

# BC14



Loving God,  
We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, we pray that You will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.  
We pray for this world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.  
May we walk in Your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world.  
Amen.

## Message from Mr Hetherton, Senior Vice Principal

Friday 11th March 2022

Last week marked the beginning of the meteorological season of spring – a time of new beginnings, longer days, rejuvenation, and an enthusiasm for what comes next. Last week also marked the beginning of the season of Lent - a period of great significance for Christians throughout the world and a time that provides us all with opportunities for reflection, prayer, and renewal. In observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians attempt to replicate Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days and his ultimate sacrifice for us all on the Cross.

But sacrifice is relative – how does any Lenten sacrifice that we might undertake compare to Christ's sacrifice or to the sacrifices currently being made by the people of Ukraine? Nonetheless, the opportunity to reflect during Lent offers us a chance to consider how we can serve others and how we can offer some support and solidarity to people in real need.

The tragic events that are unfolding in Ukraine is a humanitarian disaster of significant proportions and can overwhelm us whenever we pause to think about what is happening. The outstanding work of the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) in providing shelter, food and water for the millions of displaced Ukrainians is a wonderful example of how we can all offer some support and solidarity to people in real need.



Examples of support include:

- £30 can provide essential hygiene supplies for 3 Ukrainians for a month
- £50 can provide blankets for 4 Ukrainian families
- The government will match pound-for-pound up to £20 million donated by the public to this appeal. An opportunity to provide up to £40 million of support!

You can find out more about the work of the DEC by visiting their website at [dec.org.uk](http://dec.org.uk) or contacting them by phone on 03706060900.

At Bishop Challoner we will be offering our support and solidarity by devoting our foodbank collection this term to CAFOD International. In addition, Mrs Dane is

making ribbons in the colour of the Ukrainian flag where donations are being made for each ribbon.



Money raised will be donated to CAFOD International, which at the moment is over £100 and counting. I would like to thank Mrs Dane for this practical example of support and service to others less fortunate than ourselves.

Adopting a more reflective approach to the way we live our lives, and thinking about how we can offer support and solidarity to others, has the potential for all of us to put to one side the routines of everyday life and to develop a deeper meaning and understanding of Lent and sacrifice. As a community let us continue to keep the people of Ukraine in our thoughts and prayers as they struggle to deal with the sacrifices they are having to make.



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## WEAR GREEN FOR HOPE & PEACE

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March 17th 2022



All donations go to CAFOD Ukraine Crisis support.





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For more on the safety concerns relating to these please see the following information: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/nfts>

## First aid.

It is imperative we have the correct contact information and medical details of our students, if there have been any changes or new diagnoses, please inform first aid on [enquiry@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk)

## Year 9 Performing Arts Rewards and Exploration Day

On Wednesday 9th March students from Year 9 were invited to take part in a Performing Arts rewards and exploration day. This event was created for students who always work to their full potential in Dramatic Studies and for those that have shown an interest in Performing Arts by taking in part in our extra-curricular clubs, shows and events.

The students spent the day with the Performing Arts Department and did workshops in singing, dance and acting. They also spent an hour performing what they had learnt, created, or devised throughout the day. The last session of the day was a chance to see Live recorded Musical. The students chose to watch-The Broadway Musical -Into the Heights. They had learnt a section of choreography from the film version of this in their dance session earlier in the day. Other pieces they studied was a singing number from Glee and a scene from "The Boy in the dress". The students were outstanding and were an absolute pleasure to teach.

Please look at our twitter for all of the pictures from this event. @BCPAPA4



## March Mock Exams

During March and April Year 11 and 13 will be sitting mini mock exams in preparation for the summer examinations. Please click a link below to view all subject revision and guidance.

[Year 11](#)

[Year 13](#)

## Chaplaincy

### Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday 2nd March our school community gathered in St Dunstan's church for liturgy and to receive the blessed ashes. It was a true delight to see our community physically present in worship. We continue this Lentenide reflecting on our relationship with Christ and our brothers and sisters worldwide. This Lent, let us spend some time in prayer in conjunction with the gift of giving.

### Kenelm Youth Trust

Kenelm Youth Trust will be visiting our Chaplaincy Champions this Thursday to discuss the context and importance of Synods. This is an opportunity to be connected to our faith and participate in our Church in action.

