

Message from Miss Burton Senior Vice Principal, Strategic School Business Manager

It is hard to believe how much has already happened in just the first few weeks of the new school year. There has been a real sense of energy and purpose across Bishop Challoner, with so many opportunities already for our students to learn, contribute and get involved in the wider life of the school.

Open Evening was a real highlight. Our students were superb and I was incredibly proud of the way they represented the school. So many gave up their evening to act as guides, help in departments and talk to visiting families about their experiences at Challoner. A number of students also spoke as part of the Executive Principal's talks and did an amazing job in front of a very full auditorium. Our musicians were brilliant too, performing as families arrived, around the school and as part of the talks. Thank you to all of the students and staff who put so much into the evening. It was lovely to see the school so busy and our students playing such a big part in welcoming new families.

Our Year 7 students have also made a fabulous start and seem to have settled into Challoner life remarkably quickly. Across the school, clubs and activities are getting going again and there is already plenty happening. Students have been out to Carding Mill Valley and London, with lots more trips and opportunities planned over the year. Our new Student Experience booklet brings together the wide range of opportunities available throughout the year. I hope it encourages every student to find something that interests or inspires them, to try something new and to make the most of everything that school life has to offer.

Our Catholic life has also given us some very special moments, including our lovely year-group Masses at St Dunstan's Church. These occasions give us valuable time to come together in prayer and reflection and remind us of the faith and shared purpose that sit at the heart of our community.

It is especially poignant, therefore, that we have recently learned of the death of Fr Chris Fitzpatrick, who served for

Father, we praise you with all your creatures. Awaken our praise and thankfulness for every being that you have made. Help us to protect all life and prepare for a better future. Amen
(Prayer for Creation, taken from *Laudato Si*)

many years as parish priest at St Dunstan's and was such an important part of the history of Bishop Challoner. His vision and generosity helped make both our Sixth Form and Sports Hall possible, but his legacy extends far beyond buildings. Fr Chris believed deeply in young people and in Catholic education, and the generations of students who continue to flourish here are part of the legacy he leaves behind. We remember him with great gratitude and affection.

There is already so much to celebrate and so much still to look forward to. I hope our students continue to embrace the opportunities ahead, support one another and play their part in making Bishop Challoner the vibrant, caring and faith-filled community of which we are so proud.

May Fr Chris rest in peace, and may God bless our whole school community in the weeks ahead.



**Bishop Challoner
Sixth Form College**

OPEN EVENING
Wednesday 7th October
5.30pm-7.30pm

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SIXTH FORM NEWS



**Bishop Challoner
Sixth Form College**

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 7th October, 5.30-7.30pm

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Wednesday 10th March, 4pm-5.30pm

A fully comprehensive Sixth Form welcoming
students of all faiths and none



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SIXTH FORM ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

This week, we officially launched our exciting Sixth Form Enrichment Programme, with a fantastic range of opportunities for students to get involved beyond the classroom.

From the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) and Duke of Edinburgh's Award to sports, community tea parties, chess and film clubs, there is something for everyone. Students will also have opportunities to support local community initiatives, developing valuable skills and making a positive contribution beyond the Sixth Form.

It is fantastic to see our enrichment programme up and running, and we look forward to seeing students embrace these opportunities throughout the year.

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

We are looking forward to welcoming prospective students and their families to our Sixth Form Open Evening. This is an important opportunity to find out more about life in our Sixth Form and explore the wide range of opportunities available. With 25 A Level and Vocational courses on offer, students will have the chance to discover the subjects they are interested in, meet our staff and ask questions about their next steps.

We also welcome students and their parents from Year 10 who want to start understand the possible routes available at Key Stage 5 in our Sixth Form.

Please sign up to attend and take the first step towards planning your future with us.

READER LEADERS

This week, a group of our Sixth Form students took part in Reader Leader training, preparing them to play an important role in supporting reading across the school.

Our students have kindly volunteered their time to become Reader Leaders, working with younger students to encourage, support and develop their reading skills. Their enthusiasm and commitment will help create a positive reading culture across the whole school.

We are incredibly proud of our Sixth Form students for giving their time and becoming positive role models for our younger learners.

