

# BC14

Heavenly Father, I pray that I may live in truth; and without fear of life or death live content in the faith of eternal life. Amen.

Friday 22nd November 2019

## Message from Mr McGurran, Senior Vice Principal

This month marked the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. Some readers may well remember switching on their TVs in November 1989 to watch with dismay as East and West Berliners took to the streets with sledgehammers to remove a wall that had divided their communities for almost three decades. There was scenes of incredible emotion as friends and relatives who had not seen or spoken to each other for almost three decades hugged and kissed and renewed old acquaintances. Families were even reunited.

While it existed the Wall stood for division and intolerance. It was a symbol of what happens to societies when distrust and prejudice are allowed to flourish. But walls do not divide societies or communities. Even without walls they can be divided. Over the last three years our society has been divided over Brexit. Whether you support it or are against it, there can be little doubt that the division it has caused has been hugely damaging. It will be for politicians and citizens alike to repair this damage.

As a community of faith Bishop Challoner works hard to fight division and intolerance. We are guided by Gospel teachings to strive for equality, tolerance, justice and compassion. When Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan he was reminding His followers that everyone is our neighbour. When He ate with tax collectors and helped the adulterous woman He was reminding us that there was nobody beyond redemption and that God loves and forgives everyone.

We live in a society where people, be it their fault or through no fault of their own, slip through the cracks and become homeless. There are people in our community who, while not homeless, struggle to pay the bills and put food on the table. A divided community might say these people

are not our problem but a united and compassionate community would hold true to the teachings of Jesus and view these people as our collective responsibility. As a faith community, committed to including all regardless of race, class, wealth or viewpoint, our duty, as a Catholic community, must be to support those less fortunate than ourselves. We have a proud tradition of supporting the less fortunate with our shoebox appeal. As we move into the season of advent the school intends to help those in our local community most in need of it.

The Trussell Trust does amazing work "helping local people in crisis." Starting on Monday 25th November they are starting food collections to support our most vulnerable. We are going to organize this collection on their behalf and would ask our students and families to support us by bring the following items into school where they can be spared. Food will be collected using the following:

- Milk Monday (UHT Milk please)
- Tins Tuesday (Custard, Macaroni cheese)
- Washday Wednesday (Washing powder/shower gel/ soap)
- Treats Thursday (Chocolate, Biscuits)
- Fruit Juice Friday.

We aim to deliver our collections to the food bank on Monday 7th December so that it can reach families in need before Christmas. It was Pope Francis who reminded Donald Trump when he wanted to build a wall between the USA and Mexico that compassionate communities build bridges, not walls.

We thank you for your support.

## Student Support/Health and Well Being

In both Personal Tutor sessions and assemblies before the end of term, students will be reminded of the staff in school who are available to support them with any Health and Well Being issues. We have a team of staff that have all received appropriate training, these staff wear a green badge as shown on their staff lanyard so that students can identify them. The Health and Well Being team consists of-

- Mrs Breen-** Vice Principal/Senior DSL
- Mr Clarke-** Head of Year 11
- Mrs Nutt-** Associate Principal- Sixth Form/DSL
- Mrs Peckover-** Student Support Manager/DSL
- Mrs Reynolds-** Student Services- Sixth Form
- Mrs Spencer-** Student Support Co-ordinator
- Mr Tipping-** Student Support Co-ordinator/DSL

Mrs Peckover will be available in the foyer for any Year 7, 9 and 10 parents to speak to at Parent Consultation Day on Friday 13th December.

## Mental Health and Wellbeing Support

- Feeling worried about something?
- Do you need to talk to someone?
- Do you need a quiet place to just sit and think or not think?
- Why not 'DROP IN' to one of our wellbeing sessions where you can talk to a mental health champion or just chill in a quiet safe place.

### When and where?

#### TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

Time	Location
8am-8.40am	KS3/KS4- Student Support Coordinator Office KS5- Sixth Form Office
KS3/KS4 Lunch	Student Support Coordinator Office
KS5 Lunch	Sixth Form Office



As we enter the lead up to Christmas, there is no doubt that many young people will be requesting the latest video games for a present. Worryingly, the amount of these products that feature 'in-app purchases' and online features has risen meaning that the initial cost of the product may not be the only one. The vast majority of these games now feature online play where users can use real world money to make purchases in the game to increase their enjoyment and competitiveness. We feel it is vitally important that parents and carers have a conversation with their child to discuss the risks and what to do to stay safe on what should be, an enjoyable form of entertainment.

