disagree," she said. "The reward is knowing that we crossed the line giving it our all. The frustration would have been coming away from it thinking we had more and we didn't." So, using this as inspiration, we are asking our students to give their all this year and leave nothing to chance; in doing so they will be truly proud of all of their achievements.

For a number of years now we have given a focus to our school that all pupils and staff unite in working to support. Last year we designated as the Year of Community. This year will be our Year of Giving. Of course this is much more than just charitable giving, although I am sure, as ever, we will raise a tremendous amount for charity, it is also about the other forms of giving. Being giving of our talents, both academically and otherwise. Being giving of our time to help others including those in need. Being giving of our minds. We are asking all of our students to recognise that "giving" is not always about making grand gestures, simple and humble acts of giving are just as important.

We have made a number of changes to our school site over the summer and you will see the metal framework of a new six classroom build on the playground which should be complete by Christmas. In a couple of weeks we will have brand new toilet blocks open and our canteen has also been expanded. Students will also have noticed the absence of a large stair case that was blocking our main corridor down by the art rooms. A number of our classrooms have also been renamed and many departments have switched around so it will take everyone (including our staff) some time to get used to this. We are making these changes because we want to create the best possible environment for our young people.

I thank all our parents and carers for encouraging their children to attend school to complete their lateral flow tests over the past week. Students have now received home testing kits in form time this week so twice-weekly testing can now continue at home. Please be vigilant to the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and help to keep our school community safe. We continue to pray for everyone adversely affected by the pandemic.

Finally then, we are on the cusp of another historic sporting moment this weekend as Mayo compete in the All-Ireland final once again. Will they finally break the curse and bring home the Sam Maguire cup for the first time since 1951? Here's hoping.

My best wishes to our whole school community for the year ahead.

OPEN EVENING 2021

Wednesday 22nd September
6pm-8.30pm

Please note that plans for Open Evening are currently provisional. Please continue to check the school website in case plans for the evening need to be updated due to Covid restrictions.

Sports Updates

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Extra-Curricular clubs are up and running from Monday. The PE department are running a range of extra-curricular clubs which are open to students in year 7 – year 9 before and after school. We strongly encourage pupils to attend these clubs as they are a fantastic opportunity for you to engage in more physical activity time as well as enjoying playing some more sport with friends in your year group.

Year 7 Boys Football Trails

Year 7 boys football trials will start on Wednesday 15th September, with a final selection trial taking place on Thursday 16th September. Any year 7 students who want to be in the Year 7 football team must attend. For

any more information please email Mr Laight (s.laight@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk).

Trial 1: Wednesday 15th September 2020, 3:25-4:45pm, Transport Ground

Trial 2 (Invite Only): Thursday 16th September 2020, 3:25-4:45pm, Transport Ground

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Take a look at the new 2021/2022 P.E. Extra-Curricular Timetable for AUT1. Clubs to start W/C - 13th September. Get Involved!

Times:	Sports Hall:	Dojo:	PG/Fitness Suite:	Off-Site:	Study Session/s:
7:45-8:30 3:10-4:00 4:30-5:30	Handball & Tchoukball Miss Hunter All Years (Mixed) Netball Miss Shirley & Miss Webb All Years (Girls)	COD: Dodgeball Mr Wilson All Years (Mixed) Drone Club Mr Ebrahim 15:15-15:45pm			(WK1) GCSE PE Mr O'Connor 3:10-4:30pm (T4)
7:45-8:30 3:10-4:00 4:30-5:30	Football Miss Webb All Years (Girls) Football Mr Malley All Years (Boys)		Fitness Suite Open Mr Malley All Years (Mixed) Football Mr Malley All Years (Boys)		(WK1) BTEC Sport Mr Wilson 3:10-4:30pm (C3/MC1)
7:45-8:30 3:10-4:00 4:30-5:30	Basketball Mr Laight All Years (Mixed) Basketball Mr Laight & Mr Cole All Years (Mixed)	Dodgeball Mr Cole All Years (Mixed)		St. Bernards AS Club Mrs Law 3-4pm	(WK1) BTEC Sport Mrs Law 3:10-4:30pm (PE1)
7:45-8:30 3:10-4:00 -	Badminton & Table Tennis Mr Moon All Years (Mixed) Badminton & Table Tennis Mrs Law All Years (Mixed)	Movement Group Miss Hampson Invite Only	Fitness Suite Open Mr Noone All Years (Mixed)	Holy Family AS Club Mr Wilson 3-4pm St. Bernards AS Club Mr Noone 3-4pm	
7:45-8:30 NA NA	Indoor Athletics Miss Shirley All Years (Mixed)	Gymnastics Miss Hampson All Years (Mixed)			

Teaching School Update

Over 60 of our Trainee Teachers have now started their School Direct / PGCE programmes within our partner secondary and primary schools. We are very excited to support this cohort of trainees and to develop strong future teachers for our Birmingham schools.

