

BC14 NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd October 2026

Message from Mrs Moon, Assistant Principal

Remembrance, Kindness and Hope

As we welcome November, we enter a special time in the Catholic calendar when we are encouraged to pause, reflect and remember those who have touched our lives. It is a month when we honour loved ones who are no longer with us, remembering the kindness, wisdom and love they shared. Through prayer and reflection, we give thanks for the memories we hold dear and find comfort in our faith, knowing that those we have lost remain forever in our hearts.

As we begin to look towards Christmas, November also marks the start of our Annual Christmas Appeal. This is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together and support local families during the festive season. We look forward to sharing further information about how students and families can get involved over the coming half term.

Kindness is also an important message during Anti-Bullying Week. At Bishop Challoner, we continue to encourage our students to treat one another with respect, celebrate differences and look out for those around them. Small acts of kindness can make a big difference and help ensure that everyone feels valued and included in our school community.

November is also a time to raise awareness of men's mental health and the importance of talking openly about our feelings. We encourage our young people to seek support when needed and to check in on friends and family. Taking time to listen and show care can have a positive impact on someone's wellbeing.

Throughout the month, we will also mark All Saints' Day, All Souls' Day and Remembrance Day, remembering those who have gone before us and the sacrifices made by others. These occasions remind us to be thankful for the people in our lives and to look towards the future with faith and hope.

As we move through November, let us continue to show compassion, kindness and generosity in all that we do, supporting one another as a school community.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."

Holy Spirit as we complete this half term, help us to reflect on the gifts that you have given to us and to be grateful for these gifts which have been creative in us. As we prepare to spend more time with our families, make us always aware of the needs of others. Help us to serve them and to be ready to show them your love. Keep us safe, always in your presence. Amen.
(Prayer from Archdiocese of Birmingham)



**Bishop Challoner
Sixth Form College**

APPLY NOW

PRIORITY DEADLINE

Friday 4th December 2026

MEET THE SIXTH FORM
Thursday 10th March, 4pm-5.30pm

SCAN TO APPLY



YEAR 13 ASSESSMENTS

Please follow the links below for subject information and guidance on the upcoming Year 13 assessments.

<https://bishopchalloner.org.uk/sixth-form/external-examinations/year-13-assessments>

YEAR 9 FOCUS

A Fantastic Start to Year 9!

Year 9 have thrown themselves into school life this half term, and there is so much to celebrate! They have consistently topped the positive logs leaderboard, reflecting their hard work, kindness and enthusiasm.

Students have also embraced their roles in the Catholic life of our school, supporting Masses and contributing to our community. Their charity fundraising is getting underway too, with the sale of a Halloween hamper helping to support good causes.

With KAP assessments approaching in November, students are preparing to show what they have learned. We are incredibly proud of the start they have made—keep shining, Year 9!

YEAR 7 AND 9 ASSESSMENTS

Please follow the links below for subject information and guidance on the upcoming Year 7 and 9 assessments.

Year 7 - <https://bishopchalloner.org.uk/examinations-information/year-7-assessments>

Year 9 - <https://bishopchalloner.org.uk/examinations-information/year-9-assessments>



OUR NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

We are pleased to share that our new school website is now live!

The website has been refreshed to make it easier for parents, carers and visitors to find the information they need, with improved navigation, a fresh new look and easier access to key information about school life.

We encourage you to take a look, explore the new website and familiarise yourself with where to find key information. We would also welcome any feedback as we continue to develop and improve it.

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH – HONOURING COMMUNITIES

Throughout October, Bishop Challoner has proudly celebrated Black History Month 2026, embracing this year's theme, Honouring Communities. Our celebrations have provided a wonderful opportunity for students to explore Black history, culture and heritage, while recognising the incredible contributions of Black communities both locally and beyond.

We launched our celebrations with a whole-school assembly exploring the importance of community, belonging and celebrating the individuals who have shaped our society.

In PSHE lessons, students explored the powerful photography of Vanley Burke, whose work captures the lives, experiences and rich cultural heritage of Birmingham's Black communities. Students also discovered inspirational Black icons from Birmingham, recognising the significant contributions they have made to our city and wider society from Benjamin Zephaniah to Alison Hammond and Laura Mvula.

