

Message from Mrs Choudhury, Assistant Principal

As we reach the midpoint of this year's public examinations, it is important to pause and recognise the outstanding effort, resilience, and maturity demonstrated by our students. This period is often one of the most demanding in the academic calendar, requiring not only intellectual preparation but also composure and focus. It has been truly encouraging to witness how our pupils have risen to this challenge with such determination.

In particular, their conduct throughout the examination period has been outstanding. They have approached each day with a calm focus, supported each other, and shown respect for the routines and expectations that ensure a calm and positive environment for all. This reflects not only their personal character but also the shared values that underpin our school community.

As a Catholic school, we are guided by a mission rooted in service to others and the belief that every individual is called to fulfil their God-given potential. Our pupils' commitment during this time exemplifies these principles in action. Through their perseverance and sense of responsibility, they are not only striving for personal success but also contributing to a culture of mutual respect, encouragement and aspiration. At the same time, it is important to recognise that school life extends beyond examinations. Last week, 16 of our Year 10 pupils undertook a practice expedition for their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award, demonstrating service, teamwork, and personal growth in ways that reflect our mission to develop the whole person. In addition, pupils across the school continue to organise and engage in activities to raise funds for this year's school charity, Father Hudson's Caritas. At this point in the academic year, an astonishing £6100 has so far been raised, and we are immensely proud of how our young people, during our Year of Youth, are living out the Gospel call to serve others: "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink." (Matthew 25:35)

We are always in awe of our pupils and the way they embody our Gospel values and principles, both in their academic endeavours and in their wider contributions to school life. As they continue through the remainder of their examinations, we encourage them to remain steadfast, to support one another, and to trust in their abilities. In doing so, they continue to live out our mission each day, serving others and becoming the very best version of themselves.

Prayer for Pentecost
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.
O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

This week is Mental Health Awareness Week and the theme this year is ACTION.

As a school community we recognise the importance of taking action, not only looking out for and supporting others with their mental health but also taking action to support our own wellbeing. We have marked this week in school with special assemblies for students. The links below will take you to a wide range of helplines and other resources.

Helplines and online support for adults:

[Mental health helplines](#)

Helplines and online support for young people:

[Useful contacts for support - for 11-18 year olds | Mind](#)

Support materials, including stress busting tips, sleep resources and menopause support:

[Downloadable resources - Mental Health UK](#)





SIXTH FORM NEWS

APPLY NOW

YEAR 13 LEAVERS CELEBRATION SERVICE

On Friday 8th May, we held our Year 13 Leavers' Celebration Service as students came together to reflect on their time in Sixth Form and share memories from the past two years. The event marked an important milestone as students officially began their study leave ahead of the summer examination season.

We would like to wish all of our Year 13 students the very best in their final public exams and every success for the future.

★ SIXTH FORM AWARDS

AWARD	YEAR 12	YEAR 13
AMBITION	Andrea ER Dalton S	George S Patti B
SERVICE TO OTHERS	Tia MK Beatrice M Cara McC Callum K	Matipa D Charlotte J
PROGRESSION	Kian P Samuel H	Cassidy C
INDEPENDENCE	Helena C Lloyd N	Oliver F
ROLE MODEL	Sofia H Joidi M Roya Y	Luke D
EXCELLENCE	Sean McC Tulsa S Kaitlyn McG	Freya W Tom M Luis T
GOLDEN TICKET	100% attendance and punctuality: Leo C	

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

Last week marked Mental Health Awareness Week, providing an important opportunity for students to reflect on the importance of positive mental wellbeing. During form time, Year 12 students have taken part in discussions focused on looking after their mental health, particularly whilst preparing for and sitting their mock examinations.

Students explored practical ways to manage stress, maintain a healthy balance, and support one another during this busy period of the academic year.

MAUD HAMILTON

On Monday 1st June, some of our Year 12 students will be working with artist Maud Hamilton to create a mosaic for Kings Heath. This exciting project will give students the opportunity to work creatively alongside a professional artist while contributing to a piece of artwork for the local community. We are very excited to see our students' creativity come to life through this inspiring collaboration.



