

BC14

Heavenly Father, I choose to trust in Your enduring faithfulness. Your mercies are new every morning, and Your grace is sufficient for each day of September and beyond. I pray that this month will be one of spiritual growth, fruitful service, and deepening relationships for me and for all who join me in this prayer.

Message from Dr Coughlan, Principal

Friday 15th September 2022

Welcome to the first edition this year of our BC14 fortnightly newsletter.

It has been a joy to welcome our young people back into school after the summer break. Our students have made a great start to the academic year with our new cohort of Year 7 quickly getting to grips with life at Challoner and our older students showing tremendous focus in their lessons. For those students, parents and carers, who perhaps do not know our school as well, I extend an especially warm welcome.

This year is a very special one for Bishop Challoner Catholic College. The school first opened its doors in 1953 and so we are celebrating 70 years of Challoner and this is known as our Platinum Jubilee. Each year we give a theme to our school year. Last year we had the "Year of Character" and this year will be our "Year of Challoner" to celebrate the history of our great school. Each and every one of our young people are already making a significant contribution to the ongoing success of Bishop Challoner and they will undoubtedly help shape the future of the school.



As we were looking through the archives in preparation for our "Year of Challoner", we found copies of the first school newsletter and I thought it would be good to see what the original headteacher of the school, John Welford, had to say.

July 1958: First Issue of Bishop Challoner Magazine

This history book of yours records events in the life of our school and you can see for yourself how varied and interesting they are. But of course, a great deal of history has gone before to make possible this latest event. It is difficult to realise now that for a long time we were confined to a few of the upstairs rooms – nothing downstairs: how, through Fr Kelly's help, three classes were accommodated in St Dunstan's Church and Club room: how we had no playgrounds, no hall, no gym and so on.

But I want you to know that, even prior to this, there was a long story before Bishop Challoner School came into being – a long, long story of hard work and self-sacrifice by many people. They did this because they wanted you to have every chance of growing up to be a first-class citizen. Those good people didn't expect our thanks, of course, but, in fact, we do owe them a very great deal. If you asked them what you might do in return, I think they might rightly expect you to always try to give "Praise to God", as they have done. Hence of course our school motto "Laus Deo" below the Challoner coat of arms.

The magazine goes on to provide details of superb sporting achievements in football, netball, archery, swimming and athletics. It tells the story of the school visit to Belgium in 1958. It lists some of the clubs and activities within the school, art club, Scottish dancing, Film club, the Record Circle, Gardening club, the Soli House retreat, Ballroom dancing and the South Birmingham District Choir.

Now it's still true to this day that one of the best things about Challoner are the incredible clubs, sports events, competitions and trips we offer. There are activities and clubs to join before school every day and after school every evening. Full details of our extra-curricular programme can be found on the school website. Our educational visits programme provides incredible opportunities for our young people and it the past students from the school have visited, Iceland, France, Belgium, Ireland, Canada, the United States, Australia, South Africa, San Francisco and just before the summer break we were delighted to secure funding to enable some of our older students to travel to Vietnam as part of a global community project.

Before I end, I just want to take a moment to congratulate the students that have just completed their public examinations they are an absolute credit to their families and to the school. The GCSE, A-level and vocational results are excellent once again this year. Our sixth form continues to thrive and we have our largest ever cohort returning to us in Year 12.

I wish all of our young people the very best for this academic year and look forward to celebrating in their successes in the weeks and months to come.

My prayers and best wishes to our whole school community for the year ahead.

Open Evening

To facilitate Open Evening next week school will finish at 1.15pm. On Thursday 21st September students should arrive for registration at 11am.

If your child has been handed a letter to help out on the evening please ensure you consent via Schoolcomms.

Year 11 student guides also need consent via Schoolcomms.

BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 20th September, 6pm - 8.30pm



BISHOP CHALLONER



CATHOLIC COLLEGE

SAVE THE DATE

Platinum Jubilee Remembrance Event

on

Thursday 25th April 2024

4.30pm-6.30pm

School Visit

Range of students' activities

7pm

Blessing

MISSION STATEMENT

In our community of Bishop Challoner Catholic College we give glory to God by developing our full potential and in our service to others. In the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit.

