

Message from Mrs Moon, Assistant Principal

As we approach the final stretch of the academic year, we would like to take some time to celebrate the dedication, resilience, and achievements across our school community.

We wish all our Year 11 and Year 13 students the very best as they continue with their examinations. This is a significant milestone in their educational journey, and we are incredibly proud of the focus and determination they have shown. We hope they finish this examination season feeling proud of all they have accomplished. Our Year 10 students are currently sitting their mock exams. These assessments are an important opportunity to develop exam techniques and prepare for next year's GCSEs. We encourage all students to continue working hard throughout this time.

As a Catholic school community, we reflect on the Feast Day of Corpus Christi, which celebrates the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. This important feast invites us to deepen our understanding of faith, unity, and service to others. It is a time for prayer, reflection, and gratitude for the spiritual life of our community.

A huge thank you and well done to all staff who demonstrated their service to our students, alongside the students involved in the second Silver Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition, which took place from Sunday through to Tuesday. This was a fantastic achievement, requiring teamwork, resilience, and perseverance. We are grateful to the staff who supported the expedition and proud of the students for their commitment.

Year 7 and Year 8 students attended the Big Bang Fair trip. This was an opportunity to explore science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in a hands-on and inspiring environment. Alongside this opportunity, our Year 8 students recently took part in a First Modern Work Experience session, focusing on careers in physiotherapy and nutrition. This engaging session provided valuable insight into health-related professions. Students benefitted from real-world knowledge and were able to explore potential future career pathways.

We ask our school community to continue to keep our dear colleague and friend Mrs Marsh and her family in our thoughts and prayers, during this very sad time.

MRS ALI MARSH

It was with profound sadness that I wrote to inform parents and carers of the sudden death of Mrs Ali Marsh, a much-loved Assistant Principal at Bishop Challoner Catholic College, at the end of the half term break.

Mrs Marsh was an exceptional leader, colleague, and friend who dedicated herself wholeheartedly to the life of our school community. Her commitment to our students and her passion for English as a subject, touched the lives of so many. She will be remembered not only for her professionalism and leadership, but also for her kindness, warmth, and the care she showed to colleagues and students.

One of our former students really captured how Mrs Marsh lived out her vocation:

"Mrs Marsh was such a lovely, thoughtful, gentle and knowledgeable teacher. Never once did she waver in her dedication to me, nor the countless other students who have been lucky enough to have her. Whatever facet of school life Mrs Marsh participated in, she devoted everything to it."

We could not agree more.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank parents and carers for all their thoughts, prayers and best wishes for the family and the school; it is greatly appreciated. Our young people have been a magnificent support to our school staff and they are a credit to their families. Support remains available in school for any student who may need someone to talk to following this tragic news.

At the time of writing, we are unclear on the funeral arrangements for Mrs Marsh. It is likely that governors will request the school is closed/partially closed on the day of the funeral to enable staff to pay their respects. Once details are finalised, we will let parents and carers know.

As a Catholic community of faith, we offer up our prayers for Mrs Marsh and her family.

Eternal rest grant unto her,
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace. Amen.



SIXTH FORM NEWS

YEAR 12 MOCK EXAM REFLECTIONS

Last week, our Year 12 students spent time reflecting on their recent mock examination results and considering the valuable lessons they can take forward into the next stage of their studies. During a dedicated assembly, students explored the importance of using assessments as a tool for growth and development rather than focusing solely on the grade achieved.

Students were encouraged to analyse their performance in detail, identifying areas of strength as well as opportunities for improvement. Understanding where marks were gained and lost, reflecting on revision strategies, and acting on feedback are all key steps in making meaningful progress. By developing these reflective habits now, students will be better equipped to achieve their full potential as they continue their transition into Year 13.

THE GOLDEN TICKET ATTENDANCE INITIATIVE

This term, we have launched The Golden Ticket, a new attendance initiative designed to promote, celebrate and reward excellent attendance across the Sixth Form. We know that strong attendance is one of the most significant factors influencing academic success, helping students to maximise their learning opportunities and achieve the very best outcomes.

Each week, students who meet the attendance criteria are entered into a prize raffle draw. Winners receive a range of rewards and privileges, including opportunities such as permission to leave the school site at lunchtime. While the initiative is designed to add an element of fun and excitement, it also serves as an important reminder of the value of regular attendance and the positive habits that will support students both now and in their future studies and careers.