Bishop Challoner Sixth Form College

YEAR 12 TASTER DAY

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday 24th June

A fully comprehensive Sixth Form welcoming students of all faiths and none

- A** AMBITION
- S** SERVICE TO OTHERS
- P** PROGRESSION
- I** INDEPENDENCE
- R** ROLE MODEL
- E** EXCELLENCE



CATHOLIC LIFE

PUPIL LED PRAYER AND LITURGY DURING EASTER

Our Year 7 pupils led us through Prayer and Liturgy during the 7th Week of Easter. The Gospel of the 'Priestly Prayer', when Jesus prayed to God the Father, reminds us that eternal life comes from knowing and loving God. Jesus prayed for all of His disciples to continue His work as He returned to His Father in heaven.



In our week, we focused on how we could live out the Gospel teachings

- Make space to think about your faith, this could be through prayer, reflection, or questioning what you believe.
- Support people, avoid putting others down, and be aware of how your behaviour affects your community.
- Act with integrity—whether that's in friendships, schoolwork, or online. Do the right thing even when no one is watching.

Thank you to Amadou, Malachi, Davina, Jaxson, Roisin, Elijah, Cecilia, Painting, Musie, Trinity, Phoenix, Sebastian, Sulaiman, Crisdean and Olivia.

We encourage families to continue this journey at home by reading and reflecting on the Sunday Gospels together. The Wednesday Word is a weekly resource that helps connect home, school, and parish through the Sunday Gospel. It offers a simple way for families to share scripture and prayer each week.

You can access the resources at: www.wednesdayword.org

JOURNEY IN FAITH PARTICIPANTS BEING WELCOMED INTO THE CHURCH

This week, our Journey in Faith group, who have been meeting together on Tuesdays to explore the teachings of our Catholic faith, reached a joyful milestone. All four members of the group, two staff members and two students, were welcomed sacramentally into the Church during a beautiful Mass of Initiation on Thursday. We are delighted for them and give thanks for the commitment they have shown throughout their faith journey with Fr John on Tuesdays after school. It is truly wonderful that these members of our school family have chosen to become fully active members of the Catholic Church. As a community, we hold them in our prayers and warmly welcome them with open arms as they continue their journey of faith.

ASCENSION MASS WITH YEAR 7 AND YEAR 8 STUDENT

Last week we celebrated a vigil Mass for the Ascension with our Year 7 and Year 8 students. It was such a joy to have so many willing to support in the Mass as choir, readers, altar servers, those welcoming with Mass booklets at the door, and those bringing up the offertory. People sang and participated beautifully for this Holy Solemnity. Fr Toby reminded us that God has no hands on earth now but ours, no feet but ours. He has shown us how to live and love, now the baton is passed to us, it is our turn to live and love as he has taught us.



ASCENSION REFLECTION WITH BISHOP TIMOTHY MENEZES

As part of our celebration of Ascension Thursday, pupils from across the school came together to record a beautiful prayer service. During the service, pupils reflected through Visio Divina using He Qi's The Great Commission and Rembrandt's The Ascension. Thank you to Eryk, Reuben and Celeste, Bea and Cara and Brandon for preparing the resource.

We were also blessed to receive a special recording from Bishop Menezes, who invited pupils to reflect on which of the apostles they most identified with. He reminded them that, just as the apostles were reassured, we too have the promise that we will return to Jesus after our earthly life and that we are never alone.

He concluded by speaking about the gifts of the Holy Spirit and encouraging pupils to consider the gifts they recognise in themselves and in others. He asked them to reflect on whether they are using these God-given gifts to enrich their own lives and the lives of those around them.



CHAPEL LIFE

We have been praying a decade of the rosary each day throughout May to honour Mary, alongside our usual prayer and times of reflections. The chapel is open daily, Monday -Thursday during lunch and break times. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes we offer time for the rosary and petitions to be offered up, we have Bible study and time to reflect on God's Word, and we have music time on a Thursday, where students are welcome to come and sing and play worship music supported by Mr O'Sullivan.