[www.getsafeonline.org/protecting-yourself/online-gaming](http://www.getsafeonline.org/protecting-yourself/online-gaming)

## Bishop Challoner Chaplaincy

St. Dunstan is hosting Reconciliation Services. Please consider taking the time to reconcile relationships during this Advent. Everyone is welcome at St. Dunstan and St. Jude's reconciliation services.

We (BCCC) are doing examinations of Conscience. This is an opportunity to reflect upon ourselves; our past choices and our future. Pupils are given the opportunity to reflect and prepare for reconciliation. In December a weekly opportunity for Reconciliation with Fr. Mario in the Chapel-Wednesdays Period 3 is offered.

St. Dunstan's have a Little Lambs group for Mothers and little ones. Our Health and Social Care Year 10 students will be supporting them every Friday

## Teaching School Update

We are starting to hold interviews for our Teacher Training programme ready to start in September in a whole range of subjects! So many options within our partner schools, such as Maths, Sciences, English, DT, Geography and Languages, as well as Primary options. PE is about full, but we run a popular course with Newman University which is Primary with a PE Specialism. Why not come and find out more about becoming a teacher at one of our free information sessions? The next one is Tuesday 26th November at 6pm. Just call us on 0121 441 6175 or email [teachingschool@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk](mailto:teachingschool@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk) to book a place.

## ADHD Parent Workshop

On Thursday 28 November 2019 at 4pm-5.30pm we will be hosting a ADHD Parent Workshop. This workshop is to offer information and support to parents who have concerns about their child who may be experiencing difficulties around concentration, lack focus and attention. We do hope you will be able to join us and we look forward to meeting you.

Mrs K Peckover and Mrs E Breen.

## Our Lady of Lourdes- Vacancy

New Building and Grounds Manager required at OLOL, Grade 3 (30 hours per week all year) to start in January 2020.

All details and application form can be found on their website:  
[www.ourladyoflourdesprimary.com/vacancies-at-olol/](http://www.ourladyoflourdesprimary.com/vacancies-at-olol/)

## Easy Fundraising

Our extra curricular and enrichment programme enriches the lives of young people in our school and gives them the opportunities to fulfil their full potential. Our programme runs 40 clubs per week ranging from book club to gymnastics.

Join easyfundraising and you can collect free donations for us every time you buy something online.

## School Fund and Match Fund

Please visit the school website for more information on School Fund contributions and Match Fund through your employer.

## Open Learning Centre

A stock review and upgrade of the book library is well underway this term, with the addition of 650 fiction books, and 200 non-fiction books: students will definitely be able to find and borrow books they enjoy reading.



A few of us are 'Book Worms' and a few of us find reading difficult, but the majority of us do not read because we are distracted by other things, such as information technology, and therefore do not have time to read books. However, in our quest for relaxation and good health, it should not be forgotten that reading a book has immense benefits. Indeed watching television stimulates only a small area of the brain, as oppose to reading books, which fires up larger areas of the brain.

Parents/Carer, do encourage your children to read. Even if your child is a fluent reader, reading with them or to them, is a very bonding experience and will give you increasingly rare 'quality time' as your teenager grows up.

**Venue Hire** For more information call: 0121 441 6103



# Sports Updates

## Fixtures

Over the last couple of weeks, various fixtures have taken place. The Year 9 Football team performed brilliantly against Arden School, drawing 2-2 but unfortunately losing the game on a penalty shoot-out. A great performance by Jemahri T who was awarded Man of the Match! The Year 10 football team played in the second round of the West Midlands cup this week, losing narrowly to Wood Green Academy. The Year 10 football team are also set to play Tudor Grange Kingshurst School in the third round of the Birmingham Cup so a big good luck to all those who are competing!

A further congratulations is in order to the Year 11 football team who went through to third round of the West Midlands Cup after beating Grace Academy 2-0. Cameron S and Harley H were the two goal scorers so a huge well done to those students and the rest of the team on a brilliant performance!

Moving onto Basketball, the Year 8 team competed in the Junior NBA League and won their first two matches. They beat Queensbridge 27-12 and Studley 16-8 with an excellent performance from Rafael L and Kamil M. There is a Year 7 Basketball tournament coming up against Westacre and Arden School. Players involved include Ben W, Caleb L and Tyrik H. Year 7 Girls will also compete in their first Basketball tournament of the year, playing against St George's School so good luck to all those competing in upcoming fixtures!

