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Loving Creator, In this week of awareness and reflection,
We lift up all those who struggle in silence, Those
burdened by anxiety, depression, trauma, or unseen
battles. Grant them peace that surpasses understanding,
And the courage to seek help, without shame or fear.
May we, as a community, open our hearts and minds—
To listen without judgment, To speak with kindness, And
to act with compassion.
Amen

Message from Mrs Giubertoni, Assistant Principal

Friday 16th May 2025

It is with great gladness that we have seen the election of Pope Leo XIV on the 8th May. In his first words to the world, the new Pope spoke of his desire for “a Church that builds bridges, dialogue, always open to receive all who need our charity, our presence, dialogue and love”.

For our students and staff, we strive to bring these values alive: we work to be a place where all members of our community come together, talking, sharing, being present together, and caring for each other.

As we start the summer term, with its medley of exams, learning, enrichment activities, preparation for next year, and more, we can be sure our students and staff will be constantly busy, working hard to make this a successful and enjoyable end to the school year. But it is the opportunity to be together, to support each other, to care for one another, and to strengthen our community that makes this term so special.

Did you also know the new Pope has a degree in Mathematics? Our Maths department may be keen to celebrate this role modelling for love of Maths, but it's also nice to take a minute to think about how our leaders too have had the experience of the struggles of study and exams – and then the eventual successes! We wish our students all the best in the approaching exam season, and will be supporting them every step of the way through the process.

I hope we can all take encouragement from the words of Pope Leo, and can look forward to the future with the sense of community, openness, and love that characterises our school life.

Sport

Latest Results

Year 9 Girls

Trevor Francis Cup Champions 2025

The Year 9 Girls became the first ever Trevor Francis Cup Champions after beating Tudor Grange 2 v 1 at St. Andrews @ Knighthood Park. The Girls deserve huge credit after having to play the Quarter Final, Semi Final and the Final all in the space of 6 days! Special mentions to Maisy H who was player of the match in the Final, Megan S who managed to score the two winning goals in both the Semi Final and the Final and finally to Alice B, who captained the team superbly and won many plaudits from onlooking scouts at the final.



Year 8 Pilgrimage

On Tuesday, a group of 15 year 8 students went on pilgrimage to the Shrine of Blessed Carlo Acutis! It was a wonderful experience for us all, learning about the life of this, soon to be canonised, Eucharistic saint of the youth! We shared Mass together, a time of adoration and received a blessing with his relics! As a designated 'holy door' during this jubilee year, we were able to receive a plenary indulgence as part of the trip when penance is received, so a huge day of graces for our students as Pilgrims of Hope!



Attendance Pathway to the Final



PATHWAY TO THE FINAL



Summer Uniform

In light of the weather forecast summer uniform can be worn.

Students **DO NOT** have to wear a-
Tie
Blazer
Jumper

Students **MUST** wear-
Shirts tucked in
Shoes not trainers

If a 2nd layer is worn, this **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.

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 in the lobe of the ear.

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.

Year 11 & Year 13 Prom Reminders

Year 11 Prom:

Monday 30th June, 7.30pm - 11pm

The Abbey Hotel
Hither Green Lane
Dagnell End Road
Redditch
B98 9BE

Year 13 Prom:

Thursday 3rd July, 7.30pm - 11pm

Highbury Hall.
4 Yew Tree Rd
Moseley
Birmingham
B13 8QG

Please ensure that consent and payment has been made via Schoolcomms.

TESCO Stronger Starts Tokens

Please remember to add blue tokens and vote at the following stores after making a purchase to enable us to potentially receive up to £1,500 to provide some of our most vulnerable students with a complimentary bagel and bottle of water each morning:

Solihull 2344 Hall Green Strtfd Exp Small unit B28 8AB
Solihull 2624 Hall Green Large unit B90 3LU
Solihull 5498 Kings Heath Birm Exp Small unit B14 6EB
Solihull 5656 Robin Hood Brmham Exp Small unit B28 OLG
Solihull 6685 Birmingham Alcstr Exp Small unit B47 5PN

Voting will commence in store from the first week in **April 2025 until the end of June 2025**. Every little helps!

