

# BC14

Lord our God, we pray that,  
no matter what happens to us,  
we may grow as people who are generous  
enough to hold no hatred or bitterness  
towards anyone.  
Amen.

## Message from Mr Hearnden, Assistant Principal

Friday 11th October 2019

Thousands of Catholics from England and Wales are expected to travel to Rome for the canonisation of John Henry Newman this weekend, when he will become the first English saint of modern times. As a school community we have celebrated the event through collective worship, sharing prayers by John Henry Newman during registration time and assembly. As political uncertainty continues to dominate, Newman's significance as a reconciler of his time should not be forgotten.

Having just completed our sixth week of the academic year, life at Challoner is as fast paced as ever and the summer holidays seem a lifetime away! Extra curricular activities are well attended with students participating in a range of activities both before and after school- please encourage your son/daughter to take part if they are not already.

Year 11 and 13 have made a great start as part of the final year of their GCSE/BTEC and A Level courses respectively. There have been some changes made to facilitate silent independent study space for our 6th form students that has been well received and utilised to date. Preparation for mock exams will begin in earnest, look out for further information on these in the near future.



## Science Revision Guides

Science revision guides can now be bought in school. Years 7, 8 and 9 can pay on Schoolcomms. Years 10 and 11 just need to bring cash into their science teacher or Mrs Shore.

## Shoebox Appeal

In this Year of Community we are hoping to provide an extra smile for our wider community. We are encouraging our young people to donate their time to wrapping the boxes; money to buy much needed items; items such as toys and stationary. This initiative will run until Friday 8th November. Please bring all contributions to your form and sign up to give your time in the chapel.

## Science Teacher Vacancy

Please visit our school website to view our all information on our current Science teacher vacancy.

## St Chad's Sanctuary

In this year of community, we're inviting you to be a member of hope. We are collecting for St. Chad's starting October 14th- October 23rd 2019. What it means for you is, taking a moment to consider the list of desired items and determine how you can help and bringing items into school. May our community continue to feel supported and cared for.



Items urgently needed include:

- Suitcases and rucksacks
- Men's t-shirts, jumpers and jackets
- Girl's clothes 6-9 years old
- Baby clothes



BC14's online safety blast is back this year to provide you with the latest online safety news, tips and alerts. To start off the academic year we would like to remind you of the brilliant resource that is Common Sense Media.

[www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org)

Common Sense Media is an excellent platform that allows parents/carers to explore the true content of the films, apps and video games that their child is engaging with. Apps and games are rated on aspects such as profanity, violence and others to afford you a greater understanding of the technologies your child is interacting with.

# Sports Updates

## Fixtures and Clubs

There is still high attendance from students at the morning and after school clubs across all sports so a big well done to pupils who are turning up. As always, we welcome any students who want to attend any clubs.

## Football

After school competitions have been going well so a big congratulations to the Year 7 boys football team who won their last game with a score of 4-3 against Grace Academy. This means that they have progressed into Round 2 of the West Midlands Cup, which will be this week against Bartley Green so good luck to all those who are competing!

The Year 9 football team will play against Bilton School and the Sixth form football team are set to play against Hagley High School this week.

## Netball

Another congratulations is in order for our netball teams as the Year 9 girls won their match against Camp Hill and the Year 7 team had their very first match against Camp Hill. Both teams performed brilliantly, and a big well done to the Year 7 team on their first match of the

season against a very strong team! Year 10 girls drew 11-11 and the Year 11 team won 12-9 against Colmers School. The Year 10 girls also played and won against Selly Park Girls this week so a huge well done to pupils on achieving those results! Year 7, 8 and 9 also competed against Kings Norton Girls School this week and all teams worked really hard in a competitive match.

There is a Year 9 and 10 netball match coming up against Five Ways at Bishop Challoner.

## Rugby

We have our first rugby tournaments coming up this week with Year 7, 8 and 9 competing at Yardley's School and another rugby fixture against Park Green.

Good luck to all of those participating in these matches!

## Judo visitor

We also have an exciting opportunity coming up next week as a Judo athlete will be coming into school to work with some students for a short period of time. This is set to be a positive, inspiring and enjoyable experience for our studentd and it is a great opportunity for them to engage and participate in another sport.

## Teaching School Update

Our Train to Teach PGCE programmes are now open for applications on UCAS. Our code is 1K2 and there you will find a wide range of Secondary subjects along with Primary options. Our teacher training takes place within one of our partner schools, so you feel part of a school community from day one. With 1-day per week at University, you really do get the best of both worlds. Call us to fix a time to drop in to find out more - 0121 441 6175 [www.bctsa.org](http://www.bctsa.org)

## Bishop's Got Talent MFL

Spanish, Filipino, Malayalam, French, Bosnian, Italian, Polish... These are some of the many languages spoken by some members of our community at Bishop Challoner.

To celebrate this year's European Day of Languages, our languages experts lead some workshops to teach their mother tongue to their peers. The event was very well attended and appreciated by all students and teachers.

We would like to thank all of the bilingual students helping make this day happen!





