

BC14



Dear Lord.

As we come to the end of this week, we thank you for your guidance and presence with us throughout these days.

Grant us peace and rest as we enter into the weekend, rejuvenating our minds, bodies, and spirits. May we find joy in the moments of relaxation and use this time to connect with loved ones and with you.

We offer this prayer in gratitude and anticipation of the blessings to come.

AMEN

Message from Mr O'Connor, Vice Principal

Friday 8th March 2024

April is the month of Saint Catherine of Siena. Saint Catherine wrote that no matter where people lived or who they were, they should realise that all their talents and everything they have is from God. Our Catholic School is a living and caring community of Faith, an extension of the home, and an integral part of the Catholic community. Our mission statement reminds us how we give glory to God by developing our full potential and in our service to others. Saint Catherine was known as "The Lady with the Lamp", the lamp a symbol of the great charity that she showed as she walked through the streets of Siena, distributing food to the poor and attending the hospital where she would help the sick. Our students and staff should be very proud of their given talents and the extent to which they contribute to and benefit from the Catholic life and mission of our school.

On St Patricks Day, Sunday 17th March, our staff and student's all wore green in solidarity, a sign of hope and peace, and took part in the Birmingham Parade walking down Bradford Street singing and playing musical instruments. A wonderful day out and great to see the parade return to Birmingham. Our ongoing partnership with the Birmingham Irish Association has allowed us to continue to support the dementia groups where our students sit and talk, play games, and entertain the clients with their incredible musical talents.

One of the amazing strengths of the school is our commitment to extra-curricular provision in providing excellent experiences for our young people. In the past few weeks alone we have seen multiple examples of wonderful opportunities being afforded to our students, including the ball crew trials and training, the

incredible soiree played in front of a live audience, bronze and silver Duke of Edinburgh walks, and qualifying for the Yr10 Cup final to be played at Villa Park. We are passionate about providing these opportunities for our young people and look forward to many more amazing international trips, including incredible opportunities for our students to travel to San Francisco, Villareal, and Cambodia in the latter half of the Summer Term.

We look forward to welcoming current and past students and families to our Platinum Jubilee celebrations on Thursday 25th April. An evening that promises to entertain and to mark our 70th year providing education and exciting opportunities for our young people.

We would like to thank you for your continued support in all areas of school life.

Countdown

13

Days until our

Platinum Jubilee Celebration Event

Thursday 25th April 2024

BISHOP CHALLONER



CATHOLIC COLLEGE

INVITATION

Platinum Jubilee Remembrance Event

on

Thursday 25th April 2024

Doors open at 4pm. Events will take place between 4.30pm and 6.30pm

Spring Fair
School Tour
Range of students' activities

RSVP via Eventbrite by Friday 12th April

Scan code to RSVP or visit <http://tinyurl.com/5n6m7wre>



70 DAY DOODLE CHALLENGE!

Do you love to doodle? Then join our 70 day doodle challenge to celebrate our Platinum Jubilee!

Create a doodle a day for one word prompts / starters for 70 days.

Open to Years 7, 8, 9 and 10

See Miss Neal in T2 or at to collect your doodle booklet on Wednesday 28th February!

70 DAY SPORTING CHALLENGE

In the lead up to the jubilee celebration, the PE department are doing a 70 day sporting challenge!

Each week for the next 10 weeks, 2 challenges will be uploaded to our instagram: @bcpedepartment and Class Charts.

If you complete 1 of these challenges each week then you will win a prize trip at the end of term!

You must send us evidence of you completing the challenge via Class Charts/Instagram/Twitter.

The History department would like to interview former BC students who came here in the 60s - 90s as part of the Platinum Jubilee event to learn more about their experiences of the school. If you are interested please contact Mr Bennett at c.bennett@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk.





Please be reminded of the following resources that we signposted earlier in the academic year. The table below includes a list of resources that we have used and continue to do so, as part of our teaching and practice.

All these resources are free to use and provide appropriate content for a range of age groups.

NSPCC Online Safety – huge repository of guidance and advice around many topics related to online safety and talking to children about it. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

UK Safer Internet Centre – source of information for children, parents, carers and teachers. Activities and resources can be downloaded for free. <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk>

Think U Know – Online safety learning resources which cover ages 4-14+. Also, resources for parents and carers are available. <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

Internet Matters – Resources for ages 0-14+ in relation to online safety and the use of devices. <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/>

Common Sense Media – provides insight into media (tv, film, games and apps) allowing for a understanding of appropriateness for age. <https://www.commonse>

Parent/Carer Survey

Please can you kindly take part in our RE and Catholic Life parent/carers survey by following the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/Qh8B8bKDcp>

Kooth Support - Exam Stress

In April Kooth are running KoothTalks training webinars specifically to help parents/carers support young people sitting exams.