OPEN EVENING HELPERS

Consent must be given via Schoolcomms by **Monday 5th October** for all students helping out at Sixth Form Open Evening.



TEAM BUILDING DAY

On Friday 25th September, we held our Year 12 Team Building Day in College.

This was a chance for all students to get to know their new tutor group and academic tutor, whilst participating in a variety of team building games. It was great fun, as well as being an opportunity to develop communication and problem-solving skills.

YEAR 7 FOCUS

Year 7 have made a wonderful start to school life. Uniform standards, punctuality and attendance have been excellent, and their behaviour has been equally impressive. Year 7 have received more positive logs than any other year group across the school. We have enjoyed celebrating our Challoner Champions in assembly, in which students receive postcards to recognise their achievements.

It has also been lovely to see so many students getting involved beyond the classroom, including in netball, journalling club, STEM club and cross-country. Six students recently won queue passes in recognition of their excellent attendance, allowing them to go straight in for lunch. Well done to Enya B-T, Xavier A-L, Yadonai G, Fatima Z, Poppy M and Harry K. They were thrilled!

7LUK have also kick-started our charity fundraising efforts with



a cake sale this week! Thank you to Drud D, Yusrah M, Lilly C-B, Adah O, Skylan N, Maryam T, Renesme L, Esmee K, Ellie-Mai S, Kimarnie-Mae M, Jacob F, Ariana B and Amrita S for volunteering to sell the cakes at break time.

Above all, it is a pleasure to see Year 7 growing into a supportive community and beginning to feel like a family. They have shown what it means to be faith-filled, and it was lovely to see them come together to celebrate Mass. Thank you to the parents and carers who joined us for this special occasion.

We look forward to sharing more about how they are settling in at our **Year 7 Early Review Evening on Thursday 1st October**. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend and can sign up through Schoolcomms.

YEAR 7 FOOTBALL

Our Year 7 boys' football team made the perfect start to their league campaign with an excellent 3–1 victory over Colmers.

After a closely fought first half, the game came alive after the break thanks to super-sub Max Taylor, who produced a fantastic second-half hat-trick to secure all three points!

It was a brilliant team performance and a really positive start to the season. The boys will now look to carry that momentum into their next fixture, as they travel to Royal Sutton Academy in the Birmingham Cup.

Well done, boys — and good luck in the cup!

YEAR 7 EARLY REVIEW

Please consent via Schoolcomms to confirm your attendance at the Year 7 Early Review on Thursday 3rd October, 5.30pm - 6.30pm.



YEAR 7 & 8 ALTON CASTLE RESIDENTIAL

Your child has a wonderful opportunity to take part in a trip to Alton Castle Catholic Youth Retreat Centre in Staffordshire. This trip is due to take place from Monday 23rd to Wednesday 25th November 2026. This trip has run for many years at Bishop Challoner and has always been a special opportunity for students at Bishop Challoner to develop friendships, grow in confidence and team building skills and strengthen their faith.

During their stay students will take part in a variety of outdoor and team building activities such as climbing, biking and survival skills. As well as this, a big focus of the visit is on personal and spiritual development and students will participate in a variety of workshops; they will also be given the chance to celebrate Mass together.

The entire stay, inclusive of all activities, food and coach transport to and from school costs £235. The trip will go live on SchoolComms on Friday 2nd October at 7.30am where you will have to pay the non refundable deposit of £135 to secure your child's place.

OPEN EVENING

We held our annual Open Evening on Wednesday 16 September, and what a wonderful evening it was!

With over 750 visitors coming through our doors, we were delighted to welcome so many prospective students and their families to Bishop Challoner. The atmosphere throughout the school was fantastic, and we were overwhelmed by the incredibly positive feedback and kind messages of thanks we received from our visitors.

There was certainly plenty to see and do! Families took part in a huge range of interactive activities across the school, from becoming sleuths in a murder mystery to seeing robots created in Design and Technology. Visitors also sampled food from our canteen and took part in our Personal Development activity, "What do you wish you had learnt at school in PSHE?" The overwhelming response? Money! This was just one of the many conversations and activities taking place throughout the evening.

Our classrooms, corridors and specialist areas were brought to life with demonstrations, challenges and displays, giving families a real flavour of the rich curriculum and wider experiences available to students at Bishop Challoner.

Entering our auditorium was another highlight of the evening. Families were surrounded by examples of the wonderful artwork created by our students, while talented student musicians provided a fantastic soundtrack on the piano, saxophone and electric guitar. This was followed by some incredibly powerful student testimonies, as our young people spoke about their own experiences of life at Bishop Challoner. An address from our Executive Principal brought everything together, sharing our vision, values and ambitions for every young person in our care.

A particular thank you must go to our students, who were truly outstanding ambassadors for our school. Whether welcoming families, leading tours, supporting departments, performing music or simply talking enthusiastically about their experiences, they represented Bishop Challoner with confidence, kindness and pride. We could not have been prouder of them.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to all of our staff for the enormous amount of work that went into preparing for the evening. From creating displays and activities to welcoming and speaking with families throughout the night, their enthusiasm and commitment helped showcase everything that makes Bishop Challoner such a special community.

We hope everyone who visited left with a real sense of our BC family, our values and the wealth of opportunities available to our young people – both inside and beyond the classroom.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped to make Open Evening 2026 such a memorable occasion.

We hope to welcome many of you back as members of our Bishop Challoner family next September!



STUDENT REWARDS

MOST POSITIVE LOGS		
YEAR GROUP	W/B 07/09/2026	W/B 21/09/26
YEAR 7	Zion A Sonia N Joseph F Rute A Jerric J Aidan F Sophie F Jacob M Nancy McC	Aidan F Lily C-B Mirabel M Jael ST Anya S Keelan V-E Thomas S Brody C Muhammad R I Florence G
YEAR 8	Edwin VJ Cuba C Orlaith B Ava-Mary H Thanduxolo N Lily C Eden N Barsam H Eduardo S Simbarashe C Moses N	Courtnee-Jay K Lily C Amelia-Evelyn G Ava-Mary H Eryk B Lexi S Annabel P Oluwatunmise A Malachi D Adonay K Jethro JS
YEAR 9	Milaan L Scott G Gabrielle H Mykey C Hlib H Ogochim A-Ib Joseph M Keku H	Hlib H Freddie K Milaan L Mykey C Joseph M Astrid R



SPORTS

RESULTS

Tuesday 22nd September

Shenley Academy 1 v 9 Bishop Challoner.

Player of the match - Carter C.

Goalscorers - C. Boateng x 3, A. Nicholls x 2, M. Amanuel x 2, M. Davis, O. Smith.

Thursday 24th September

Queensbridge 2 v 8 Bishop Challoner

Player of the match - O. Smith & A. Yorke

Goalscorers - O. Smith x 3, A. Yorke x 3, L. Agbor, J. Anderson.



CATHOLIC LIFE

MASSES FOR THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

Year 9 and Year 10 celebrated their 'New Beginnings' Masses this fortnight. Once again, students prepared the introduction and bidding prayers, led readings and bidding prayers, presented the offertory gifts, sang in the choir and served at the altar. We began both Masses by bringing up a box of prayer intentions and an item specific to the year group. A work experience booklet for Year 10 and a GCSE options booklet for Year 9. We asked for God's guidance and support for our school community this year.



THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATION OF THE WORD - EDUCATION SUNDAY

This week, we reflected on the importance of dignity, justice, and service to others. Pope Leo XIV reminds us that Catholic education should always be measured by how well it promotes human dignity, works for justice, and serves the common good. We also looked to St John Bosco, one of our form saints, who believed that education is the key to success and that every young person should be treated with love, kindness, and compassion.

In our Gospel this week, we heard the parable of the Unforgiving Servant. Through this powerful story, Jesus teaches us the importance of forgiveness, encouraging us to forgive 'seventy times seven times', meaning that our forgiveness should know no limits. Forgiveness is one of our Faithful Virtues, and this Gospel reminds us that we are called to forgive others because God forgives us. As a school community, we continue to live out this virtue by showing understanding, compassion, and mercy in our daily relationships.

Thank you to our Y11s prayer leaders – Rohi, Patrick, Jack, Jacob, Nell and Kayla.

ROME PILGRIMAGE

Current Yr9/10 students have an opportunity to sign up to the Rome Pilgrimage which will be taking place in October 2027.

This is a special opportunity for your child to embark on a Pilgrimage to Rome. This pilgrimage is a chance to journey in faith but also visit sites which are apart of the RE GCSE specification such as the 'Creation of Adam, La Pieta Statue, The Tree of Life Mosaic and more'.

The Pilgrimage will depart Bishop Challoner on Monday 18th October 2027 and return on Thursday 21st October 2027. The cost of the Pilgrimage will be £1160 which will cover the total cost of the trip including: all flights, transfers, accommodation in a hotel, meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner), a trip to the Vatican, Colosseum and Assisi.

The trip will go live at 7.30am on Wednesday 30th September 2026. If you would like your child to take up this opportunity, then please consent and pay a non-refundable deposit of £200.

COMMUNITY EVENT

BICA Ceili Fundraiser

The Birmingham Irish Cycle Appeal are delighted to be hosting a Ceili night at the New Irish Centre, Kings Heath on Friday 16th October from 7.30pm. Tickets £8, which can be bought at the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GYUA> or email t.rowan@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

NEW JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY GROUP

We welcomed students to our new Junior Legion of Mary group this week - a rosary group meeting Wednesday's at 3:30pm in the School Chapel with Fr John. All are welcome.



Student LED ASSEMBLIES

This week, we launched our annual charity programme during assemblies led by students from Years 9, 10, 11 and 12. Through prayer and reflection, they encouraged younger students to think about how we are called to serve others and make a positive difference in the world around us.

We were reminded of the example of St Carlo Acutis, who showed us how faith can be lived out in a modern world through service, kindness, and love for others. During the assembly, we reflected on the parable of the Sheep and the Goats, in which Jesus teaches that whenever we help those in need, we are helping Him. As a Catholic school community, we strive to recognise the presence of Jesus in one another and in the way we treat each other each day.



Living in a fair and just society means working together for the benefit of all. With this in mind, students have been invited to nominate a charity they would like our school to support this year, along with a brief explanation of why the cause is important to them. Dr Coughlan and the Governors will review the nominations and create a shortlist. Students whose charities are shortlisted will then have the opportunity to prepare a presentation, before the whole school community votes to decide which charities we will support.

This is an exciting opportunity for students to shape the charitable life of our school and put their faith into action. We look forward to receiving their nominations and seeing the enthusiasm and compassion that make our school community so special.

OPEN EVENING IN THE CHAPEL

The student chaplaincy team did a fantastic job of welcoming families to the chapel for open evening last week. They share ideas about how we can be a light and gave glow sticks to remind us to take the light of Christ to all!



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	Fr Paul Johnson	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)

Y11 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK AT CARDING MILL VALLEY

Year 11 Geography students recently enjoyed a fantastic fieldwork day at Carding Mill Valley in the Long Mynd, Shropshire, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. With beautiful scenery and glorious sunshine, it was the perfect setting for students to take their geographical learning beyond the classroom.

As part of their preparation for the AQA Paper 3 examination, students were investigating the enquiry question: "How does the River Ashbrook change as it flows downstream?" The day began with students identifying classic river landforms, including impressive V-shaped valleys and interlocking spurs, before walking upstream towards Lightspout Waterfall.

Students then got stuck into their fieldwork, donning their wellies and putting their practical geographical skills into action. Working across three sites, they measured the width and velocity of the river, carefully collecting data that they will use back in the classroom to evaluate their methods and analyse changes along the river's course.

The students showed excellent practical skills, enthusiasm and geographical knowledge throughout the day. Their findings will now be compared with the Bradshaw Model, allowing them to develop their understanding of how river characteristics change downstream and prepare them for the fieldwork component of their Paper 3 examination.



It was wonderful to see students learning in such a beautiful environment and making the most of an excellent day of geographical fieldwork.

ENGLISH FOCUS

It has been a busy and exciting start to the year in the English Department at Bishop Challoner Catholic College.