GOODBYE TO ANTON AND VILEM

We welcomed Fr Matthew Power into school last week, the Jesuit Novice Master, so that he could see and hear all the wonderful work that Vilem and Anton have been doing with our pupils and staff. He joined staff for reflection before taking part in a prayer-focused hour with Key Stage 3, which concluded with pupils spending time in quiet meditation and prayer in the Chapel.

Vilem has now left us to spend the summer in León, fully immersing himself in the French language before beginning a degree in Paris in September. Anton, meanwhile, begins a pilgrimage next week, following in the footsteps of St Ignatius along the Camino Ignaciano. He will travel with only a sleeping bag and a few clothes, relying on the goodwill and charity of others along the way. We wish Vilem and Anton the very best in the next steps of their vocation. We will keep them in our prayers and ask that they keep our school community in theirs.

Follow us on X – @BC_chaplaincy
Instagram - @bc_catholiclife

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 McGillycuddy	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	Very Rev Canon Brian McGinley	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
Ss Joseph and Helen with St Paul's	B30 1JG/ B38 9JB	Fr Barry	9am (Ss Joseph and Helen) 11am (St Paul's)	5pm (Ss Joseph and Helen)

SAFEGUARDING AND WELLBEING

GAMING

Online gaming is hugely popular with children and young people.

Research conducted by OFCOM shows that gaming is still one of the top activities enjoyed by 5-16 year olds online, with many of them gaming via mobile devices and going online using their games console.

Online safety advice applies to online gaming as risks can be present in the game's content and chat features.

What issues and risks are there?

Age ratings

Regulated by PEGI, these show how old you need to be in order to legally buy a game in the UK.

Chat features, these allow gamers to communicate with other players. A simple rule for young people when using in-game chat features to talk to others they only know online is to stick to chatting about the game itself.

In-app purchases, these can sometimes be made to get additional features, items, lives or levels. These can be purchased using in-game currency, like robux in Roblox, which is often linked to real money via linked bank cards or online accounts like PayPal

Trading, this can be a way for players to exchange items or rewards within a game. Some games offer official systems, however sometimes players choose to trade unofficially.

[Help & advice | Childnet](#)

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10 top tips for safely using SMARTWATCHES

- AVOID CHEAP OPTIONS**: A cheap smartwatch could be a trap. It may not be as secure as a more expensive one. It may also be a scam. It could be a trap for your personal information.
- CONTROL CALLING**: Smartwatches can be used to make calls. This means you can be contacted at any time. You should be aware of this and control your settings.
- BEWARE HIDDEN COSTS**: Some smartwatches have hidden costs. These could be for the watch itself, or for the services it uses. You should be aware of these costs before you buy.
- ENABLE FAMILY SHARING**: Some smartwatches have family sharing. This means you can share your location with your family. You should be aware of this and control your settings.
- MAKE THEM COOL FOR SCHOOL**: Some smartwatches have been banned from school. You should be aware of this and control your settings.
- BE MINDFUL OF BEDTIME**: Smartwatches can be used to track your sleep. This means you can be contacted at any time. You should be aware of this and control your settings.

Meet Our Expert: [@national_online_safety](#)

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, any DSL or a member of the Wellbeing Team.



Mental health support for children, young people, and their families

Need support with:

- low mood
- anxiety
- stress
- managing emotions

Our team offer the right mental health support at the right time for children and young people within schools and colleges.

We provide low intensity CBT-based support to children and young people aged 5-18.* We also work with parents/carers to provide support for their young people.

