

# BC14

Dear Sacred Heart of Jesus, we renew our pledge of love and loyalty to you. Keep us always close to your loving heart and to the most pure Heart of your Mother. May we love one another more and more each day, forgiving each other's faults as you forgive our sins. Teach us how to see you in those we meet outside our home. Please help us keep our love for you always strong by frequent Mass and Communion. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, thy kingdom come! Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for our family! St. Joseph, friend of the Sacred Heart, pray for us! Our patron saints and guardian angels, pray for us! Amen

## Message from Mr Hetherton, Senior Vice Principal

Friday 23rd June 2023

Last week's events in Nottingham and Kings Heath High Street, and this week's tragedy in the North Atlantic, serve as stark reminders to us all of the fragility of life and how our lives can be turned upside down in an instance and without any warning whatsoever. The totally unexpected nature of the events are quite shocking and distressing and our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of those affected.

We would like to congratulate our Year 11 and Year 13 students on successfully completing their GCSE and A level examinations this week. All students have shown tremendous resilience over recent months and it was delightful to observe friendship groups celebrating with each other having completed their last exam. I think for many there was the realisation that the end of the exams marks the end of one chapter in their life, and although this may be somewhat daunting, the end of the exams also marks the beginning of the next chapter and all the exciting opportunities and experiences this will bring. We wish them all well and keep them in our thoughts and prayers too.

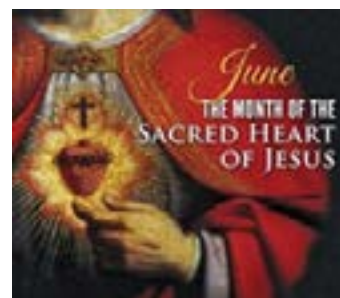
This week we have been marking National Refugee Week in lessons. Subject areas have adapted their curriculums to mark this very important time. We have some excellent examples of work students have been completing

including in Geography where students have been looking at the city of Dhaka in Bangladesh where every day, another 2,000 people move to the Bangladeshi capital.

In Design Technology students have been working on their butterfly sketches which will be assembled as part of a collaborative art installation we will donate to a Refugee Centre. The butterfly symbolises transformation, resilience, hope and freedom - a fitting message in 2023. Marvellous work and well done to all those involved!

Throughout the month of June, Catholics dedicate themselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in thanks for His merciful heart. As we approach the end of the month let us hope that Jesus's merciful heart extends to us and our families, and especially to the families of those affected by the tragic

events in Nottingham, Kings Heath and the North Atlantic.



## Junior Maths Challenge

Some keen mathematicians in Year 7 and 8 recently sat the "Junior Maths Challenge" - a United Kingdom Mathematics Trust (UKMT) competition. The results are in, and we are incredibly proud of the students that participated. Our new Year 7 cohort secured 10 bronze certificates, 4 silver certificates and one gold certificate... which was also the best in school!

Congratulations to Nigel T! He has also qualified for the Junior Kangaroo, which took place on the 14th June. He was just shy of earning a merit in this round, which was fantastic! A further 22 students took part in the challenge and will receive participation certificates. Year 8 secured 11 bronze certificates, 7 silver certificates and a gold certificate. Well done to Leon J who got the best in the year group. There will also be 9 students who get participation certificates.

## Netbook Programme Changes Reminder

There has recently been a change to the Bishop Challoner Catholic College's netbook program, relating to the payment process. Birmingham Education Foundation for Learning (BeLF) no longer exists. We have therefore, moved to a new donation management organisation called Learning Foundation; more information can be found at [learningfoundation.org.uk](http://learningfoundation.org.uk).

You will receive communication directly from learning foundation regarding this change, and a link to set up a new direct debit to them. You're advised to cancel all direct debit payments to Birmingham Education Foundation for Learning (BeLF) with immediate effect. Payment plans in terms of amount and duration, will remain the same as previous.

If you have any questions relating to this, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

### Attendance Update

Year 7 - 94.9%

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Year 9 - 91.8%

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Whole School - 92.7%



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It is hard to miss the storm that generative AI has produced in the news in recent months. The recent developments in this field are a breakthrough for public use, and platforms such as ChatGPT are likely going to change many working practices going forward. Of course, education is no different and the implications of generative AI will also be found here. There are many advantages to generative AI and many times savings can be found by using the platforms complete everyday tasks. However, there are also some inherent dangers and concerns with such technology:

**Accuracy** – there is no guaranteeing that what a platform generate is 100% accurate. The onus will still be on the person using the platform to proofread and check.

**Plagiarism** – with all aspects of schoolwork, it is intended that the student completes all work themselves and is accountable for the accuracy and honesty of such work. The use of a platform such as ChatGPT to complete work Will be treated the same as copying someone else’s work.

**Bias** – one area of AI, which is consistently under scrutiny, is bias amongst both the data used to generate, and the outcomes that it produces. This has always been a worry with AI, and this concern will no doubt grow exponentially as more, and more people become aware of the powers of such platforms.

We are encouraging parents and carers to engage in a conversation with their child, and to discuss the aspects of accuracy, plagiarism, and bias, and what this means to schoolwork, students should be completing work on their own.

## 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.

## Hydration

With the warmer weather it is extremely important to stay hydrated, please send your child with a water bottle they can re-fill at school.

## 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.

With the Seasons changing, If your child suffers with Hay Fever, please provide Antihistamine in school to be kept in first aid. Thank you.

## 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.

## Nominate our School Library

Please follow the link below to take just a couple of minutes to nominate our school library for a £1000 boost of book tokens.

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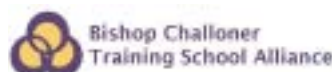
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Rachal, BCTSA Health and Social Care trainee, 2021-2022



# Sports Updates

## Year 11 Final

On Monday, Year 11 participated in their League final against Kings Norton Boys. Although they didn't secure a victory this time, they showcased exceptional performance, representing their school with brilliance and demonstrating remarkable resilience and character throughout the game. Congratulations to all the students for completing their exams on Friday and making the effort to return on Monday to wrap up their football season. A special thanks to Mr. Cole for his dedicated efforts and support with the boys throughout the year.

## Sports Day Results

Position	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Overall
1st	BOS	BOS	BER	BOS
2nd	TER	LUK	LUK	BER
3rd	SEB	BER	BOS	LUK
4th	BER	SEB	SEB	SEB
5th	LUK	CEC	CEC	TER
6th	CEC	TER	TER	CEC

We also had multiple records broken on the day:

- Year 7 Boys 400m Maximilian 1.09m
- Year 7 Girls 400m Trinity 1.09m
- Year 7 Girls High Jump Trinity 1.50m
- Year 9 Girls Javelin Chanel 19.40m
- Year 9 Girls 400m Malayah 59.44s
- Year 9 Girls 100m Malayah 12.25s
- Year 9 Boys 100m Ryan 11.5s
- Year 9 Girls Welly Wanging Giovanna 15.30m
- Year 9 Girls Relay LUK 59.53s

## Year 8 Final

The year 8 boys football team competed in the Kings Norton and South Birmingham League final against Kings Norton Boys. Despite two great goals from Tristan B and Harry B, the boys came up short against a very strong Kings Norton side. The team showed great resilience to deal with injuries and the heat to keep battling until the final whistle.



## Year 9 'Kings Norton & South Birmingham' Cup Final

Lordswood Boys 0 v 10 Bishop Challoner (C. Reilly x5, K. Kameni x2, R. Luther x1, N. Corcoran x1, A. Hearnden x1)

In the final match of the year, the Year 9 Boys Football team were able to achieve a Cup double, beating Lordswood Boys 10-0 in the Kings Norton & South Birmingham Cup Final. Lordswood Boys managed to win the league, when they beat Bishop Challoner 4-3 earlier on in the season. Spurred on by this, Bishop Challoner were relentless in their pursuit to put a wrong, right and wanted to make sure that lightning didn't strike twice! They started the match with high levels of intensity, which quickly paid dividends when Bishop Challoner went 1-0 up, after just 30 seconds. Bishop Challoner then went onto dominate possession and the game in a very clinical and professional performance. The match then ended on a somewhat somber note, as we said Goodbye to



two of our students, who will be moving onto different schools in Year 10. Well done to all students involved, and we wish the two students who are moving on, they very best of luck in their new school(s). Year 9 Boys Football team - all Birmingham Cup Champions (23) & Kings Norton & South Birmingham Cup Champions (23).

## 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 Philip Harrop	10am 12noon 6.30pm	5.30pm
St. Jude's	B14 5PE	Fr Philip Harrop	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.

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## Upcoming Events

<b>DofE Silver Assessed Expedition Y12</b> Sunday 25th June- Tuesday 27th June	<b>Primary Computing Event</b> Friday 30th June
<b>Creativity Week</b> <b>Science Week</b> <b>Year 10 Spoken Language GCSE</b> <b>Carding Mill</b> Monday 26th June	<b>Year 10 Work Experience</b> Monday 3rd July - Friday 7th July
<b>Berlin Parents/Carer meeting</b> <b>B'ham Irish Association Dementia Cafe</b> <b>Careers Fair</b> Tuesday 27th June	<b>Cyber Reward Trip</b> <b>Wimbledon Ball Crew Trip</b> Monday 3rd July
<b>BC Tea Party</b> <b>Year 5 STEM</b> Wednesday 28th June	<b>Berlin Trip</b> <b>Year 12 Parent Consultation Evening</b> Wednesday 4th July
<b>Catholic Games Y7</b> <b>SS Peter &amp; Paul Mass</b> <b>Year 13 Prom</b> Thursday 29th June	<b>Industrial Action</b> <b>USA Day - Canteen</b> Wednesday 5th July
	<b>Industrial Action</b> <b>9TER Sponsored Bike Ride</b> <b>ABC Y7/8 Gaelic Football</b> Friday 7th June



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## URGENT ITEMS NEEDED

**Collections from Monday 19th June to Tuesday 18th July 2023**

**RICE**  
**TINNED OR PACKET SOUP**  
**TINNED RICE PUDDING**  
**BAKED BEANS/TINNED SPAGHETTI**  
**JAM/HONEY**  
**INSTANT COFFEE (NOT LARGE JARS)**  
**READY-MADE CUSTARD**  
**CHOCOLATE AND SNACK BARS**  
  
**SHOWER GEL/BARS OF SOAP**  
**STRONG CARRIER BAGS LIQUID/BARS OF SOAP**  
**SHAMPOO**

**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**Give, and it will be given to you. Luke 6:38**

## 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 school skirt (not lycra or stretchy). 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.

In order to complement the smart school uniform we insist that students' hair is smart in appearance and that students do not have shaved/razored hair styles or lines/patterns shaved into the hair. Extreme changes of hair colour are also not permitted. Headscarves must be black. Braids are allowed. 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.

Please note that lycra or stretchy skirts are not allowed to 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.

## Skirts

From September 2023 only a black pleated skirt will be permitted to be worn as part of school uniform. Pleated skirts are available from Clive Mark as well as other school uniform retailers. To avoid any additional expense for families, if your child has a straight skirt (not stretchy, lycra or tight fitting) that still fits, this can be worn during the first half term, from October half term onwards, all skirts will need to be pleated of knee to mid calf worn on the waist not the hips (maximum of 5cm above the knee).

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