

# BC14

God of goodness and mercy, hear my prayer as I continue this Lenten journey with you. Let me be honest with myself as I look into my heart and soul, noticing the times I turn away from you. Guide me as I humbly seek to repent and return to your love. Transform me this Lent and give me the strength to commit myself to grow closer to you each day.  
Amen

## Message from Mr Cunnane, Assistant Principal

Friday 17th March 2023

This weekend sees us arrive at the midpoint of our six week Lenten journey. Lent is a period of 40 days during which Christians remember the events leading up to and including the death of Jesus Christ, whose life and teachings are the foundation of Christianity. The 40-day period is called Lent after an old English word meaning 'lengthen'. This is because of the time of year when it happens, as this is when the days start to get longer, as we approach Summer. It is a time of reflection and of asking for forgiveness, and when Christians prepare to celebrate Jesus's resurrection at the feast of Easter, which comes at the very end of Lent.

Here at Bishop Challoner we continue our Lenten journey through moments of prayer, reconciliation and charity. In the heart of the school lies the school chapel where students find precious space and time to pause and reflect on what Lent means for their own personal spiritual journey. Students are participating in powerful Station of the Cross and penitential services in the chapel, alongside the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation and we look forward to celebrating Mass together as a community to mark the end of term.

Our school community has taken time in recent weeks to reflect on our school motto 'Laus Deo', meaning 'Praise God'. During assembly time we are reflecting on how we as a community and as individuals can 'praise God'. A powerful way to praise God is through serving and helping those who are less fortunate than ourselves. In the gospel Jesus says 'it is more blessed to give than to receive'. As a community we see Lent as the perfect opportunity to praise God through supporting the B30 and South Birmingham foodbank appeal. Next to our wall of character we have placed a donation table and we encourage members of our community to display compassion through their donations of items such as; rice, tinned meat, bars of soap etc.

Adopting a reflective and compassionate approach to the way we live our lives provides us all with the opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of the meaning of sacrifice that lies at the heart of the season of Lent.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our community a happy St Patrick's day. As we continue Lenten journey help us to be inspired by St Patrick's powerful words:

*May the strength of God pilot us, may the wisdom of God instruct us, may the hand of God protect us, may the word of God direct us.  
Be always ours this day and for evermore.*

## 5 Foundations of Effective Attendance Practice



*Connecting and belonging drives the school approach to supporting attendance. All staff are supported to understand 'deeper roots' regarding poor attendance concerns. The school has developed, and embedded, an effective rewards system to further drive attendance improvements and celebrate success.*

## Young Carers

Wednesday 15th was Action Day for Young Carers. We have invited all of our Young Carers to complete a survey on Class Charts, telling us what they would like to see happening in school in terms of extra-curricular provision and support. If you have already told us your son/daughter is a young carer, please do check that they have completed the survey and made their wishes known.

The Children Society estimates that that 39% of Young Carers go unnoticed in school. Let that not be the case here.

If you have a child in Years 7-13, who helps look after a family member who has a physical or mental health condition, or misuses drugs or alcohol or is in any other way dependent on others to meet their needs, **it is not too late to let us know.**

Please email Mrs Nutt: [m.nutt@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk](mailto:m.nutt@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk).



## Year 8 & Year 13 Parent Consultations

School will finish at 1.10pm on Wednesday 29th March to facilitate Year 8 and 13 Parent Consultations.

The booking system is now open for parents/carers to make appointments. Appointments need to be made by Monday 27th March. For more information please see [Latest News](#) on the school website.



Artificial intelligence presents perhaps the next break through in consumer use technology. ChatGPT has made headlines in recent weeks as the first widespread natural language artificial intelligence available for public use. The technology is highly impressive and is likely to shape things as society move forward with an ever-increasing reliance on the technology. However, as with all technology, it can be used in a way that is both negative and detrimental to the user. Artificial intelligence is likely to play a huge role in education going forward, but we encourage parents and carers to have a conversation with their children about, the pitfalls of overreliance on such technology.

The technology should be seen as an aid to support learning, and not a replacement for work. For more information on chat GPT and the potential pitfalls of such technology, please see the following article:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/artificial-intelligence-solutions>

## 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.

## IMPORTANT First Aid Reminder

Please inform the school of any new medical conditions or investigations, this is extremely important in helping us to correctly support your child's medical needs in school. We also need current emergency contact details, if these have changed you must contact the school with new details for our records.

## Asthma, Anaphylaxis, Diabetes

In order for your children to participate safely with Trips and offsite events including offsite PE, they must carry their medication with them. This is imperative for their safety and to avoid disappointment if unable to participate. Other medications must be handed in to first aid or the trip lead on the day.

## Summer Examination Timetables

[Click here](#) to view the GCSE and GCE provisional examination timetable.



