

# BC14

Our Lady of Walsingham  
Pray, O Holy mother of God,  
for the conversion of England,  
restoration of the sick,  
consolation for the afflicted,  
repentance of sinners,  
peace to the departed.  
Amen

## Message from Mrs Breen, Vice Principal

This academic year has begun in earnest and it is exciting to see our new Year 7 and 12 students settling in to the hustle and bustle of school and college life. The building of our new classrooms is making progress and it will be exciting to see all the work completed.

The school Open Evening was a resounding sell out success this week and it was lovely to see so many future students and families face to face. The vibrant atmosphere around the school was something to behold and one that we have greatly missed. Feedback from visitors on the evening and those that have contacted the school since highlight our fantastic student helpers and Year 11 guides who represented the school brilliantly, well done to them.

The extra-curricular timetable is now up and running which offers numerous clubs and activities. It is inspiring to see so many students taking full advantage of early morning clubs as well as the plethora of clubs and activities running after school. 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 for many, many months. The weather remained fine for them and a successful time was had. We are now hopeful that many more residential trips will be on offer to our young people.

The focus for this year is the Year of Giving and as a school we are always humbled by the generosity of our students and families and the support that is given to our local community. This generosity supports our mission statement of 'service to others' and is echoed by Mother Teresa who said 'Never be so busy as not to think of others' and I am confident that the whole school community will strive to be committed in supporting and giving to others in whatever form that may take.

The St Chads collection has started and in particular they are asking for men's clothing, so if you are able to donate please do so.

Thank you for your continued support of school and I wish you a happy and relaxing weekend in all that we do.

## Punctuality

We have been aware of issues with bus delays due to main routes to school being disrupted because of road works this week. Leniency and understanding has been shown to those that have been affected with late detentions suspended. With a number of days now been given to plan alternate routes and work out earlier times to leave, late detentions will begin again from Monday 27th September.

Friday 24th September 2021

## Teaching School Update

We are excited to announce the dates for applications for Training to Teach this Autumn.

If you are interested in becoming a teacher, primary or secondary, then now is the time to start researching which training route will suit you best!

For general information, you can register with:  
<https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/>

However, you can also join us for a free information session online, which goes into detail of the School Direct route which we have successfully run for many years here at Bishop Challoner. Our first online event of this year will be on Wednesday 29th September, 4.00 - 5.00 pm. You can book a place on this by emailing us at [trainingschool@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk](mailto:trainingschool@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk). UCAS will no longer be processing teacher training applications, so all applications will go through Apply, which is the new Government site: [www.apply-for-teacher-training.service.gov.uk/candidate/account](http://www.apply-for-teacher-training.service.gov.uk/candidate/account).

You will be able to start making an application on here from 4th October, with applications going live on 12th October. We look forward to talking about your journey into teaching with you soon.  
[www.bctsa.org](http://www.bctsa.org)

## Science revision guides

Science revision guides and workbooks can be now bought on Schoolcomms as a bundle. The Key Stage 3 books cover material from Year 7 to January of Year 9. The GCSE books cover work from January of Year 9 to the end of Year 11.

If pupils want to buy the revision guides or workbooks separately, this can be done by bringing cash into Mrs Shore. Mrs Shore's office is up the stairs in the quad by the Grab and Go window.





## Password security

Given the number of accounts that many of us have in our daily lives the appropriate use and management of passwords is becoming ever more important. It was recently reported that 1.2TB worth of login details and customer information had been found. This data was the result of a large-scale attack on some of the world's biggest companies and organisations.

It is imperative that we are all taking steps to protect our data and the best form of primary defence is a strong password. Please communicate with your child the need for strong passwords on both their school and personal accounts.

Here are some tips to make a password secure:

- Never use the same password twice.
- Passwords should not be relatable to you – this makes it easier for someone with information about you to guess – e.g. children's names or favourite sports teams.
- Passwords should not be common – e.g. password12345, letmein etc.
- Passwords should be a combination of characters, upper and lowercase letters, and numbers.
- Passwords should be of a good length, a minimum of 10 characters is recommended.
- Make use of a password manager to store these unique login details."

## Sports Updates

### PE Extra-Curricular Clubs

Well done to all students who have attended PE extra-curricular clubs. Due to huge demand, more clubs have been added to the extra-curricular programme. The updated timetable is now available on the brand new extra-curricular PE notice board in the sports center.



### Year 7 Boys Football

Year 7 boys' football trials were a great success. The effort levels, skill and team work on display across both days of trials was excellent. A big well to all boys who were selected to the squad, with a special mention to Captain Harry Byrne and Vice-captain Curtis Batchelor. The teams' first fixture will be away at John Henry Newman CC in round 1 of the Birmingham Cup next week.

### Upcoming International Football Trips

In June 2022, an exciting opportunity for Year 7, 8 and 9 girls to experience first-hand football coaching sessions from Villarreal staff. The girls will not only experience the cultural aspect by visiting the local city centre but also will have a behind the scenes tour of the Estadio De La Ceramica and a pre-arranged game against a local team. Letters for the trip are available from the PE office. If you do have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Miss Hunter.

### Sports Results

Year 8 Boys started their league campaign with a high-scoring 4-3 victory over Wheelers Lane, with Kaysha Kameni named Man of the Match. In the West Midlands Cup, Year 9 Boys progressed to round 2 by beating Kings Norton 4-1, while Year 11 Boys suffered a narrow 2-1 defeat to Alderbrook.

## Sixth Form

### Mocks

Year 13 have been completing mock examinations this week. We have been impressed with their preparation and their commitment to their studies.

Arrangements will be made for any students who have missed mocks this week due to illness to sit them on their return.