Our two prize winners to date include Estera M and Leo C. We look forward to celebrating many more Golden Ticket winners throughout the rest of the year!

SIXTH FORM TASTER DAY

On Wednesday 24th July, we are excited to welcome all Year 11 applicants to our Sixth Form for our annual Taster Day. This event provides students with the opportunity to experience a day in the life of a Sixth Form student, sampling lessons and gaining a real insight into post-16 study.

Students are required to sign up via our online platform, Applicaa, and select the subjects they would like to experience during the day. This ensures they can engage fully with the courses they are considering for September.

Throughout the day, students will also receive further information about our excellent super-curricular programme and the next steps involved in transitioning into Sixth Form. It is a valuable opportunity to meet staff, experience teaching at post-16 level, and begin to prepare for the exciting journey ahead.

PREPARING FOR POST-18 PATHWAYS: INTRODUCING THE UCAS PROCESS

This week, our Year 12 students have begun to focus more closely on their post-18 aspirations and future pathways. Through assemblies and guidance sessions, students have been introduced to the UCAS application process and the key stages involved in applying to university.

Students have started to explore what universities look for in applicants, including academic achievement, super-curricular experiences and personal statements. As they begin to consider their options, they have also been encouraged to make the most of the coming months by attending university open days and visiting institutions they may be considering as potential firm or insurance choices.

While there is still plenty of time before applications are submitted, beginning this process early allows students to make informed decisions and plan effectively for their future. In the next few weeks we will be looking at other pathways many students take such as within apprenticeships, employment and volunteering.

We look forward to supporting them as they continue to explore the exciting opportunities available to them beyond Sixth Form.

ASPIRATIONS EVENT

On Thursday 18th June, we are delighted to be hosting an Aspirations Event for all current Year 11 students who are considering ambitious post-18 pathways, including applications to some of the country's most prestigious universities such as Oxford and Cambridge, as well as highly competitive courses including Medicine and Law.

The event will provide an opportunity for students to gain valuable insight into these routes and the level of preparation required for success. The afternoon will include guest speakers from the University of Oxford, former students who have successfully navigated these pathways, and members of our Sixth Form careers team, who will outline the comprehensive support available to students throughout their Sixth Form journey.

Students can sign up via our online platform, Applicaa. We strongly encourage any students with aspirations for competitive courses or universities to attend and make full use of this informative and inspiring event.

CATHOLIC LIFE

PUPIL LED PRAYER AND LITURGY

We returned to school and celebrated Pentecost in our from time prayer and liturgy, led by Year 10 Teuta, Nell, Jacob, Kayla, Teddy, Archie, Zac C, Zac B, Shamari and Ava.

Pentecost celebrates when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples after Jesus' Resurrection. It is called the "birthday of the Church" because the disciples received courage to share the Gospel. It reminds Christians that the Holy Spirit still helps and guides them today.



Our mission moving forward for the week was

- Bring peace – Try to calm arguments instead of adding to them, whether online, in class, or with friends
- Show courage – Speak up for someone who is left out or treated unfairly.
- Choose forgiveness – Let go of small grudges and take the first step to repair a friendship or relationship.

Year 11 led us through a prayer and liturgy for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. On this day we are reminded that Jesus revealed something extraordinary: He is not only our teacher and guide, but our living bread, given for the life of the world.



Our mission for the week was to make time to

- Make time for Christ - Whether at Mass, in prayer, or in silence, allow Jesus to nourish your faith.
- Look for Christ in others - Treat every person with dignity, respect, and kindness.
- Be Christ for someone else - Offer encouragement, forgiveness, or help to someone who needs it this week.

Thank you to Onyinye, Yuel, David, Ryan, Chloe, Taiyah, Emiliano, Millie and Roisin for leading us in prayer.

We encourage families to continue this journey at home by reading and reflecting on the Sunday Gospels together. The Wednesday Word is a weekly resource that helps connect home, school, and parish through the Sunday Gospel. It offers a simple way for families to share scripture and prayer each week.

You can access the resources at: www.wednesdayword.org

Prayer for the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Loving Jesus, we trust in your Sacred Heart, full of mercy and love. Help us to be kind, to forgive others, and to bring peace to our school. Stay close to us each day and teach us to love like you.

Amen.