CONTACT US:

- 0121 227 8254
- compass-uk.org
- birminghamhst
- @compass-uk.org

*up to 25 years old for care leavers with special education needs or disability

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OUR APPS

FAMILY HUB TOGETHER ST PAUL'S

HALL GREEN DISTRICT WHAT'S ON

1ST APRIL - 30TH JUNE

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V SPORTS

FIXTURES

Our Year 10 footballers lost in the League final this week against Kings Norton Boys' by 3 goals to 0. The game was played in good spirits at Pershore Towns home ground.

U13 and U15 tennis players beat St George's this week in their first tennis fixture of the year. Noah Y was the stand out performer. Well done to all involved!

WELL DONE LOUIS!

Congratulations to Louis, Year 10 on his recent sporting achievement.



Louis competed in the British Junior Powerlifting Championships, where he achieved an outstanding silver medal in the Under 18s sub-59kg category, competing as the youngest participant in his division.

As part of this achievement, Louis also broke his own West Midlands records and achieved a personal best deadlift of 170kg.

This is an incredible accomplishment and reflects the hard work, dedication and commitment he has shown towards his sport.

180 CLUB

Well done to Noah, Year 10 for becoming our first student to join the 180 Club! An extremely impressive achievement, hitting the first 180 since the club's inception. Hopefully, there will be many more to come.



PRELOVED YEAR 11 PE KIT

The PE department will gladly welcome any donations of Year 11 PE kit to keep as spares for any students that need them. Thank you for your continued support.

GOLF

On Thursday 14 May, nine KS4 students from Bishop Challoner Catholic College — including members of our GCSE PE — competed in the Catholic School Partnership Golf Competition at Cocksmoor Woods Golf Club, Kings Heath. Facing three other schools within the partnership, our students delivered an outstanding performance to win the competition convincingly. A special mention must go to Billy King, whose score of +3 was the standout result of the day and a real credit to himself and the school. All nine competitors represented Bishop Challoner with great attitude and pride, and the PE department couldn't be more pleased with the result. Congratulations to everyone involved.



DOFE SILVER EXPEDITION

We are incredibly proud of our Year 10 pupils for successfully completing their Silver DofE practice expedition. Over the course of the expedition, they worked hard navigating their routes, walking long distances, cooking their own meals, and demonstrating excellent teamwork while setting up camp. They showed great resilience, determination, and a positive attitude, even when faced with challenges. This experience has prepared them well for their qualifying expedition, which they will complete in a few weeks' time. Well done to all involved.



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Communication and Autism Team

Parent Carer Workshop - Understanding Masking

Summer Term 2026

We would like to invite you to a CAT Parent carer workshop for parent carers who would like to increase their understanding of Autistic masking, and ways to support their child.

To support parent carers and family members of children with a diagnosis of autism, or who are on the Neurodevelopmental Pathway for autism assessment.

All Birmingham parent carers and adult family members are welcome

Date: Tuesday 2nd June 2026 9.15-10.45am

Book via the following link:
<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/cat-parent-carer-workshop-understanding-masking-via-microsoft-teams-thursday-4th-june/>

Sessions will take place via Microsoft Teams - a link be sent to you prior to the session.

We look forward to seeing you there - Viv Walters, Julie Watchorn Brennan and Dawn Fisher



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Parent Carer Workshop - Transitions

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All Birmingham parent carers and adult family members are welcome

Date: Thursday 4th June 12.30pm -2.00pm

Book via the following link:
<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/cat-parent-carer-workshop-understanding-masking-via-microsoft-teams-thursday-4th-june/>

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We look forward to seeing you there - Dawn Fisher and Lisa Walmsley



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All Birmingham parent carers and adult family members are welcome

Date: Wednesday 3rd June 2026 9.15-10.45am

No booking required - just turn up on the day. Please note there will be no childcare facilities.

Venue: Colmore Infant School, Colmore Road, Birmingham, B14 6AJ

We look forward to seeing you there - Lisa Walmsley and Dawn Fisher



Communication and Autism Team

Male Parent Carer Workshop

Summer Term 2026

We would like to invite fathers, grandfathers and uncles of young people with a diagnosis of autism, or who are on the Neurodevelopmental Pathway for autism assessment to learn about how best to support your child or young person.

