

## Message from Mr Cunnane, Assistant Principal

### Prayer For Refugee Week

God of love, You are the God who takes the side of the oppressed. You are the God who is close to the brokenhearted. You are the God who raises high the humble. We pray for refugees around the world. May they be welcomed with open arms. May their needs for food, shelter, clothing and love be met. May their wounds – emotional and physical – be healed. We pray that the world will hear their plight. We pray that the world will have compassion. We pray that the world will take action on their behalf.

Amen

As we conclude another busy week in our school community, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all our Year 11 students on completing their exams. Your hard work, dedication, and perseverance over the past months have been truly inspiring, and we are incredibly proud of you. As you close this chapter and look ahead to the exciting opportunities that lie before you, whether it's continuing in sixth form, starting an apprenticeship, or exploring new paths, we wish you every success and happiness. We encourage you to always remember our mission statement that encourages you to 'Give glory to God by developing our full potential'.

This week is National Refugee week. We have been marking Refugee Week across the school, with special lessons in all subjects. Students have learnt about the plight of refugees in the world today, the history of refugees in the Bible, written prayers for refugees and composed letters to politicians, to mention just a few of the activities that have taken place. Furthermore, students have prayed for refugees around the world during prayer and worship and assemblies as part of continuing commitment to our School of Sanctuary status which we were delighted to achieve last year.

This week we continue to pray for our 16 year 12 students and members of staff who are now one week into their two week trip to Peru. Whilst in Peru our students will spend time serving and helping the local community. This will undoubtedly create life long memories for all involved and we wish them safe travels on their return.

As we continue the final half term of the summer, there remains so many opportunities for students to participate in over the coming weeks. With longer days and warmer weather, this is always a special time of year filled with memorable moments. From sports days and school trips to our culture day and end-of-year celebrations, there's so much to look forward to. We encourage all our students to make the most of the opportunities ahead and finish the year with pride and positivity.

## 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

## Year 10 Mock Examinations

Please follow the link below for subject information and guidance on the Year 10 mocks.

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

## Drayton Manor - September 2025

Our visit to Drayton Manor will take place on Monday 22nd September 2025.

The visit costs £27; and this will cover admission, a wristband for free rides, transport and insurance.

Some spending money will be necessary.



If you would like your child to participate in this trip please make payment, consent and note any medical information via Schoolcomms before **Friday 18th July 2025**.

Early payment is required to ensure that coach bookings can be confirmed for the large number of students involved.

Further information will follow closer to the date of the visit.

# Challoner Chapions League of Attendance

## WINNERS 7LUK



And we have a winner...

After months of 30 weeks of fixtures, upsets and success stories there can only be one winner.

In what ended as a comfortable win of 97.35% v 93.33% our Challoner Champions League of attendance winners for 24/25 are 7LUK.

Well done to Mr Carpenter and Mr Sarcevic for jointly leading 7LUK to success. A huge congratulations to our runners up 9TER and their form tutor Mr Bloxidge.

Thanks to everyone for their continued efforts with attendance across the school.

We look forward to the Challoner Champions League of Attendance 2025/2026.



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## Challenges Abroad Peru Trip

On Friday 13th June 2025 a group of Sixth Form students made the 27 hours journey to Peru. Here is an update of their experience so far:

"Students have now really got into the swing of delivering lessons to the students and the feedback from the school is that they are the most creative and highest quality lessons they have seen at such an early stage into the workshops. The Peruvian students at the school we work at mostly come from very challenging parts of the valley where many do not have access to basic amenities. Having our students there means students develop their conversational English skills which can really help them in the future secure jobs in the tourist industry in particular in other parts of the country. Student absenteeism is extremely high in this part of Peru but students like coming to school when they have volunteers in from Challenges abroad and our students have done a brilliant job so far. The last volunteers in this school were 3 months ago to this particular isolated school, so the students were delighted to welcome Bishop Challoner students to their school. Our students have also been painting a mural and updating some of the school facilities in between delivering their lessons. Yesterday we went on a hike and enjoyed some of the amazing views of the valley."