SCHOOL PRAYER

Who am I God?
Why am I here?
What do you want me to do?
You made me special to do something wonderful in this life of mine.
Show me what I might be, what I might do, who I might help and I'll do it for you.
Amen.



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

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.

Attendance and Punctuality Letters

Please click a link below to view important letters that have been emailed to you last week. Please take the time to read them. Thank you for your support.

[Letter from Bishop Challoner Catholic College](#)

[Letter from Birmingham City Council](#)

[5 Foundations Attendance Practice](#)

Pastoral Staffing

Staffing for 2023/2024 is detailed below-

Standards for Learning Intervention Lead- Mrs Jethwa

Head of Year 7- Miss Beard

Assistant Head of Year 7- Mr Fell

Head of Year 8- Miss Sadler

Assistant Head of Year 8- Mr Brade

Head of Year 9- Mrs Whelan

Assistant Head of Year 9- Miss Hunter

Standards for Learning Intervention Lead- Mr Clarke

Head of Year 10- Miss Shirley

Assistant Head of Year 10- Mr Khitab

Head of Year 11- Mr Clarke

Assistant Head of Year 11- Miss Williams

Head of Sixth Form- Mr Mullins

Head of Year 12- Dr Osborne

Head of Year 13- Mrs McGowan

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 £741. Please support the school and your child and ensure all leave is taken in the school holidays.

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.

Mental Health Awareness Workshop

We would like to invite parents/carers to a Mental Health Awareness workshop, which will be delivered by the STICK (Screening, Training, Intervention, Consultation and Knowledge) team, part of Forward Thinking Birmingham.

The workshop will take place on Tuesday 3rd October and will run from 4.00-5.00 pm.

This will be the first of such workshops that we have offered but we have heard very positive feedback. See below for a comment from a local school.

"We had a lot of interest in these workshops, and the parents found them so helpful. It opened up a conversation about mental health and allowed parents to ask questions and seek support. We're really thankful to STICK for these workshops. They are a great team, and the parents, teachers and students really benefitted from their visit."

We will be emailing out details of how to sign up to this event via Eventbrite.

As part of our internal evaluation, we are conducting a 'snap poll' of parents' views of the Catholic Life and RE within school.

As part of this evaluation, we would be grateful if you could answer the questions via this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/quM9T8ba6Q>

The poll is short and should only take a few minutes to complete. Please note that the poll will close on Thursday 21st September.

Thank you in advance.

Sport & Extra-Curricular

We offer a wide range of sports and curriculum based activities before and after school. These activities enrich our students' education by developing their skills and wider knowledge of the subject.

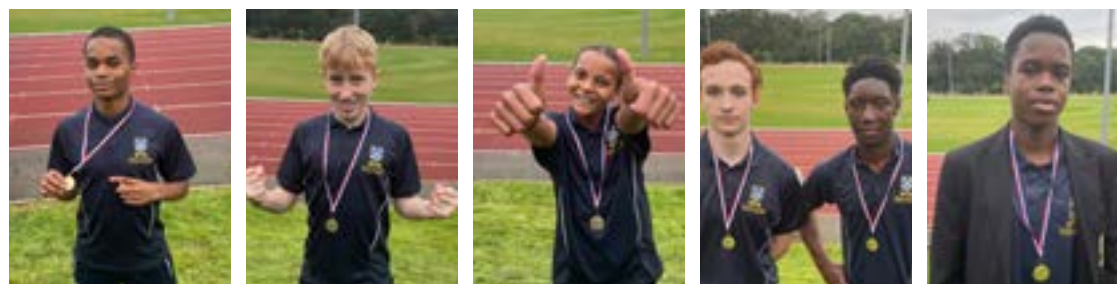
A copy of the timetables can be downloaded from our website by [clicking here](#).

