

Friday 18th October 2024

Message from Mr G Hetherton, Senior Vice Principal

Dear all,

Such is the pace of life it is hard to believe that we are already at the end of Week 7 of the academic year and only one week away from the half-term break!

October has and continues to be a very busy month in the life of the Bishop Challoner community with a range of activities taking place. Last Saturday a number of our students performed at the Benjamin Zephaniah Memorial Event at St Anne's. It was both a service of reflection and celebration and was attended by Benjamin's brother who was clearly moved by the whole experience. This week we were visited by Radio WM, who met with a number of our students as part of the preparations for a memorial event marking 50 years since the Birmingham pub bombings in November 1974.

In addition, last week some of our students performed with the Lviv National Philharmonic Orchestra of Ukraine at Birmingham Symphony Hall. The performance was designed to share Ukrainian culture and music with communities across the West Midlands with the aim of using music to help children with trauma, well-being, and cultural identity. It was a fabulous event. Finally, earlier this week Kare Adenegan, a British wheelchair athlete, visited our school and spoke to students in Year 7 and 10 about the importance of having aspiration in life and building resilience. Kare spoke with tremendous conviction and is undoubtedly an example to us all. Thank you to Mr Noone and Mrs Jethwa for organising such a fantastic morning for our students.

The range of opportunities and experiences available to our students at Bishop Challoner is absolutely wonderful and they are an essential part in our students' wider development as young people and young adults of the future - we are thrilled to be able to provide such opportunities outside of normal classroom-based activity.

I was recently travelling on the London underground and came across the following quote that got me thinking:

"No matter your age, you will always wish you started younger. But today is the youngest you will ever be."

Perhaps there is a lesson for us all in this and the importance of seizing the moment as it presents itself and making the most of our talents and all the opportunities that we are given. The next time I put something off in life I will be sure to remind myself of this.

5 Foundations of Effective Attendance Practice



Data information and analysis direct resources proactively towards key demographic groups and identified individuals. The expert use of data analysis informs decision making at all levels. The attendance process ensures the Attendance Leader understands the reason for attendance concerns, these barriers can then be successfully supported and removed.

Year 7 and 9 Assessments

Please follow the links below for subject information and guidance on the upcoming Year 7 and 9 assessments.

Year 7 - <https://bishopchalloner.org.uk/examinations-information/year-7-assessments>

Year 9 - <https://bishopchalloner.org.uk/examinations-information/year-9-assessments>

Year 11 Parent/Carer Consultation Afternoon

Parent Consultation Afternoon will be held on Thursday 7th November, 2pm-4.30pm. You will need to login using the details that the school holds for your child's priority 1 contact. Appointments must be made by the end of the day on Monday 4th November, if you have not made an appointment by this date, your child's Consultation Tutor will make the appointment for you.

Students are required to attend in full school uniform.

**HAPPY, SAFE HALLOWEEN/
BONFIRE NIGHT – REMINDER FROM
WEST MIDLANDS POLICE**

Please [click here](#) for important information.

BC Arts Hub Exhibition

Join us this evening 3.30pm-6.30pm at the Nook.
[Click here](#) for more information.

Attendance Champions League

League Table

Week ending Friday 18th October

Position	Club	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	Points
1	9LUK	2	2	0	0	6
2	8SEB	2	2	0	0	6
3	8LUK	2	2	0	0	6
4	8BOS	2	2	0	0	6
5	8BER	2	2	0	0	6
6	7TER	2	2	0	0	6
7	7SEB	2	2	0	0	6
8	7LUK	2	2	0	0	6
9	7CEC	2	2	0	0	6
10	7BOS	2	2	0	0	6
11	11SEB	2	1	0	1	3
12	11LUK	2	1	0	1	3
13	10LUK	2	1	0	1	3
14	10BOS	2	1	0	1	3
15	9TER	2	1	0	1	3
16	9SEB	2	1	0	1	3
17	9CEC	2	1	0	1	3
18	9BOS	2	1	0	1	3
19	8TER	2	1	0	1	3
20	7BER	2	1	0	1	3
21	11TER	2	0	0	2	0
22	11CEC	2	0	0	2	0
23	11BOS	2	0	0	2	0
24	11BER	2	0	0	2	0
25	10TER	2	0	0	2	0
26	10SEB	2	0	0	2	0
27	10CEC	2	0	0	2	0
28	10BER	2	0	0	2	0
29	9BER	2	0	0	2	0
30	8CEC	2	0	0	2	0

Results

Week ending Friday 18th October

7BER		VS		11BOS
11CEC		VS		11BER
11LUK		VS		10TER
11SEB		VS		10SEB
11TER		VS		10LUK
7BOS		VS		10CEC
7CEC		VS		10BOS
7LUK		VS		10BER
7SEB		VS		9TER
7TER		VS		9SEB
8BER		VS		9LUK
8BOS		VS		9CEC
8CEC		VS		9BOS
8LUK		VS		9BER
8SEB		VS		8TER

