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Dear Lord, Please help me to find rest within your happiness. Make my smile linger upon my lips as I think back to an amazing memory of a sunlit place. Help me to awaken each morning with hope for everything that the world has to offer. Guide me so that I can discover life in all of its infinite varieties. Help me to discover the joy in each day and the beauty of your creation. As I go through each day, help me to touch each soul I encounter and be thankful for every person in my life. Amen

Message from Mr Shore, Senior Vice Principal

Friday 17th January 2020

Happy New Year to you all!

My resolution this year is about litter. My favourite pastime is walking with my dog Bones and it disappoints me every time I come across litter. Perhaps my disappointment is heightened because we often walk in parks or country footpaths where litter really stands out. I've come to realise that my ire towards those that drop it really doesn't help as it won't change them. So now I pick it up.

Unfortunately we have a litter problem at Challoner. I know it will be only a small percentage of our students that drop litter and as per the above it's unlikely that they will change. But the rest of us could. This year I have picked up at least 3 pieces of litter each time I have been on the playground or if I've found litter in the corridors. I know that my contribution won't make much difference but imagine if 300 people chose to do the same? So, I am encouraging all parents and carers to ask their children to do the same. Each day pick up some litter and the environment will benefit and we may change those whose culture it is to drop litter.

Chaplaincy News

Over this past term, we have created Key Stage 3 Chaplaincy teams. The teams have been bonding and taking part in formation sessions so that they can work on raising awareness of the work of CAFOD and how CAFOD World Gifts can make such a difference to peoples lives.

St Chads Sanctuary do so much good work in supporting vulnerable groups. We continue to support them by contributing items such as clothes, toiletries, food and other necessary items. The Christmas donation was very well received and we aim to replicate this in February's Donation.

On 15th January, our Youth Group was launched. The group will be held on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm-8pm in St Dunstan's Conference room, all welcome.

At breaktimes on Thursday, the Rosary Club meet in the chapel where a decade of the rosary is prayed and the meaning of it is discussed.

Sixth Form

Year 12 opportunities

Lots of exciting opportunities continue to be offered to our students at the moment. We have to places available on the "Lessons from Auschwitz" trip, which is not a school trip but organised for sixth formers around the Midlands Holocaust Education Trust. Applications expressing interest to Mrs Nutt by 30th January.

Sutton Trust UK and US Summer schools are now open for applications. These are free widening participation opportunities and offer residential experiences at universities in the UK and US.

Details of all opportunities are emailed out to students in the bulletin.

Teaching School Update

Well it certainly is "New Year, New Look!" for us, with our new website available to use online. It has the same web address, so take a look around - www.bctsa.org

Information regarding our Summer Internship Programme can be found there - this year any University student studying a Maths or Physics related degree course is eligible to apply - so take a look! A great experience and a way to earn a bit of summer spending money.

We are also starting to fill our School Direct / PGCE Teacher Training positions for September 2020 start - so if you are thinking of training to teach then do contact us to see which subjects are still available. All our course codes are listed on UCAS under the code 1K2. Our next free information evening is on Tuesday 21st January from 6.00pm, so book a place if you are keen to find out more - teachingschool@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

Upcoming Events

Year 9 Big Physics Quiz (selected students)

Canteen - Caribbean Day
Tuesday 21st January

Year 9 Holocaust Talk Friday 24th
January

Year 8 & 9 Ski Trip
Sunday 26th January - Saturday 1st
February

St Chad's Collection Begins
Monday 27th January

Attendance

Year 7 - 96%

Year 8- 94%

Year 9- 95%

Year 10- 94%

Year 11- 94%

Whole School- 95%

UCAS

All applications went off by Wednesday's deadline! Our students are being inundated with some great offers.