ROSARY IN THE CHAPEL

Our weekly Form Rosary was especially special this week as Patrick(Y10) led Y9 in a most beautiful time of prayer. Patrick spoke with clarity and confidence about the importance of the Rosary in finding peace and the importance of praying for the dead. We kept Mrs Marsh firmly in our prayers.



FAITH FORMATION IN THE FAMILY

Below is a list that reminds us of 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 throughout the year.

Church
St. Dunstan's
St. Jude's
Our Lady Of Lourdes
St Catherine Of Sienna
St Edward's
St Mary's
Sacred Heart and Holy Souls
English Martyrs
St Chads Cathedral
Our Lady And St Brigid
Our Lady Of Fatima
St Ambrose Barlow
The Oratory Of Saint Philip Neri
St Peters
Our Lady And St Rose Of Lima
St John and Martin's
Ss Joseph and Helen with St Paul's

SAFEGUARDING AND WELLBEING

ONLINE SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Online sexual harassment is any unwanted sexual behaviour online. It can make a person feel threatened, exploited, coerced, humiliated, upset, sexualised or discriminated against.

When cyberbullying is of a sexual nature, we call it online sexual harassment (OSH). Unfortunately, many young people are witnessing or experiencing this type of behaviour and aren't getting the support they need.

[Help & advice | Childnet](#)

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, any DSL or a member of the Wellbeing Team.

IMPORTANT LINKS

Please see below important links on keeping safe:

- [Child Safety Advice | Practical tips and free resources](#)
- [RNLI launches its Float to Live campaign for 2026 | RNLI](#)
- [The Royal Life Saving Society UK \(RLSS UK\)](#)

NEW NHS-FUNDED COMMUNITY COUNSELLING SERVICE ACROSS BIRMINGHAM AND SOLIHULL

Please follow link below for details of new, free community counselling for adults in Birmingham.

<https://www.bsmhft.nhs.uk/about-us/news/community-counselling-free-early-mental-health-support-for-adults-in-birmingham-and-solihull/>

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SEND

SENSORY WALL

We are delighted with the creation of the Sensory wall in BC4 and look forward to the addition of students art work in other areas of the space.

ASSESSMENTS

The SEND team have been busy supporting and invigilating for Public Examinations as well as Year 7, 9 and 10 assessments.

YEAR 6 TRANSITION

Preparation is underway for Year 6 transition with Mrs Hampson making school visits and liaising with primary schools and we cannot wait to welcome everyone on Wednesday 1st July.

STAFF

We welcome Mr Leghorn as a permanent Teaching Assistant and send congratulations to Miss Crump on the birth of her daughter.



SPORTS

PE UPDATE

A quick word from the PE department, and a proud one. We've just been awarded the Platinum School Games Mark, covering both 2025/26 and 2026/27. It's the top award going, and it recognises everything from the number of students competing to how well we include young people of all abilities across the year. Plenty of staff and students earned this one, so thank you to everyone who represented us.

It feels fitting that this lands around Olympic Day on the 23rd of June, which marks the day the modern Olympic movement began back in 1894. This year's theme is "Sport: Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers," and honestly that's a decent summary of what good sport does in a school like ours.

Next on the calendar is the big one. Sports Day is on Friday the 3rd of July, and it's shaping up to be a great afternoon of house competition and the usual healthy chaos. Families are very welcome to come and watch, and we'll send full details nearer the time.

More to follow. For now, thanks for the support this term.

DOFE SILVER QUALIFYING EXPEDITION

We are incredibly proud of our Year 10 students for successfully completing their Silver DofE qualifying expedition. Over the course of the expedition, they worked hard navigating their routes, walking long distances, cooking their own meals, and demonstrating excellent teamwork while setting up camp - they even had time (and energy!) for a game of football in the evening. They showed great resilience, determination, and a positive attitude, even when faced with challenges. Well done to all involved.



Y7 SCHOOL GAMES TOURNAMENT

We took two teams to Christ Church to compete in the Year 7 School Games Tournament. Both teams played three matches and represented the school with great determination and sportsmanship throughout the event.

The girls' team had an outstanding tournament, finishing in 1st place with 8 points. In their opening match against Swanshurst, the team took some time to settle but showed excellent teamwork to earn a 2-2 draw. They then secured a convincing 3-0 victory over KEHS before finishing the tournament with an impressive 4-0 win against Christ Church.

