

# BC14



Heavenly Father,  
In this jubilee year of our school, we pray for our school community.

Lord, we thank you for the founders, teachers, students, and all those who have contributed to the rich tapestry of our school's history. Your blessings have been evident in the academic achievements, personal growth, and countless memories that have shaped the lives of those who have been a part of this community.

We commit this jubilee year into your hands, trusting in your continued guidance and provision. May it be a year of growth, gratitude, and grace. Amen

## Message from Mr Cunnane, Assistant Principal Friday 23rd February 2024

As we return to school after the half term break, our focus is very much on the season of Lent.

During Lent, Catholics often engage in practices such as prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as a way to spiritually prepare for the celebration of Easter. The ashes used on Ash Wednesday are typically obtained from the burning of the previous year's Palm Sunday palm branches, and they are applied to the forehead in the shape of a cross as a symbol of repentance and mortality.

Fasting during Lent may involve abstaining from certain foods or activities, and many Catholics also choose to give up certain luxuries or habits as a form of self-discipline. The goal is to focus on spiritual growth, repentance, and a deeper relationship with God during this period of preparation for the celebration of Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday.

In school we look forward to preparing for Lent through our assemblies, form time resources, Masses and reconciliation services. We will be encouraging our students to particularly consider charitable acts during this time as continue to raise money for St Chads Sanctuary through the outstanding work of our students across all year groups.

Across all areas of the school, students are working hard to fulfil our mission statement 'We give glory to God through developing our full potential'.

In forthcoming weeks, Year 9 students are embarking on an important and exciting stage in their lives; Year 9 pathways. These choices will help to be a stepping stone for their future career choices, therefore students will need to be wise in their choices and use their time wisely to ensure they make the right decisions for themselves about the subjects they will study at

GCSE. Year 11 and year 13 are now entering a very important time in their education as they prepare for their end-of-year exams and we ask for God's blessings as they commit to revision and aspire to get the outcomes that their talents and efforts deserve.

As a community let us continue to keep our students in our thoughts and prayers as they reach these pivotal points in their future.

### Library Notices

Please can student return overdue library books as soon as possible. Reminders will be sent to students this week via email.

This week parents/carers will have received a digital book token for World Book Day via classcharts. Tokens can be redeemed at The Works and WHSmith in Kings Heat

### Year 9 Pathways

Please [click here](#) to visit our Pathways webpage where you will find lots of useful information, guidance and support for your child's journey in selecting their GCSE subject choices.

### Year 11 Prom

The Year 11 prom will take place on Friday 28th June 2024 at The Westmead Hotel.

Further information about ticket prices will be communicated next week. Consent and payments will be made through Schoolcomms.

### Examination Timetables

[Click here](#) to view the summer examination timetables.

### Sports Updates

Well done to Year 8 girls who won a cricket game against Selly Park girls

Year 10 boys are now through to the semi finals of the Birmingham Cup after winning 5-3 against Tudor Grange Kingshurst.

# Platinum Jubilee

Visit our Platinum Jubilee webpage for regular updates from around the school. <https://bishopchalloner.org.uk/platinum-jubilee>

BISHOP CHALLONER



CATHOLIC COLLEGE

## INVITATION

*Platinum Jubilee Remembrance Event*

on

**Thursday 25th April 2024**

Doors open at 4pm. Events will take place between 4.30pm and 6.30pm

Spring Fair  
School Tour  
Range of students' activities

**RSVP via Eventbrite by Friday 12th April**

Scan code to RSVP or visit <http://tinyurl.com/5n6m7wre>



CALLING ALL BAKERS

HELP TO CELEBRATE OUR PLATINUM JUBILEE BY JOINING OUR

## Bishop Challoner Jubilee Bake Off

This year, we're doing something special to celebrate 70 years of Bishop Challoner - a Bake Off! All cakes will be judged and tasted, and all proceeds from the cakes sold will be donated to our school charity.