## SENCO Surgery at BC

Mrs Breen (SENCO) and Mrs Warhurst (Assistant SENCO) will be available to discuss any queries or concerns you have about your child's special educational needs. Appointments are available between 3.30-6pm. Please telephone on 0121 444 4161 or email:

e.breen@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk/  
s.warhurst@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

### These will be held in PE1 on:

Thursday 16th January, 2020  
Thursday 5th March, 2020  
Thursday 7th May, 2020

## Billboard Advertising

No need to pay the High Street prices for billboard advertising.

You could advertise to 2000 people a day at Bishop Challoner for a fraction of the price.

We are delighted to offer advertising space in our community areas, including our sports hall, function room and gym.

This opportunity is available for £40 per month. Please contact Laura on 0121 441 6103 or email:  
[sportscentre@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk](mailto:sportscentre@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk)

## BC Christmas Cards now on Sale

Our Artist in Residence, Lucy Wilson, 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.

## Birmingham SEND Youth Forum, Additional Information for Parents/Carers

Birmingham City Council is in the process of setting up a Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Youth Forum. Children and young people have the right to be involved in decisions that affect them and this helps to ensure that services provided are relevant to their needs. We want to make sure that the voice of our young people with SEND is at the heart of the work that we do. This is an exciting opportunity for 12 of our young people to shape and influence SEND in Birmingham schools. We welcome applications from secondary aged young people with SEND who attend a mainstream Birmingham school.



Please [click here](#) to view the information leaflet for further details.

If the young person is interested in being part of the forum and you would like to know more, please email the project team at [youthforum@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:youthforum@birmingham.gov.uk) and we will get back to you and discuss further.



This week's tip is about streamlining your use of Google Chrome, the world's most popular web browser. Being the number one in the world means that there are many shortcuts that can be implemented that are going to save you time and effort when browsing the web.

Have a go, maybe they will save you time!

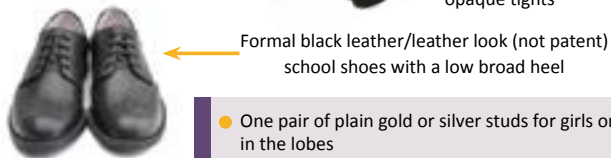
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Open a new window	CTRL + N
Open a new incognito (private) window	CTRL + SHIFT + N
Open a new tab	CTRL + T
Close a tab	CTRL + W
Print the page	CTRL + P
Zoom In / Out / Reset	CTRL + + / CTRL + - / CTRL + 0

# Uniform/Appearance Standards and Expectations

You will be aware that we have extremely high standards and work tirelessly as a school community to ensure that these are upheld in all aspects of school life. Students are now very familiar with the Behaviour for Learning BC Basics and BC7 School Rules, these are displayed prominently around the school and in classrooms. The attached visual will also be displayed around the school as of next week, this is a reminder to students of the expectations regarding appearance. Our students look incredibly smart on the whole and as a staff we have a joint responsibility to ensure that any defaults are corrected and sanctions are put in place if and where required. Please ensure that your son/daughter consistently adheres to the schools expectations regarding uniform and appearance- this includes on their journey to and from school. They are ambassadors and representatives of Bishop Challoner Catholic College from the moment they step out of their front door to the moment they step back in again. Your support, as ever, is very much appreciated.



## BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE UNIFORM STANDARDS



### Extras

- Royal blue, long sleeved, V neck sweatshirt (Year 11 jumper is maroon)
- Blue shirt
- Year 11 tie, maroon and silver

### GIRLS

- One pair of plain gold or silver studs for girls only to be worn in the lobes
- No makeup, nail varnish, acrylic nails or jewellery.
- Students' hair is smart in appearance and do not have shaved/razored hair styles or lines/patterns shaved into the hair. Extreme changes of hair colour are also not permitted.
- Coats only to be worn outdoors/Hoods- not up unless it rains

# Advertise with us...

## Newsletter sponsorship

If you kindly sponsor us, we will make sure that we advertise your business in our 3 termly newsletters at Christmas, Easter and Summer for a total of £150. As an added bonus, we will also put your advert in our BC14 2 weekly additions.

Use promo code (BC14) and we will put your advert for FREE in our fortnightly newsletter BC14 as a thank you for supporting our school.

We only require your advert to be sent by email to us and we will do the rest.

We gladly accept BACS payment or Cheque depending on which is convenient for you and we will issue a receipt along with your copy of our Newsletter.

