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Friday 23rd September 2022

Message from Mr Hearnden, Vice Principal

This academic year has begun in earnest, and it is great to see our new year 7 and 12 students settling into the hustle and bustle of school and college life.

Our Open Evening this week was an incredible success and was undoubtedly our busiest ever. We anticipate over 1000 people came through the door. Huge congratulations to all of our staff and to all of our student helpers on putting on an outstanding display of excellence last night. The feedback from visitors as they left last night was extremely positive. Special praise goes to our Year 11 Guides- they were a credit to the school and a credit to themselves.

The extra-curricular timetable is now up and running which offers numerous clubs and activities. There is a hive of activity from early in the morning to time well after school and it is inspiring to see so many students taking full advantage of the plethora of clubs and activities on offer. Please encourage your child to engage in at least one club as I have no doubt that the experience of attending clubs offers students many new skills, the opportunity to form new friendships and also helps to increase confidence too.

The year 13 A level Biology field trip was our first residential trip of the year. The weather remained fine for them and a successful time was had. We look forward to many more exciting day and residential trip opportunities for students.

The focus for this year is the Year of Character, we are encouraging our students to display the following character values as part of their everyday school life-

Compassionate, Respectful, Focused, Active, Resilient and Cultured.

Please reinforce, support, and acknowledge these important values in the home. One way in which students could show compassion is through contributing to the schools collection for St Chad's Sanctuary- we particularly welcome clothing this time round. Students can drop donations on the table by the 'Year of Character' Wall in the foyer.

Lord our God, may we grow as people who think of others and see their needs never "passing by on the other side", but being willing to make sacrifices and be generous for the good of others. Amen.

There are some students in school that have returned with footwear, either identical or similar. Boots of any kind are not allowed, irrelevant of whether they are branded or not. We fully appreciate the cost of replacing school uniform and footwear so if your child is wearing footwear that is not allowed, we are not expecting replacements to be sought immediately, but please ensure that they are replaced in time for the new half term on Monday 31st October 2022. If there are any issues with this request please contact the Pastoral office.

Blazers/Jumpers

Royal blue jumpers for year 7-10 and maroon jumpers for year 11 are optional items of uniform. If students wear a jumper, they must still wear their blazer over the jumper. Blazers are not optional and jumpers must not be worn instead of a blazer.

No other items of clothing- sweatshirts/hoodies etc must be worn under blazers.

Merciful God, We praise you because you know all things, see all things, and remember us. Thank you that we can depend on your presence with us in every season and situation, that each time has purpose and meaning. We are grateful that each season is orchestrated by you, even the harder ones. Help us to see your hand and guidance in our lives as we go through changes, the highs, and the lows. May we grow in trust and persevere in the valleys. How great you are, oh God, for being so intentional to care for us in every season. For even when things seem glum, your light continues to shine on us in mercy and grace. Amen

Uniform Standards

Footwear

The standards of uniform and presentation from our students since returning to school has been pleasing, on the whole students are smart and ready to learn.

You will see from the information on the website- www.bishopchalloner.org.uk/about/uniform that the following footwear is not allowed-



Online Safety Blast

It is that time of year again when the latest (now seemingly annually) FIFA and Call of Duty hit the shelves just in time for Christmas. Firstly, the new Call of Duty Game, Call of Duty Modern Warfare 2 is rated 18 by PEGI. FIFA is rated as 3+. FIFA contains aspects of a 'loot box' mechanic through FIFA Ultimate Team, a process where real life and in-game currency can be exchanged for 'packs'. These packs contain digital cards of football players, stadiums, kits and more. Much like real trading card games, there is no guarantee of a rare player, and more often than not, 'common' players holding little value are obtained

More and more research is pointing to the process being psychologically akin to gambling. So much so that the exchange of real-world currency for FIFA points is now banned in Belgium. The article discussing this can be found here – <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-61594815>.