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 throughout the year.

Church	Postcode	Parish Priest	Sunday Mass Times	Saturday Vigil Mass Time
St. Dunstan's	B14 7JN	Fr John Peyton	11.30am 5.30pm	4pm
St. Jude's	B14 5PE	Fr John Peyton	10am	-
Our Lady Of Lourdes	B13 0EU	Canon Sean Grady	9am 11.30am	6pm
St Catherine Of Sienna	B5 7BE	Fr. Jagadishmario Kurapati (Fr. Mario)	11am	5.30pm
St Edward's	B29 7DB	Fr Denis McGillicuddy	10.15am	6pm
St Mary's	B17 0DN	Fr John Reid	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	8.15am 10.30am	6pm
St Chads Cathedral,	B4 6EX	Bishop Tim Menezes	9.30am 11.30am	4.30pm
Our Lady And St Brigid	B31 5AD	Fr Cecil Rogerson	10am 5.30pm	5pm
Our Lady Of Fatima	B32 1LL	Fr Philip Long Nguyen	11am	6pm
St Ambrose Barlow	B28 8QU	Fr Paul Johnson	10am 5.30pm	5.30pm
The Oratory Of Saint Philip Neri	B16 8UE	Fr Anton Guziel	7.30am 8.30am 10.30am 12.15pm 5.30pm	5.30pm
St Peters	B32 3QG	Fr Gary Buckby	8.45am	-
Our Lady And St Rose Of Lima	B29 5DY	Fr Gary Buckby	11.30am	-
St John and Martin's	B12 9RG	Fr Baburao Pureti	9.30am	4pm

Prayer and Worship

Each Monday morning we begin our school day with a reflection on the Gospel shared in Mass on Sunday.

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.

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.

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.

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, insulin. 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 they can re-fill at our water stations provided or they can purchase a drink from the school canteen.

Students with Asthma must carry with them their own personal inhalers. 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.

First Aid and Mobile Phones

Students should not be contacting parents/carers when they feel unwell and requesting to be collected from school. If a student is unwell, they **MUST** go to the First Aider who will deal with them. If 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 student services 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.

Any questions or concerns please email them using the main enquiry email for the attention of first aid or call to speak with first aid on the main school number 0121 444 4161.

Summer Assessments

Please follow the links below for subject information and guidance on the Year 7, Year 9, Year 10 and Year 12 assessments/mocks.

Year 7 - <https://tinyurl.com/2838wtrs>

Year 9 - <https://tinyurl.com/mw9zd5h9>

Year 10 - <https://tinyurl.com/4rh59xw>

Year 12 - <https://tinyurl.com/bdcpjy5r>

Canteen Price Update

From 12th May 2025, there will be a small increase in some of our school canteen prices. For example, Waffles will rise from 90p to £1.00 and Juice Cartons from 60p to 70p.

We always do our best to keep prices as low as possible, and this change comes only after doing everything we can to keep prices unchanged. Rising costs for ingredients and supplies mean we need to make a small adjustment to continue offering nutritious meals to all students.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Assembly and Form Resource Focus

During last week's assembly, as part of our V.E celebrations in school, students learnt about the 80 year anniversary of this important day in world history. We explored what V.E day means; the significance that it marked in 1945; and how the quest for peace and justice is still prevalent in 2025. Students looked at images of how UK citizens celebrated many years ago as the day marked change and new beginnings, but remembered those who had lost their lives, seeking peace and justice. This week we have explored what Fair Trade means as we acknowledge World Fair Trade Day. Students were able to think about the clothes they wear and the food they eat and the origin of these products. Avoiding child labour and encouraging justice in the developing world, we looked at Greggs as a case study and their commitment to Fair Trade coffee, tea

and sugar. We have all been encouraged to look out for the Fair Trade logo when we are shopping!