The Year of  
Giving  
2022-2023

HELPING LOCAL  
PEOPLE IN CRISIS

## URGENT ITEMS NEEDED

Collections from Monday 13th March to  
Tuesday 28th March

RICE

TINNED MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS

TINNED RICE PUDDING

LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE

TIN OR CARTON READY-MADE CUSTARD

TINNED MEAT

GENDER NEUTRAL SHOWER GEL/BARS OF SOAP

STRONG CARRIER BAGS

LIQUID/BARS OF SOAP

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Give, and it will be given  
to you. Luke 6:38

## Train to Teach with Bishop Challoner TSA

Do you know someone who would make a great teacher? We are open for applications now for a September start for our training route into a teaching career. The School Direct PGCE is a great way to train - with extra time in the classroom and yet still having some days at University. There is also support for you at every stage of the year-long programme, with expert mentors and tutors helping you throughout.

Want to find out more? Firstly, take a look at the information on our website: [www.bctsa.org](http://www.bctsa.org).

You can also join us on Tuesday 21st March, 5-6 pm for a free information session, which is an informal chance to find out more and also ask any questions you have about becoming a teacher.

Fancy spending a day in the classroom? Join us for a School Experience Day in March - we have 2 dates left that you can book, 22nd and 29th March. To book a place, click here: <https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/train-to-be-a-teacher/get-school-experience>

## Faith formation in the family

The start of a new year provides a perfect opportunity for families to reflect upon their faith and how we can come together to support each other on our journey of faith during 2023.

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 in 2023.

Church	Postcode	Parish Priest	Sunday Mass Times	Saturday Vigil Mass Time
St. Dunstan's	B14 7JN	Fr Philip Harrop	10am 12noon 6.30pm	5.30pm
St. Jude's	B14 5PE	Fr Philip Harrop	9.15am	-
Our Lady Of Lourdes	B13 0EU	Canon Sean Grady	9am 11am	6pm
St Catherine Of Sienna	B5 7BE	Fr. Jagadishmario Kurapati (Fr. Mario)	10.30am	5pm
St Edward's	B29 7DB	Fr Denis McGillicuddy	10.15am	6pm
St Mary's	B17 0DN	Fr John Reid	8am 9.30am 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	9.45am	6pm
St Chads Cathedral,	B4 6EX	Mgr Tim Menezes	9.30am 11.30am	4.30pm
Our Lady And St Brigid	B31 5AD	Fr Cecil Rogerson	9.00am 11.45am	10am 5pm
Our Lady Of Fatima	B32 1LL	Fr Philip Long Nguyen	9.00am 11.00am	6pm
St Ambrose Barlow	B28 8QU	Fr Paul Johnson	10.00am 5.30pm	5.30pm
The Oratory Of Saint Philip Neri	B16 8UE	Fr Anton Guziel	8.30am 10.30am 12pm 5.30pm	5.30pm
St Peters	B32 3QG	Fr Gary Buckby	9.30am	-
Our Lady And St Rose Of Lima	B29 5DY	Fr Gary Buckby	11am	5.15pm

## Prayer and Worship

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

Each week we share our reflection on the school website, you can view it [here](#).

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.



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## Timings of the school day - September 2023

[Click here](#) for more information.

**Monday to Thursday:** Start: 8.40am. Finish: 3.20pm

**Friday:** Start: 8.40am. Finish: 2.30pm





## 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.

## Scarves

A recent trend appears to be the wearing of scarves. Scarves should only be worn with a coat and should not be worn inside, the same as coats.

## Attendance Update

Year 7 - 95.3%  
Year 8 - 92.5%  
Year 9 - 91.7%  
Year 10 - 91.8%  
Year 11 - 90.4%  
Whole School - 92.4%

## Upcoming Events

**Y9 DofE Practice Walk**  
Sunday 19th March

**Y10 Maths and Beyond Trip**  
**Y10 B'ham Uni Day Trip**  
Tuesday 21st March

**Year 12 PCE**  
**Rosary**  
Wednesday 22nd March

**11BER/BOS Tuckshop**  
**11LUK Easter Raffle**  
**Y10 Maths Feast Trip**  
Thursday 23rd March

**KS3 Public Speaking Competition**  
Friday 24th March

**Y10 DofE Practice Walk**  
Sunday 26th March

**DofE Parents' Meeting**  
**11CEC Tuckshop**  
**Sixth Form Easter Fair**  
**Y9/10 Sponsored Football**  
Tuesday 28th March

**11SEB Tuckshop**  
**BC Tea Party**  
**Debate Mate Competition**  
**Y7/8 Sponsored Football**  
**Y8 Parent Consultation Afternoon**  
**Y13 Parent Consultation Evening**  
**Rosary**  
Wednesday 29th March

**Sixth Form Jobs Application**  
**Deadline**

**Community Quiz**  
**Easter Mass**  
**Y10 English Trip**  
Thursday 30th March

**Staff INSET**  
**School Closed**  
Friday 31st March

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