Applications for a September 2022 start will be opening in October, so if you are thinking of teaching as a career, we are happy to have a conversation with you in advance of this. Just send us an email to arrange a time with one of our advisors - trainingschool@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

Attendance and Punctuality

Please follow the links below to view two very important documents, one is from the local authority and one is regarding attendance and punctuality to school.

[Letter 1](#)

[Letter 2](#)

Upcoming Events

Year 13 Biology Field Trip
Monday 13th -
Wednesday 15th September

Year 13 Mocks
Monday 20th -
Friday 24th September

St Chad's Collection Starts
Monday 13th September

Open Evening
Wednesday 22nd September

Sixth Form

Welcome back Year 13

We were delighted to welcome back Year 13 on Monday and it seemed like a real treat to be able to meet face-to-face after so many virtual assemblies! After their Year 13 induction, which covered, amongst other issues, safety and wellbeing and independent learning Year 13 listened to a presentation from a colleague from the University of Birmingham. This covered the UCAS process, a checklist for Personal Statements and the A2B scheme. Year 13 were then straight into lessons.

Year 12 Induction

On Tuesday 7th September many of our former Year 11 students and a good number of students from other local schools joined us as our new Year 12. Their induction assemblies covered an introduction to the sixth form, safety and wellbeing, and making the most of Year 12. We were very impressed by their enthusiasm.

Wednesday was Bonding Day. Year 12, together with their form tutors, Dr Osborne Head of Year 12 and other members of the sixth form team spent half day at the former transport ground (now part of the Irish Centre). They were blessed with unusually good weather and all enjoyed participating in a range of team-building challenges in glorious sunshine. It was great opportunity to make new friends amid some friendly competition.

Parents Information Evening

There was a huge turn out on Tuesday evening for the parents/carers information evening. We were fortunate to be joined by colleagues from Newman University and Pause (Wellbeing Support). It was lovely to see some familiar, and many new faces too. For any parents/carers who were not able to make it, we have posted the relevant presentations on the school website.

Our Lady of Lourdes Open Mornings 2021/2022

We would like to invite families who have an interest in sending their child to Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School Reception or Nursery Class in September 2022, to join us for an Open Morning session with the Head Teacher on one of the following dates:

Friday 22nd October 2021 at 10.00 am or Saturday 13th November at 9.00 am

Each session will consist of a short meeting with the Head Teacher, a tour of the school, an opportunity to ask questions and then we will provide you with the application packs necessary to apply for Nursery or Reception Class. Parents wishing to join the session do not need to book but should arrive on time for the welcome from the Head Teacher (Office staff will welcome parents from 15 minutes before the session). We would ask all visitors to our school to wear facemasks to attend these events (the children do not need to) - if you are unwilling to wear a facemask or shield, we are sorry but we will not be able to accommodate you on these visits at this time and invite you instead to look through our website and Twitter feed to find out more about the school.



Relationships Education

Please click on the links below to view the Relationship Education course overview.

- Year 10
- Year 11
- Key Stage 5

OLC

We are delighted to welcome all students back to the Open Learning Centre and are thrilled to see our year 7 students are already keen to borrow books.

We have a Reading for Pleasure Programme for year 7 students and they will receive their first library induction lesson over the next two weeks. We strongly encourage all our students to read for pleasure.

The Bishop Challoner Library web page has more information on the benefits of reading for pleasure and how to access the e library which will be available to all year 7 students later in the term and is currently available to all other students now.

<https://www.bishopchalloner.org.uk/library>

Activities and events planned for the forthcoming year will give our students a wider experience. Students can enjoy the first of these: a musical performance, at break time on 17th September in the OLC.

Clubs

Art Club will begin on Monday 13th September and running weekly from 3:15 - 4pm. All students are welcome! We will start with creating some vibrant self-portraits during September, and then on to participating in the international Art campaign 'Inktober' during October. Come to room A1 on Monday, or visit Ms Swingler for any questions.

Drama Club will begin on Tuesday 14th September running weekly from 3:15 - 4:15. Held in PA4 with Mrs Jethwa, Miss Hughes and Ms Swingler, Drama Club will be a chance to explore and play through character devising, improv, movement, voice and more! We will begin with lots of 'getting to know you' games so new members welcome!