If you are worried about your child's anxiety please join the webinars on:

Monday 22 April, 1-2pm

and

Thursday 25 April, 6-7pm



Examination Timetables

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

Bishop Challoner Training School

Are you considering teaching as a career? Did you know that you can train to teach with us here at Bishop Challoner! We are an accredited teacher training provider with over 20 years of experience and are actively interviewing for our new SCITT programme, beginning in September this year.

Our programme has been designed by teachers, for teachers and is delivered by experienced teachers from Bishop Challoner and local partner schools. Training with us gives you the best of both worlds - excellent theory based training with an opportunity to put learning into practice in a classroom in a school local to you.

Our helpful team are on hand to help you through the application process and answer any questions that you may have. Contact them via email - trainingschool@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk or via phone on 0121 444 6175.

Pink Kangaroo Maths Challenge

Well done to three Year 11 students; Will E, Jacob M and Aidan W who completed the Pink Kangaroo maths challenge at the end of last half term. The Pink Kangaroo is a follow-on round to the Intermediate Maths Challenge (IMC), and it's a 60 minute, 25 multiple choice challenge. Entry to the Pink Kangaroo is by invitation based on a qualifying Intermediate Maths Challenge score, so these three students did particularly well in the IMC! Particular congratulations to Aidan W who got the best mark in the school.

D&T Bottle Tops

We are continuing to collect HDPE bottle tops which our Y7's recycle into useable products. We would be very grateful if you could collect plastic bottle tops with a number 2 recycling code (usually visible on the underside of the lid) and deposit in reception for the attention of Mrs O'Connor (alternatively, send in to school in a bag with your child who can deliver to T4). If you have time to wash the lids this would be of extra benefit to us. All colours and sizes are acceptable. HDPE lids are commonly used on milk cartons, fizzy drink and smoothie bottles. Many thanks in advance for your support.

BC Neighbours

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our school community back after the Easter holiday. It is important as a school that we continue to look out for our neighbours where we can. At various times of the day, Institute Road can become very congested which can be challenging for our neighbours on Institute and Goldsmith Roads. We would kindly ask parents/carers to be mindful of where you park when collecting or dropping off your child. As always we appreciate your ongoing support.

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

Upcoming Events

Y10 Health & Social Care Resit
Monday 15th April

Y11 Performing Arts Controlled Assessment
Tuesday 16th April

Allergy Awareness Day - Canteen
Y11 Geography Intervention
Y8 Rosary
Y10 Mock Interviews
Wednesday 17th April

Y10 BTEC Sport Controlled Assessment
Y8 PD Day
Thursday 18th April

Y10 BTEC Sport Controlled Assessment
Friday 19th April

DofE Silver Practice Expedition
Sunday 21st April - Tuesday 23rd April

KS3 Football Development Tour Parent/Carer Meeting
Monday 22nd April, 4.30pm

BC Tea Party
Dementia Cafe
Y12 Jesus Christ Superstar Musical
Year 8 Rosary
Wednesday 24th April

Early Finish
Platinum Jubilee Celebration
Y10 Tuck Shop
Performing Arts Controlled Assessment
Y7 & 8 Junior Maths Challenge
Thursday 25th April

Y8 HPV Immunisations
Friday 26th April

Money Loader

We have previously advised that the money loading machine in school will be removed this academic year and that schoolcomms should be fully utilised for all payments for school meals. The machine is going to be removed within the next couple of weeks and so if for any reason, you are unable to use schoolcomms please contact school and speak to staff in the Pastoral office who will assist you.

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.

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.**

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.

Mobile Phones

Please [click here](#) to view our latest communication on the usage of mobile phones in school.

Attendance Updates

Attendance Percentage	w/c 08/04/24
Year 7 - 93.6%	Late Marks
Year 8 - 93.3%	Year 7 - 11
Year 9 - 90.8%	Year 8 - 14
Year 10 - 88.9%	Year 9 - 22
Year 11 - 92.1%	Year 10 - 28
Whole School - 91.8%	Year 11 - 29

PARENTING AND ADHD

Hall Green Families present this FREE online workshop showcasing one of our amazing local services; supporting local families and children to get access to support that they need.



Accessing free support for parents of children with ADHD; practitioners with lived experience.



Exploring new ways of working and break down barriers.



What is Early Help? Explore how to connect into your Early Help service.

Register for free [here](#)

Wednesday 1st May
10 - 11:15am
via Zoom



Leave in Term Time

Term time holidays cause significant concern. The direct correlation between attendance and attainment is undeniable. Absence from school interrupts teaching and learning and compromises progress. As per the letter regarding legal action sent at the start of the academic year, Birmingham local authority seeks to support Birmingham schools and academies in reducing the amount of education lost to student leave of absence in term time. Bishop Challoner Catholic College and Birmingham City Council strongly discourages student leave of absence during term time and parents/carers could be subject to court action and hefty fines.

A recent leave in term time absence has resulted in a fine of £1317. Please support the school and your child and ensure all leave is taken in the school holidays.

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.