**How to Enter:** assemble a team of 2-5 bakers and design a celebration cake, which you will bake and have judged in school. Deadline for entries is the 1st of March 2024. To sign up, see Mrs Higginson in T5. **Open only to Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12.**

70 DAY DOODLE CHALLENGE!

DO YOU LOVE TO DOODLE? THEN JOIN OUR 70 DAY DOODLE CHALLENGE TO CELEBRATE OUR PLATINUM JUBILEE!

CREATE A DOODLE A DAY FROM ONE WORD PROMPTS / STARTERS FOR 70 DAYS.

OPEN TO YEARS 7, 8, 9 AND 10

WHERE?

SEE MISS NEAL IN T2 OR A2 TO COLLECT YOUR DOODLE BOOKLET ON WEDNESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY!



Celebrating  
70 YEARS OF BISHOP CHALLONER

## Designers and Makers

Do you work in art, craft, design, engineering, manufacturing or any related creative fields? Please contact Mrs O'Connor at [t.oconnor@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk](mailto:t.oconnor@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk) to see how you can help our school.

## Mobile Phones

Please [click here](#) to view our latest communication on the usage of mobile phones in school.

## Uniform Standards

Students are required to wear the standard uniform of blazer, tie, white/blue shirt with black straight leg school trousers (not skinny or boot cut) or girls can wear a knee length black pleated school skirt. Girls are also reminded that if they choose to wear a skirt, then they should wear plain, black, opaque tights. Students are reminded that black leather school shoes should be worn and that trainers/trainer style shoes are forbidden.

Please note that school shoes must be kept completely black and boots of any kind are not allowed.

Our uniform requirements are complemented by a smart appearance and as such, hair styles that should not have a distinct contrast in length. Hair that is dyed must be of a natural hair colour and may not contain more than one colour. To avoid a health and safety risk, long hair must not impede vision or cover the face, except for a fringe which must not cover the eyes. Long hair must be tied up for practical lessons. Religious head coverings must be black and securely tied for practical lessons. Hair bands or accessories must be for functional use to secure the hair. Where hairbands are worn they must be black. Headwear that has religious or cultural purpose should be black. The final decision as to whether a particular haircut/style is appropriate is at the discretion of senior staff.

Make up, nail varnish and jewellery are not permitted with the exception of one pair of plain stud earrings which may be worn.

Students found to be wearing an inappropriate item of uniform may be asked to change this or in some cases parents/carers will be contacted and requested to bring replacement uniform to school.

We appreciate your support in ensuring that standards of uniform and appearance are maintained.

## Attendance Updates

Attendance Percentage	w/c 19/01/24
Year 7 - 93.9%	Late Marks
Year 8 - 93.5%	Year 7 - 19
Year 9 - 91.0%	Year 8 - 24
Year 10 - 89.4%	Year 9 - 43
Year 11 - 91.9%	Year 10 - 50
Whole School - 92.0%	Year 11 - 32

## 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.

If your child is in Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 please call 0121 444 4161 and select OPTION 1.

If your child is in Year 12 please call 0121 441 6113.

If your child is in Year 13 please call 0121 441 6144

If you receive a text message or phone call from school/college because you have not reported your child's absence, please contact us on the most appropriate number as detailed above as soon as you can. Thank you for your co-operation.

## First Aid Reminders

Please inform the school of any new medical conditions or investigations, this is extremely important in helping us to correctly support your child's medical needs in school. We also need current emergency contact details, if these have changed you must contact the school with new details for our records.

## Emergency Contacts

It is imperative we have your current correct contact information on our systems. Please inform the school if anything has changed, especially telephone numbers.

## Asthma

Asthma is a chronic long term condition, it can be well managed and in many cases some don't suffer severely, however if you have been diagnosed with Asthma even if you have it well managed you must carry an inhaler on you.

## Asthma, Anaphylaxis, Diabetes

In order for your children to participate safely with Trips and offsite events including offsite PE, they must carry their medication with them. This is imperative for their safety and to avoid disappointment if unable to participate. Other medications must be handed in to first aid or the trip lead on the day.

