

### Message from Mrs Breen, Vice Principal

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and you have managed to enjoy some of the lovely weather we have experienced recently. As I can imagine, that like myself, we were all disappointed but not shocked that the full reopening has been put back and done so in order to keep everyone safe as the vaccine roll out continues and the Delta variant hopefully begins to subside.

I realise that this delay will cause many people further storms and upset in their lives especially during this time of uncertainly. On reflection of the Gospel on Sunday and how Jesus calmed the storm and reassured the disciples. I feel that it is important to continue to put our trust in God during this time and even though our faith will not guarantee us that we will not have storms in our lives it does give us the assurance that when the storms come, our Lord will be with us to either remove them or sustain us through them for the glory of God.

School continues to be a very busy place. It was so lovely to see some of our pupils going on a school trip to Bletchley Park, it is reassuring to see some signs of normality beginning to show.

The Viking Classic, women's, tennis tournament concluded on Sunday with another year of outstanding commitment by our PE staff and pupils, despite all the additional work created by the pandemic and ensuring all parties involved remained safe. It is a truly wonderful experience for our pupils to be involved in.

This week Year 7 are taking part in a Health and Wellbeing week, All About Me, where they will be involved in tracking their own health and wellbeing and having time at the end of the week to reflect on their activities.

#### **Teaching School Update**

We still have a few vacancies left for Teacher Training positions on our School Direct / PGCE programme starting in September 2021.

Subjects available for secondary include Physics, PE, Art, Health & Social Care and Geography. There are also Primary school placements on offer too.

Check out our website where you can find lots more information, www.bctsa.org, or email us to arrange a chat: teachingschool@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk. Maybe teaching could be YOUR next career move!



Almighty God, You gave us Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility. He fulfilled Your Will by becoming man and giving His life on the Cross. Help us to bearwitness to you by following His example. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen.

#### Friday 24th June 2021

Our school sports day is taking place on Monday the 28th June, it cannot be replicated like previous years but it is really encouraging that an adapted version is happening. I have heard many of the students talking excitedly about it.

The B30 foodbank collection is now taking place and we once again ask you to give generously. The commitment which the school community, continually, shows towards helping the local community is humbling. The collection is up until the 19th of July. Please feel free to drop food into reception or your child can drop it in to the chapel. The foodbank has asked where possible some of the following items could be donated: instant coffee (not decaf), tinned fish, long life fruit juice, packet/pot noodles, shampoo, roll on deodorant, strong carrier bags. Thank you in advance.

I would also like to thank you for continuing with the, twice weekly, lateral flow testing as it certainly helps to keep our community safer, especially as Birmingham is experiencing a surge in new cases. Please continue to report all results.

Thank you for your continued support in all areas of school life and I hope the sun continues to shine brightly for us all.

#### Instrumental lessons

Instrumental lessons will end of the following dates this term:

- · Cello 5th July
- Brass 7th July
- · Recorder 12th July
- Woodwind 7th July
- Violin 9th July
- Guitar 13th July
- · Steel Pans 12th July
- Drums 13th July
- Piano 15th July

It is advisable for all students to take their instruments home over the summer holidays to practise!

#### **OLC News**

Recently some Year 7 and Year 8 English classes have been having their creative writing English lessons in the OLC. We are planning for this to happen more frequently next year as restrictions lift.

This created an opportunity for the students to check out the book if they wished, helping encourage reading for pleasure. Our E-Platform for E books and audio books is also still available to all out students. Please check out the Library page on the school website https:// bishopchalloner.org.uk/library



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. Here are some tips to make a password secure:

# **Sports Updates**

# Ball Crew 2021

The newly named 'Viking Classic Birmingham' concluded on Sunday 20th June 2021 after 9 days of superb commitment and hard work from all of our Ball Crew team. The students really did out-perform themselves and provided a beautiful window into what our school is truly all about. As the tournament progressed and the students grew in confidence, they were able to show tremendous amounts of skill, perseverance, and resilience whilst on court. They then topped this off with huge amounts of positive spirit off the court; something that the students have no doubt missed in the recent months/year gone by. As members of staff, we have also missed seeing this and we have thoroughly enjoyed watching our students throughout the tournament. On the final day, tournament officials and organisers from the LTA paid a visit to Ball Crew base of operations prior to the finals, where they were once again quick to praise the entire Ball Crew team for their professionalism, skill and expertise throughout the tournament, which was a nice way to conclude a very enjoyable 9 days. We now look forward to next year! A huge well done to all of our students, you were a credit to our school and to the Ball Crew Team.