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We advice parents / carers to discuss this aspect of the game with their children and to avoid linking any credit / debit cards to the account.

Sports Updates

Year 9 Boys Football

The Year 9 Boys Football team were successful in R1 of the West Midlands Cup last week (16/9) V Windsor School (Halesowen). In a match that had it all, Bishop Challoner scored to make it 4-3 with the last kick of the Game, which sparked a mass celebration and pile on! The Boys from Year 9 will now face either Caludon Castle or West Coventry Academy in R2. After the success of last year in Year 8, we continue to strive to win this illusive competition!

Year 7 Boys & Girls Football trials

Fantastic turnout for year 7 football trials with over 70 pupils in attendance. Very exciting to see the level of sporting excellence from our new starters. Our enthusiastic pupils are now preparing for their first game of the season and display pride in representing Bishop Challoner. Keep an eye out for upcoming fixtures and follow the journey on the PE twitter Page @BCPEDepartment.

Open evening

A remarkable open evening showcasing the superb facilities and abundance of sports on display at Challoner ranging from gymnastics to tchoukball and everything in between. A pleasure to meet parents and children who will be joining us in September.



European Day of Languages

On the Monday 26th September, we will be celebrating European Day of languages. This is a great opportunity for us to come together as a community and celebrate all the world languages spoken by students and members of staff at Bishop Challoner.

On Tuesday 27th September, first break, the MFL department will be hosting a Bishop's Got Talent in the library, where many of our multilingual students will be sharing their knowledge with other members of our community.

Amongst many, some of the languages spoken by students and staff at Bishop Challoner are:

Arabic, Bosnian, Chinese, French, German, Hindi, Italian, Lingala, Malayalam, Panjabi, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish,

Tigrinya, Tagalog.

Where Am I? quiz

Test your culture knowledge with the quiz below. <https://edl.ecml.at/Games/Whereami/tabid/3263/Default.aspx>

So, why should you study languages? And, how can they help your future career? TOP 10 reasons

1. Languages make your CV stand out
2. Languages improve your native language skills
3. Languages make you better at multitasking
4. Languages make you a better decision-maker
5. Languages make you a better communicator
6. Languages make you more creative
7. Languages help you to build better relationships
8. Languages open up more job opportunities
9. Languages improve your memory
10. Languages can earn you a higher salary

Sixth Form

Year 12 Induction

It has been a pleasure to welcome students into Year 12. We welcome back many familiar faces from lower school and we are also pleased to welcome many new students who have joined us from other local schools. Year 12 have made a really positive start to the year and many students are already engaging exceptionally well into sixth form life.

Year 12 Parents Information Evening

We were delighted to meet and welcome many parents and carers last week to the information evening. We hope the evening was useful and anyone that could not make the event rest assured that all important information will be communicated via the school website. A link to the parent/carer handbook can be found below.

www.bishopchalloner.org.uk/sixth-form/about-us/student-parent-carer-handbook

Sixth Form study periods

Students are encouraged to use all of their time wisely during the college day. As part of this subject specific study guides are now available to support all students with their independent studies.

www.bishopchalloner.org.uk/sixth-form/sixth-form-curriculum/study-periods

Year 12 Bonding Day

Bonding Day will take place on Thursday 29th September. This will be an opportunity for students to meet new people in their year group and take part in some fun teambuilding activities with their academic tutors.

Year 13 Character Development Day

On 29th September Year 13 students will carry out a personal development day where they will come out of their normal academic studies and take some time in developing other important aspects of their education. The Sixth Form aims not only for academic success, but to develop skills in students that make them more rounded young adults ready to take their place in the wider world.

Train to Teach with BCTSA

New school year, new name for our trainee teachers! Associate Teachers, or ATs is a term that some of our University partners use, so we are trying this out with our new cohort. After a busy summer of interviews, we are delighted to have a strong team of ATs in both our Primary and Secondary partner schools.