All Birmingham parent carers are welcome

Date: Tuesday 2nd June 2026 - 6-7.30pm

Book via the following link:
<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/cat-male-parent-carer-workshop-via-microsoft-teams-tuesday-2nd-june-2026/>

Sessions will take place via Microsoft Teams - a link be sent to you prior to the session.

We look forward to seeing you there - Matt Blackburn and Ansar Fazal



EXAMINATIONS

The team are preparing for supporting with exam and assessment invigilating duties, for advance support with navigating exams as neurodivergent young person, advice for Young Minds Charity is here:

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/blog/exam-tips-for-neurodivergent-and-disabled-students/>



Nurturing ADHD Kids

Free online courses for Birmingham parents and carers of children and young people with ADHD

Does your child have ADHD or suspected ADHD?

Join one of our friendly six week course to learn how to understand and support them

You can join the day time session or the evening one.

It is online so you join from your own home.

You can register using the QR codes or email contactus@brewseducation.org

Registration closes at midnight on Friday 5th June 2026

Monday mornings
10.00 - 11.30 am
starting Monday June 8th

Wednesday evenings
7-8.30 pm
starting Wednesday 10th June

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£70 SCHOOL UNIFORM GRANT

Once again we will be working with the Yardley Education Foundation to provide eligible parents a grant of £70 towards their child's school uniform. Please read the information sent to us by the Yardley Education Foundation carefully to see if your child qualifies for the grant.

The Trust have decided to restrict the uniform grant to 2 year groups during a child's journey through school. This will be in the form of a voucher for Year 7's when they join the school, and another in Year 10 when they start their options.

For both year groups, the entitlement will be for those students who currently qualify for Free School meals, to qualify you must complete an online Free School Meal Application using the link below:

<https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/>

****Please note that the child must also live within the Ancient Parish of Yardley. See map below for remit area.**

**Year 10: The link is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RKSMSSY>
Password for this is: YEF2026**

**For New Year 7 pupils: The link is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KT5Q1N9>
Password for this is: YEF2026**

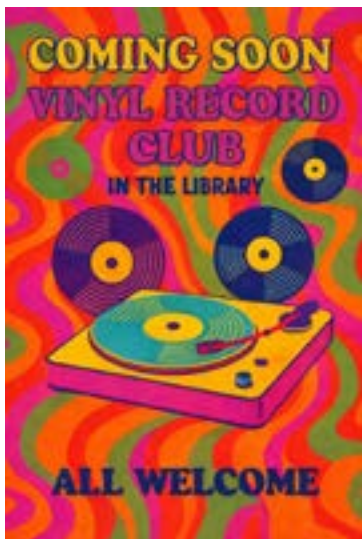


LIBRARY NEWS

BOARD GAMES WANTED!

Board Games Wanted - If you have any unwanted board games please consider donating them to the library. Our break and lunch sessions are very busy and the students love to enjoy some social time with a board game.

COMING SOON VINYL RECORD CLUB IN THE LIBRARY



ALL WELCOME

PLEASE RETURN OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS.

We have over 450 books missing from our shelves.



The average cost of a book is £7.50. Help us avoid having to replace missing books by returning any overdue library books.



Family Wellbeing Walk

Join us for a fun, relaxed walk in Cannon Hill Park. A chance to connect, move and enjoy time together as a community!

Cannon Hill Park
Russell Road, Moseley, Birmingham, B13 8RD

Email amyl@autismwestmidlands.org.uk for questions

Friday 12th June

10am - 12pm

Meet at the band stand



Scan to book your free place!

Children and young people welcome. If it's raining bring your wellies and a broly!



Autism West Midlands take no responsibility for children or property

YEAR 10 & YEAR 12 MOCKS

Please follow the links below for subject information and guidance on the upcoming mocks.