Fixtures

Week beginning Monday 21st October

11BER	VS	7BER
10TER	VS	11BOS
10SEB	VS	11CEC
10LUK	VS	11LUK
10CEC	VS	11SEB
10BOS	VS	11TER
10BER	VS	7BOS
9TER	VS	7CEC
9SEB	VS	7LUK
9LUK	VS	7SEB
9CEC	VS	7TER
9BOS	VS	8BER
9BER	VS	8BOS
8TER	VS	8CEC
8SEB	VS	8LUK

September Manager of the Month: Miss Merkulova, 7BOS



Bishop Challoner Sixth Form College

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 13th November
6pm - 8.30pm



Click here to
book your tickets



Sport

Latest Results

Year 7 Boys 4-0 Archbishop Illsley. Man of the match- James O.

Former student Alfie Lynskey played for Aston Villa's U21 team which went on to beat Bolton Wanderers on Penalties in the Bristol Street Motors Trophy.

Year 9 Boys 3-1 St Edmund Campion. Man of the match, Nathan L. Goal scorers- Nathan L x2, Kingston. Second round of the Birmingham cup.

Bishop Challoner Catholic College 4-1 WMG academy in the West Midlands cup.

Other Sporting Events

Year 7 boys participated in a touch rugby event at Queensbridge, ran by Mosely rugby club.

Year 7 girls participated in a rugby event at Camp Hill.

Ascension Dance Company led a Parkour session with Year 7, 8 and 9 students today. It was a great sessions and the students clearly enjoyed themselves.



Lost Property

All lost property found around school will be available on the decking by the canteen, for students to check.

Any items that have not been collected by Tuesday 22nd October will be donated to charity.

Please ensure your child checks all items if they think they have lost something at school.

An invitation from Kooth- the online Mental Health and Wellbeing Community.



Meeting the needs of neurodivergent and Special Education Needs & Disabilities (SEND) young people.

Children and young people waiting for an assessment or navigating a diagnosis may need additional emotional support. We're offering a webinar in November exploring how our platform meets the needs of neurodiverse and SEND young people. Please [click here](#) to book your place.

ATTENDANCE RAFFLE

To be in with a chance of winning students must have 100% attendance and no lates from **Monday 21st October - Friday 8th November.**

£50 worth of vouchers to be won.

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	10am 12noon 6.30pm	5.30pm
St. Jude's	B14 5PE	Fr John Peyton	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	Bishop 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.

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.

Assembly and Form Resource Focus

This week, students have explored what is meant by Gaming . The content looked at how to use games and consoles in a safe and age appropriate way and offered tips and advice for how to make sure that young people have other hobbies in their lives too, promoting good mental health and wellbeing. All students are aware of where they can reach out for help, if they need to.

The form resource explored our Standards for Learning Curriculum and the core set of character virtues. The focus for this week was 'understanding'; the key message being that we can all lead in Jesus' example and show how to be understanding in all sorts of different school and life related experiences. Students are rewarded for displaying any of our Faithful virtues with specific positive logs on Class Charts.

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.

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.

First Aid Reminders

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 children stay hydrated.

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

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 pleated school skirt. 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.

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.

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.

2024-2025 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2024

Half-term: Monday 28 October 2024 to Friday 1 November 2024

Term ends: Thursday 19th December 2024

Spring Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 6 January 2025

Half-term: Monday 17 February 2025 to Friday 21 February 2025

Term ends: Friday 11 April 2025

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

2024-2025 INSET Days

Friday 25th October 2024

Friday 20th December 2024

Monday 24th February 2024

Friday 11th April 2024

Monday 21st July 2025

Drinks

Fizzy drinks and energy drinks are not allowed in school, if they are seen they will be taken and disposed of. Please encourage your child to bring in a clear bottle of water, there are 2 water stations in school where they can re-fill.



Autumn Term 1	
Friday 18th October	Arts Hub Exhibition
Monday 21st October - Tuesday 22nd October	Food Practical Exam
Tuesday 22nd October	Year 11 Mass
Wednesday 23rd October	Rosary
Thursday 24th October	Food Practical Exam Community Mass 11.30pm UCAS Application INTERNAL Deadline Year 7 Maths Challenge
Friday 25th October	INSET - School Closed



**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



Second Sunday of the month

At Nortons Digbeth 1pm-3pm

Come along and listen or join in with a cúpla focal
Everyone is welcome to this monthly event.



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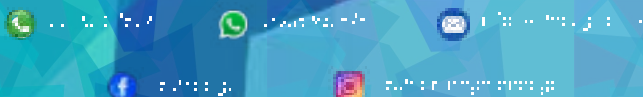


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