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Hail, Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

Message from Mr O'Connor, Vice Principal

Friday 25th March 2022

March is the month of St Joseph, the patron saint of families, fathers, expectant mothers, travellers, immigrants, craftsmen, engineers and working people. We devote our thoughts and prayers to the fathers and expectant mothers and all those who have been forced to leave their homes in their millions because of war. As part of our ongoing community work the school has been fulfilling its LiveSimply actions. The LiveSimply award is an opportunity for Catholic communities - parishes, schools, religious orders and chaplaincies - to respond to Pope Francis' invitation in Laudato Si' to "work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us".

The award is earned by those who can show how they have been living simply, living in solidarity with people in poverty and living sustainably with creation. In addition to this we have recently signed up to become a school of sanctuary, a national network of over 300 primary and secondary schools all committed to creating a culture of welcome and inclusion for refugees and people seeking asylum.

On St Patricks Day, 17th March, our staff and student's all wore green in solidarity, a sign of hope and peace. All the donations raised were donated to CAFOD, Ukraine Crisis support. Staff have brought in food and clothing for CAFOD International which will be transported to Ukraine and given to those affected by the war. Staff will volunteer during the week leading up to Easter at SIFA fireside to help prepare meals to support the homeless and vulnerably housed adults. Our students have begun their Year group fundraising for the following causes:

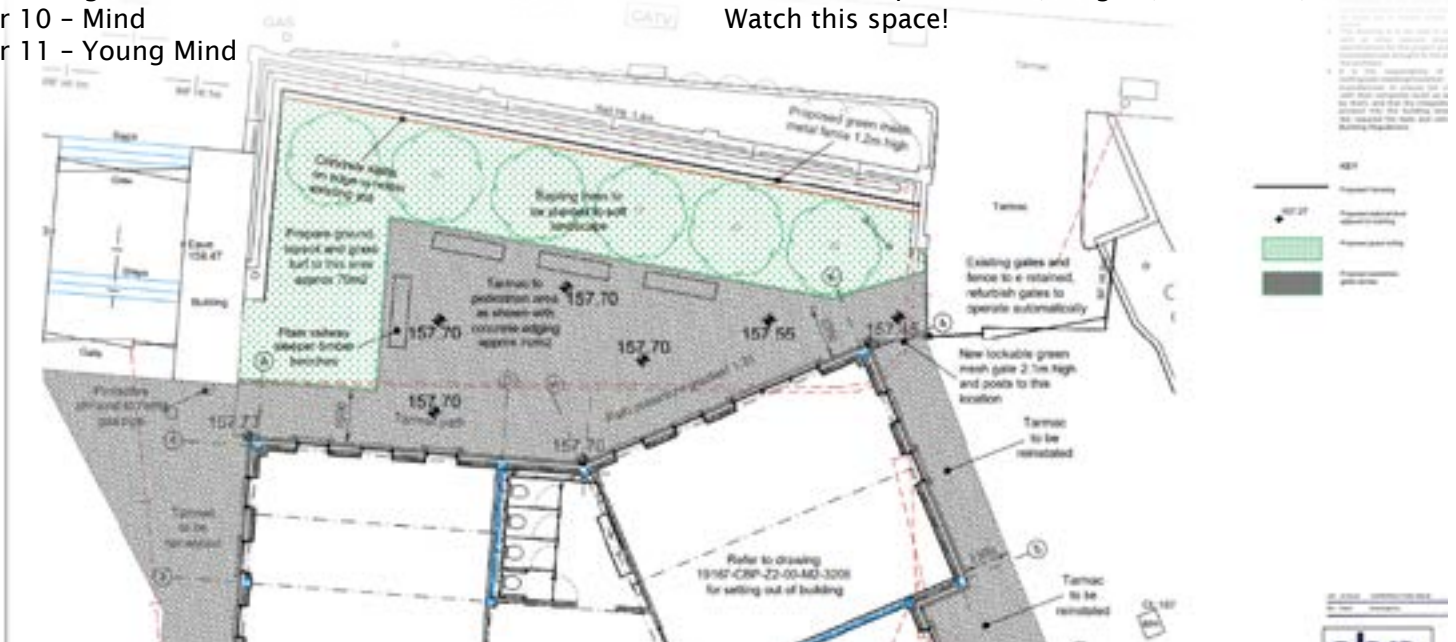
- Yr7 - Saint Vincent De Porre
- Yr8 - Birmingham Mind
- Year 9 - Age UK
- Year 10 - Mind
- Year 11 - Young Mind

- Year 12 - Cancer Research UK
- Year 13 - Birmingham Children's Hospital

Our Eco Group spent a day at Martineau Gardens last week, combining fun with learning about our environment and planning for our forthcoming Peace Garden which will be located next to our new build. They were advised by a horticultural therapist, who gave ideas for planning our garden, inspiring them to look at the symbolism of plants when thinking of what to include. Spring is here and the bulbs begin to push through the soil and flower - new beginnings which brings colour, hope and prosperity. The school has recently appointed four sixth form students who have been employed to upkeep the peace gardens, vegetable plot and the general gardening maintenance across the school.

