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O Mother of Hope, the grace of true sorrow for my sins, the gift of perfect resignation to God's Holy Will, and the courage to take up my cross and follow Jesus. Above all I pray, O dearest Mother, that through your most powerful intercession my heart may be filled with Holy Hope, so that in life's darkest hour I may never fail to trust in God my Savior, but by walking in the way of His commandments I may merit to be united with Him, and with you in the eternal joys of Heaven.
Amen.

Message from Dr Coughlan, Principal

Friday 13th May 2022

We were delighted this week to finally open our new English block. It has taken the best part of three years to reach this point and it has been a delight to see the excitement amongst students (and staff) as they finally got chance to take a look around their new classrooms. Alongside the upgrading of our toilet facilities, our auditorium and our school canteen this is a wonderful addition to our school that will ultimately benefit thousands of students in the years to come.



One of the amazing strengths of the school is our commitment to extra-curricular provision and 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 an international visit for over 40 pupils to Valencia as part of the Football Development Tour, a trip to Lapworth Museum, our Year 8 PSHE day and a Liddington netball PGL this weekend. 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 and Paris in the latter half of the Summer Term.



We continue to enjoy tremendous sporting success as a school; the Year 10 and 11 girls' football team won the Under 16 West Midlands Cup Final. Our Year 8 team have won the equivalent trophy and are set for two more finals in coming weeks. Whilst our Year 9 boys didn't quite get the chance to play at Anfield, they can look forward to playing at Villa Park in the Birmingham School Cup final during half term and they have also reached two other finals. This has been a great year all round for our sports teams and if we continue in this vein, we look set to win as many trophies as Liverpool this year!



Over the past few months we have raised significant amounts for Ukraine and we continue to pray for those affected by the unfolding situation. As a school, we have raised over £2,000 to support CAFOD with their Ukraine appeal. We have also collected donations for "Moseley for Ukraine", dropping off bags full of food and much needed key items, all destined for those affected. This is another great example of our Year of Giving, as we live out our mission in service to others.



Next week, public examinations take place once again. We wish all of our students well as they enter into this period of assessment and we most certainly keep them in our thoughts and prayers. I congratulate all of our students on their hard-work and commitment in preparing for these examinations and we recognise the tremendous resilience our students have shown over the past few years.

A tremendous fortnight for the school and we look forward to further academic and sporting success in the weeks to come.





At the end of March, OFCOM published their 'Children and parents: media use and attitudes report' for 2022. Within this report they seek to understand better the digital habits of children and the correlation or indeed lack of, with what parents perceive as their children engaging with media.

The report is 79 pages and can be found here – https://www.ofcom.org.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0024/234609/childrens-media-use-and-attitudes-report-2022.pdf
Children and parents: media use and attitudes report 2022

Some interesting headlines from the report are:

Nearly all children went online in 2021 (99%); the majority used a mobile phone (72%) or tablet (69%) to do so.

Using video-sharing platforms (VSPs) such as YouTube or TikTok was the most popular online activity among children aged 3-17 (95%)

Just four in ten parents of 3-17s knew the minimum age requirement for using most social media; 42% correctly said 13. Four in ten parents of 8-11-year-olds said they would allow their child to use social media (38%).

More than a third of 8-17s who gamed online played with people they didn't know (36%); overall, 16% of 8-17s chatted to people they didn't know, via the messaging/ chat functions in games.

Parents had high awareness of safety-promoting technical tools and controls (91%), but only seven in ten had used any of them (70%). The tools most likely to be used were parental controls built into a device's software (31%).

As a school we continue to encourage all parents to discuss online behaviour and digital consumption with their children and encourage that all children should be monitored or restricted in some way when accessing the internet so to avoid inappropriate or upsetting content.

Sixth Form

Year 12 Mocks

Mock Examinations start next week. We are impressed with the mature way are students have been approaching their assessments.

Year 13 Leavers' Service

We are delighted to be back to face-to-face events. Our annual Year 13 leavers' service takes place next Friday 20th May, starting at 11am sharp. Refreshments to follow. Dress to impress!

Bishop Challoner Training School

After a busy recruitment period for our popular Internship Programme, the DfE have just granted us some more spaces! So, this time we are targeting University Undergraduates in any year of study, who are on Physics, Engineering or Computing related degrees to apply, NOW! We can also take a handful more Maths Interns, but we have a limited time to do this. Perhaps you know someone who is at Uni at the moment who would like to have a 3 week, paid internship - trying out teaching as a possible future career.