Our KS4 students have made a positive start to their GCSE studies. Year 10 are already exploring Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, while Year 11 have begun studying Priestley's *An Inspector Calls*. We look forward to seeing students continue to develop their analytical and evaluative skills throughout the year.

Across Key Stage 3, students have recently completed literacy assessments which will help us to identify strengths and provide targeted support. Information regarding reading age scores will be shared with parents and carers in due course. Reading remains a core priority for us. Alongside the launch of the BookBuzz programme for Year 7, we are expanding our highly successful Reader Leader scheme, with Year 12 students supporting younger readers to build confidence and enjoyment in reading. We are also delighted to be introducing

new literacy initiatives, including Reading Reboot and Reading Circle, which will further encourage independent reading and help students develop essential literacy skills.

We are particularly excited to have been selected as one of only 50 schools nationally to take part in a British Council partnership with a school in Ukraine. Through shared reading activities and letter exchanges, students will have the opportunity to build international connections while promoting reading for pleasure and supporting our Catholic values of solidarity and community.

Finally, a warm welcome goes to our new Associate Teachers, who have begun observing lessons and working alongside staff and students. We are excited to see them progress in their training and wish them every success.

We are looking forward to another year of reading, learning and progress in English.

FIRE AND LOCKDOWN DRILLS

Over the last few weeks, we have completed both our fire and lockdown drills as part of our ongoing work to keep everyone in our school community safe.

Our students were wonderful throughout, responding calmly, sensibly and maturely and following instructions exceptionally well. A big thank you to them for taking these important procedures so seriously.

ASSEMBLY UPDATE: SAFETY, SERVICE AND CHARITY

Over the past two weeks, our whole-school assemblies have continued to explore what it means to be a responsible, compassionate and active member of the Bishop Challoner family.

Our first assembly focused on Safety, Responsibility and Looking Out for One Another. Students were reminded that keeping safe is everyone's responsibility and extends beyond the school gates. We explored the importance of making sensible choices when travelling to and from school, including travelling directly home, using roads and crossings safely and knowing where to seek help if something does not feel right. Students were also reminded that, when wearing their Bishop Challoner uniform, they continue to represent our school within the wider community. This includes behaving respectfully on the High Street, in local shops, on public transport and towards our neighbours.

A key message from the assembly was that speaking up is not about getting somebody into trouble – it is about keeping people safe. Students were encouraged to tell a trusted adult whenever something concerns them and reminded that looking after one another is an important expression of our Faithful Virtues.

Putting Our Faith into Action

This week, our assembly turned to charity, service and the Year of the Youth, inspired by St Carlo Acutis. Students reflected on an important message: we all have God-given talents, serving others is central to following God, and even the smallest acts of love can make a difference. We considered the many different ways our young people can serve others – through fundraising and donations, volunteering within school and the wider community, supporting our churches and local primary schools, and simply noticing when somebody needs kindness, friendship or inclusion.

Importantly, students were reminded that charity isn't only about raising money. Giving our time, talents, kindness and compassion can be just as powerful.

As we continue through the Year of the Youth, we want our students to recognise that they don't have to wait until adulthood to make a difference. Every student has something they can contribute to our school, our local community and the lives of others.

FORM TIME UPDATE: CONTINUING OUR STANDARDS FOR LEARNING CURRICULUM

Over the past two weeks, students have continued to explore our Standards for Learning Curriculum, focusing on the faithful virtues that sit at the heart of our BC Basics. Through weekly form time, we are encouraging students not simply to know our virtues, but to understand what they look like in action – in lessons, in relationships and throughout everyday school life. Our aim is to develop a positive and respectful culture built upon trust, understanding and responsible citizenship.

Being Intentional – Living with Purpose

Last week, our focus was Intentional. Students explored what it means to live with purpose, to think about the choices they make and to understand that their actions have an impact on themselves and those around them. Through "Intentional in Action", students considered a simple message: Purpose → Choice → Action. They were challenged to put this into practice by starting lessons promptly, following instructions, setting goals for their learning, thinking before reacting and making responsible choices within our school and wider community.