## Assembly and Form Resource Focus

Our assembly programme continues to inspire our students and raise awareness of the world around them, whilst our Faithful Virtues remain at the core of everything we deliver. Last week, ahead of County Lines Awareness Week on June 23rd, students were made aware of what 'County Lines' actually means and what they need to be aware of in terms of their own personal safety. This is part of our preventative curriculum and promotes the Faithful Virtues of being Learned and Understanding. This week, across the school, we have celebrated Refugee Week. As a School of Sanctuary, this was also our theme for assembly and students were able to explore some facts about refugees and asylum seekers rooted in Matthew's Gospel 'I was a stranger and you welcomed me'.

The Form Resource programme continues to explore cultural and personal development themes, weekly. My Money Week led to some great afternoon sessions where students were able to understand what budgeting is and start to plan how some-one might budget and save from their salary. Lots of maths took place across the school as students started to grasp some of the financial challenges that the future may hold; with tips for financial well-being and security! With warmer temperatures, it was only too apt that this week we have looked at Water Safety with a focus on staying away from canals and rivers to cool off during these warmer days. Students were able to watch some important safety videos and of course, advice was given that swimming should always take place in a supervised pool or allocated area.



## Science Club

As we reflect on another enriching term at our school, the Science Club has been a hub of creativity, exploration, and hands-on learning. Our members have embarked on a journey of scientific discovery that has captivated minds and inspired curiosity. Throughout the term, our members have engaged in a variety of exciting activities that have brought science to life in remarkable ways.

Here are some of the standout moments:

**Fire Writing:** Students delved into the chemistry of combustion as they created mesmerizing patterns with flames, exploring the principles of heat transfer and chemical reactions.

**Wind-Up Cars:** Engineering came alive as students designed and built their own wind-up cars, applying concepts of mechanical energy, friction, and motion to create vehicles that raced with enthusiasm.

**Steady Hand Game:** The intricacies of electrical circuits and motor control were mastered as members constructed and fine-tuned their steady hand games, testing their dexterity and patience.

**Microscope Adventures:** From microscopic organisms to everyday objects magnified, students peered into the unseen world with awe and wonder, discovering the beauty and complexity hidden at the smallest scales.

These activities, among many others, have not only enhanced our understanding of scientific principles but have also fostered teamwork, problem-solving skills, and a passion for inquiry-based learning.

Science Club is eager to continue exploring new frontiers and engaging in projects that challenge and inspire. We encourage all students who are curious about the world around them to join us and embark on this incredible journey of discovery.

Thank you to all our members for their enthusiasm, dedication, and support in making Science Club a resounding success.



## Soli House

The Year 9 student that went to Soli House last week (11th-13th June) were a real credit to the school.

We shared the residential with St Edmund Campion, and we also shared our FAITHFUL Virtues where we rewarded both sets of students a reward for displaying a particular virtue. The winners were:

**Faith-Filled-** St Edmund Campion student

**Attentive-** St Edmund Campion student

**Intentional-** Petro Y, BC student

**Truthful-** Luke D, BC student

**Helpful-** St Edmund Campion student

**Forgiving-** St Edmund Campion student

**Understanding-** St Edmund Campion student

**Learned-** Vladislava M, BC student



## Year 12 Parent Consultation Evening

Year 12 Parent Consultation Evening will be held on **Wednesday 2nd July, 4.30pm-7pm**. Appointments are now open in School Cloud. 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 30th March**, if you have not made an appointment by this date your child's teachers, where they feel this to be beneficial, will make an appointment to see you.