As part of this year's BC14, we are going to be identifying a Tech Tip with each edition; something that can perhaps speed up work on a computer or just simply minimise the monotonous routines. All of them are going to be small, easy to implement tip bits that aim to make your life easier!

This week it's speeding up the copy and paste process. Did you know that you can do it all through the keyboard? Try it for yourself. Highlight a piece of text, hold CTRL and press C, go to the place you want to paste it and hold CTRL and press V. Saves you having to use the right click!

Want to switch between the programs you have open, why not try holding down the ALT key and pressing tab (-->).

## Sixth Form

### UCAS news

Our early applicants (those who are applying for Medicine/Dentistry or Oxbridge colleges) have either sent off their applications, or are about to do so, ahead of the 15th October deadline. Students are starting to get offers, which is very exciting.

### Predicted Grades for UCAS

These are decided by an experienced team of Sixth Form staff, in discussion with the students, with a view to supporting aspirations and ensuring that realistic choices are met. A variety of information is considered when arriving at the appropriate predicted grades including Year 12 Mock results, the end of year report and, just as importantly, current attitude and commitment to study.

### The Jericho Foundation

On Monday 7th October the Sixth Form had an assembly delivered by the Jericho Foundation. This is a local charity which works to support those marginalised in society by providing work opportunities through social enterprise. Amongst those supported are those leaving prison, at risk of homelessness and survivors of modern day slavery. It was particularly interesting, and saddening, to be reminded that slavery is by no means a thing of the past. Several students have already expressed an interest in doing some fund and awareness raising for this very worthwhile local cause.

### Realising Opportunities Programme

Year 12 had an assembly delivered by the University of Birmingham on the Realising Opportunities programme. This is a scheme which helps students to develop academic skills, improve their awareness of higher education and knowledge of how to apply to university.

### Attitude to Study

We are most impressed at the current levels of punctuality, attendance and attitude to study demonstrated by almost all of our students. It is very pleasing to observe how many students are taking advantage of the silent study area. Please be reminded that ALL students are expected to be in their tutor bases by 8.40 at the latest EVERY day. Students do not have "free" periods. Any non-teaching time is for private study.

### Year 12 Retreat to Soli House

Year 12 have the opportunity to go on retreat to Soli House in Staffordshire from Monday 25th November to Wednesday 27th November. Letters have been given out and this opportunity is also on the website.

### Lourdes May 2020

Year 12 have the opportunity to participate in the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in May half term. This is a wonderful occasion to support our wider community. Letter is available on the website.

### Senior Citizen Tea Party

Bishop Challoner Catholic College would like to welcome family members to the Senior Citizen Tea Party on Wednesday 2nd of October from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at Bishop Challoner. I would be very grateful if you have family members that would be interested in attending the tea party to email me on [s.mayor@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk](mailto:s.mayor@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk). Many thanks, Miss Mayor.

## Upcoming Events

**St Chad's Sanctuary begins**  
Monday 14th October

Wednesday 23rd October

**UCAS Early Application  
Official Deadline**  
Tuesday 15th October

**Non-Uniform Day/Ski Trip/  
St Chad's Sanctuary Ends/  
BC General UCAS Deadline**  
Thursday 24th October

**Year 11 PSHE Day**  
Friday 18th October  
**Year 7 Mass**

**INSET Day-  
School closed to students**  
Friday 25th October

## Workshops for parents/carers with children with SEND

Please see below information from external companies with details of workshops for parents/carers with children with SEND. More information on these courses along with booking forms is available on the school website under Latest News.

**Please note:** These activities are not linked in any way to Bishop Challoner Catholic College. If you are interested in any of the information below please make direct contact with the external companies and not the school.



### Be Empowered- Early Support Programme for SEND Parent Carers

Every Friday 10am – 1pm (for 6 Sessions) starting 8th November to 13th December 2019

At Victoria School, Bell Hill, Northfield, Birmingham. B31 1LD



**All Saints Youth Project**, (<https://www.allsaintsyouthproject.org.uk/>)  
All Saints Centre, 2 Vicarage Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham, B14 7RA



Parent/Carer Courses/Activities include:

- Group Teen Triple P
- NVR (Non-Violent Resistance)
- Counselling
- ADHD Support Group
- IMPACT! (Inclusive Meetings Parents And Carers Together)
- T.R.U.S.T
- Autism Support Group
- Family Support

Youth Activities include:

- Gateway to Inclusion Group
- After School Drop-in
- Young Leader

## 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 James on 0121 441 6103 or email:

[sportscentre@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk](mailto:sportscentre@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk)

## 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](mailto:e.breen@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk)

[s.warhurst@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk](mailto:s.warhurst@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk)

These will be held in PE1 on :

- Thursday 21st November, 2019
- Thursday 16th January, 2020
- Thursday 5th March, 2020
- Thursday 7th May, 2020

## Venue Hire

For more information call: 0121 441 6103



## Mental Health Day Competition- All year groups

Can you design a student friendly poster to advertise our Mental Health and Wellbeing Support Drop Ins?

### Great Prize to be won...

All entries to be handed in to Form Tutors by Thursday 17th October during morning registration. Please ensure your name is on the back of your poster.

## 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.

## School Fund and Match Fund

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