Venue Hire For more information call: 0121 441 6103



BACK TO SCHOOL

Online Safety Tips for Children

Wow, it's September already! The month when autumn officially starts and ... oh yeah, the beginning of a new school year. Every cloud has a silver lining though! Another term means new friends to make, different stuff to learn, fresh online trends to jump on and exciting new games to play on your phone, computer or console. We've compiled a list of our top tips to ensure that - whether you're going online to chat, research things or just have fun - you can do it safely.

Be cautious with your profile

Be careful not to give out too much info on your social media or gaming profiles. Details like your full name, address or school's name could all help strangers to actually find you online. A trusted adult can help you make your profiles private - so only your family and actual friends can contact you.

Lock your devices

Taking your phone or tablet to school? Turn password protection on. It keeps your private info safe and stops anyone accessing your device without permission. Passwords should be memorable to you - but difficult for anyone else to guess. Get a trusted adult to write it down in case you forget it!

Be smart with screen time

Too much screen time, especially at night, can affect your quality of sleep, or not sleeping well enough with your concentration and energy. Muting notifications so you don't get late at night: you'll feel fresher and more focused the next day!

Know how to deal with bullies

Sadly there are people online who enjoy picking on other users. If you ever feel like you're being bullied online - by anyone, not just someone from school - talk to a trusted adult about it. Together, you can discuss possible steps, such as blocking or reporting the person who's targeting you.

Manage online relationships wisely

Most people in a relationship chat to their partner online. Just be mindful that once you send a pic or message (even if it's private), you no longer control who else might see it. Messaging someone you've never actually met - and who might not be who they say - is definitely best avoided.

React well to inappropriate content

When you're researching something online, there's always a chance of finding something that makes you feel uncomfortable or that you don't want to see. If it happens, you can report it as inappropriate and (hopefully) get it taken down. A trusted adult can help you report what happened: they'll help you decide what to do next.

Report offensive in-game chat

If you game online with your mates, you'll know things can get competitive and heated on the in-game chat. Playing against people you don't know (especially if they're older) raises the risk of offensive comments and even threats. Our advice? Find out how to block or mute those bad losers.

Learn to spot fake news

If you're looking into a topic for homework or a project, be careful not to get taken in by fake news: content that's deliberately created to mislead people. Check the story with credible sources, like the BBC or Sky News. Trust your instincts, too - if it seems too unbelievable to be true, it's probably fake.

Keep it 'real' with online friends

Everyone enjoys adding friends online on social media. It's important, though, to remember that the people you interact with online are real people. If they're just random people you've connected with through social media, you don't know if they're who they say they are or bullies (or worse).

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.

New Build Update

Work is ongoing across the school in building our new six classroom English block. Some images of what the new build will look like once completed and how it looks currently.



School Fund and Match Fund

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

ST CHADS SANCTUARY COLLECTION

St Chads Urgently Needs

- Men's Jeans & Shorts
- Men's Jackets
- Men's Tshirts
- Men's Shoes
- Children's School Bags
- Children's School Shoes

COLLECTION STARTS 13TH SEPTEMBER
COLLECTION ENDS 14TH OCTOBER

**EMBRACE THE YEAR OF GIVING.
HELP OTHERS TO FULFIL THEIR
POTENTIAL BY DONATING TO THE
CHAPEL TODAY**

SEND BRIEFING PARENT WEBINAR

September 2021



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.

Communication Autism Team

Talking with Your Child / Young Person About Their Autism
Diagnosis

Speaker: Wendy Peel – CAT Lead

This webinar will support parents/carers in knowing how to talk to their child or young person about their autism diagnosis in a way that supports their well-being and self-esteem. We will also hear the voices of autistic adults and young people who have kindly shared their thoughts about finding out about their diagnosis, as part of this presentation. 60min presentation with Q&A time at the end.

Thursday 16th September 2021 - 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Talking with Your Child / Young Person About Their Autism Diagnosis
<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/talking-with-your-child-young-person-about-their-autism-diagnosis-thursday-16th-september-2021/>

Monday 20th September 2021 - 10.00am – 11.00am

Talking with Your Child / Young Person About Their Autism Diagnosis
<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/talking-with-your-child-young-person-about-their-autism-diagnosis-monday-20th-september-2021-2/>

All people who book a ticket will be sent a copy of the presentation and a copy of the recording of the Webinar.



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