The school have been given three hundred silver birch sapling trees ready for planting. We intend to replace any vegetation lost to the new build in our new peace garden. We will also be donating trees to our neighbours on Institute Road and Goldsmiths Road as a gesture of goodwill and to recognise and thank them for their patience throughout the construction. Trees will also be given to the eleven primary schools in the Tolkien Cluster and planted at our Moor Green Lane playing fields. (If any families would like a tree please get in touch with the school reception).

Our six classroom new build is edging closer to completion with the aim of opening the doors to our students in early May. The school is busy planning a grand opening to celebrate the end of the construction and the beginning of our new English block. On Thursday 7th July parents/carers will get the opportunity to come into the school and view all our new facilities whilst being entertained by our talented performers, singers, musicians, and artists. Watch this space!



BC New Build





Hacking has once again entered the popular public domain due to hacktivist group Anonymous declaring numerous Russian companies and organisations a 'target' for their activities. We all support the end of war in Ukraine, and many will understand and even support the activities of Anonymous, we must remember that even 'perceived' ethical hacking is illegal in the eyes of the law; Hacking is the unauthorised attempt to exploit a computer system or network.

Many students demonstrate an interest in hacking, often derived from movies and TV shows. We must ensure that they are aware of the repercussions of such crimes, and if engaging with the tools used, only do so in a safe and legal way.

More information on hacking can be found here: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/hub/view/guide/what-parents-need-to-know-about-hacking>

Work Experience

Our Year 10 and 12 students are now looking for their work experience places that take place on the following weeks:

Year 10 - Monday 4th July - Friday 8th July

Year 12 - Monday 11th July - Friday 15th July

We wish them luck in successfully getting a place at their chosen companies.

First Aid

It is important to stay hydrated, Bishop Challoner provides water stations within the school, please send your child into school with a drinks bottle so they can use these stations to fill up their bottles.

Students with Asthma must carry their inhalers with them at all times, please ensure your child has one with them.

Train to Teach news from BCTSA

We are pleased to announce a new course code this week, which may appeal to previous students of the college - Secondary PE with Newman University. To celebrate this, we are actively encouraging those thinking of going into teaching, to come and spend a day in the classroom - or sports hall!

Dates coming up include: 6th and 27th April and the 25th May and you can make an expression of interest through our webpage: <https://www.bctsa.org/599/apply-for-school-direct>

We are always happy to chat about getting into teaching, so do give us a call on 0121 441 6114.

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Sports Updates

Netball

Year 7 and Year 8 netball teams both achieved successes at recent netball competitions. Year 7 claimed the Shield in their competition while Year 8 were the overall winners of their competition at Edgbaston High. Huge Congratulations to both teams!



Football

Year 8 Boys are through to the Birmingham Cup Final after a 3-0 win over Arden. Kaysha K scored a hat-trick to send the boys through to the Final which will be played at Aston Villa's Bodymoor Heath Training Complex. The Final against St Peters will be played on Tuesday 5th March.

Sixth Form Boys' Football

Well done to the Sixth Form team that beat Coleshill 3-2 in the Quarter Finals of the West Midlands Cup with goals from Joe Nicholson, Finn Monaghan and Shawn Awanayah. The lads will now face Bishop Vesey's next month.

Ball Crew 2022

Round 1 of the Year 7 and 8 Ball Crew trials took place over the last week. Miss Shirley and Mr Wilson were super impressed with everyone's hard work and focus.



PE Raffle

The Bishop Challoner Community Quiz and Curry Night is just around the corner. As usual, we will be doing a raffle to raise money for our upcoming international trips, and this year we have 2 signed jerseys.... one is Aston Villa, and the other is Birmingham City (2021-22 current squad). Raffle tickets for both draws are £1 per line, and are now available at the school reception before and after school. Both draws will be made on the 31st March.

2x Signed Jersey's RAFFLE

£1 per ticket per draw

Where can I get my hands on a ticket?

Reception before and after school

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31st March 2022

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Sixth Form

Student Finance

If you were not able to attend the Student Finance Information evening the link to the presentation is below:
<https://www.bishopchalloner.org.uk/news/2022-03-14-year-13-student-finance-parents-information-evening>

Year 12 Easter Fair

Year 12 will be holding an Easter Fair for Year 7 & 8 on Tuesday 5th April, to raise money for Cancer Research UK. There will be lots of activities and prizes to be won. Please remember to bring lots of coins with you on the day!

Careers

Year 9 Aspirations Day

On Thursday 17th March we held our Raising Aspirations Day, where students in Year 9 took part in a series of careers workshops allowing them to explore jobs and sectors they might not have considered before. The day started with a keynote address from Errol Lawson who got student motivated, inspired and engaged.