Year 10 - <https://bishopchalloner.org.uk/examinations-information/year-10-mocks>

Year 12 - <https://bishopchalloner.org.uk/sixth-form/welcome/external-examinations/year-12-mocks>

YEAR 7 CHARITY SALES

Throughout this year each Year 7 form has been involved in raising money for our school charity, Father Hudson's Caritas. This term it has been the turn of 7CEC and 7TER. 7CEC started us off straight after Easter with a delicious cake sale. The treats on offer included chocolate cake, cupcakes and donuts. It is safe to say that the foyer was buzzing with activity, with cakes selling out after first break and Mr Wells doing a quick dash to the high street to restock for second break!

Well done to Conor C, Joe A, Mason M, Rosie-Mae R, Eiliyah A, Darcy H and Maia-Rose K for living out our mission statement of 'giving service to others' through volunteering to support with the sale. 7TER have followed this up with a donut sale in our final week before half term.

Miss Claire thought she might have over-predicted the popularity of donuts when she turned up to school with 10 trays of them – how wrong she was. Well done also to Amanze H-E, Ruby N-B, Olivia A, Areeb M, Isabella B, Cuba C, Isla H and Ellis M-F for committing their breaktimes to selling the donuts over not just one, but two days. Collectively – and most importantly – 7CEC and 7TER have raised over £100 for our school charity.



YEAR 11 FOCUS

I just wanted to take a moment to say how incredibly proud we are of our Year 11 students as we begin the exam season.

The atmosphere around school each morning has been brilliant. Seeing so many students coming in from 7am for revision sessions, supporting each other, and making the most of every opportunity really shows the determination and commitment of this year group. Exams can be stressful, but Year 11 have approached them with maturity, resilience, and a genuinely positive attitude. Staff have commented on how focused and respectful students have been, and it has been great to see the effort being put in both inside and outside the classroom.

A reminder that intervention sessions are still running and are there to help students feel as prepared and confident as possible. Please continue to attend, ask questions, and make use of all the support available.

Most importantly, I want students to remember to believe in themselves. You have worked hard for this moment and should be proud of how far you have already come.

On behalf of all the staff, I want to wish every Year 11 student the very best of luck over the coming weeks. Keep going you have got this!

Just a quick reminder that Year 11 Prom tickets are still available. Prom is the 19th June at the Abby Hotel.

Please make sure tickets are purchased to avoid missing out on what promises to be a fantastic evening celebrating the end of Year 11.

We're looking forward to an unforgettable night!



DEMENTIA CLINIC

Some of our Year 10 students were honoured to be invited to support the dementia support clinic run by the Birmingham Irish Association at Maryvale on Wednesday. It was a fantastic day and a wonderful opportunity for our students to spend time with individuals living with dementia, while also seeing first-hand the incredible support provided by the volunteers. Students joined in with games of skittles, shared lunch with the group, and one of our students even performed a song after lunch, with everyone joining together for a rendition of "I Can't Help Falling in Love with You." It was a truly rewarding experience, and our students gained so much from the day.



BUS PASS OFFER

Free bus passes are available for any children residing in temporary accommodation. Please contact a member of the safeguarding or wellbeing team at school on 0121 444 4161 or email enquiry@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk for more information.

FORM RESOURCES

Over the past two weeks at Bishop Challoner Catholic College, students have been exploring the importance of both mental and physical wellbeing through our form time programme and Health and Hygiene focus activities, alongside looking after our mental health (especially during exam season!)

As part of Mental Health Awareness Week, students discussed this year's key themes of exam anxiety, mindfulness and acknowledging emotions. With assessments and exams approaching for many year groups, form activities encouraged students to recognise that feeling nervous or worried is completely normal and that there are positive ways to manage these emotions.