As part of our celebrations, students have been invited to take part in a creative project to honour their communities, encouraging them to express what community, culture and belonging mean to them. Students can submit a photograph, artwork, poem, rap, collage or cultural treasure that reflects their identity, heritage or the community they are proud to belong to. We have had some really thoughtful and fun entries so far, but there is still plenty of time to be involved with this, as the deadline is not until Monday 2nd November. Please do see class charts for further details.

One of the highlights of the month was our fantastic lunchtime Afrobeats dance workshop, brilliantly led by Mr Agho! The energy, enthusiasm and participation were incredible, with students coming together through music and dance. It was an absolute sensation and a wonderful celebration of culture and community spirit.

Black History Month has been a fantastic reminder of the importance of diversity, respect and belonging. Rooted in our Catholic ethos, these celebrations encourage us to recognise the dignity of every individual, celebrate our differences and appreciate the richness that every culture brings to our Bishop Challoner family.

A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to making this month such a vibrant and meaningful celebration across different subjects in school.

AFRO BEATS

Thank you to Steven who ran an amazing Afro Beats workshop during lunchtime on Wednesday 21st October as part of our Black History Month celebrations!

Wonderful to see so many students embracing this opportunity.



V SPORTS

RESULTS

Bishop Challoner 6 v 0 Colmers

Player of the match. Crisdean B.

Goalscorers - Crisdean x2, Oliver S x2, Darwin O, Montgomery W.

The Year 8 Boys team progress into round 3 of the Birmingham Cup and are now sitting comfortably top of the Kings Norton & South Birmingham league with 5 wins out of 5.

GIRLS CRICKET

A group of Year 7, 8 and 9 girls recently visited Edgbaston Cricket Ground to take part in a 'Chance to Shine Girls' Leadership Event, in partnership with RBC (Royal Bank of Canada).

Throughout the day, the girls delivered a range of activities to RBC staff and volunteers, demonstrating their coaching, communication and leadership skills. In the afternoon, they took part in a Dragons' Den-style challenge, where they developed and presented creative ideas for either a girls' cricket festival or an after-school cricket club.

The girls were outstanding throughout the day, impressing Chance to Shine coaches and RBC staff with their confidence, enthusiasm, knowledge and creativity. Their performances received fantastic feedback, with one member of staff commenting:

"The girls were a credit to the school. I loved observing their enthusiasm and energy and especially seeing how some came out of their shell as the day progressed."



STUDENT REWARDS

MOST POSITIVE LOGS		
YEAR GROUP	W/B 05/10/2026	W/B 28/09/26
YEAR 7	Lily C-B Aidan F Abigail S Lillian S Sonia N Ella-May B Jaxon B Rosie Z Ada W Declan C	Joseph F Nathaniel E Aoife M Florence H Dolores F Sophie F Kazim J Connie-Rae R
YEAR 8	Olivia A Eryk B Isabella B Emmanuel A Fariha Thanduxolo N Laia B Zachary H	Lily C Conor C Adonay K Emilie O'd Nazar F Matthew D
YEAR 9	Milaan Li Keku H Lillie-Mae G Gabrielle H Noel C Alexander M Mykey C Freddie K	Milaan L Zachary R Keku H Ogochim A-I Joey F Freddie K Aydin K Ava L Alexander M

Another described it as "a real highlight to watch the Bishop Challoner girls grow in confidence as the day went on," adding that "the Dragons' Den pitches were a fantastic showcase of their ideas and leadership."



To round off a fantastic experience, the girls enjoyed a short tour of the stadium facilities before each receiving a Birmingham Phoenix shirt and windball as a gift.

We are incredibly proud of the girls and the way they represented Bishop Challoner. Their confidence, enthusiasm and leadership qualities were a credit to the school, and the overwhelmingly positive feedback they received was thoroughly deserved!

CATHOLIC LIFE

FORM FAITHFUL AMBASSADORS

Our Form Faith Ambassadors have been excellent role models within their form groups, leading the weekly prayer resources with confidence and commitment. They have taken ownership of evaluating their form sacred spaces, helping to ensure these remain meaningful places for prayer and reflection. Following half term, they will take on further responsibility by updating and enhancing their sacred spaces, continuing to play a key role in nurturing the spiritual life of the school.

CHAPLAINCY TEAMS

Mrs Thompson introduced students to the role and responsibilities of chaplaincy through assemblies last week, before inviting them to apply to join this year's Student Chaplaincy Team. We were delighted to receive an excellent number of high-quality applications, with students demonstrating a genuine commitment to serving others through prayer, leadership and acts of service within our school community.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Over the next half term, Fr Toby and priests from our neighbouring parishes will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation to students as part of our preparation for Christmas. This week, students were reminded of questions they may wish to reflect upon during an Examination of Conscience, helping them to prepare thoughtfully for this encounter with God's mercy.



The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a beautiful sacrament that reminds us that God's love and grace are unwavering. No matter what mistakes we have made, we are always welcomed back with forgiveness, healing and the opportunity to begin again. As Catholics, we believe that through this sacrament we experience God's mercy in a powerful and personal way.

• NOVEMBER: THE MONTH • OF THE FAITHFULLY • DEPARTED

November is the Month of the Faithful Departed in the Catholic Church, a time when we remember and pray for those who have died. Throughout the month, we give thanks for their lives, entrust them to God's loving mercy, and reflect on the hope of eternal life promised through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.



Fr Toby will join us in school on Wednesday 4th November to celebrate a special Mass for the Dead with our Form Faith Ambassadors and Student Chaplaincy Team. We warmly invite families to send in the names of loved ones whom they would like to be remembered and prayed for during this special Mass. These names will be included in our prayers as we come together as a school community to remember those who have gone before us in faith.

COAT & BAG DONATIONS

Thank you for the generous number of coat, clothing and bag donations we have received so far. These donations will be delivered to local charities after half term, helping to support individuals and families in need. As we prepare for collection, we would like to invite families to have one final clear-out over the half-term break. Any further donations of coats, clothing, shoes, bags or other suitable items would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping us put our faith into action through this wonderful act of generosity and service to others.

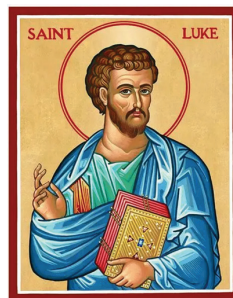
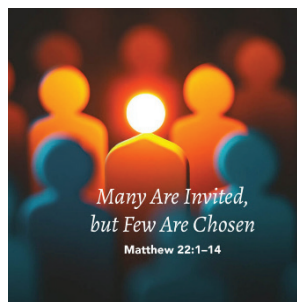
GET WELL SOON POPE LEO

With the news of Pope Leo's cancer diagnosis, we offered up the rosary during both KS3 and KS4 lunchbreaks for Pope Leo - thanking God for the successful surgery removing the nodule, and to place him in the safety of Mary's mantle as he rests and awaits a full and swift recovery.



FORM TIME PRAYER

Year 8 Faithful Ambassadors, Ariana-Mae, Trinity, Painting, Eliza B, Maya, Olivia, Eliza C, Tunmise, Eryk and Crisdean, Arlo led us in prayer last week. We reflected on the Parable of the Wedding Feast and considered what it means to say "yes" to Christ. We recognised that saying yes requires effort, commitment and active participation; it is only the beginning of the journey. We were challenged to be active disciples this week by considering how we can not only listen to the Word of God but also live it out through our daily actions. Through acts of kindness, service and love, we demonstrate our response to God's invitation. As Jesus reminds us in the Gospel, "Many are called, but few are chosen." We were encouraged to reflect on how we respond to that call and how we can more faithfully live out our faith each day.



This week, we celebrated the Feast Day of St Luke the Evangelist, one of our form class saints. His feast day coincided with World Mission Sunday, a special opportunity to celebrate the work of missionaries around the world and to recognise that, through our words and actions, we are all called to be missionaries sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. Our Form Faithful Ambassadors from the St Luke forms led a beautiful prayer service, reflecting on the Parable of the Forgiving Father and considering God's endless mercy and compassion. Using an examination of conscience, students were invited to prepare themselves for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to reflect on how they can respond to God's call in their daily lives.

As part of our Mission Sunday challenge, students were encouraged to become missionaries of hope through simple but meaningful actions. Thank you to Kimarnie, Lily, Jacob, Gabrielle, Eliza, Chayse, Joseph N, Mary, Patrick, Miss Watson, Miss Reynolds and Mr Rowan.

Families are warmly invited to join us in weekly prayer by watching and participating in our recorded prayer resources [Bishop Challoner Collective Worship - YouTube](#)

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	Parish Priest	Sunday Mass Times	Saturday Vigil Mass Time
St. Dunstan's	Fr John Peyton	11.30am, 5.30pm	4pm
St. Jude's	Fr John Peyton	10am	-
Our Lady Of Lourdes	Canon Sean Grady	9am, 11.30am	6pm
St Catherine Of Sienna	Fr. Jagadishmario Kurapati (Fr. Mario)	11am	5.30pm
St Edward's	Fr Denis McGillycuddy	10.15am	6pm
St Mary's	Fr John Reid	11am, 5pm	6pm
Sacred Heart and Holy Souls	Canon Jonathan Veasey	8.30am, 10am, 12noon	5pm
English Martyrs	Fr Robert Murphy	8.15am, 10.30am	6pm
St Chads Cathedral	Very Rev Canon Brian McGinley	9.30am, 11.30am	4.30pm
Our Lady And St Brigid	Fr Cecil Rogerson	10am, 5.30pm	5pm
Our Lady Of Fatima	Fr Philip Long Nguyen	11am	6pm
St Ambrose Barlow	Rev Fr John Collins, SCC	10am, 5.30pm	5.30pm
The Oratory Of Saint Philip Neri	Fr Anton Guziel	7.30am, 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.15pm, 5.30pm	5.30pm
St Peters	Fr Gary Buckby	8.45am	-
Our Lady And St Rose Of Lima	Fr Gary Buckby	11.30am	-
St John and Martin's	Fr Baburao Pureti	9.30am	4pm
Ss Joseph and Helen with St Paul's	Fr Barry	9am (SS J&H), 11am (St Paul's)	5pm (Ss Joseph and Helen)

STUDENT VOICE CHARITY NOMINATIONS

We have been overwhelmed by the number of students who nominated a charity for our Student Choice Charity this term. It was wonderful to see so many thoughtful nominations, with students demonstrating a genuine concern for causes that support some of the most vulnerable members of our community.

Dr Coughlan, our Governors and a panel of staff carefully considered all of the nominations and faced the difficult task of creating a shortlist. After much deliberation, the three shortlisted charities are:

- Edward's Trust
- Birmingham Hospice
- Birmingham Children's Hospital Charity

After half term, students will have the opportunity to learn more about each charity before casting their vote.

ASSEMBLY UPDATE

Over the past two weeks, our assemblies have focused on two important themes: Hate Crime Awareness and Building Resilience, encouraging students to reflect on their responsibilities to others and the importance of looking after their own wellbeing.

During Hate Crime Awareness Week, students explored the impact of prejudice, discrimination and harmful language, considering how their actions can affect individuals and whole communities. Through real-life scenarios, we encouraged students to recognise unacceptable behaviour, respond safely and report concerns to trusted adults. Linking closely to our Faithful Virtues of being Understanding, Truthful and Helpful, we reinforced the importance of treating everyone with dignity and respect.

This week, our focus turned to Building Resilience, exploring how young people can navigate challenges, manage pressures and develop positive coping strategies. Students considered the pressures of school, friendships and online life, alongside the importance of seeking support when needed. We shared the story of Grian Chatten, lead singer of Fontaines D.C, who has spoken openly about his experiences of anxiety and how he channelled these emotions into his music.

Drawing on our Catholic faith, we reminded students that resilience is not simply about overcoming difficulties alone, but about finding strength through hope, perseverance and the support of others.

Our message across both weeks has been clear: kindness, courage and compassion are at the heart of our Bishop Challoner community. We encourage families to continue these important conversations at home, reminding our young people that they all have the power to make a positive difference.

FORM RESOURCES

Over the past two weeks, our form time Standards for Learning Curriculum has focused on the Faithful Virtues of Understanding and Learned, encouraging students to reflect on how their everyday choices contribute to a positive, respectful and successful school community.

During our focus on Understanding, students explored the importance of empathy, respect and recognising the needs of others. We celebrated the inspirational example of footballer Marcus Rashford MBE, whose campaigning for families experiencing food poverty demonstrated how understanding the challenges faced by others can inspire positive change. Students were encouraged to listen carefully, respect differences, include others and recognise everyone's right to learn in a supportive environment. They were given take away challenges to complete and hopefully gained some extra positive logs in this virtue!

This week, our focus moved to Learned, reminding students that education is not simply about achieving good grades, but about developing curiosity, wisdom and using our knowledge for the common good. We explored the example of Emma Watson, who continued her education alongside her successful acting career and has used her platform to champion equality in her work with the United Nations. Students reflected on the importance of being prepared for learning, embracing challenges, learning from mistakes and supporting others.