The boys' team finished in 3rd place with 5 points after a series of closely contested matches. They narrowly lost their opening game 1-0 to Moseley, bounced back with a 1-0 victory over Christ Church, and were unfortunate to lose 1-0 to Wheelers in their final match.

Congratulations to all the players for their effort, teamwork and excellent representation of the school.



PRELOVED YEAR 11 PE KIT

The PE department will gladly welcome any donations of Year 11 PE kit to keep as spares for any students that need them. Thank you for your continued support.

GIRLS CRICKET COACHING

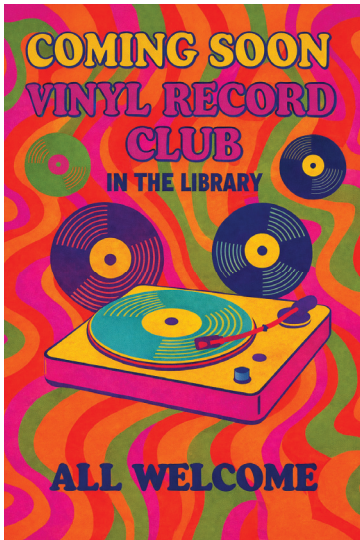
A group of Year 7, 8 and 9 girls recently had the exciting opportunity to take part in a cricket coaching session led by a coach from Edgbaston Cricket Ground. The session was designed to raise the profile of girls' cricket, encourage greater participation, and promote enjoyment of sport. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the experience, developing their skills, confidence and enthusiasm for the game. We hope this opportunity will inspire even more students to get involved in cricket in the future.



LIBRARY NEWS

BOARD GAMES WANTED!

Board Games Wanted - If you have any unwanted board games please consider donating them to the library. Our break and lunch sessions are very busy and the students love to enjoy some social time with a board game.



£70 SCHOOL UNIFORM GRANT

Once again we will be working with the Yardley Education Foundation to provide eligible parents a grant of £70 towards their child's school uniform. Please read the information sent to us by the Yardley Education Foundation carefully to see if your child qualifies for the grant.

The Trust have decided to restrict the uniform grant to 2 year groups during a child's journey through school. This will be in the form of a voucher for Year 7's when they join the school, and another in Year 10 when they start their options.

For both year groups, the entitlement will be for those students who currently qualify for Free School meals, to qualify you must complete an online Free School Meal Application using the link below:

<https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/>

****Please note that the child must also live within the Ancient Parish of Yardley. See map below for remit area.**

**Year 10: The link is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RKSMSSY>
Password for this is: YEF2026**

**For New Year 7 pupils: The link is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KT5Q1N9>
Password for this is: YEF2026**



FOX HOLLIE'S PROJECT

Our annual Fox Hollies Project was launched before half term with a special visit from Rose Gordon here at Bishop Challoner. Rose is a teacher at Fox Hollies Special School and delivered an exceptional disability awareness session for our students, helping them to develop their understanding, empathy and appreciation of the experiences of others. Our students were fantastic throughout – engaging brilliantly and listening thoughtfully to all of the guidance and experiences that Rose shared.

This was followed by a wonderful visit to Fox Hollies, where students had the opportunity to meet one another through a fun and exciting sporting event. It was fantastic to see students working together, socialising and championing one another throughout the day. The energy and excitement continued on the walk back to school, with students already talking enthusiastically about the next stages of the project.

Back at Bishop Challoner, the project has now moved into transforming the green space in front of the English block. Students have begun working collaboratively alongside our resident Eco Ambassador, Lindsay Shepherd, to create a more vibrant and engaging outdoor area.

So far, students have enjoyed learning about wild plants, preparing the planters and beginning what we hope will become a colourful transformation of the space. Upcoming plans include painting the planters, adding more planting and incorporating student artwork and opportunities to learn about local wildlife.

We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, teamwork and creativity shown by all involved and look forward to sharing further updates as the project continues.



YEAR 10 & YEAR 12 MOCKS

Please follow the links below for subject information and guidance on the upcoming mocks.

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

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

MOSAIC WORKSHOP

A beautiful calming session took place in the library on Thursday 4th June where students and some staff created tiles for a project with West Midlands Combined Authority. The tiles will form part of an art installation that will be on display at 3 new local train stations.



NETBOOK DROP IN!

GET HELP WITH YOUR NETBOOK!