### Lent

Throughout Lent, our students will be leading services in the school chapel. An opportunity to reflect on our relationship with Christ and to live our faith. These sessions are in conjunction with our examinations of conscience, held in the chapel. Lord, may we continue to be more mindful, more present and even more of our best selves. We know we can with your never-ending love and support.

### LiveSimply

On Wednesday 10th March St. Alban's, St. Dunstan's, St. Jude's and Bishop Challoner students gathered to continue their journey towards achieving the live simply award.

The LiveSimply award is earned by communities and schools who can show how they have been living:

- simply
- in solidarity with people in poverty
- sustainably with creation.

The students at each school came up with exciting ideas of how we're going to work together to live simply, think about solidarity of the poor and sustainability of creation in our communities.

# Sports Updates

## Football

Year 7 boys are through to the Birmingham Cup semi-final after a convincing 6-1 win over Bishop Walsh. After an early goal, the boys dominated from start to finish and will take on Arden for a place in the final.

Year 9 boys are through to the West Midlands Cup semi-final after a victory over Colmers School. Despite scoring three unanswered first half goals, the boys were made to work for the victory and ran out eventual 3-2 winners. They will play the winner of Phoenix Collegiate and Sandwell Academy for a place in the final.

Year 7 and 8 girls hosted Swanshurst and Uni of Birmingham School in a double header at the Irish Centre. Despite the rain, both teams put in some brilliant performances on a great afternoon of action.



## Ball Crew 2022

Year 7 Ball Crew trials will take place on Monday the 14th of March in the Sports Hall! The trials will run from 3:15-5:00 and students will need to bring their full PE kit. All Year 7 students are welcome; we are very much looking forward to seeing you there!

## Extra-Curricular

The new PE extra-curricular timetable for this half term is below - there's 14 clubs each week to choose from! The PE department hope to see you all there.

Times	Sports Hall	Boys	PS/Fitness Clubs	Off Site	Study Sessions
14:00-15:00	Ticketed All Years (School)				
15:00-16:00	Netball All Years (School)	Cricket Club All Years (School)	Netball All Years (School)		15:00-16:00 PE 16:00-17:00 PE
16:00-17:00	Football All Years (School)	Designated All Years (School)			
17:00-18:00	Football All Years (School)		Football All Years (School)		17:00-18:00 Sport 18:00-19:00 PE
18:00-19:00	Football All Years (School)	COG Designated All Years (School)			
19:00-20:00	Football All Years (School)	MOG Designated All Years (School)			
20:00-21:00	Badminton & Table Tennis All Years (School)	Movement Design All Years (School)	Fitness Clubs Open All Years (School)		
21:00-22:00	Badminton & Table Tennis All Years (School)				
22:00-23:00	Football & Table Tennis All Years (School)				

Email to book  
[g.noone@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk](mailto:g.noone@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk)  
 or sign up via on school comms



# Community Quiz Night

Thursday, March 31st  
 07:00pm-09:00pm  
 Bishop Challoner 6th Form Common Room

**What's happening**

- MR ROBINSON QUIZ MASTER
- CURRY AND NAAN BREAD
- RAFFLE PRIZES
- BRING YOUR OWN REFRESHMENTS

£10 per table - max 10 people per table (pay at the door)

## Train to Teach with BCTSA

You may have noticed the new banner on the school railings advertising our School Direct teacher training programme! Our Training School Team have been interviewing for places for trainees in a range of subjects, including PE, D&T, Languages, Maths and Sciences as well as for Primary teaching. Don't worry though - there are still places left if you are interested in applying to start your training year from this September. Contact the team at [trainingschool@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk](mailto:trainingschool@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk) for an informal chat.

## Free School Meals

Have you checked to see if you are eligible (It only takes 5 mins) Check today!  
<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham>



# Sixth Form

## Student Finance

On 8th March we held a Student Finance Information Evening for parents/carers. This was very well attended and a colleague from Newman University gave a presentation which made the whole process very clear and debunked some myths about student finance. We hope that parents and carers left not only better informed but also reassured. This presentation will shortly be available on the school website and we will send out the link.

## Revision support

Mrs Healy continues to offer weekly revision support for Year 13 students.

## Opportunities

Many students are taking advantage of the opportunities advertised in the Opportunities Bulletin and have participated in a variety of university master classes, as well as securing places on summer programmes.

## Work Experience

Year 12 students are currently organising their work experience for the summer.

Year 12 students have also taken on paid roles within school, including maths tutoring and gardening!