Both virtues are deeply rooted in our Catholic ethos, reminding us of the example Jesus set through His wisdom, compassion and understanding of others.

Our message to students has been simple: be curious, be compassionate and always strive to grow. Through our BC Basics and Faithful Virtues, we continue to nurture a school culture where high standards, kindness and a love of learning enable every young person to flourish.

YEAR 11 PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Our Year 11 students took part in an outstanding Personal Development Day, developing the knowledge, confidence and practical skills needed to make informed decisions as they prepare for the next stage of their lives.

A highlight was an engaging session with Gary Williams on knife crime, personal safety, joint enterprise and the lasting consequences of our choices and associations.

Students also explored the law, money management, mental health and wellbeing, and the risks of drugs and vaping through a range of thought-provoking workshops.

The day reflected our commitment to developing the whole person, equipping students with the knowledge, values and confidence to navigate life's challenges safely and responsibly.

We are incredibly proud of our students' maturity and engagement, and extend our thanks to Gary Williams and all staff involved in delivering this valuable experience.

RSE UPDATE

Following the half-term break, Year 7, 9 and 10 students will begin their Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) unit within their Religious Education lessons.

RSE is delivered using Ten Ten Resources, a programme rooted in Catholic teaching and values, supporting students in developing healthy relationships, making informed choices and understanding their personal responsibilities.

YEAR 7

Throughout this unit, Year 7 students will explore the following themes:

- Who am I?
- Changing Bodies
- Healthy Inside and Out
- Life Cycles
- Personal Relationships
- Online Awareness
- Living Responsibly
- Basic First Aid

YEAR 10

Year 10 students will explore the following themes:

- Authentic Freedom
- Self-Image
- Wellbeing and Health
- Life Cycles
- Personal Relationships
- Online Awareness
- Safe and Well
- Living in the Wider World

YEAR 9

Year 9 students will explore the following themes:

- Me and My Dignity
- Health and Wellbeing (drug and smoking awareness)
- Life Cycles
- Commitment and Marriage
- Consent
- Online Awareness
- Human Rights
- Life saving

These topics will encourage students to reflect on their personal development, recognise the importance of respect and dignity, and develop the knowledge and skills needed to navigate relationships and everyday challenges safely and responsibly.

Our approach reflects Bishop Challoner's Catholic ethos, ensuring that students receive age-appropriate education that promotes their wellbeing, personal growth and respect for themselves and others.



SIXTH FORM NEWS

BIRMINGHAM CROWN COURT VISIT

Across two recent trips, 16 Criminology students and 12 Law students visited Birmingham Crown Court to see the criminal justice system in action.

Students observed a range of cases, from drug offences to shoplifting, bringing their classroom learning to life and developing their understanding of court procedures. They also had the opportunity to speak with people working within the legal profession, gaining valuable insights into their roles and careers.

Both visits offered a fascinating glimpse into the workings of a busy Crown Court and helped students connect their studies with real courtroom experiences.

DEMENTIA CAFE

Our Year 12 students recently visited the Dementia Café, where they spent time chatting with guests and taking part in activities. They demonstrated great patience, compassion and understanding throughout the day, fully embracing everything they were asked to do. From bowls to bingo, the students got involved with enthusiasm and brought smiles to everyone's faces. Their kindness, maturity and willingness to serve others were a real credit to our school. It was a wonderful example of our young people living out our mission and showing the dignity and respect that every person deserves.



SEND UPDATE!

We are pleased that the intervention programme to support cognition and learning for students are now up and running.

We have the following targeted sessions in place currently across the week for specific students:

- Year 7, 8 and 9 reading interventions
- Year 7 group numeracy intervention
- Cued Spelling
- Dyslexia support group
- Claro Read coaching
- Fine Motor Skills intervention

Homework club is available to all students in our SEND area on Tuesday and Thursday after school 3.20-4.00pm in BC4.



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 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.



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.

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.) Mrs Peckover is the Senior DSL.

FIRST AID INFORMATION AND PROCEDURES

All medication must be handed into First Aid and must not be carried by students. Exceptions are EpiPens, asthma inhalers and insulin. Tranexamic acid may be permitted in special circumstances.