**Our Christmas newsletter deadline is Monday 2nd December 2019**

Please email Gerald Noone:- [g.noone@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk](mailto:g.noone@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk)

Tel:- 0121 4444161.

Don't take word for it - check out the website stats and see the exposure your advert will receive. (figures quoted 1st Feb - 10th March 2019.)

- 46,167 page views to our website in one month!
- 2,330 actual views on newsletters!
- 11,500 tweet impressions

**B30 FOODBANK**

**HELPING LOCAL  
PEOPLE IN CRISIS**



# HOW CAN YOU HELP?

**Collections start Monday 25th November**

**Milk Monday**

**Tins Tuesday**

**(Custard/Macaroni Cheese)**

**Washday Wednesday**

**(Washing Powder/Shower Gel/Soap)**

**Treats Thursday**

**(Chocolate/Biscuits/Treats)**

**Fruit Juice Friday**



**We aim to deliver our collections to the  
Foodbank week commencing Monday**

**7th December.**

**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

# Sixth Form

## Open Evening

It was great to welcome so many of our Year 11 students, and those from other local schools and colleges to our Open Evening on 13th November. It was a really busy night with excellent displays and demonstrations of work in classrooms, where Year 12 were in hand to give a students' perspective of Sixth Form life. Visitors new to our Bishop Challoner were ably guided by Year 13 students.

## Apprenticeship Fair

On Wednesday 20th we held an Apprenticeship Fair for Years 12 and 13. Some Year 11 students also attended. We welcomed a wide range of apprenticeship providers such as Baily Garner, Midland Heart, Galliford Try and LEMA training.

It was a great success with students getting the chance not only to find out about apprenticeship opportunities, but also the chance to network and discuss possible work experience placements.

## Student Finance Information Evening

In the evening with held an Student Finance Information for parents. A colleague from Birmingham City University gave a very informative presentation and dispelled some of the myths about student "debt", which, as he explained, should be more accurately viewed as a "Graduate Contribution".

## Applications to Sixth Form

The application is live on the website. Please encourage your sons and daughters to apply by 13th December, to ensure that their application is considered as a priority application.

<https://www.bishopchalloner.org.uk/sixth-form/applying>

## SEND parent and carer survey - November 2019

Please see information below that we have been asked to share with you by the Communication and Autism Team. Please note this survey is about Birmingham and not the local school.

Dear Colleagues, Parents and Carers,

Please find below the link to the November 2019 SEND parent and carer survey. This survey is an important milestone to see if the improvements we have made in services for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities are reaching Parents and Carers in Birmingham. The deadline for submissions is Friday 13th December.

These surveys are hugely important, and the results and findings will be reported to the SEND Improvement Board and the Birmingham Children Partnership.

The survey is live today at, [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FJHYT5F](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FJHYT5F)

## Upcoming Events

Year 7 A Christmas Carol-  
Alexander Theatre  
Thursday 28th  
November

Year 11 Mock Exams  
Monday 2nd  
December-  
Wednesday 18th  
December

St Chad's Sanctuary  
Collections Begins  
Christmas Show  
Monday 2nd December

Christmaths Day  
Friday 6th December

## Autism Confident Teens Birmingham, Kings Norton (Evenings)

11th February 2020 at 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Introducing our new evening programme which comprises of a one to one session with an autism specialist at the beginning and end, followed by six weekly group sessions held in a relaxed autism friendly environment.

Ages 13-18 years/Meet other autistic teens/Understand more about autism/Recognise & manage anxiety/Understand & manage sensory difficulties / Help navigating the confusing "social world"

Date: Start day-Tuesday 11th February 2020 - Followed by weekly sessions on Tuesday evenings: 25th February, 3rd March, 10th March, 17th March, 24th March Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Location: Autism West Midlands, Imperial Court, Kings Norton Business Centre, Sovereign Road, Kings Norton, B30 3ES

Cost: Free for autistic teenagers living in the Birmingham City Council area.

**Booking Information:** To book or for more information please contact Amanda or Sue:

E: [amandap@autismwestmidlands.org.uk](mailto:amandap@autismwestmidlands.org.uk) T: 07881 109 496  
E: [suemorris@autismwestmidlands.org.uk](mailto:suemorris@autismwestmidlands.org.uk) T: 07808 730 519

## Attendance

Year 7 - 97%  
Year 8- 95%  
Year 9- 95%  
Year 10- 95%  
Year 11- 95%

Whole School- 95%