## Pre-loved Uniform

Thank you to parents/carers that already send in uniform that children have grown out of. If you have any of the following items in good reusable condition that you are willing to donate please bring them into reception and we will look to include them in future pre-loved uniform sales-blazers, pleated skirts, trousers, ties, PE kit (all items), royal blue sweatshirts, maroon sweatshirts. Thank you in advance for your support.

## 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 or any DSL or member of the Wellbeing Team.

## Upcoming Events

Y10 Geography Longbridge Trip  
**Monday 26th February**  
**Tuesday 27th February**  
**Thursday 29th February**

Y12 Auschwitz Visit  
**Tuesday 27th February**

Year 7 Rosary  
**Wednesday 28th February**

Leap Year Form Time Football Competition  
**Thursday 29th February**

National Careers Week  
Y10 mid-year maths mocks  
**W/C Monday 4th March**

Y10 BTEC Health & Social Care controlled assessment  
**Tuesday 5th March**

Y12/13 Student Finance Information Evening  
BC Tea Party  
Year 7 Rosary  
Year 9 Aspirations Day  
Bishop's Got Talent  
**Wednesday 6th March**

Year 9 Pathways Evening  
Careers Fair  
Dementia Cafe St Patrick's Day  
World Book Day  
**Thursday 7th March**

Mothers Day Hamper Raffle  
**Friday 8th March**

## Term Dates

### Spring Term

Term Ends: Friday 22nd March 2024

### Summer Term 2024

INSET School Closed: Monday 8th April 2024

Term Starts: Tuesday 9th April 2024

Half Term: Monday 27 May 2024 to Friday 31 May 2024

Term Ends: Friday 19th July 2024

INSET School Closed: Monday 22nd July 2024



Purchase your Ceili Night tickets here  
for £8: [https://www.trybooking.com/uk/  
events/landing/54020?](https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/54020?)



## 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 in 2023.

Church	Postcode	Parish Priest	Sunday Mass Times	Saturday Vigil Mass Time
St. Dunstan's	B14 7JN	Fr John Peyton	10am 12noon 6.30pm	5.30pm
St. Jude's	B14 5PE	Fr John Peyton	9.15am	-
Our Lady Of Lourdes	B13 0EU	Canon Sean Grady	9am 11am	6pm
St Catherine Of Sienna	B5 7BE	Fr. Jagadishmario Kurapati (Fr. Mario)	10.30am	5pm
St Edward's	B29 7DB	Fr Denis McGillicuddy	10.15am	6pm
St Mary's	B17 0DN	Fr John Reid	8am/9.30am/ 11am/5pm	6pm
Sacred Heart and Holy Souls	B27 6RG	Canon Jonathan Veasey	8.30am 10am 12noon	5pm
English Martyrs	B11 3JN	Fr Robert Murphy	9.45am	6pm
St Chads Cathedral,	B4 6EX	Mgr Tim Menezes	9.30am 11.30am	4.30pm
Our Lady And St Brigid	B31 5AD	Fr Cecil Rogerson	9.00am 11.45am	10am 5pm
Our Lady Of Fatima	B32 1LL	Fr Philip Long Nguyen	9.00am 11.00am	6pm
St Ambrose Barlow	B28 8QU	Fr Paul Johnson	10.00am 5.30pm	5.30pm
The Oratory Of Saint Philip Neri	B16 8UE	Fr Anton Guziel	8.30am 10.30am 12pm 5.30pm	5.30pm
St Peters	B32 3QG	Fr Gary Buckby	9.30am	-
Our Lady And St Rose Of Lima	B29 5DY	Fr Gary Buckby	11am	5.15pm

## Prayer and Worship

Each Monday morning we begin our school day with a reflection on the Gospel shared in Mass on Sunday.

Each week we share our reflection on the school website, you can view it [here](#).

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.