Students then did a carousel of workshops on different career areas including art and design, business and finance, engineering, IT and digital and law and politics. Sessions were run by industry professionals and we are extremely grateful for the representatives that gave up their time to share their expertise and give students an insight into careers they may not have previously considered. In the afternoon we also welcomed in Birmingham City University and BMET College who gave presentations of University and Apprenticeships, before the day was closed by Mr Clarke, Head of Year 9.

We hope the day really did raise the aspirations of our Year 9 students, and open their eyes to some exciting careers. This will hopefully be helpful when making their GCSE subject choices, which they were able to explore at Pathways Evening later that day.

WHERE NEXT?
OPPORTUNITIES BULLETIN
YOU'LL FIND LINKS TO COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS, APPRENTICESHIPS, TRAINING COURSES, WEBINARS, JOB MARKET INFORMATION, CAREERS ADVICE AND MUCH MORE...
WHERE CAN I GET MORE HELP & ADVICE?
SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF THE CAREERS TEAM, YOUR FORM TUTORS OR HOY.

CAREERS TEAM
Who are we and what do we do?

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Mrs Newton
Sixth Form & Careers Support/Work Experience Co-ordinator
Supports careers and work experience, including organising and producing the experiences diary. Responsible for co-ordinating Year 11 & Year 12 work experience.
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Careers Conversations at Home

If parents/carers are looking to speak to students about careers and jobs in the future, a new booklet that has been created by Birmingham Careers Hub might be able to help! The 'My Way into the World of Work' booklet, which is available in the Parent Zone section of the Careers HUB on the school website, provides a wealth of information about the labour market in Birmingham and the West Midlands. There are videos and information on qualifications and pathways after school, as well as employability skills and apprenticeships. It would be great to discuss these areas with students, so they have a good awareness of their options when they leave Bishop Challoner and are prepared for the world of work in the future.



Another section of the booklet looks at growth industries and sectors specifically in the West Midlands. With spotlights on sectors such as logistics, retail, low-carbon and energy and creative and cultural, there are video case studies, useful links and information on in-demand roles. This is great for getting students thinking about which jobs will be available in the future, allowing them to make informed decisions about their future.

You can find the booklet here, along with lots of useful resources in the Parent Zone: <https://bishopchalloner.org.uk/about/careers/parent-carer-zone>



Year 11 Careers Guidance

Almost all of Year 11 have now had a careers interview with Mrs Colgan, the Careers Adviser to discuss their plans for next year. If any students still haven't decided on a plan for next year, or need any further support, they can refer themselves for a follow up meeting by seeing their form tutor, or emailing Mrs Colgan on e.colgan@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk. Remember that Mrs Colgan is available to support with Post-16 options right through to the end of the year, and over the summer holidays. She will also be available on results day to offer support and guidance.

Chaplaincy

Friday, March 25th is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord (as shown in Luke 1:26-38). We remark on this exceptional moment in our faith where the angel Gabriel appeared to the Blessed Virgin Mary and announced her as the Holy Mother of God and rejoice in her rebounding yes. May we too embrace the Lord's plans for us as we strive to be our very best selves. May the Holy Mother of Peace be with us (brothers and sisters worldwide) now and always.

Our Lenten Services and reflection of our examination of conscience continue in the Chapel. Our pupils are invited with their RE teacher to embrace this holy time of Lent. Reflect on the journey Jesus took and challenge ourselves as disciples to be able to be pillars of resilience in our prayers, fasting and almsgiving. May we continue to follow in His footsteps. Father Kurapati will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Chapel on April 6th.

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Website Blogs

Check out our blogs on the homepage of the school website for regular updates on events and successes in and around school.

Mental Health Team

The suffering of those in Ukraine is too awful to imagine and we continue to pray for peace and justice to return.

Below is a useful link from Young Minds with advice on discussing the situation with young people.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/blog/top-tips-for-talking-to-your-young-person-about-the-events-in-ukraine/>

Reporting Student 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.

If your child is in Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 please call 0121 444 4161 and select OPTION 1.

If your child is in Year 12 please call 0121 441 6113.

If your child is in Year 13 please call 0121 441 6144

If your child is absent due to Covid, there are some details that the school are required to take. It is likely that a member of the Student Services team will contact you to ascertain the information that is required.

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.

Upcoming Events

Early Finish - 1.10pm	Year 9-10 Sponsored Football
Year 8 Consultation Afternoon	Tuesday 5th April
Year 13 Parent Consultation Evening	8SEB Rewards in school
Wednesday 30th March	Year 7 Reward Morning
Black Country Museum Trip	Year 7-8 Sponsored Football
Thursday 31st March	Year 9 Character Day
Stress Awareness Month Begins	Wednesday 6th April
Friday 1st April	Mass Non uniform Swimming Gala
Calke Abbey English Trip	Year 9 & 10 Rewards Trip
Monday 4th April	Thursday 7th April
Easter Fair Soiree	Staff Iset - School closed
	Friday 8th April

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