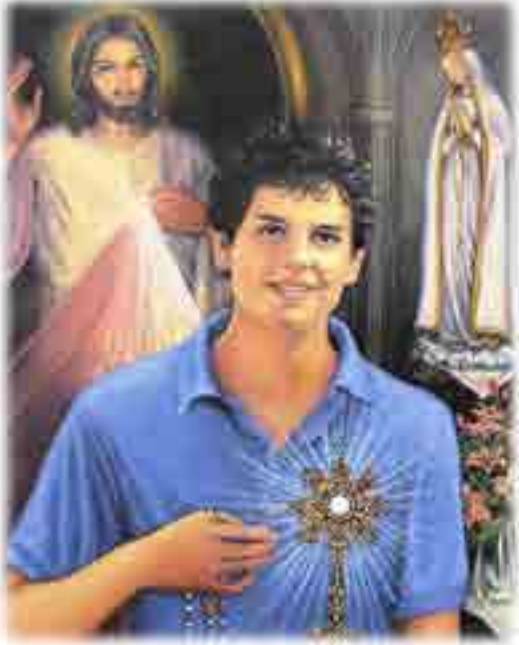
## Year 7 & 10 Parent Consultation Day

Year 12 Parent Consultation Evening will be held on **Friday 11th July, 8.30pm-3pm**. Appointments will be open in School Cloud on **Wednesday 25th July at 6pm**. 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 **Wednesday 9th July**, if you have not made an appointment by this date your child's teachers, where they feel this to be beneficial, will make an appointment to see you.

## Relics of Blessed Carlo Acutis

We are excited to be getting a visit with the relics of Blessed Carlo Acutis in school Tuesday 24th June for veneration! For any families who would like to take advantage of this opportunity, the relics will be available for veneration at St Dunstan's Church Sunday 22nd June

Blessed Carlo's Relics are coming to St Dunstan's!



On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June we are honoured to receive a first-class relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis for Veneration. He is a teenage saint of our own age who had a great devotion to the Eucharist, as well as using the Internet to share the wonders of Eucharistic Miracles all over the world. His words of wisdom are profound – "The Eucharist is my Highway to Heaven" – "People who place themselves before the sun get a tan, while people who place themselves before the Eucharist become Saints"

There will be a brief nugget about Bl Carlo shared at the end of the 11.30am Mass, with the opportunity to venerate the relic immediately after the Mass.

You are also warmly invited to a longer gathering with Jacqui in St Dunstan's Church, beginning at 4pm on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, where she'll be diving into the life and legacy of Bl Carlo, concluding with a time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until the beginning of the 5.30pm Mass. Another opportunity to venerate the relic follows the evening Mass.

## 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.

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 0LG

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!

## A Message from Councillor

**David Barker** Brandwood and Kings Heath Ward, Birmingham City Council

## New Bus Route Campaign

A campaign has started for a new bus route to connect Heartlands to the QE via Kings Heath. The route would go something like: Heartlands Hospital – Bordesley Green – Small Heath – Sparkbrook – Sparkhill – Moseley – Kings Heath – Stirchley – Selly Park – Bournbrook – University of Birmingham – Queen Elizabeth Hospital

There are two hospitals, a university, and four large schools along this route, and a bus service here could help cut down on congestion and help traffic to flow more quickly.

734 students at Bishop Challenor are in these postcodes – 304 without an alternative bus route (out of 1233)- that's 60% and 25% of students.

You can let us know if you would support it through this short survey: <https://tinyurl.com/HospitalHopper>

If successful, the top five goals would be:

Improving our public transport network; Supporting our NHS heroes; Cutting down on congestion; Creating safe routes to schools, hospitals, and the university; Improving our air quality.



## This week is Drowning Prevention Week

The link below will take you to resources for families to use together (some more suitable for younger children).

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/listing/category/drowning-prevention-week-resources-for-families>

Birmingham City Council offers the following advice:

### Water safety in parks

We want all visitors to Birmingham's parks to enjoy their visit. However it is important for your own safety that you should follow these water safety rules:

- never swim or play in lakes, reservoirs, rivers, canals or any other form of open water
- never allow children to play near water without an adult present
- do not run by the water – you may trip and fall in

If you see someone in trouble in the water

- never jump into the water yourself
- keep calm and throw them something that will float, e.g. a lifebuoy if one is available
- phone 999 for help

## 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.

## 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.

## 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

<https://widget.bookteq.com/bishopchallonersportscentre/43f86d02-be0c-4249-ba4a-637f57cfbea0/book-online/b1be746a-fcf8-4de0-a44e-2497d3876911/activity>



