

BC14



Lord, teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve you as you deserve; to
give and not to count the cost, to fight and
not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to
seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for
reward, save that of knowing that I do your
will.

Friday 26th January 2024

Message from Mrs Moon, Assistant Principal

'Dear young people, do not be afraid of making decisive choices in life. Have faith; the Lord will not abandon you' – Pope Francis

The next few weeks and months are focused on important choices made. The majority of our Year 13 community is making crucial choices as part of their UCAS applications. We thank the teachers for their support throughout this process. Year 11 and 13 students will then move their focus from their mock exams to revision and exam preparation, in readiness for their final exams – we congratulate them on their continued resilience and commitment and we wish them every success over the forthcoming months.

To guide and support students, the link to the Year 11 flyer can be found here. We are also reminded that over the approaching weeks Year 9 students will begin their Pathway journey, making pivotal choices for their future, as to the GCSE subjects they wish to study at KS4. More information will be provided as this process commences. Year 8 students are currently completing their KAP 3 assessments and there is guidance and advice on the website, to support parents/carers at this time. Please keep our students in your thoughts and prayers over the next few weeks and months.

Our school virtues this half term focus on being compassionate to others, near and far; and to be loving by our just actions and forgiving word. At this time, when our school community may experience pressure to achieve grades or uncertainty on choices to make, let us be reminded of the quote from Pope Francis and let us focus on our virtues, to show compassion by being mindful of the emotions and pressures our school and Sixth Form community may be going through and demonstrate love by the meaningful, supportive conversations at home and school, to help students to 'Aspire to be more'.

Best wishes to all

Sports Updates

Year 11 boys are into the semi finals of the West Midlands Cup after beating Summerhill 2-1 in the final moments of the game. Player of the game Archie H producing 2 fantastic assists.

Year 7 indoor cricket played Handsworth Grammer School and unfortunately came up short after a brilliant effort. The next game is against Camp Hill on Monday.

Year 8 narrowly lost last night, 3-2 against Streetly in the R3 Birmingham Cup.

Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 work experience takes place between Monday 1st July 2024 and Friday 5th July 2024, please be reminded that your child needs to secure their own placement. For help and guidance please visit our Work Experience website page and check out the Opportunities Bulletin.

Click to view:

[Work Experience](#)

[Opportunities Bulletin](#)

Leave in Term Time

Term time holidays cause significant concern. The direct correlation between attendance and attainment is undeniable. Absence from school interrupts teaching and learning and compromises progress. As per the letter regarding legal action sent at the start of the academic year, Birmingham local authority seeks to support Birmingham schools and academies in reducing the amount of education lost to student leave of absence in term time. Bishop Challoner Catholic College and Birmingham City Council strongly discourages student leave of absence during term time and parents/carers could be subject to court action and hefty fines. A recent leave in term time absence has resulted in a fine of £855. Please support the school and your child and ensure all leave is taken in the school holidays.

Year 11 Parent/Carer Consultation Evening

Parent Consultation Evening will be held on Thursday 1st February, 6pm-7.30pm. You will need to login using the details that the school holds for your child's priority 1 contact. Appointments must be made by the end of the day on Tuesday 30th January, if you have not made an appointment by this date, your child's Consultation Tutor will make the appointment for you.

Designers and Makers

Do you work in art, craft, design, engineering, manufacturing or any related creative fields? Please contact Mrs O'Connor at t.oconnor@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk to see how you can help our school.



With the festive period now behind us, any many households now potentially home to new video game consoles, we thought it would be good to point you in the direction of the parental controls for these devices. How-to guides and videos for each device can be found at the following links:

PlayStation 5

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/ps5-parental-controls-spending-limits/>

Xbox Series X

<https://www.xbox.com/en-GB/community/for-everyone/responsible-gaming>

As well as supporting their latest consoles with parental controls, all previous generation devices are still very much supported with these features:

- Nintendo Switch - www.youtube.com/watch?v=PLdWHOW9zqc
- PlayStation 4 - www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z-Mi2Ej72Fk
- Xbox One - www.youtube.com/watch?v=rlt0i47exYs

If you have concerns about the content of a game, please use the previously mentioned common sense media website. This website offers a crowd sourced perspective on the media (including films and apps) and goes into much more detail than the age range on the box.

<https://www.common sense media.org>

Pre-loved Uniform

Thank you to parents/carers that already send in uniform that children have grown out of. If you have any of the following items in good reusable condition that you are willing to donate please bring them into reception and we will look to include them in future pre-loved uniform sales- blazers, pleated skirts, trousers, ties, PE kit (all items), royal blue sweatshirts, maroon sweatshirts. Thank you in advance for your support.

Mobile Phones

We have an increasing number of students contacting home when feeling unwell. If your child is unwell during the school day they should visit First Aid where they will be assessed and a decision will be made as to whether we feel the student should be sent home. Parents/Carers will then be contacted to collect their child.

First Aid Reminders

Please inform the school of any new medical conditions or investigations, this is extremely important in helping us to correctly support your child's medical needs in school. We also need current emergency contact details, if these have changed you must contact the school with new details for our records.

Emergency Contacts

It is imperative we have your current correct contact information on our systems. Please inform the school if anything has changed, especially telephone numbers.

Asthma

Asthma is a chronic long term condition, it can be well managed and in many cases some don't suffer severely, however if you have been diagnosed with Asthma even if you have it well managed you must carry an inhaler on you.

Asthma, Anaphylaxis, Diabetes

In order for your children to participate safely with Trips and offsite events including offsite PE, they must carry their medication with them. This is imperative for their safety and to avoid disappointment if unable to participate. Other medications must be handed in to first aid or the trip lead on the day.

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 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.

GET IN TOUCH

In order for us work together, to best support our young people, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have information to share regarding the safeguarding or wellbeing of your child.

This is particularly important if there has been a change in circumstances for the young person.

Please contact Mrs K Peckover, Mrs M Nutt or any DSL or member of the Wellbeing Team.



Purchase your Ceili Night tickets here for £8: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/54020?>

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 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.

Attendance Updates

Attendance Percentage	w/c 22/01/24
Year 7 - 94.1%	Late Marks
Year 8 - 93.6%	Year 7 - 30
Year 9 - 91.2%	Year 8 - 25
Year 10 - 89.4%	Year 9 - 44
Year 11 - 92.4%	Year 10 - 59
Whole School - 92.2%	Year 11 - 45

Term Dates

Spring Term

Term Starts: Monday 8 January 2024

INSET School Closed: Friday 9th February

Half Term: Monday 12 February 2024 to Friday 16 February 2024

Term Ends: Friday 22nd March 2024

Summer Term 2024

INSET School Closed: Monday 8th April 2024

Term Starts: Tuesday 9th April 2024

Half Term: Monday 27 May 2024 to Friday 31 May 2024

Term Ends: Friday 19th July 2024

INSET School Closed: Monday 22nd July 2024

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 in 2023.

Church	Postcode	Parish Priest	Sunday Mass Times	Saturday Vigil Mass Time
St. Dunstan's	B14 7JN	Fr John Peyton	10am 12noon 6.30pm	5.30pm
St. Jude's	B14 5PE	Fr John Peyton	9.15am	-
Our Lady Of Lourdes	B13 0EU	Canon Sean Grady	9am 11am	6pm
St Catherine Of Sienna	B5 7BE	Fr. Jagadishmario Kurapati (Fr. Mario)	10.30am	5pm
St Edward's	B29 7DB	Fr Denis McGillicuddy	10.15am	6pm
St Mary's	B17 0DN	Fr John Reid	8am/9.30am/ 11am/5pm	6pm
Sacred Heart and Holy Souls	B27 6RG	Canon Jonathan Veasey	8.30am 10am 12noon	5pm
English Martyrs	B11 3JN	Fr Robert Murphy	9.45am	6pm
St Chads Cathedral,	B4 6EX	Mgr Tim Menezes	9.30am 11.30am	4.30pm
Our Lady And St Brigid	B31 5AD	Fr Cecil Rogerson	9.00am 11.45am	10am 5pm
Our Lady Of Fatima	B32 1LL	Fr Philip Long Nguyen	9.00am 11.00am	6pm
St Ambrose Barlow	B28 8QU	Fr Paul Johnson	10.00am 5.30pm	5.30pm
The Oratory Of Saint Philip Neri	B16 8UE	Fr Anton Guziel	8.30am 10.30am 12pm 5.30pm	5.30pm
St Peters	B32 3QG	Fr Gary Buckby	9.30am	-
Our Lady And St Rose Of Lima	B29 5DY	Fr Gary Buckby	11am	5.15pm

Prayer and Worship

Each Monday morning we begin our school day with a reflection on the Gospel shared in Mass on Sunday.

Each week we share our reflection on the school website, you can view it [here](#).

We would strongly encourage parents/carers to engage in developing their children's faith by sharing this reflection together as a family. As a family you can discuss the message of the Gospel say the prayer together and share what personal messages we can take from this going forward.

Click to view Newsletter

JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER



WE ARE HERE TO HELP FAMILIES

Selly Oak Families

You can contact us via:

Phone | Text | WhatsApp us on: 07483 090434
Email: SellyOak.Families@greensquareaccord.co.uk
Follow us on social media: @SellyOakFam



GreenSquareAccord's Selly Oak Families team, as part of the Birmingham Children's Partnership.
For more information please search 'Birmingham Children's Partnership' at www.birmingham.gov.uk



Our January newsletter includes opportunities, training, and events as well as information to support the health and wellbeing of all the family.

PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR NETWORKS.

We are here to support local families and everyone supporting families through training, special events, Early Help Assessments, and direct support all year round.

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Upcoming Events

Year 11 Food Practical Exam
Monday 29th January - Wednesday 31st January

Berlin Parent/Carer Trip Meeting
Fox Hollie's Trip
Holocaust Speaker for Memorial Day
Tuesday 30th January

Y10/11 Intermediate Maths Challenge
Y13 English Trip
Year 9 Rosary
Wednesday 31st January

Time to Talk Day
Year 11 Parent/Carer Consultation Evening
Y8 Maths Challenge
Y9 SLB Immunisations
Thursday 1st February

Year 11 Food Practical Exam
BGT Geography
Friday 2nd February

Children's Mental Health Week
National Apprenticeship Week
w/b Monday 5th February

Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 6th February

Ball Crew ITF 50K Tournament
Iceland Trip
Wednesday 7th February - Saturday 10th February

School closes at 12.40pm
BC Tea Party
Y7 Symphony Hall Trip
Y9 Rosary
Wednesday 7th February

Y9/10 Berlin Trip
Thursday 8th February - Sunday 11th February

7 & 11 BOS Cake Sale
Y9 PD Day
Thursday 8th February

School Closed Staff INSET
Friday 9th February

BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course	Chicken Tikka with Vegetable Rice & Naan	Chicken Burrito with Spicy Diced Potatoes	BBQ Chicken Wings or Drumsticks with Steamed Rice	Pork Sausage & Mash with Gravy	Fish & Chips
Veggie Main	Vegetable Samosa with Veggie Rice	Bean Burrito with Potato Wedges	Jacket Potatoes with Various Veggie Fillings	Vegan Sausage with Mash & Gravy	Quiche & Chips
Grab & Go	Hot Chicken Wraps	Kitchen 72' Chicken Box	Chicken Tikka Naan	Kitchen 72' Chicken Box	Fish Finger & Chip Pot with Lemon Mayo
Desserts	Chef's Selection of Homemade Desserts & Tray Bakes	Chef's Selection of Homemade Desserts & Tray Bakes	Chef's Selection of Homemade Desserts & Tray Bakes	Chef's Selection of Homemade Desserts & Tray Bakes	Chef's Selection of Homemade Desserts & Tray Bakes
Break Offer	Cheese & Ham Toasties	Bacon & Cheese Wrap	Sausage Rolls	Granola Fruit Pots with Yoghurt	Cinnamon Swirls

- Daily**
Wraps
Pasta
Salads
- Daily**
Assorted Sandwiches & Baguettes
- Daily**
Fresh fruit
Fruit pots
Fruit Yoghurts
- Meal Deal**
- Main Choice
- Sides
- 330ml Water
- Fruit
- £2.40
- Dietary & Allergies**
Please speak to a member of the catering staff if you have any special dietary or allergy requirements

Where possible our menu items are homemade and locally sourced



Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course	Beef Bolognese Bake with Diced Potatoes & Veggies	Beef Lasagne with Wedges & Garlic Bread	Hot Roast of the Day	Cottage Pie with Veggies	Fish & Chips
Veggie Main	Tomato & Pasta Bake	Spicy Bean Burger	Mac 'N' Cheese	Quorn Cottage Pie	Fish Finger Wrap with Salad & Lemon Mayo
Grab & Go	Meatball Sub	Kitchen 72' Chicken Box	Hot Dog in a Steamed Bun	Kitchen 72' Chicken Box	Pizza Panini
Desserts	Chef's Selection of Homemade Desserts & Tray Bakes	Chef's Selection of Homemade Desserts & Tray Bakes	Chef's Selection of Homemade Desserts & Tray Bakes	Chef's Selection of Homemade Desserts & Tray Bakes	Chef's Selection of Homemade Desserts & Tray Bakes
Break Offer	Potato Waffle & Bean Pot	Cheese On Toast	Hot Ham & Cheese Baguette	Sausage Roll	Hash Browns

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