# Health and Wellbeing

## Well-being Ambassadors

Our Year 12 student ambassadors have started working. They are currently supporting us in preparing materials for our next well-being event, which is World Sleep Day on 16th March.

## Ukraine

Few of us will remain unmoved by the awful sights on our screens and in the news at the moment. Young Minds have put together a useful blog with tips about how to discuss this with younger children and teens.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/blog/top-tips-for-talking-to-your-young-person-about-the-events-in-ukraine/>

## Well-being section of the school website

Keep an eye on the website for useful links and advice on all matters to do with mental health and wellbeing.

<http://bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk/about/mental-health-and-wellbeing>

## 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.

## 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 your child is absent due to Covid, there are some details that the school are required to take. It is likely that a member of the Student Services team will contact you to ascertain the information that is required.

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.

## Careers Fair

On Thursday 10th March we had our annual Career Fair, as part of National Careers Week. After having to hold a virtual Careers Fair last year, it was great to have visitors back into school, and students had the opportunity to meet representatives from a wide range of organisations, including employers, training providers, universities and colleges. Visitors included marketing company, Team ITG, local architects, BM3 and property and construction consultancy, EDGE.

Students had lessons before they visited the fair to give them the chance to research the companies in attendance and prepare questions they wanted to ask. All of our visitors commented on how well-prepared students were and the quality of the questions asked.

We want to extend our thanks to all of the organisations that gave up their time to speak to students. You can check out all of the pictures on the Careers Twitter page @BCCareersSmart



# Upcoming Events

Year 12/13 Paris Trip  
Monday 14th March -  
Thursday 17th March

Eco Trip to Martineau  
Gardens  
Tuesday 15th March

Year 12 Computing Trip  
Wednesday 16th March

Year 9 Pathways Evening  
Year 9 Aspirations Day  
Birmingham Connect Event  
St Patrick's Day - Canteen  
Wear Green Day £1  
Thursday 17th March

World Sleep Day  
Friday 18th March

Mexican Day - Canteen  
Wednesday 23rd March

CyberFirst Girls Award  
Dinner  
Thursday 24th March

Basketball Trip to Leicester  
Riders  
BGT

Year 9 Computing Trip  
Friday 25th March

## SEND BRIEFING PARENT WEBINAR

March 2022



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.

## Occupational Therapy

### Gross Motor Grooves

**Speakers: SEND Occupational Therapists  
Gordon Heath & Katie Green**

This Family Webinar will help you to identify if your child is having difficulties with their gross motor skills. You will learn strategies that you can build into your Child's daily routine to strengthen their gross motor skills thus supporting them with throwing, catching, jumping, dressing and much more.

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022 - 9:30am – 10:30am**

**Ticket Link: Gross Motor Grooves for Primary age**  
<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/gross-motor-grooves-for-primary-age-16th-march-2022-930am/>

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022 - 9:30am – 10:30am**

**Ticket Link: Gross Motor Grooves for Secondary age**  
<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/gross-motor-grooves-for-secondary-age-17th-march-2022-130pm/>

All who book a ticket will be sent a copy of the presentation and a copy of the recording of the webinar within 24 hours of the webinar concluding.

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## Birmingham Early Help Offer Awareness

**Speaker:**

**Amina Mushtaq - From Barnardo's**

Join the session to learn what Early Help Offer is and how it can help children and families in Birmingham. The session will provide insight into the kind of help available for parents and children and quick self-referral process.

**Wednesday 23rd March 10:00 - 11:00am**

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/birmingham-early-help-offer-awareness-23rd-march-2022-1000am/>

All 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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## Communication & Autism Top Tips for Transition for Autistic Pupils

**Speaker: Zoe Aztori  
Specialist Teacher**

This webinar will provide information, strategies and tools to parents/carers to support their children/young people to prepare for transition into a new setting.

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022 - 2pm – 3pm**

**Top Tips for Transition for Autistic Pupils**  
<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/top-tips-for-transition-for-autistic-pupils-29th-march-2022-2pm/>

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022 - 9:30am – 10:30am**

**Top Tips for Transition for Autistic Pupils**  
<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/top-tips-for-transition-for-autistic-pupils-30th-march-2022-930am/>

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**Be Empowered Workshop** – Early Support Programme for SEND Parent Carers

We warmly invite you to join in a series of Evening in-person workshops that have been written and led by trainers who are parent/carers of a child with additional needs themselves.

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 Oenca Fontaine (Parent Engagement Consultant)  
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