## 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.

# 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.

## 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.

## 2024-2025 Term Dates

**Summer Term 2025**

**Term ends:** Friday 18th July 2024

## INSET Days

Monday 21st July 2025

## 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.

## School Year 2025 to 2026

**Autumn Term 2025**

**Term starts:**

Year 7, 11 & 13 - Wednesday 3rd September 2025

All year groups- Thursday 4th September 2025

**Half-term**

Monday 27 October 2025 to Friday 31 October 2025

**Term ends:** Thursday 18th December 2025

**Spring Term 2026**

**Term starts:** Monday 5 January 2026

**Half-term**

Monday 16 February 2026 to Friday 20 February 2026

**Term ends:** Friday 27 March 2026

**Summer Term 2026**

**Term starts:** Monday 13 April 2026

**Half-term**

Monday 25 May 2026 to Friday 29 May 2026

**Term ends:** Friday 17th July 2026



# School Closures, early finish and return dates

Wednesday 2nd July and Thursday 3rd July 2025- Year 6 Induction days

**Year 8 students** will **not** be required to attend school on **Wednesday 2nd July**.

On **Wednesday 2nd July** there will be a **late start** for Year 7 and Year 9. Registration will commence at **9:40am**. Students are respectfully reminded not to be on the premises before **9:30am**. Year 6 Induction will start at **8:25am**.

**Thursday 3rd July** is a normal school day for all students in Years 7, 8 and 9

## Friday 11th July 2025- Parent Consultation Day

School closed to facilitate Parent Consultation Day for Year 7 and 10. Year 7 and 10 students to attend appointments in full school uniform.

## Friday 18th July 2025- Last day of term

Early finish, school will close at 12:40pm

## Wednesday 3rd September 2025- Autumn term 1

School reopens at 8:40am, for Years 7, 11 and 13.

**Thursday 4th September 2025- School opens for all students at 8:40am.**

SummerTerm 2	
Every Tuesday	Rosary
Every Thursday	Community Mass - 11.30am
Sunday 22nd June - Tuesday 24th June	Year 10 and Year 12 DofE Silver Qualifying Expedition
Monday 23rd June - Friday 27th June	Science Week
Tuesday 24th June	Year 7 CSI Day
Wednesday 25th June - Friday 27th June	Year 10 Carding Mill Valley Trip
Wednesday 25th June	Year 10 and Year 12 Mass
Thursday 26th June	Year 10 UOB Chemistry Lesson
Friday 27th June	Cake Sale TBC Catholic Competition - Summer Games
Monday 30th June - Friday 4th July	Year 10 Work Experience
Monday 30th June	Sports Day Year 11 Prom
Tuesday 1st July	Bishop's Got Talent Culture Day
Wednesday 2nd July	Year 6 Induction Day 1 Year Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday 3rd July	Year 6 Induction Day 2 Year 6 Induction Day Mass Year 6 Parent/Carer Evening Year 13 Prom
Sunday 6th July - Thursday 10th July	Year 10 and Year 11 Trip to Rome
Monday 7th July	Year 10 Work Experience De-brief Year 7 and Year 8 Lickey Hills Trip
Monday 7th July - Friday 11th July	Year 12 Work Experience
Wednesday 9th July	Primary Concert Sixth Form Taster Day
Thursday 10th July	Battle of the Bands Year 10 Art Trip to Liverpool
Friday 11th July	Year 7 and Year 10 Parent Consultation Day
Tuesday 15th July	Year 9 and Year 10 end of year Mass
Wednesday 16th July	Awards Evening Tea Party
Thursday 17th July	Cake Sale TBC Year 7 and Year 8 end of year Mass
Friday 18th July	Last day of the academic year
Monday 21st July	INSET - School Closed



# BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

# SUPPORT SURGERY

## ALL WELCOME - SAVE THE DATE

### WHEN

**Friday 11th July, 9am - 2pm**

### WHERE

**Bishop Challoner Catholic College Auditorium,  
Institute Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham, B14 7EG**

### WHO

Parents/carers of Bishop Challoner Catholic College students and all local primary and secondary schools and the local community.

### WHAT

Our drop-in support surgery will be joined by external providers from multiple agencies that can offer support and guidance for young people.

You will have the opportunity to meet with the professionals and gather information about any concerns you have about your child.

Also in attendance will be a Bishop Challoner Designated Safeguarding Lead, a member of our Well Being team and our SENCO.

#### **Confirmed agencies include:**

Aquarius  
Meridian Centre  
Child Bereavement  
Early Help/Family hubs  
Barnardos  
All saints project  
Mind  
Pause

**(Please note not all services will be available all of the day)**

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please be aware there is now a parking charge when using the St Dunstan's carpark.