Students explored practical strategies to support their mental wellbeing, including:

- Mindfulness and breathing techniques
- Taking regular breaks from revision
- Talking openly about emotions
- Maintaining a healthy balance between work and rest
- Supporting friends who may be feeling overwhelmed



STUDENT REWARDS

YEAR GROUP	MOST POSITIVE LOGS	
YEAR 7	Jack C Amira M Eryk B Olivia A Laia B Malachi D Isabella J Cillian McD Moira C Nuala-Rose H Mason M	Connie-Beau M Thanduxolo N Ellis M-F Eliza C Phoenix F Nyola M-A Adam K Ellis C Orlaith B Arlo C
YEAR 8	Noel C Dakota A Milaan L Alexander M Nina B Jeremiah O Milaan L	Essay G Isaac K Rosie C Evania R Anenyasha N Aydin K John Victor S
YEAR 9	Jedidiah O-E Pio S Hasan M Dominic R Charlie H-B Kaiden G	Angelina E-R Ceasar K-B Kayven R Elin C Gabriele L

A key message throughout the week was the importance of acknowledging emotions rather than ignoring them. Students reflected on how recognising feelings such as stress, anxiety or frustration can help them better manage challenges and seek support when needed.

Alongside this, students also focused on the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle through our Health and Hygiene resources. Sessions highlighted how everyday habits can have a major impact on both physical and mental health, including:

- The importance of washing hands regularly
- Looking after personal hygiene and cleanliness
- Maintaining healthy teeth and dental hygiene
- The benefits of good quality sleep
- Eating a balanced diet
- Staying active through regular exercise

Students discussed how healthy routines can improve concentration, energy levels, confidence and overall wellbeing — especially during busy periods in school. They even made personal pledges to promote their own healthy lives. At Bishop Challoner, we are committed to supporting students not only academically, but also emotionally, socially and physically, helping every young person develop healthy habits that will benefit them both inside and outside the classroom.

ASSEMBLIES

Last week, we celebrated the Feast of the Ascension. Students joined an online service that was led by their peers with readings and music. With reverence, students celebrated the bodily ascension of Jesus Christ into heaven. Occurring exactly forty days after Easter, it commemorates Jesus' final physical appearance to his disciples and his departure into the clouds, marking the conclusion of his earthly ministry.

This week in assembly, students at Bishop Challoner Catholic College came together to reflect on the importance of cultural diversity and what it means to live in a respectful and understanding community.

As part of recognising World Day for Cultural Diversity on 21st May 2026, assemblies focused on celebrating the many cultures, languages, traditions and experiences that make our school such a vibrant place to learn and grow. Students explored how diversity strengthens communities and how everyone's background and story matters.

The assembly reminded students that cultural diversity includes:

- Different backgrounds and traditions
- Languages and religions
- Foods, music and celebrations
- The unique experiences that shape who we are

Students reflected on how culture is part of everyday life, from the food we eat and the languages we speak, to family traditions, music and celebrations.

A key focus of the assembly was linking cultural diversity to our Faithful Virtues. Students were encouraged to follow the example of Jesus by showing kindness, understanding and respect towards others, especially those who may feel different or new to our community. The assembly also highlighted how fortunate we are to live in Birmingham, one of the most culturally diverse cities in the UK, with over 180 nationalities and more than 100 languages spoken across the city. Students discussed how diversity helps make Birmingham creative, welcoming and full of opportunity.

The assembly also introduced exciting plans for our upcoming Culture Day for Key Stage 3 students. Pupils will have the opportunity to:

- Wear clothing that represents their cultural heritage
- Take part in culturally diverse activities and lessons
- Enjoy performances celebrating cultures from around the world
- Participate in the Culture Day Fashion Show or talent performances

The assembly ended with a reminder that respect is not simply about being polite, it is about recognising the value and dignity of every person. As a school community, we continue striving to be respectful, learned and understanding in all that we do.

WORLD CUP OF ATTENDANCE - RACE TO THE FINAL

In the final half term we will be running our World Cup-Race to the final, a form competition combining attendance and the world cup. Each form will represent one of the countries at the World Cup and will gain points for the forms attendance as well as that country's performance in the world cup. The draw for each country took place at break time today and the atmosphere was brilliant! A member of each form randomly selected a country that they will be representing along with football music and a cheering crowd!