#### **Sports Day**

We are delighted to be hosting our annual Sports Day on 28th June 2021 which will be held at the Tudor Grange Track. Students from Year 7, 8 and 9 have been selected based on their sporting ability, attitude, behavior and commitment to extracurricular PE clubs. Students have been selected to participate in a range of running, jumping and throwing events, and will be representing their form. We are excited to be able to give our students this opportunity, and we very much look forward to seeing them in action! Good luck to all form groups.

- 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.
- Passwordsshouldnotbecommon-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.





# Collecting from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 until Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021



# Sixth Form Year 12

It has been a busy fortnight for Year 12! Students have completed their mock exams and must be congratulated on their mature and resilient approach. This is made even more significant as their last end of year exams were in Year 10!

# Year 13

Preparation for progression into Year 13 and beyond continues with students registering for UCAS and understanding Degree Apprenticeships. All the delivered sessions are available to view on the website.

# Year 13 Leavers' service

We also had our Final Farewell assembly with Yr 13 when their tutors were able to say a goodbye to their forms on Thursday 24th June. Sadly, we were not able to hold the planned face-to-face celebration.

## Sixth Form Taster Day

111 of our own Year 11 students returned to college on Tuesday 22nd June to take part in their Sixth Form Taster Day. They started with a virtual assembly in form groups, delivered by Mrs Nutt and our newly appointed Head of Year 12, Dr Osborne. They then were able to experience 4 A Level/Vocational hour long taster lessons, as well as enjoying break and lunchtime in the Sixth Form Common Room. We were most impressed with the positive attitudes shown and look forward to enrolling them in August.

## **Covid Vigilance**

As Covid cases appear to be increasing in the community, we have reminded our Sixth Formers of the following advice:

- Please remember to complete weekly lateral flow tests
- Watch out for any symptoms of Covid and if in any doubt get a PCR test.
- Be mindful that other "unwell" symptoms such as sickness and diarrhoea, sometimes these lead onto Covid symptoms. Again, get a PCR test if in any doubt.
- Isolation means isolation. It is important that you stay home, if required to do so, for the duration of the self-isolation period and do not meet up with friends.



# **Bletchley Park Visit**

A group of 27 students participated in the Computing trip to Bletchley Park on Friday 18th of June.

The trip to Bletchley Park was well received by all the students including many from the extra-curricular computing clubs. The trip helps support the content covered by the National Curriculum and hopes to inspire the students to choose Computer Science as a GCSE option.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sports Day** Monday 28th June

INSET Day - School closed Friday 2nd July

Year 10 Spoken Language Monday 5th July -Friday 9th July

Year 6 Virtual Induction Wednesday 7th July

Year 10 Virtual Work Experience Day Friday 9th July





#### **Easy Fundraising**

Please remember to use easyfundraising every time you shop online! Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate, so you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you're buying. These donations really help us out, so please sign up if you haven't yet. It's easy and FREE! You can get started at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ bishopchallonercatholiccollege/?utm\_campaign=raisemore&utm\_content=en-n2

## Safeguarding

Bishop Challoner Catholic Colleges recognise its responsibilities for safeguarding all members of the community and is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all its pupils.

Following the campaign 'Together we can stop child abuse' we have updated the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and Behaviour Policy policies to reflect the DfE consultation paper on Sexual violence and sexual harassment between children in schools and colleges.

#### https://stopabusetogether.campaign.gov.uk/

If you require any further support please contact k.peckover@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk e.breen@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

#### **CORONAVIRUS: PUBLIC INFORMATION**

There are three simple actions we must all do to keep on protecting each other



**Cover face** wear a face covering in enclosed spaces **Make space** stay at least 2 metres apart - or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions

For further guidance please follow the link below:

Wash hands - keep washing your hands regularly

#### nttps://www.gov.uk/coronavirus

If you have symptoms (high temperature, a new, continuous cough, loss of, or change to your sense of smell or taste) - get a test. Do not leave home for at least 10 days if your test result is positive.

If someone in your house has symptoms, stay at home until they have their test results. If they are positive you must stay at home for 10 days from the first day of symptoms.



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#### What services do I offer?

- 1-2-1 Psychotherapy for children and adults of all ages
- Parent and family work
- Autism Specialist consultations for parents and partners
- Autism Awareness Workshops

l work with a whole range of issues with children and adults. This could be: Bereavement Relationships difficulties Eating disorders Suicidal thoughts and Self-harm Nightmares

Anxiety and Depression