- TECH SUPPORT
- TROUBLESHOOTING
- SOFTWARE HELP & MORE!

EVERY TUESDAY

3:20PM - 4:00PM

ROOM M8

The poster is blue with a white laptop icon and a red starburst. It features icons for a Wi-Fi signal, a gear, a question mark, and a speech bubble. The text is in bold, white and yellow fonts.

YEAR 7 FOCUS

As we enter the final half-term of the academic year, it is a great opportunity to reflect on what has been a fantastic first year at Bishop Challoner for our Year 7 students. Since joining us in September, they have embraced secondary school life with enthusiasm, resilience and maturity, growing in confidence and forming positive friendships along the way.

Year 7 have made an excellent start to their secondary school journey, demonstrating a positive attitude to learning and a commitment to our school values. They have consistently shown our FAITHFUL virtues and have represented themselves and the school with pride. Throughout the year, their efforts and achievements have been recognised through the many positive Class Charts logs awarded.

Beyond the classroom, Year 7 have thrown themselves into school life, taking part in a range of trips and enrichment opportunities. We have also been incredibly proud of the fantastic work completed by our Year 7 forms in raising money for charity, showing generosity and a willingness to support others within the wider community.

We are incredibly proud of all that Year 7 have achieved so far. As they approach the end of their first year at Bishop Challoner, we look forward to supporting them through a successful final half-term and celebrating their continued successes.

READING CIRCLE

Well done to the Year 9 Reading Circle for completing their final reading session today and many thanks to our wonderful Year 12 mentors - Grace B and Callum K for being such amazing role models.



FORM RESOURCES

Celebrating the World Cup 2026 – Sport, Culture and Community

Last week, students explored the upcoming FIFA World Cup 2026 and considered how major global sporting events bring people together. Students learned:

- Over 200 countries enter World Cup qualification
- The tournament takes place every four years
- The first World Cup was held in Uruguay in 1930
- The 2026 tournament is being hosted across the United States, Canada and Mexico
- This will be the first men’s World Cup to feature 48 teams

Students also explored how the World Cup represents more than football and can celebrate sport, diversity, music, food, languages, culture and identity. Forms reflected on famous World Cup moments and considered how international events create opportunities to celebrate different cultures and communities. As part of this resource, students have begun a creative challenge linked to their allocated World Cup country. Students have been designing:

- Team mascots
- Flags
- Posters

Their work will showcase culture, community, diversity, landmarks. national identity. We are looking forward to displaying these creations around school over the coming weeks.

Water Safety Awareness Week

This week we have looked at the importance of staying safe around water. Water Safety Awareness Week takes place from 13th–20th June and aims to help young people understand the risks associated with open water and how to stay safe. Every year, lives are sadly lost in water-related incidents across the UK, with young people aged 15–24 identified as one of the highest risk groups. Many incidents occur in rivers, lakes, canals, and reservoirs where hidden dangers are not always visible.

Students have had the opportunity to understand the risks including the fact that open water can be much colder than expected, even on warm days. Water temperatures below 15°C can trigger cold water shock, causing sudden breathing difficulties, panic, muscle cramps, and loss of movement. This can happen to even strong swimmers and we all enjoyed observing a photograph and looking at the amazing swimmers who took part in the Great Northern Swim. Students were also reminded about the dangers of jumping or diving into unknown water (“tombstoning”), fast-flowing rivers and currents, hidden weeds, rocks, mud, or debris beneath the surface, weirs and deep water areas, which can create dangerous undercurrents. Key safety messages were explored and students were exceptional in their responses.

SAN FRANCISCO
COMPUTER SCIENCE TRIP 2028
FOR CURRENT YEAR 7, 8 & 9 STUDENTS

TRIP GOES LIVE!
MONDAY
15TH JUNE
7:00 AM
VIA SCHOOLCOMMS

TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION | UNIVERSITY VISITS | SILICON VALLEY EXPERIENCE | SAN FRANCISCO HIGHLIGHTS | GIANTS BASEBALL

4TH – 10TH JULY 2028
7 DAYS OF INSPIRATION & DISCOVERY

GOOGLEPLEX | APPLE PARK | STANFORD UNIVERSITY | ALCATRAZ ISLAND | SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS

BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

LIMITED PLACES – BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!