Some previous interns have gone on to be teachers with us and other schools around the country. Others just enjoyed the internship and gained some great new skills ready for other careers.

Please spread the word. A simple application form is on our website -

<https://www.bctsa.org/605/teaching-internship-programme>

Assessments & Examinations

Reminder of links to view subject information and guidance for assessments and mocks.

- [Year 7 P2 Assessments](#)
- [Year 9 T2 Assessments](#)
- [Year 10 Mini Mocks](#)
- [Year 12 Mini Mocks](#)
- [Year 11 and 13 public exams timetable](#)

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Apply **now** for a place on this popular programme!



Have you ever thought about a career in teaching Physics or Computing? (Maths is fairly full!)



Are you currently studying for an under-grad degree in these or a related subject (in any year)?

If so, apply to take part in our online Teaching Internship Programme. Spend 3 weeks on our programme and discover the power of teaching to improve the life chances of students. Previous interns unfortunately cannot apply. Time in schools if restrictions allow.

Apply now: www.bctsa.org/teaching-internship-programme

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Sports Updates

Football

Congratulations to the U16 Girls who won the West Midlands County FA Cup. The girls beat Phoenix 3-1 in the final with goals from Suraya and Orla, an amazing achievement for all involved.

Year 9 Boys are through to their third final of the year after beating Harborne Academy 6-3 in the semi-final of the Kings Norton and South Birmingham Schools' Football League. Year 8 Boys are also through to the final of their league after a victory away at Lordswood.

Valencia

Over 40 boys from Year 7 and 8 enjoyed a football development tour to Valencia. Students went on a tour of the Mestalla stadium, watched the La Liga match between Valencia and Real Betis, and took part in coaching sessions and a friendly match. There are plenty of photos to view on our website by [clicking here](#).

Basketball

Both Year 7 and Year 8 Boys basketball teams progressed to the playoffs of their Jr NBA Competitions. Year 7 travelled to Alcester Grammar and despite putting in their best display of the year, narrowly lost out 16-14 after overtime. Year 8 Boys will travel to Shireland next week with high hopes of progressing to the playoff semi-finals.

Golf

Bishop Challoner students had a fantastic day at European Tour British Masters golf tournament played at The Belfry. Students got to practise their golf skills with James Morrison and Richard McEvoy, both professional players competing at the tournament.

Trip to the Singers Hill Orthodox Synagogue

Some Year 10 students are looking forward to a trip to the Singers Hill Orthodox Synagogue in Birmingham. This is an excellent opportunity to spark interfaith dialogue and have a deeper understanding.

Marian Devotions

Our Marian Devotions in the Chapel. Year 7 spent time in reflection on the hope and love we can give to life just as Mother Mary.

Well-being

This is Mental Health Awareness Week and the theme is Loneliness. Please [click here](#) to view the parent/carer guide supplied by www.mentalhealth.org.uk



Mental Health Awareness Week

9 - 15 May 2022

Together we can tackle loneliness

#IveBeenThere

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.

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.

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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, 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 Breen is the Senior DSL.

First Aid

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.

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

If your child suffers Hay Fever, please provide the school with Antihistamine so we can make them more comfortable.

First Aid and Mobile Phones

Students should not be contacting parents/carers when they feel unwell and requesting to be collected from school. In the event that a student is unwell they MUST go to the First Aider who will deal with them. In the event that a student is not well enough to stay in school, the First Aider will contact parents/carers to arrange collection.

Students who contact their parents/carer directly and do not follow the procedures in place will be sanctioned, this may result in their mobile phone having to be handed in to the Pastoral office each day. The use of anyone else's mobile phone risks that person being sanctioned also.

Please do not arrive at school to collect your child unless school have contacted you to do so. We do not have school staff readily available to collect children. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Upcoming Events

PGL Liddington Netball Trip
Friday 13th May - Sunday 15th May

British Sandwich Week
Monday 2nd May - Friday 20th May

Golf Competition
Wednesday 18th May

Year 10 Synagogue Trip
Thursday 19th May

Bishop's Got Talent
Friday 20th May

San Fransico Trip Parents/Carers Meeting
Tuesday 24th May

Year 7 Reward Afternoon
Wednesday 25th May

Half Term
Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June



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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.

Busy Week for Challoner

Check out our blogs on the homepage of the school website for regular updates on events and successes in and around school.

Vacancies

Please [click here](#) to view our current vacancies.