



May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold most dear.

And may Christ, Our Risen Savior, always be there by your side to bless you most abundantly and be your loving guide. Amen

## Message from Mr Shore, Senior Vice Principal

This is my last BC14 editorial as I shall be retiring at the end of the year. I recall when I was leaving the Royal Navy in 1991, the executive officer on my submarine bestowed upon me many reasons not to become a teacher. After 29 years at Bishop Challoner I thought I'd list 15 reasons why my decision was a good one:

Phoebe, Amadu, Jake, Caitlin, Alfie, Art, Lewis, Harvey, Seana, Lola, Cara, Oonagh, Gracie, Jemahri, Victor.

I wish them, and all of our Year 11 and Year 13 students, the very best wishes for their exams and their next step into the future.

## Bishop Challoner Training School

Free Train-to-Teach Open Evening, Wednesday 11th May - online.

We invite you to join us for a free information evening on the 11th May. This is a great opportunity to meet with our experts and find out more about the School Direct / PGCE route into this great career. Please just email the team to book a place - [trainingschool@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk](mailto:trainingschool@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk)

Can't make that date? No problem. Just email or call to arrange a suitable time for a 1:1 chat, telephone 0121 441 6114.

We have places for Secondary and Primary trainees in a range of subjects and specialisms, with some attracting generous tax-free bursaries.

You can also book a day in school, to see if teaching is the right career path for you - please see our web pages for more details: [www.bctsa.org](http://www.bctsa.org)

Friday 29th April 2022

## Month of May

May is the Month of Mary, during which we take time to reflect on our own relationships with God and others and invoke Our Lady to support us in everything that we do.

Pope Paul VI wrote an encyclical in 1965, it reflected on the Month of Mary as a means of obtaining prayers for peace. He urged the faithful to make use of this practice which is "gladdening and consoling" and by which the Blessed Virgin Mary is honoured and the Christian people are enriched with spiritual gifts" (no. 2). May we continue to grow in love and faith with Mother Mary.

As our pupils enter into examinations let us be mindful of the present, the gifts of joy in each moment that come before us. We wish each individual success as they embark on this segment of their academic journey.

## 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, 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 (DSL). Mrs Breen is the Senior DSL.



At the end of March, OFCOM published their 'Children and parents: media use and attitudes report' for 2022. Within this report they seek to understand better the digital habits of children and the correlation or indeed lack of, with what parents perceive as their children engaging with media.

The report is 79 pages and can be found here – [https://www.ofcom.org.uk/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0024/234609/childrens-media-use-and-attitudes-report-2022.pdf](https://www.ofcom.org.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0024/234609/childrens-media-use-and-attitudes-report-2022.pdf)  
Children and parents: media use and attitudes report 2022

**Some interesting headlines from the report are:**

Nearly all children went online in 2021 (99%); the majority used a mobile phone (72%) or tablet (69%) to do so.

Using video-sharing platforms (VSPs) such as YouTube or TikTok was the most popular online activity among children aged 3-17 (95%)

Just four in ten parents of 3-17s knew the minimum age requirement for using most social media; 42% correctly said 13. Four in ten parents of 8-11-year-olds said they would allow their child to use social media (38%).

More than a third of 8-17s who gamed online played with people they didn't know (36%); overall, 16% of 8-17s chatted to people they didn't know, via the messaging/ chat functions in games.

Parents had high awareness of safety-promoting technical tools and controls (91%), but only seven in ten had used any of them (70%). The tools most likely to be used were parental controls built into a device's software (31%).

As a school we continue to encourage all parents to discuss online behaviour and digital consumption with their children and encourage that all children should be monitored or restricted in some way when accessing the internet so to avoid inappropriate or upsetting content.

## Well-being at BC

We hope everyone in our community is feeling refreshed after the Easter break and has found time to enjoy the better weather. With a Bank Holiday ahead of us, perhaps now is a good time to remind ourselves of the 5 Steps to Well-being. Could you find time for some or all of these over the long weekend?

## Exam anxiety

With the season of external and internal examinations and tests very nearly upon us, many students will be feeling apprehensive. Remember, a certain amount of anxiety about exams is perfectly natural; we all feel a little anxious when we want to do well, whether it is in an exam, in an interview or when we are meeting someone important for the first time. It is when anxiety interferes with everyday life and study that we need to be concerned. Please look at the material on our school website regarding exam anxiety

<http://bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk/about/mental-health-and-wellbeing>

or follow this link to advice for parents from the NHS:

<https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/children-and-young-adults/advice-for-parents/help-your-child-beat-exam-stress/>

If you are concerned that your child is becoming overly anxious, please contact the relevant Head of Year, who will support your child along with members of the school's Well-being Team.