Monday	Breakfast Club BC4 7.30-8.30		Maths G&T M6 3.20-4 Miss Humphreys	Cyber security for Boys C4 3.20-4.10 Mrs Sarcevic	Choir PA2 3.30-4.15 Mrs Choudhary		Homework Club BC4 3.20-4		
Tuesday	Breakfast Club BC4 7.30-8.30	Year 11 Computer Science C4 7.50-8.30 Mr Ibrahim	Dance Club Dance Studio (PA2) 3.30-4.30 Miss Williams	Robotics Club C4 3.20-4.10 Mr Khatab	Chess Club MC2 3.30-4.15 Mr Welch	Art Club A1 3.20-4.10 Miss Neal & Miss Swinger	Homework Club BC4 3.20-4	KS3 Book Club (Week 2) E5 3.30-4.15 Miss Chance & Mrs Marsh	
Wednesday	Breakfast Club BC4 7.30-8.30		Science Club S1 3.25-4.30 Mrs Coley	Cyber security for Girls C4 3.20-4.10 Mr Ibrahim			Homework Club BC4 3.20-4		
Thursday	Breakfast Club BC4 7.30-8.30	Year 11 Computer Science C4 7.50-8.30 Mr Ibrahim	Languages Club L1 3.20-4 Mrs McGowan	Digital Art and AI C4 3.20-4.10 Mr Ravenscroft	O'hello Reading Group (KS5 English Lit) (Week1) E4 3.30-4.30 Mr Welch	Maths Drop in & Homework support M1 3.20-4 Maths Staff	Homework Club BC4 3.20-4	Creative Writing Club C2 3.30-4 Miss Manning	BC Band PA2 3.30-4.15 Miss Hughes
Friday	Breakfast Club BC4 7.30-8.30								

Times:	Sports Hall:	Dojo:	Offsite/PG:	Study Sessions:
7:45-8:30	Football (Team Training) Mr Wilson & Mr Knowles KS3 Teams	Tchoukball Mr Noone All Years		
8:30-9:30	Touch Rugby Mr Cater & Mr Arshad All Years			Ms Ellis GCSE PE - WK1 PE1
9:30-10:30				Mrs Moon BTEC Sport - WK2 PE1
7:45-8:30	Badminton & Table Tennis Mr Moon All Years	COO Dodgeball Mr Noone All Years		
8:30-9:30	Netball Miss Shirley All Years			Mr O'Connor GCSE PE - WK2 PE1
9:30-10:30				
7:40-8:30	Volleyball Mr Ibrahim & Mr Brown All Years	Dance Miss Rigby & Miss Jesusas All Years		
8:30-9:30	Football Mr Brade & Miss Rigby All Years		Football Mr Brade & Miss Rigby All Years	
9:30-10:30				
7:45-8:30	Badminton & Table Tennis Mr Woodbridge All Years	Tchoukball Miss Hunter All Years		
8:30-9:30	Basketball Mr Brade & Mr Arshad WK1 KS3, WK2 KS4			Mr Wilson BTEC Sport - WK1 MC1
9:30-10:30				
7:40-8:30	Netball (Team Training) Ms Ellis, Mrs Law & Miss Jesusas All Teams			
9:30-10:30				
8:30				

Well done to Year 11 for winning their first game in R1 of the Birmingham Cup 4-0 against JHNCC.

The South Birmingham Athletics Event that was cancelled in July took place on Thursday 14th September. We won 5 gold medals across different running events. Well done to the students involved!



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, 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.

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.

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.

Please send children into school with a water bottle they can re-fill, it is important we stay hydrated with this warm weather.

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 from Heavenly Father, I choose to trust in Your enduring faithfulness. Your mercies are new every morning, and Your grace is sufficient for each

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.

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 school skirt (not lycra or stretchy). 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.

In order to complement the smart school uniform we insist that students' hair is smart in appearance and that students do not have shaved/razored hair styles or lines/patterns shaved into the hair. Extreme changes of hair

colour are also not permitted. Headscarves must be black. Braids are allowed. 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.

Please note that lycra or stretchy skirts are not allowed to 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.

Upcoming Events

Year 13 Parent/Carer Information Evening
Tuesday 19th September

Open Evening
Excellence Evening
Early Finish - 1.15pm
Wednesday 20th September

Late start - 11am
Thursday 21st September

BGT New Kidz on the Block
Friday 22nd September

Shoe Box Appeal Begins
Monday 25th September

European Day of Languages
Tuesday 26th September

Drayton Manor - Change of date
Feast of Saint Vincent De Paul
Year 12 Bonding Day
Year 13 UCAS Preparation
Wednesday 27th September

Year 8 London Science Museum Visit
Friday 29th September

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<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham>