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Angel of God my Guardian dear,
to whom God's love commits me here.
Ever this day be at my side.
To light, to love, to rule to guide.
AMEN

Message from Mr O'Connor, Vice Principal

Friday 19th November 2021

November is the month of remembrance. We pray for school colleagues, students, family and friends of all those who have gone before us. We live in their memory through serving others. This year we celebrate the 'year of giving'. Our school community continue to go above and beyond to raise money, volunteer time, give gifts, and donate food and clothing for the common good of serving those in greater need. I wanted to take this opportunity to celebrate some of the amazing activities the school is doing to try and make a little difference and bring comfort to others.

Our non-uniform collection before October half term, when all students donated £1, allowed the school to present a cheque for £755 to Fr Mario, to support his quest in providing learning materials for children in India.

For many local families next month, the excitement in the build up to Christmas is replaced with great anxiety and concern. Expensive bills and worries about putting food on the table and buying Christmas gifts for children. Our Christmas food bank appeal is one of our most important community fundraisers of the school year. Thank you to all our families who have contributed to this charity. Adding £1 where possible to a weekly shopping bill to purchase additional food for the foodbank makes a significant difference when multiplied by twelve hundred students and one hundred staff. This will enable the school to build up the collection and hopefully fill a mini bus which will help so many families.

For years at Challoner, we have always supported the Christmas Shoe Box appeal to ensure some children from

across the world receive a gift on Christmas morning. This year we have teamed up with the Birmingham Irish Association, to look closer to home, and to support all the families in Birmingham who face the struggle of buying gifts for their children this Christmas. More than ever families are feeling the financial pressures from covid, and other challenges, and Christmas can be a very worrying time especially when they have young children. We are asking for new and unwrapped gifts instead of a shoe box. Cash donations can also be made in person or through the gofunding link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/birminghamschoolschristmastoyappeal>

We continue to support St Chads Sanctuary and are very grateful for all the clothing donations received. St Chads are desperate for adult male clothing in particular but would greatly accept any clothing donations. Staff will be volunteering during the week leading up to Christmas at SIFA fireside to help prepare meals to support the homeless and vulnerably housed adults.

Our students and staff are incredible and do so much for those in greater need across our community. Thank you to everyone for the part you play.

We wish our Year 11 students well with their preparations for the upcoming mock examinations. Our Christmas show will take place at Kingsway, Kings Heath this year on the 8th December – it promises to be a very festive evening with song, dance and Christmas cheer. Our annual Winter Soiree will take place on Monday 13th December.

Teaching School

We will be out and about this weekend at the Train to Teach Roadshow event in Birmingham City Centre! Places can be booked here: <https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/events/train-to-teach-birmingham-event-201121>
This is a free event and lots of different providers will be outlining different ways to train to be a teacher.

If you can't make this event, you can arrange a 1:1 phonecall or Zoom call with one of our team.

We are always happy to answer any questions you may have and give you lots of information!

Teaching is such a rewarding, interesting and exhilarating career - maybe it's for you!

Contact us at:
trainingschool@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

OFSTED Report

Please [click here](#) to view our brilliant OFSTED report that has been published today.

Year 11 Mocks

A Year 11 Mock Examination webpage has been set up for parents/carers and students to easily find the information they need in preparation for their mocks.

Here you can find a letter to parents/carers, the mock examination timetable and a summary and further information on your mock exam in each subject area. Please [click here](#) to be taken to the webpage.

Save the Date - Christmas Show

Our Christmas Show will take place on Wednesday 8th December at the Kingsway in Kings Heath. There will be more information sent out via text in the coming weeks.

The event will have singing, dancing, and musicians. It will also have art and craft stalls as well as a visit from Santa and Olaf the snowman and a chance to sing some carols. We hope to see lots of you there.



TikTok

TikTok has spiked in popularity in recent months and has become one of the most used mainstream platforms amongst school aged children. Like all platforms, when used properly it can be a source of entertainment and even learning. However, like all platforms, it can be used to create or access things that can be deemed inappropriate. The following link contains a lot of information about the app including age limits, restrictions that can be applied and how to report inappropriate content through the platform.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/tik-tok-app-safety-what-parents-need-to-know/>

Sports Updates

Athletics

Congratulations to both our Y7 and Y8 Boys and Girls athletics teams who managed to win the School Games indoor athletics competition, beating multiple other schools. We are looking forward to competing in the Birmingham School Games Finals in March 2022.



Netball

Year 8 and Year 10 kicked off their netball season against Swanshurst, both teams were victorious and are looking forward to more fixtures soon.

Football

Year 8 Boys secured their league title after two games in two days, beating Archbishop Ilsey (6-0) and drawing with Queensbridge (2-2). Year 9 boys progressed in the West Midlands Cup after an 8-0 victory over Streetly.

Basketball

Year 7 Boys began their basketball season with a narrow 4-0 victory over St Georges.

CyberFirst Award

Cyber security is part of our daily lives – helping to keep music streaming, protecting online gaming, securing online banking, and even helping to keep the power on in our homes. We all need a basic knowledge of how to protect ourselves and others from online security threats – and anyone with a passion for tech can step up and learn more about how to defend us all.

Harriet has attended and successfully completed a CyberFirst Girls Development course on the half term weekend at the University of Bristol. She was role-playing as cyber security expert working for a fictitious app company, Sirius Cyberworks. There was a serious breach of the company's network – a new flagship app was leaked. Harriet's role was to work through four different parts of the company, uncovering how the leak happened whilst learning new cyber skills along the way.



Building Update

We are delighted that our new upgraded ground floor toilets have been handed over to the school.



Year 13 UCAS

As Year 13 continue to work through their UCAS applications, we invited Shannen Carter from Newman University in last week to run a Personal Statement clinic. A personal statement gives a student the opportunity to tell the university, all about their reasons for wanting to study the course they are applying for, as well as all the super curricular activities they are involved in and any relevant work experience placements they have had.

Students find this a challenging process because they are not used to writing about how brilliant they are! Everyone who met with Shannen had a positive experience and was able to use the feedback she had given them to strengthen their personal statements. This will give them every opportunity to secure places at the universities they apply to. We look forward to welcoming Shannen back to the school very soon.

Sixth Form

Open Evening

It was wonderful to see so many Year 11 students, together with their families, at the Sixth Form Open Evening last week.

We hope you found it enjoyable and informative. Thanks to our fantastic Year 13 guides, and a special mention to Emily and Freddie who spoke so eloquently at the parents' talk. We are also very grateful to and proud of our Year 12 students, who showcased life in the Sixth Form by working in departments.

Year 11 students, please remember to apply for your place in the Sixth form by completing an application online- follow the link below. All applications received by Friday 10th December will be priority applications and processed first in the new year.

<http://bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk/sixth-form/applying/application-form>

If you missed our Open Evening, a virtual introduction to the Sixth Form can be found here:

<https://bishopchalloner.org.uk/sixth-form/sixth-form-open-evening-2021>

Mental Health and Wellbeing

We are in the process of updating our Mental Health and Wellbeing webpage which is full of helpful links and information. Please [click here](#) to view the first edition of our new Wellbeing Newsletter.

Christmas Cards on Sale Now

Our Artist in Residence, has produced this year's Christmas image for our Christmas cards.

Cards come in packs of 10 for £5.

These are available to purchase via Schoolcomms and then collected at reception.

Christmas Toy Appeal

This week a group of Year 7 students were tasked with buying toys for the Christmas Toy Appeal.

If you prefer to make a money donation to this appeal please follow the link below:



<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/birmingham-schools-christmas-toy-appeal>

Student rewards have been set up for all students that bring in new toys. There will be 6 Amazon vouchers up for grabs. The form who leads the way in collecting donations will be rewarded with an afternoon of indoor golf & pizza at Broadway Plaza.

Mental Health and Well-being Support



"Mental health is a state of well-being in which an individual realises his or her own abilities, can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and is able to make a contribution to his or her community."
World Health Organisation. 2013

At Bishop Challoner Catholic College we aim to promote good mental health and wellbeing for our whole community: students, staff, parents and carers.

We aim to develop protective factors by being a community in which all:

- are respected
- have a sense of belonging and feel safe
- are able to talk openly with trusted adults
- see good mental health as something to be valued and nurtured

We want all members of our community to:

- feel confident in themselves.
- be able to express a range of emotions appropriately.
- be able to make and maintain positive relationships with others.
- cope with the challenges of everyday life.
- manage times of stress and deal with change.
- thrive and achieve.