Digital devices remained one of the most popular Christmas presents in the period just gone and whilst these devices offer students genuine opportunities of learning, socialising and growth, there are of course some unfortunate side effects to these new devices within the home. Common amongst these devices are games consoles and whilst the devices themselves are not of concern, the features and the software available for them can present issues. Below are links to the parental control setup guides for the 3 major platforms:

Nintendo Switch - www.youtube.com/watch?v=PLdWHOW9zqc

PlayStation 4 - www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z-Mi2Ej72Fk

Xbox One - www.youtube.com/watch?v=rIt0i47exYs

If you have concerns about the content of a game, please use the previously mentioned common sense media website. This website offers a crowd sourced perspective on the media (including films and apps) and goes into much more detail than the age range on the box.

<https://www.common sense media.org>



Pinning tabs is great for those moments when you really don't want to close something by accident, or when you have so many tabs open that your screen resembles a relatively complex jigsaw puzzle. Pinning tabs in Chrome (works in Safari as well) positions the tab in the top left of the tab view bar, narrows the width of the tab itself and most impressively, remains there if you close and reopen the browser. The later if very useful if daily you have your emails consistently open.



To do this, right click the tab that you want to pin. In the screenshot above I am doing this for the BBC homepage. The screenshot below shows the result.



Remember, if I closed Chrome now and reopened it. The pinned tab would still be there! Perfect for those emails, calendars and other workflow websites you use daily.

Library Donations Request

We are looking for any donations for our library of any magazines/periodicals/comics suitable for students (sports/music/film/fashion etc.). Your support will be very much appreciated.

Year 8 Science revision guides

Any Year 8 students who have bought science revision guides or workbooks on schoolcomms need to collect them from Mrs Shore opposite S4.

French Club

The first week back after Christmas coincided with the Feast of Epiphany on the 6th January. The regular attendees at French Club, Saoirse, Ruby and Ellie were excited to learn of the French tradition of 'La fête des Rois' which celebrates the arrival of the Wise Men or Kings at Jesus' birth place. It is customary for French families to make a cake called 'La Galette des Rois' for this occasion. The Galette contains a 'fève' or lucky charm, which the children in the family are keen to find in their slice of cake and be named King or Queen for the day!

Saoirse, Ruby and Ellie followed the French recipe for this celebratory cake and the results were of course 'délicieux'!



Year 8 T1 Assessment Information and Revision Guides

Please click here to view information and student revision guides for the upcoming Year 8 T1 assessments. These will take place between Monday 3rd February and Friday 6th March.

Send Updates

SENCO Surgery at BC

Mrs Breen (SENCO) and Mrs Warhurst (Assistant SENCO) will be available to discuss any queries or concerns you have about your child's special educational needs. Appointments are available between 3.30-6pm. Please telephone on 0121 444 4161 or email:

e.breen@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk
s.warhurst@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

These will be held in PE1 on:

Thursday 5th March, 2020 and Thursday 7th May, 2020

Birmingham SEND Local Offer

Did you know there is a website where you can find all the information about services for children, young people and families with special educational needs all in one place?

The Birmingham's Local Offer is available on:
<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk>

Please follow the link and then access children's and families.

Parent Support Group 2019/20

A Parent Support group has been set up by the Communication and Autism Team (CAT). The sessions run on a Friday 9:15 - 11:15 am at GBNFC at Chinnbrook Children's Centre on the following dates:

7th February 2020, 6th March 2020, 3rd April 2020, 15th May 2020, 12th June 2020, 10th July 2020.

For more information please contact: Katie Price, Communication and Autism Team, 0121 303 1792.

GBNFC at Chinnbrook Children's Centre, 213 Trittiford Road, Billesley, Birmingham, B13 0ET. Tel: 0121 464 4772

SPARC, Specialist Adult Autism Assessment and Resource Centre WM

Autism is a life-long condition which affects about 1 in 100 children and adults. It is a spectrum condition meaning that it affects people differently and to varying degrees. Children and adults of all intellectual abilities, race and class can have autism.

Obtaining a diagnosis, identifying current needs and then providing specialist support can greatly improve the quality of life of people with autism.