FORM	COUNTRY	FORM	COUNTRY	FORM	COUNTRY
7BER	Mexico	9BER	Japan	12BOS	United States
7BOS	Bosnia and Herzegovnia	9BOS	Egypt	12LUK	Sweden
7CEC	Ecuador	9CEC	Iraq	12SEB	Argentina
7LUK	Spain	9LUK	Belgium		
7SEB	Canada	9SEB	Czechia		
7TER	Norway	9TER	Germany		
8BER	Scotland	10BER	Congo DR		
8BOS	South Africa	10BOS	Croatia		
8CEC	Austria	10CEC	Saudi Arabia		
8LUK	Netherlands	10LUK	Colombia		
8SEB	IR Iran	10SEB	Argentina		
8TER	Brazil	10TER	England		





SUMMER UNIFORM

From Monday 1st June 2026 students can begin to wear Summer Uniform as detailed below-

- No tie
- No blazer
- No jumper
- Shirt tucked in

Second layer if worn **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

If your child chooses not to wear summer uniform then the standard uniform requirements still apply. 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 gold or silver 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.

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.

FIRST AID INFORMATION AND PROCEDURES

Medication; All medication should be handed into first aid and not carried by the students. Exception EpiPen, Asthma inhalers and insulin as well as 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 which they can re-fill at our water stations provided. Alternatively, they can purchase a drink from the school canteen.

Students with Asthma must carry their own personal inhalers with them. 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.

REPORTING AN 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.

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.

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SCHOOL YEAR 2025 TO 2026

SUMMER TERM 2026

Half-term: Monday 25 May 2026 to Friday 29 May 2026

Term ends: Friday 17th July 2026



INSET DAYS

Monday 20th July 2026



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Summer Term 1

Every Wednesday	Rosary
Every Thursday	Community Mass - 11.30am
Monday 1st June	School Open
Tuesday 2nd June	Year 8 Virtual Experience
Sunday 7th June - Tuesday 9th June	Year 10 and 12 Silver DofE Practice Expedition
w/b Monday 15th June	Refugee and Creativity Week Science Week Drowning Prevention Week
Tuesday 16th June	9BOS Cake Sale
Wednesday 17th June	Year 12 Sports Day
Friday 19th June	Fathers Day Hamper Year 11 Prom
Monday 22nd June - Wednesday 24th June	Year 10 Carding Mill Valley Trip
Monday 22nd June - Friday 26th June	Year 12 Work Experience
Wednesday 24th June	Golf Tournament Sixth Form Taster Day
Thursday 25th June - Friday 26th June	Year 7 France Trip Year 13 Prom 10BER Charity Event
Friday 26th June	Catholic Secondary Schools PE Event - Year 7 and 8 RBC Cricket Leadership Day University of Birmingham Open Day
Monday 29th June	Year 10 Work Experience Week Year 12 Work Experience De-brief and UCAS Workshop
Tuesday 30th June	Year 6 Parent/Carer Transition Evening Year 7 Lickey Hills
Wednesday 1st July	Year 6 Transition Day Year 6 Mass with parents/carers, 2pm at St Dunstan's School closed for Year 8 students only Late start for Year 7, 9 and 10 (details to be confirmed)
Thursday 2nd July	Culture Day
Friday 3rd July	Sports Day Year 7, 8 and 9 St Dunstan's Football Fundraiser Year 7, 8 and 9
Tuesday 7th July	7SEB Ice Cream Sale Year 12 Mock Assessment Day San Francisco Trip (7 days)
Wednesday 8th July	Year 7 Creative Industry Day
Thursday 9th July	7SEB Form Walk Year 12 Dementia Irish Centre Trip
Friday 10th July	Parent Consultation Day Year 7 and 10
Monday 13th July	Year 13 Osmington Bay Trip (3 days) Year 7 and 8 End of Year Mass
Wednesday 15th July	Awards Evening
Friday 17th July	Last day for students
Monday 20th July	Staff Inset - School Closed