Last week during our Form Resource programme, students thought about the promotion of positive mental health and took part in a variety of mindfulness activities to promote their wellbeing. This ranged from quiet meditation and prayer, to art work. Students also took part in an anonymous wellbeing quiz with the results showing that 90% of students feel confident and supported in school. This week, we have looked at the 5 core British Values and how these are reflected in our own Bishop Challoner Faithful Virtues. Students have explored how the rule of law links to our BC Basics and how mutual respect is encouraged at all times in school as we do our best to show respect each day by being Faith-filled, Intentional, Learned, Helpful and Understanding.

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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Summer Term 1	
Every Wednesday	Rosary
Every Thursday	Community Mass 11.30am
Monday 19th May	DofE Silver Parent/Carer meeting
Tuesday 20th May	Year 10 Mass
Thursday 22nd May	Fox Hollie's Visit
Friday 23rd May	Cake Sale
Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May	School Closed - Half term holiday
Saturday 31st May - Sunday 8th May	Ball Crew

2024-2025 Term Dates

Summer Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 28 April 2025

Half-term: Monday 26 May 2025 to Friday 30 May 2025

Term ends: Friday 18th July 2024

INSET Days

Monday 21st July 2025

Job Opportunity at Bishop Challoner

As well as Teaching vacancies, we have fantastic non-teaching job opportunities at and we would really appreciate your help in spreading the word. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in joining our school community, please get in touch.

Casual Minibus Driver

We are looking to recruit a positive, patient, and friendly casual driver to join our small team of dedicated drivers. As one of our casual minibus drivers, your role will be to transport students during the school week, ensuring they are safe and secure throughout their journey. This is a casual, as-needed position with variable hours to transport children to and from school, school trips and extracurricular activities.

Drivers must possess a D1 category licence and be willing to complete MIDAS training if appointed.

Design Technology & Art Technician

We are seeking for a DT & Art Technician, a fantastic opportunity for someone practical, organised and passionate about supporting creative learning.

This role is term-time only, with school hours—meaning the candidate would benefit from school holidays.

Who Should Apply?

Those with experience or an interest in design technology, art or workshop management.

Practical individuals who enjoy hands-on work and supporting students.

Key Responsibilities:

- Preparing materials and maintaining equipment, including CAD/CAM machinery.
- Supporting teachers in lessons and ensuring health & safety compliance.
- Assisting with displays, exhibitions and extracurricular clubs.

Why Work at Bishop Challoner Catholic College?

Our school is a place where every member of staff is valued and supported to achieve their best. We take pride in offering a positive, inclusive working environment with clear opportunities for professional growth.

Staff at Bishop Challoner Catholic College benefit from:

- A structured induction programme, opportunities for shadowing and high-quality training.
- Supportive line managers who provide regular feedback and guidance.
- Teaching staff have access to the Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS), which is one of the most generous public sector pension schemes in the UK.
- Support staff have access to the Local Government Pension Scheme, offering long-term financial security, including immediate life cover.

Whether your expertise is in administration, pastoral care, IT, premises management, catering or specialist services, we provide tailored pathways for development and career progression.

To apply or find out more about the role, visit <https://www.bishopchalloner.org.uk/vacancies>

Thank you for your support in helping us find the right people to join our school community.





Comhaltas
Ceoltóirí Éireann
Birmingham Branch

Traditional Irish Music Classes
at Bishop Challoner School,
Institute Road, Kings Heath B14 7EG
Thursday evenings at 7.00pm
from 12th September 2024
All ages and all instruments welcome.
Contact:
Branch Sec. belindahutchings@yahoo.com
Branch Chair, Marian Dwyer, Text 07939 094797

Irish Music SESSION
on the second Sunday of the
month at Norton's, Digbeth, B5 5LS
from 3.00pm onwards.

Everyone Welcome

Regional Fleadh, Newman University, 6th April 2025
All-Britain Fleadh, Bishop Challoner School, Kings Heath,
28th/29th June 2025