**BC Well-being has recently joined Twitter. Please follow us! @BcccWellbeing**



## Assessments & Examinations

This term some year groups will be sitting assessments and mock examinations. Parents/ Carers will have already received an email with detailed information regarding this. Please follow the links below to view subject information and guidance. The Year 11 and 13 public examinations commence shortly, the timetable can be found by [clicking here](#).

- [Year 7 P2 Assessments](#)
- [Year 9 T2 Assessments](#)
- [Year 10 Mini Mocks](#)
- [Year 12 Mini Mocks](#)

# Sports Updates

## Football

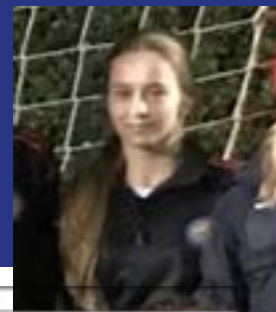
Year 9 Boys' hopes of winning the treble are still alive as they made it 12 wins out of 12 with a 4-1 victory over Phoenix Collegiate. The win puts them in to the West Midlands County Schools FA Cup Final where they will meet Bishop Ullathorne.



Congratulations to Chanel, Tilly, Cora, Jada and Frankie for being selected and representing their respective age groups at West Midlands County football teams.

## Extra-Curricular

New PE Extra-Curricular timetable for the summer term. There's a Commonwealth Games focus for the summer term. Attend each highlighted Commonwealth club to earn points for your form/nation. Ask your PE teacher for more info



	Times:	Sports Hall:	Dojo:	PG/Fitness Suite:	
MONDAY	14:00	Volleyball Mr Ebrahim All Years (Mixed)			
	15:00	Table Tennis Miss Wray All Years (Mixed)	Drone Club Mr Ebrahim 15:15-15:45pm	Netball Miss Brown All Years (Mixed)	
TUESDAY	14:00	Netball Miss Brown All Years (Mixed)	Dodgeball Mr Cole All Years (Mixed)		
	15:00	Football Mr Ebrahim Year 8, 9 & 10 Boys		Football Mr Ebrahim Year 8, 9 & 10 Boys	
WEDNESDAY	14:00	Football Mr Light Year 7 Boys & All Years (Girls)	CCO: Dodgeball Miss Hurren All Years (Mixed)		
	15:00	Basketball Mr Light All Years (Mixed)	Tag Rugby Mr Cole All Years (Mixed)		
THURSDAY	14:00	Badminton & Table Tennis Miss Brown All Years (Mixed)	Movement Group Miss Hampton Indie Only	Fitness Suite Open Mr Brown All Years (Mixed)	
	15:00	Badminton & Table Tennis Miss Wray All Years (Mixed)			
FRIDAY	14:00	Football Miss Hampton All Years (Mixed)			
	15:00				

Monday	Breakfast & Games Club 8-8.30am BC4 Mrs McGowan & Miss Brough	Music Club 3.15-4pm Mrs Wertz PA1	Homework Club 3.10-4pm BC4 Miss Wray & Miss Brough	Drone Club 3.15-3.45pm Dojo Mr Ebrahim/ Mr Khitab Sign up only	Art Club 3.10-4pm A1 Miss Swingler				
Tuesday	Breakfast & Games Club 8-8.30am BC4 Mrs McGowan & Miss Brough	Touch Typing Club 8-8.30am C2 Miss Wray & Miss Smith	Homework Club 3.10-4pm BC4 Miss Wray & Miss Brough	Robotics Club 3.10-4pm MC1 Mr Khitab/ Mr Ebrahim	Cookery Club 3.15-4pm T5 Miss Lynch	Year 12 Challenging Reads 3.15-4pm E7 Mrs Hodges	Drama Club 3.10-4.10pm PA4 Mrs Jethwa, Miss Hughes, Miss Swingler	Yr 7 Games Club 3.10-4pm Library Mr Fell	Textiles Club 3.15-4pm T1 Mrs Dane
Wednesday	Breakfast & Games Club 8-8.30am BC4 Mrs McGowan & Miss Brough	We Sing Choir 3.15-4pm PA2 Mrs Choudhury	Homework Club 3.10-4pm BC4 Miss Wray & Miss Brough	Girl's Cyber Security 3.10-4pm MC1 Miss Zenick/ Mr Ebrahim	Yr 7 Science Club 3.15-4pm S1 Miss Start	Creative Writing Club 3.15-4pm E7 Mrs Hodges	KS3 Maths hmwk drop in 3.10-4pm M1 Maths Dept	KS3 Chess Club 3.10-4.10pm M7 Mr Welch	Music Ministry 3.10-3.45 Chapel Mr McMillan
Thursday	Breakfast & Games Club 8-8.30am BC4 Mrs McGowan & Miss Brough	KS3 Science hmwk drop in 3.15-4pm S1 Mr Sutton	Homework Club 3.10-4pm BC4 Miss Wray & Miss Brough	Digital Art 3.10-4pm MC1 Mr Ebrahim/ Miss Zenick	Dance Club 3.15-4pm PA4 Miss Williams	DT Club 3.15-4 T2 Mrs Higginson	Rock School 3.15-4pm Recording Studio Miss Hughes	Languages Club 3.15-4pm L2 Miss Crutchely	
Friday	Breakfast & Games Club 8-8.30am BC4 Mrs McGowan & Miss Brough	Debate Mate 2.30-3.30pm Library Miss Lloyd							

# Sixth Form

## Year 13 External Exams and Year 12 Mocks

We trust our Sixth Form students have returned from the Easter break both well rested and well into their revision programme. Please remember that our school website has a wealth of information: examination timetables, information about adapted content for Year 13 examinations this year, and topic areas for Year 12, as well as guidance on the most effective revision techniques.

## Pop-up Careers Events

Virgin Media have been in the 6th Form common room this week promoting apprenticeship and other opportunities. Next week the BBC will be with us for a similar event.

## Opportunities Bulletin

Do keep a close eye on the Opportunities Bulletin for masterclasses, career and study related workshops, summer schools, competitions, online events...the list really is endless! Some of our students have accessed some amazing experiences in this way.

## 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.

## Free School Meals

Have you checked to see if you are eligible (It only takes 5 mins). Check today!

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham>

## Summer Uniform

As per our letter regarding uniform in March, there will be no requirement for students to wear a branded summer shirt from this year.

Summer uniform will be permitted after May half term.

It will not be compulsory for students to wear a blazer, they will be able to wear just a shirt and tie. If a second layer is required, it must be a blazer and not any other item such as a hoody or outdoor coat.

Girls will be permitted to wear flesh coloured or black tights.

All other uniform requirements will remain unchanged.

## 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.

AN EVENING  
AT SAINT  
CHADS  
CATHEDRAL

MAY 12TH  
7:00 - 8:30 PM

PRAISE AND WORSHIP  
AND ADORATION  
WITH SARAH KROGER

TALK FROM WORLD  
RENOWNED SPEAKER  
DOM QUAGLIA

SCAN THIS QR  
CODE WITH  
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The poster features a large image of Saint Chads Cathedral at night with its two spires illuminated. Below the main title, there are two circular inset photos: one of Sarah Kroger speaking into a microphone and another of Dom Quaglia. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner, with an arrow pointing to it from the text 'SCAN THIS QR CODE WITH YOUR PHONE TO RSVP'. A white oval with the text 'FREE EVENT' is positioned at the bottom center.

## Website Blogs

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

# Upcoming Events

**Bank Holiday - School Closed**  
Monday 2nd May

**STEM Collaboration Day**  
Tuesday 3rd May

**Valencia Trip**  
**Vegetarian Week**  
Monday 9th May - Friday 13th May

**Year 8 STEM Event**  
Wednesday 11th May

**PGL Liddington Netball Trip**  
Friday 13th May - Sunday 15th May

**British Sandwich Week**  
Monday 2nd May - Friday 20th May

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## 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.

## Saint Columban Missionaries

**Administration Assistant Apprentice, Business Administration Level 3**

The Society is seeking an Administration Assistant Apprentice to provide exemplary administration support to the Missionary Society of Saint Columban (the Charity) in Britain, based in the Mission Office at St. Columban's House, Solihull. For more details about the position and to apply, please use the link below. You can also contact or email the HR Advisor at 07562 657 382 or hr@columbans.co.uk.

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