As always, we are looking to the future, and we have some School Experience Days coming up this Autumn. This is where those thinking of teaching can sign up to spend a day in a school and see if life in the classroom is really for them! See the DfE site for details and how to book: <https://schoolsexperience.education.gov.uk/>

Applications to train to teach with us will be open from 5th October to view online, and submissions can start from the 11th October.

Want to find out more? Drop us an email at trainingschool@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk to ask any questions or to arrange a chat.

Extra-Curricular

Our extra curricular clubs are now up and running and already pulling in lots of enthusiastic students both before and after school. Please [click here](#) to visit our website and view our full programme of what's on offer.



BISHOP CHALLONER SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 9th November

6pm - 8.30pm

Click here to book your place



Computer Science trip to San Francisco 2022

After two challenging years of school time and a long halt to school trips in July 2022 the dedicated staff of Bishop Challoner took a group of 51 students on a Computer Science trip to San Francisco and Silicon Valley. The trip was an amazing opportunity for the students to learn and experience a different culture which would help them to become global citizens.

The students visited landmarks including: Interactive Tech Museum, Computer History Museum, the Apple Store in Silicon Valley. They took trips to the Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, Stanford University where they had a tour of the university's campuses, they took a walk around the Googleplex and visited the Golden Gate Bridge

The students had the opportunity for some leisure time too spending evenings at Pier 39 followed by dinner at Bubba Gump restaurant. They had a guided tour of San Francisco and spent time shopping in Union Square and even went to Oracle Park the home to San Francisco Giants where they watched the team play against Arizona.

On the last day, the students visited Alcatraz Island. This was a historical and emotional experience since the island was also used by the native Indians during the freedom protest in the 1960s and early 1970s.

This was an amazing experience for students and staff alike.



Upcoming Events

Year 11 Mini Mocks
Monday 26th September -
Friday 7th October

European Day of Languages
Monday 26th September

Soli House Parents/Carers meeting,
4.30pm
Feast of Saint Vincent De Paul
Tuesday 27th September

Drayton Manor
Year 12 Bonding Day
Year 13 Personal Development Day
Thursday 29th September

Bletchley Park Visit, Year 7
Macmillan Coffee Morning
St Chad's Collection Ends
Friday 30th September

Year 12 Settling In Interviews
Monday 3rd October

Year 10 Soli House
Monday 3rd October -
Wednesday 5th September

Year 12 and 13 Senior Maths
Challenge
Tuesday 4th October

BISHOP CHALLONER SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

T-LEVELS



Wednesday 23rd
November
5.30pm - 6.30pm

Click here to book
your tickets

LAUNCH LAUNCH EVENT



ENERGY PRICES ARE RISING! FOOD PRICES ARE RISING!

Take control of your Energy Bills
and restore your peace of mind.

Come and meet the Green Doctor

Holloway Hall, Ley Hill,
Bartley Green, Birmingham B31 1TT
Tuesday 27th September 2022
12.00pm - 2.30pm

The Green Doctor will follow up with a home
visit to find out more about your needs...

- + Identify causes of heat loss in their home
- + Identify and tackle damp or mould
- + Offer advice on energy and water-saving strategies
- + Install energy and water efficiency measures
- + Find more cost-effective energy providers
- + Advise tenants on managing their water and energy bills and outstanding debts

There will also be other service providers such as...

- + Jobs & Advice Surgery
- + Housing
- + Fortem

For more details, please contact
your TPO on: 0121 303 5359

We look forward to seeing you there!

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Barsham Close Sheltered Housing Scheme
Off Bristol Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B5 7XQ
Monday 26th September 2022
11.00am - 1.30pm

The Green Doctor will follow up with a home
visit to find out more about your needs...

- + Identify causes of heat loss in their home
- + Identify and tackle damp or mould
- + Offer advice on energy and water-saving strategies
- + Install energy and water efficiency measures
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