We aim to achieve this through:

- living out our school missions statement "...we give glory to God by developing our full potential..."
- our PSHE curriculum
- awareness raising (wellbeing assemblies, tips for good mental health)
- listening to our students
- gaining insights via student voice
- working in partnership with parents/carers where there are concerns about mental health
- signposting sources of external help and advice
- making referrals and working with external agencies to provide additional support to those who need it
- recognising the importance of staff mental health and wellbeing.
- modelling healthy attitudes and habits

We are not able or qualified to offer:

- counselling
- testing and diagnosis of mental health conditions
- specialist therapies



CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL

Please give new toys (unwrapped) for our local children in Birmingham for all age groups ranging from 0-15 years



Collection Dates:
1st November -
16th December

Irish TV are coming to school on Friday 26th November

Reminder of Key Dates

TERM DATES

Autumn Term 2021

Term ends: Friday 17th December 2021

Spring Term 2022

Term starts: Tuesday 4th January 2022

Half term: Monday 21st February to

Friday 25th February 2022

Term ends: Friday 8th April 2022

Summer Term 2022

Term starts: Monday 25th April 2022

Bank Holiday: Monday 2nd May 2022

Half term: Monday 30th May to

Friday 3rd June 2022

Term ends: Thursday 21st July 2022

INSET DAYS

Friday 17th December 2021

Wednesday 2nd February 2022 (INSET Afternoon)

Friday 18th February 2022

Friday 8th April 2022

Friday 8th July 2022

PARENT CONSULTATION DATES

Friday 10th December 2021 - Year 7/9/10, all day

Wednesday 23rd March 2022 - Year 12, afternoon

Wednesday 30th March 2022 - Year 8, afternoon

Wednesday 30th March 2022 - Year 13, evening

Friday 15th July 2022 - Year 7/9/10, all day

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🔗 HOME LEARNING SUBSCRIPTION

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English:	@BC_EnglishDept	Science Learning Partnership:	@CentralMidSLP
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Geography:	@BCGeogDept	Social Science:	@BCSocSciDept
History:	@history_GCSEBC	Teaching School:	@bctsa_training

B30 FOODBANK

HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS

Collecting from Monday 8th November until Monday 13th December 2021

Urgent items needed:
Sugar (500g bags, not larger)

Instant Mashed Potatoes

Jam, Honey

Porridge

Cereal (not greater than 500g)

UHT whole milk

UHT semi-skimmed Milk

Long life fruit juice

Tinned tomatoes

Tinned rice pudding

Packet/Pot noodles

Liquid or bar soap

Gender neutral roll on or stick deodorant

Gender neutral shampoo

Disposable razors

Toilet rolls

Small washing up liquid

Strong carrier bags

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Thanks to Playwaze Bishop Challoner now have a new 'Activity Finder' on our website which will help parents/carers and young people find sporting and physical activity opportunities in our area. [Click here](#) to begin searching for activities.

Upcoming Events

St Cecilia Virtual Mass
Monday 22nd November

Canteen - Caribbean day
Manchester Football Trip
Wednesday 24th November

Irish TV in school
Law Learning Day Trip
Friday 26th November

Year 11 Mocks
Monday 29th November - Thursday 9th December

Are you an employee in a state-funded school based in Birmingham, Dudley or Sandwell?
If your answer is yes, then our CPD programmes are completely free to you.

Primary

We have had an overwhelming response for these programmes; with only a few places left on some of these, it would be advisable to book now. In line with current government guidelines and to keep Covid-19 risk to a minimum, these programmes will be delivered through a blended learning approach - using both online and face-to-face methods.

Subject Knowledge Enhancement Programmes

[Early Years](#) (Cohort One starts Wednesday 24 November)

[Early Years](#) (Cohort Two starts Tuesday 30 November)

[Primary](#) (Cohort One starts Tuesday 30 November)

[Primary](#) (Cohort Two starts Wednesday 1 December)

[Primary Teaching Assistants](#)

[Primary - Early Career Teachers](#)



Secondary



Our Secondary programmes are about to start, so sign up now and secure your place.

[Secondary Subject Leaders](#)

[Mathematical Thinking for GCSE](#)

[Years 7-11 Coherence](#)

[Year 5-8 Continuity](#)

Post-16

These are very popular projects this year, so ensure you sign up now to guarantee your place.

[Supporting Post-16 GCSE Resit](#)

[New to teaching Core Maths](#) (Workshop 1 of 4 - starts Tuesday 7 December)

[A Level Pedagogy](#) (Workshop 1 of 4 - starts Thursday 2 December)

“
My knowledge of how to teach Core Maths has deepened as a result of participating in the Work Group.”

Participant - NCETM Survey 2021

These projects happen once a year so there is only a short window of opportunity for recruitment. If you are interested in any of our programmes, don't delay in registering your interest. Click on any of the links above, or visit us at: www.centralmathshub.com or [Email: Central Maths Hub](mailto:Central Maths Hub)