SPARC is an innovative autism resource centre bringing together leading clinicians and the regional charity Autism West Midlands. Its main focus is diagnostic assessment - that is, to see whether a person has autism or Asperger syndrome or not.

The main needs of the person will also be established and recommendations made as to how these might be addressed.

Please **CLICK HERE** for full info

Autism Confident Teens Birmingham, Kings Norton (Evenings)

11th February 2020 at 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Introducing our new evening programme which comprises of a one to one session with an autism specialist at the beginning and end, followed by six weekly group sessions held in a relaxed autism friendly environment.

Ages 13-18 years/Meet other autistic teens/Understand more about autism/Recognise & manage anxiety/Understand & manage sensory difficulties/Help navigating the confusing "social world"

Date: Start day-Tuesday 11th February 2020 - Followed by weekly sessions on Tuesday evenings: 25th February, 3rd March, 10th March, 17th March, 24th March Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Location: Autism West Midlands, Imperial Court, Kings Norton Business Centre, Sovereign Road, Kings Norton, B30 3ES

Cost: Free for autistic teenagers living in the Birmingham City Council area.

Booking Information: To book or for more information please contact Amanda or Sue:

E: amandap@autismwestmidlands.org.uk
T: 07881 109 496
E: suemorris@autismwestmidlands.org.uk
T: 07808 730 519



Children's Occupational Therapy advice line

Launches: 9th September 2019

An Occupational Therapist will be able to offer practical therapy advice, strategies and support to schools, parents/carers and other professionals in relation to a child's/young person's functional and independence skills.

The phone line will be open Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm

The child or young person must be:

- Aged 0-18 years (up to 19 only if in full-time special school education)
- Registered with a Birmingham GP

Phone number: 0121 683 2325



Not Care Healthy Communities

Designed by: Gillian.B@nhs.uk, Katie.C@nhs.uk, Sarah.H@nhs.uk + NHS 10000 + 2019/01/19

Sports Updates

Extra-curricular

A new extra-curricular PE timetable has come out so please have a look and come along to any morning and after school clubs that is on offer to you.

Fixtures

It has been a great start to the new term with the Year 10 netball team winning their league! They played their final game away at Bartley Green and won 26 -3, a fantastic result and great win for them. Moving onto the Year 10 basketball team, they played their first game against Four Dwellings this week and they also won 12 -4, another brilliant result. Well done to all who competed.

The Year 11 Boys Basketball team won their game 27 - 25 to beat Shenley which was a brilliant result for them, well done! The NBA Jr continues this term with Year 8

facing Studley at home to continue their undefeated run in the League. The boys have played exceptionally well so far - beating the likes of Queensbridge and Yardley. The Year 8 team is currently in 1st place in their group, looking to progress to the Play-Off (Knock-out) rounds of the National League Competition.

Moving onto football, the Year 7 team played exceptionally well this week, beating Kingswinford 9-1 in the quarter final of the West Midlands Cup. Congratulations to all of those who competed.

Year 7 and 8 girls competed in the indoor athletics school games competition this week and both teams performed brilliantly to take the win on the whole competition! They will compete in the regional indoor athletics competition in a few weeks' time. Well done to all of those who competed.