Please ensure we have up-to-date medical and emergency contact information. Notify First Aid via the school enquiries email or main school telephone number if your contact details or your child's medical circumstances change.

Students should bring a refillable water bottle to school. Water stations are available, or drinks can be purchased from the canteen.

STUDENTS WITH ASTHMA

All students with an Asthma diagnosis must be provided with an in date inhaler to school this must be carried on their person and provided for all trips and offsite activities.

Any child with an Asthma diagnosis must have an annual review and a care action plan provided to school by their doctor or Asthma nurse.

Please check with your doctor they have an actual Asthma diagnosis and provide the care plan to school.

Students with asthma must carry their own inhaler, including on off-site activities and school trips.

Parents/Carers of students with allergies must provide antihistamine medication to First Aid. Students with anaphylaxis must have antihistamine in addition to their EpiPen.

We do not provide liquid paracetamol, such as Calpol. If your child cannot take tablets, please provide clearly labelled Calpol to First Aid. This will be stored securely for your child's use only.

If your child has not got a diagnosis or no longer needs an asthma review and does not need to carry an inhaler, once checked with your doctor, please inform the school via email to; enquiry@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk, or send a letter for the attention of first aid and we can amend our medical records accordingly.

In order for students to participate safely with offsite activities including PE fixtures, PE lessons and trips the correct medication and care plan must be provided.



SCHOOL YEAR 2026 TO 2027

AUTUMN TERM 2026

Half-term: Monday 26 October 2026 to Friday 30 October 2026

Term ends: Thursday 17 December 2026

SPRING TERM 2027

Term starts: Monday 4 January 2027

Half-term: Monday 15 February 2027 - Friday 19 February 2027

Term ends: Thursday 25 March 2027

SUMMER TERM 2027

Term starts: Monday 12 April 2027

Half-term: Monday 31 May 2027 to Friday 4 June 2027

Term ends: Tuesday 20 July 2027

INSET DAYS

Friday 23 October 2026

Friday 18 December 2026

Wednesday 3 February 2027

Friday 30 April 2027

Wednesday 21 July 2027

Can you support our students through employer engagement?



Interested in helping?

Please contact Miss Darby on e.darby@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk if you might be able to support our careers programme.

We are looking for local contacts, from a range of different sectors, who would be willing to support our careers programme.

We are looking for:

- Speakers to talk about their career or industry
- Industry representatives to attend our careers fair
- Organisations who can offer short workplace visits or tours
- Work experience opportunities
- Mock interview support
- Speakers who can share insights into apprenticeships, training routes, or higher education pathways

Bishop Challoner Catholic College Invites you to a...



Please join us on
**Wednesday 14th of October for the first
Bishop Challoner Catholic College Tea
Party of 2026.**

**There will be tea, sandwiches, cake and
bingo!
Prizes to be won!**

Please email
s.mayor@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk
To register your interest.

19 Institute Rd, Birmingham
B14 7EG



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1:30pm to 3:00pm
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Bishop Challoner Catholic College

Explore
Learn
Grow
Together

Extra-Curricular Clubs



Make
New
Friends!

Unless stated, clubs run weekly and are available to all pupils.
Please arrive to club at rooms and times specified.

Monday



Breakfast Club
BC4
7:30-8:30
Ms McGowan



Dungeons & Dragons
Library
8:00 – 8:35



Drama Club
Dojo
3:20 – 4:10
Miss Hughes



'We Sing' Choir
PA2
3:30 - 4:10
Mrs Choudhury



Vinyl Record Club
Library
3:20-4:00
Mrs Newton



Volleyball
Sports Hall
3:30 - 4:15
Mr Faralon



STEM Club
T4
3:20-4:20
Mrs O'Connor

Tuesday



Breakfast Club
BC4
7:30-8:30
Ms McGowan



Music Club
PA1
3:20 – 4:10
Miss Hughes



Art Club
A1
3:20 – 4:15
Mrs Smith



Chess Club
MC2
3:30-4:00
Mr Welch



Vinyl Record Club
Library
3:20-4:00
Mrs Newton



Further Maths
3:20 - 4:20
Mr Mahmood
(yr 10 invite only)



Axiom Maths Club
M6
3:30-4:30
Mrs Cullen
(yr 7 invite only)

Wednesday



Breakfast Club
BC4
7:30-8:30
Ms McGowan



Cyber Girls
C4
3:20-4:15
Mr Ebrahim



**Junior Legion
Of Mary**
Chapel
3:30-4:15
Fr John



Journaling Club
Library
3:20-4:00
Mrs Newton



Vinyl Record Club
Library
3:20-4:00
Mrs Newton



Axiom Maths Club
M4
3:30-4:30
Mrs Cullen
(yr 8 invite only)

Try
Something
New!