### UCAS

Our early applicants (Oxbridge and Medicine) are putting the final touches to their personal statements, ahead of our internal deadline of 27th September. Their completed applications, including references have to be submitted by 15th October.

### Pathways to Healthcare

Applications for Aston University's Pathways to Healthcare Programme, which has proven to be very valuable for certain year 12 students in the past, are open and close on 1st October. As this is a widening opportunities programme, there are certain eligibility criteria. Students living in areas where statistically fewer young people progress to university or whose parents did not attend university or have disability or have been in the care of the local authority are prioritised.

More information below:

<https://www.aston.ac.uk/hls/aston-medical-school/widening-participation/pathway-to-healthcare/students>

### 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.

## European Day of Languages

On 26th September each year, we celebrate European Day of Languages. This year we celebrate 20 years of linguistic and cultural diversity.

Throughout Europe, 800 million Europeans are represented in the Council of Europe's 47 member states and all are encouraged to discover more languages at any age, as part of or alongside their studies. This stems from the Council of Europe's conviction that linguistic diversity is a tool for achieving greater intercultural understanding and a key element in the rich cultural heritage of our continent. Therefore, the Council of Europe, in Strasbourg, promotes plurilingualism in the whole of Europe.

**In our Bishop Challoner community, 18% of our students can speak at least 2 languages! This make them bilingual or even multilingual.**

Amongst those, some of the European languages spoken by our students are Polish, Spanish, Portuguese, French, Bosnian, Italian, Greek and many others.

Some of our students can also speak Tigrinya, Malayalam, Tagalog, Farsi, Mandarin, Lingala, Swahili, Turkish, Panjabi, Arabic, Urdu, etc.

Why not join one the the many apps to learn another language?? Duolingo, Babble, Rosetta Stone?



## Upcoming Events

**Year 11 Mini Mocks**  
Monday 27th September - Friday 1st October

**School Photos Year 7, 8 & 9**  
**European Day of Languages**  
Monday 27th September

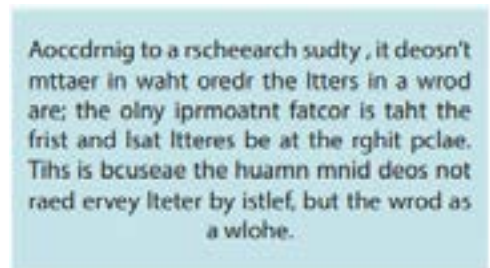
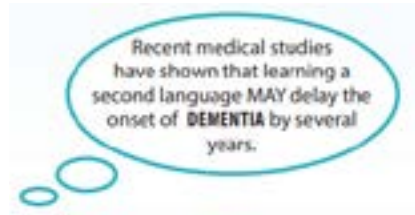
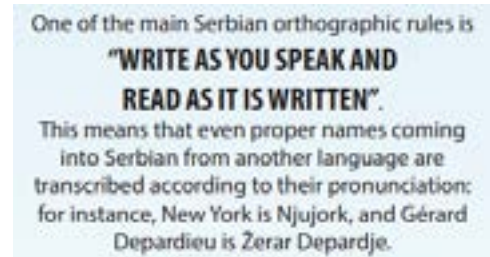
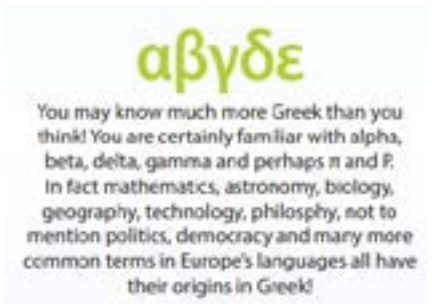
**School Photos Year 9, 10 & 11**  
Tuesday 28th September

**Bletchley Park Visit**  
Friday 1st October

**Year 12 Settling in Interviews**  
Monday 4th October - Friday 8th October

**Colm Smith Birmingham Irish Children's Toy Appeal Begins**  
Monday 4th October

Here are some interesting facts you might not know about languages.



## Monday 27th September at 1pm

# Mental Health Information for Parents/ Carers

Join for free for a 1 hour session online about how Kooth can support young people in your life  
Register [HERE](#)



Kooth is the UK's largest digital mental health platform, providing free mental health and wellbeing support services for young people aged 11-25.

## School Fund and Match Fund

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



St. Jude's Catholic Primary School

**Nursery places available from September 2021. We still have vacancies.**

0121 464 5069

enquiry@stjuderc.bham.sch.uk

St. Jude's Close, Maypole, Birmingham B14 5FD

www.stjuderc.bham.sch.uk



## Mobile Phone Safety

Smart phones are an ever-present part of our daily lives, and in recent years have positioned themselves to be an almost essential in the modern day. Used correctly, these brilliant tools allow us to communicate, work, manage finances, find information, take photos and videos, find our way and more! They can also be a source of entertainment and fun, and once again, when this is done correctly, they are a brilliant addition to our ever-growing source of enjoyment. However, when used incorrectly, these same powerful tools can be turned against us or others to cause huge harm and distress to others. Be it through cyberbullying on social media or using the cameras in the devices to capture candid images and video, they can be a huge source of pain for someone on the receiving end. We therefore encourage all of our parents and carers to have honest and frank conversations with their child about these devices and the responsibility they have to be a good digital citizen when using them.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parents-guide-technology/phones>

## Help for all families in Birmingham



Birmingham Children's Partnership

# YOUNGMINDS

fighting for young people's mental health

Click the link below for the Parents help line and web chat:  
<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-helpline-and-webchat/>

## Venue Hire

For more information call: 0121 441 6103



## 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?
- Speak to any adult in school or one of our Mental Health Team

## Mental Health Team

**Mrs Breen**

**Mr Clarke**

**Mrs Nutt**

**Mrs Peckover**

**Mrs Reynolds**