ASSEMBLIES

Over the last two weeks, our assemblies at Bishop Challoner have focused on two important themes that reflect our values as a school community: Charity and Empathy.

Charity – Making a Difference Together

During the first week, students reflected on what charity truly means. We explored the idea that charity is not only about giving money, but also about showing kindness, giving our time, helping others and supporting those in need. Students learned more about our school charity, Father Hudson's Caritas, and the incredible work they do to support:

- Children and families in need
- Elderly people
- People with disabilities
- Refugees
- Individuals experiencing homelessness

Students reflected on the message that even small acts of kindness can make a meaningful difference and considered the story of The Good Samaritan, reminding us that compassion is shown through our actions. We also celebrated the fantastic fundraising efforts across school this year. Thanks to events including cake sales, discos, raffles, Readathon and the Easter Fair, we are proud to share that we have already raised £6,184 and are now working towards our next goal of £7,000. Students were encouraged to think about how their form groups can continue to live out our Faithful Virtues through acts of service and charity.

Empathy Week – Understanding Others

This week, our assemblies focused on Empathy Week, encouraging students to reflect on kindness, understanding

and recognising that we do not always know what others may be experiencing. Students explored the idea that people can often appear happy on the surface while carrying worries, stress, sadness or challenges that others cannot see. Through discussion and reflection, students considered how important it is to show patience, compassion and understanding to those around them. We introduced the concept that: Empathy is recognising, understanding and sharing the feelings of others. Students reflected on how empathy helps us:

- Understand people more deeply
- Respond with kindness
- Build stronger relationships
- Create a more supportive school community

One particularly powerful reflection looked at how words and actions can leave lasting effects and reminded students that even small acts of kindness can have a ripple effect across our community. Students were challenged to put empathy into action by:

smiling at someone, listening carefully, including others, checking in on someone, inviting others to join them.

As a school community, we have also spoken about the importance of showing care and understanding to one another during difficult times and ensuring that everyone feels supported.

Looking Ahead

These assemblies have encouraged students to think beyond themselves and reflect on the difference they can make through kindness, empathy and service to others.

Thank you for your continued support in reinforcing these values at home as we continue to grow together as a compassionate and caring school community.



STUDENT REWARDS

YEAR GROUP	MOST POSITIVE LOGS
YEAR 7	Olivia A Nyola M-A Montgomery W Nicola M Augusta A Gabrielle A
YEAR 8	Samir B Milaan L Astrid R Freddie K Rosie G Tristan B-B
YEAR 9	Christopher B Munana D Markas M Amnah N Mariam H



SUMMER UNIFORM

From Monday 1st June 2026 students can begin to wear Summer Uniform as detailed below-

- No tie
- No blazer
- No jumper
- Shirt tucked in

Second layer if worn **MUST** be a blazer **NOT** a jumper or other outer wear (any item other than a blazer will be confiscated).

Girls must wear natural or black tights

If your child chooses not to wear summer uniform then the standard uniform requirements still apply. 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 gold or silver 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.

SCHOOL REMINDERS



CONTACTING SCHOOL

Communication between home and school is very important, in the event that you need to contact school please be reminded of the following procedures.

School telephone number- 0121 444 4161

Option 1- To report an absence

Option 2- Head of Year/Pastoral concerns/enquiries

Option 3- Sixth Form enquiries

HEAD OF YEAR CONTACT

All Heads of Year and Assistant Heads of Year have teaching commitments; therefore, any Head of Year/Pastoral enquiries should be directed through Option 2 for students in Year 7-11 or option 3 for students in Year 12 or 13.

If student services staff are not available to answer your call in person, please leave a message with the nature of your enquiry/concern and you will get a call back from the most appropriate member of staff at their earliest convenience. We aim to respond to all contact by the end of the next working day.

SENIOR STAFF CONTACT

Contact with Head of Year and/or Head of Department is expected to have been made before issues are escalated to Senior staff. Should you need to speak to a Senior member of staff, please contact school by phone and select Option 2 or 3, depending on the year group of your child and request a call and the most appropriate Senior member of staff will contact you at their earliest convenience.

MEETING STAFF

Any requests for a face to face meeting with staff should be made using the same contact details as above. Please ensure that the purpose of any meeting request is made clear. A member of staff may contact you before a meeting is arranged if more information is required.

Please do not attend school without an appointment unless there is a safeguarding emergency.

SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS

If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact school and ask to speak to a DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)). Mrs Peckover is the Senior DSL.

FIRST AID INFORMATION AND PROCEDURES

Medication; All medication should be handed into first aid and not carried by the students. Exception EpiPen, Asthma inhalers and insulin as well as Tranexamic acid in special circumstances.

Please make sure we have the correct medical information and emergency contact details. If you have changed your phone number or there is any change in medical conditions or concerns, please contact first aid using the enquiries email or the main school phone number.

Please send children into school with a water bottle which they can re-fill at our water stations provided. Alternatively, they can purchase a drink from the school canteen.

Students with Asthma must carry their own personal inhalers with them. This includes offsite activities and school trips to ensure they can participate safely.

Parents/Carers of students with a known allergy must provide school first aid with antihistamine; this also applies to those with anaphylaxis in addition to their EpiPen.

We do not provide liquid paracetamol such as Calpol. If your child cannot take tablets and you would prefer them to have liquid Calpol, please send this in to the school first aider with your child's name on it. This will be kept safe in first aid for your child only.

REPORTING AN 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.

To report an absence, please call the main school number 0121 444 4161 and select the correct option for your child's year group.

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.

FACILITIES HIRE

We offer a wide range of classes for the local community and our facilities are also available for private hire. For session bookings and all other enquiries please feel free to contact one of the team.

Bishop Challoner Sports Centre is an exciting and innovative sports complex, comprising:-

A full sized Sports Hall

Olympic sized Dojo specifically designed for Martial Arts
Meeting Conference Room

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SCHOOL YEAR 2025 TO 2026

SUMMER TERM 2026

Term ends: Friday 17th July 2026



INSET DAYS

Monday 20th July 2026

KEY DATES

Wednesday 1st July 2026 - Year 6 Induction day

Year 8 students will **not** be required to attend school on **Wednesday 1st July**.

On **Wednesday 1st July** there will be a **late start for Year 7 and Year 9**. Registration will commence at 9:40am. Students are respectfully reminded not to be on the premises before 9:30am.

Friday 10th July 2026 School Closed - Parent Consultation Day

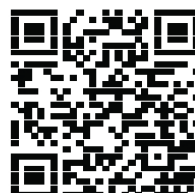
Friday 17th July 2026 Last day of term - Early finish, school will close at 12:40pm



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Summer Term 1	
Every Wednesday	Rosary
Every Thursday	Community Mass - 11.30am
w/b Monday 15th June	Refugee and Creativity Week Science Week Drowning Prevention Week
Tuesday 16th June	9BOS Cake Sale
Wednesday 17th June	Year 12 Sports Day
Friday 19th June	Fathers Day Hamper Year 11 Prom
Monday 22nd June - Wednesday 24th June	Year 10 Carding Mill Valley Trip
Monday 22nd June - Friday 26th June	Year 12 Work Experience
Wednesday 24th June	Golf Tournament Sixth Form Taster Day
Thursday 25th June - Friday 26th June	Year 7 France Trip Year 13 Prom 10BER Charity Event
Friday 26th June	Catholic Secondary Schools PE Event - Year 7 and 8 RBC Cricket Leadership Day University of Birmingham Open Day
Monday 29th June	Year 10 Work Experience Week Year 12 Work Experience De-brief and UCAS Workshop
Tuesday 30th June	Year 6 Parent/Carer Transition Evening Year 7 Lickey Hills
Wednesday 1st July	Year 6 Transition Day Year 6 Mass with parents/carers, 2pm at St Dunstan's School closed for Year 8 students only Late start for Year 7, 9 and 10 (details to be confirmed)
Thursday 2nd July	Culture Day
Friday 3rd July	Sports Day Year 7, 8 and 9 St Dunstan's Football Fundraiser Year 7, 8 and 9
Tuesday 7th July	7SEB Ice Cream Sale Year 12 Mock Assessment Day San Francisco Trip (7 days)
Wednesday 8th July	Year 7 Creative Industry Day
Thursday 9th July	7SEB Form Walk Year 12 Dementia Irish Centre Trip
Friday 10th July	Parent Consultation Day Year 7 and 10
Monday 13th July	Year 13 Osmington Bay Trip (3 days) Year 7 and 8 End of Year Mass
Wednesday 15th July	Awards Evening
Friday 17th July	Last day for students
Monday 20th July	Staff Inset - School Closed

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