Thursday



Breakfast Club
BC4
7:30-8:30
Ms McGowan



Science Club
S8
3:30-4:15
Miss Paxton



Textiles Club
(week 2)
T1
3:20-4:20
Mrs Dane



Vinyl Record Club
Library
3:20-4:00
Mrs Newton



Tech Innovators
C4
3:20-4:15
Mr Ebrahim



Maths Drop In
M1
3:20-4:20
Mrs McGowan

Friday



Breakfast Club
BC4
7:30-8:30
Ms McGowan



Film Club
Library
Lunch time
Mrs Newton

Different Clubs
Same BCC Family



FRIENDSHIP



CONFIDENCE



OPPORTUNITY



BELONGING

AUTUMN TERM 2	
Every Tuesday	Rosary
Every Thursday	Community Mass - 11.30am
Monday 2nd November	School Open Christmas Appeal Begins Men's Health Month
Monday 2nd November - Wednesday 18th November	Year 7 and 9 assessment window
Tuesday 3rd November	Year 8 and 10 Reconciliation
Wednesday 4th November	Early finish, 2.30pm Year 11 Parent Consultation Afternoon, 3.30pm-5.30pm - School Cloud is now live for appointments Remembrance Mass
Thursday 5th November	Year 12 Keble College, Oxford trip
Friday 6th November	7BER Charity Cake Sale
Monday 9th November - Friday 13th November	Year 11 Practical Food Exam
Wednesday 11th November	Form Faithfuls Mass
Thursday 12th November	Year 10 Maths Challenge Final Preparation Visit Year 11 Aspirations Programme
Friday 13th November	World Kindness Day
Monday 16th November	Anti-bullying Week
Tuesday 17th November - Wednesday 18th November	Year 10 Maths assessments Year 8 and 10 Reconciliation Year 11 Sixth Form Visit
Wednesday 18th November	Red Wednesday Mass Trip
Thursday 19th November	Year 11 and 12 Maths Inspiration Trip Year 11 Sixth Form Visit Year 9, 10 and 11 Maths Challenge
Friday 20th November	KS5 Debate Trip Year 10 Maths assessments
Monday 23rd November - Wednesday 25th November	Alton Castle Visit
Monday 23rd November	KS3 D&T Rewards Trip
Tuesday 24th November	Year 7 and 9 Reconciliation
Wednesday 25th November	Dementia Trip to the Irish Centre Whole School Council Meeting
Thursday 26th November	8BOS Candy Cane Sale Year 7 Animal Experience
Monday 30th November - Wednesday 16th December	Year 11 Mocks Window
Monday 30th November	Year 10 Jewellery Quarter Visit
Wednesday 2nd December	Biology Sprint Day Year 7 and 9 Reconciliation Sixth Form Rudolph Run
Thursday 3rd December	Sixth Form Parents Online - Supporting students with preparing for exams Year 7 Disco Tuck Shop Year 7 Disco, 5.30pm-7.30pm
Wednesday 9th December	Sixth Form Reconciliation
Thursday 10th December	Year 9 Christmaths
Friday 11th December	School closed for Year 7, 9 and 10 Parent Consultation
Monday 14th December - Wednesday 16th December	Biology Sprint Day Year 12 London Art Trip
Tuesday 15th December	7SEB Charity Cake Sale Sixth Form Christmas Mass Sixth Form Christmas Quiz Year 7 and 8 Christmas Mass
Wednesday 16th December	Year 11 Christmas Mass Year 9 and 10 Christmas Mass
Thursday 17th December	Christmas Jumper Day, £1 Charity Donation 9CEC Charity Christmas Hamper Raffle Christmas Dementia Trip
Friday 18th December	INSET Day - School closed

FINANCE OFFICER

12-MONTH FIXED-TERM CONTRACT
CLOSING DATE: 10TH NOVEMBER 2026

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this half term?



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- Cook along with our expert chef to make a tasty vegetarian lunch
- learn how to grow some of the ingredients to take home or grow in our community garden

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