Monday	<u>Homework Club</u> 3.10-4 (E4) Ms Wray	<u>Ms Maths drop in</u> 3.10-4.15 (K5)	<u>Wesling Choir</u> 3.15-4 (PA2) Mrs Choudhury	<u>Drama Club</u> 3.15-4 (PA8) Mrs Jethwa	<u>Keyboard Club</u> 3.15-4 (PA1) Miss Hughes	<u>Art Club</u> 3.15-4.15 (A1) Miss Swingler	<u>DI Club</u> 3.10-4 (T2) Mrs Higginson	<u>Mindfulness</u> 3.10-4 (Chapel) Mr Cappar
Tuesday	<u>Homework Club</u> 3.10-4 (E4) Ms Wray	<u>Languages Club</u> 3.30-4.15 (L1) Mrs McGowan	<u>KS3 Book Club</u> 3.15-4 (SF4) Monthly commencing 17/9 Ms Leigh-Lancaster	<u>STEM Club</u> 3.10-4.10 (T4) Mrs O'Connor	<u>Textiles Club</u> 3.10-4.10 (T1) Mrs Dane			
Wednesday	<u>Homework Club</u> 3.10-4 (E4) Ms Wray	<u>Maths Challenge</u> 3.10-4.15 (M3) Miss Stone/ Mr Sarcevic						
Thursday	<u>Homework Club</u> 3.10-4 (E4) Ms Wray	<u>BC Band</u> 8.10-8.40am (PA2) Mrs Choudhury	<u>Rock School</u> 3.30-4.30 (Recording Studio) Miss Hughes	<u>Dance Club</u> 3.30-4.30 (PA4) Miss Williams	<u>Maths Leaders</u> 3.10-4.10 (M4) Mr Clarke	<u>Geography Club</u> 3.15-4 (G3) Geography staff	<u>Book Club</u> PM Form Time (Library) Miss Beard	
Friday	<u>BC Strings</u> 1-1.20 (Music practice room) Ms Dodd							

Youth Group

In St Dunstan's Conference Room

6:30-8:00pm

Ages 10 & above

#mission #community

First and third Wednesday of each month

Mental Health and Wellbeing Support

- Feeling worried about something?
- Do you need to talk to someone?
- Do you need a quiet place to just sit and think or not think?
- Why not 'DROP IN' to one of our wellbeing sessions where you can talk to a mental health champion or just chill in a quiet safe place.

When and where?

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

Time	Location
8am-8.40am	KS3/KS4- Student Support Coordinator Office KS5- Sixth Form Office
KS3/KS4 Lunch	Student Support Coordinator Office
KS5 Lunch	Sixth Form Office

Advertise with us...

Newsletter sponsorship

If you were to kindly sponsor us, we will make sure that we advertise your business in our remaining 2 termly newsletters at Easter and Summer for a total of £100.

Use promo code (BC14) and we will put your advert for FREE in our fortnightly newsletter BC14 as a thank you for supporting our school.

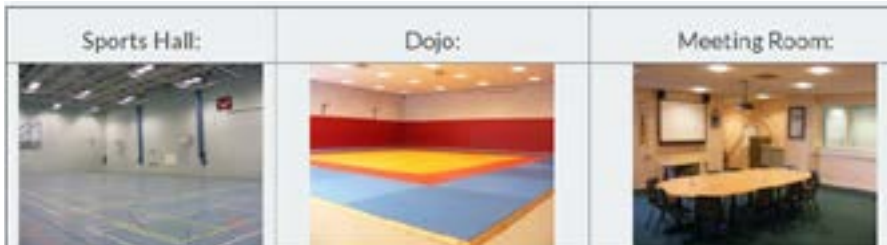
We only require your advert to be sent by email to us and we will do the rest.

We gladly accept BACS payment or Cheque depending on which is convenient for you and we will issue a receipt along with your copy of our Newsletter.

Our Easter newsletter deadline is Monday 17th February 2020.

Please email Gerald Noone:- g.noone@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

Venue Hire For more information call: 0121 441 6103



Don't take our word for it – check out the website stats and see the exposure your advert will receive. (figures quoted 1st Feb – 10th March 2019.)

- 46,167 page views to our website in one month!
- 2,330 actual views on newsletters!

School Fund and Match Fund

Please visit the school website for more information on School Fund contributions and Match Fund through your employer.

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.

Billboard Advertising

No need to pay the High Street prices for billboard advertising.

You could advertise to 2000 people a day at Bishop Challoner for a fraction of the price.

We are delighted to offer advertising space in our community areas, including our sports hall, function room and gym.

This opportunity is available for £40 per month. Please contact Laura on 0121 441 6103 or email: sportscentre@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

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