We also looked at Lewis Hamilton as an example of someone who has demonstrated intentionality through setting clear goals, showing determination and using his success and influence to create opportunities for others. Students finished the week by choosing their own Intentional Challenge, encouraging them to turn the virtue into a practical action.

Being Truthful – Honesty, Ownership and Integrity

This week, our focus has moved to Truthful. Students have explored the importance of honesty and integrity and how truthfulness helps us to build strong relationships based on trust and respect. We have also considered the Catholic understanding of truthfulness and the courage that can sometimes be required to tell the truth. Importantly, students have learnt that being truthful is about much more than simply "not lying". Our Truthful in Action activity encouraged them to follow three important steps when something goes wrong: tell the truth, own your choices and put it right.

Students were also introduced to our Ladder of Accountability, helping them recognise the difference between denial, blame and excuses and the more responsible choices of acknowledging a problem, taking ownership, finding a solution and taking action to make things right.

Our challenge this week is simple:

Be honest. Admit mistakes. Keep your word. Own your choices. Don't be afraid to say when you have got something wrong – and then take the opportunity to put it right.

Through our Standards for Learning Curriculum, we want our young people to understand that these virtues are not simply school expectations. They are qualities that will help them become thoughtful, responsible and compassionate young people, ready to make a positive contribution to their community.



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 that 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.

5 FOUNDATIONS OF ATTENDANCE

This year we will continue to follow the 5 Foundations of Effective Attendance Practice framework for Year 7-13, please find information on the website by click the link <https://bishopchalloner.org.uk/news>.

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 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.

AUTUMN TERM 1	
Every Tuesday	Rosary
Every Thursday	Community Mass - 11.30am
Monday 28th September	Show Box Appeal Launch
Tuesday 29th September	Year 11 Mass at St Dunstan's 2pm
Wednesday 30th - Friday 2nd October	Year 13 Slapton Sands
Wednesday 30th September	Year 10 Information Evening 5.30pm - 6.30pm
Thursday 1st October	Year 7 Early Review Evening
Friday 2nd October	Year 12 Options Deadline
Tuesday 6th October	Sixth Form Mass at St Dunstan's 2pm
Wednesday 7th October	Sixth Form Open Evening Year 12 and 13 Senior Maths Challenge
Thursday 8th October	World Mental Health Day Wellbeing Cafe
Tuesday 13th October	Dementia Cafe Trip KS3 Information Evening Year 12 Criminology Crown Court Visit
Wednesday 14th October	PSG vs Man City Trip
Thursday 15th October	Year 13 Early UCAS Deadline
Friday 16th October	Year 12 Law Crown Court Deadline
Tuesday 20th October - Wednesday 21st October	Y7-10 Sponsored Sports Event
Tuesday 20th October	Year 8 Girls Cyber Event
Wednesday 21st October	Year 8 Virtual Work Experience Day
Thursday 22nd October	Last day before half term
Friday 23rd October	Staff INSET School closed to students



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



ATTENDANCE STREAK



**EVERY DAY COUNTS.
BUILD YOUR STREAK!**



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Birmingham Branch

Traditional Irish Music Classes in Birmingham

at Bishop Challoner School,
Institute Road, Kings Heath B14 7EG
Thursday evenings at 7.00pm

Join our vibrant community and learn
to play traditional music
All ages and all instruments welcome.

*Lessons on TinWhistle, flute, fiddle,
button accordion, bodhrán*

Contact: Branch Sec. belindahutchings@yahoo.com
Branch Chair, Marian Dwyer, Text 07939 094797

*Now accepting new students
for the autumn term 2026
Taster Session Thursday 10th at 7pm*

Everyone Welcome



Inclusive Multi-Sport Festival!

Friday 30 October, 1.30 pm - 4.30 pm
Billesley Tennis and Fitness Centre,
Birmingham, B13 0ST

Join us for a fantastic day of inclusive
sport and activities!

An inclusive sport festival for D/deaf,
disabled and neurodivergent children
and young people aged 5-25 years.

All abilities are welcome and sessions
are adapted to the group's needs. Sign
up now to book your spot!

The event is free and welcome to all.



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