

# BC14



For the cry of the Earth  
We pray that each one of us will hear and  
take to heart the cry of the Earth and of  
victims of natural disasters and climactic  
change, and that all will undertake to  
personally care for the world in which we live.

## Message from Mr Hearnden, Vice Principal

Friday 29th September 2023

This academic year has begun in earnest, and it is great to see our new Year 7 and 12 students settling into the hustle and bustle of school and college life.

Our Open Evening last week was an incredible success and was undoubtedly our busiest ever with over 900 visitors through the door. Huge congratulations to all our staff and to all of our student helpers on putting on an outstanding display of excellence. The feedback from visitors as they left was extremely positive. Special praise goes to our Year 11 Guides- they were a credit to the school and a credit to themselves.

The extra-curricular timetable is now up and running which offers numerous clubs and activities. There is a hive of activity from early in the morning to time well after school and it is inspiring to see so many students taking full advantage of the plethora of clubs and activities on offer. Please encourage your child to engage in at least one club as I have no doubt that the experience of attending clubs offers students many new skills, the opportunity to form new friendships and helps to increase confidence too.

The year 13 A level Biology field trip was our first residential trip of the year. The weather remained fine for them and a successful time was had. Drayton Manor was

another successful trip that took place this week and we look forward to many more exciting day and residential trip opportunities for students across the year.

This academic year, our platinum jubilee is 'The Year of Challoner'. There will be several events planned across the year to celebrate our anniversary, these will be communicated in this newsletter and on the school website.

Attendance and punctuality remain a significant focus for all schools, not just ours this academic year. There have been some important messages given to students and you will have already received communication regarding the 5 Foundations and a letter from the local authority. On the whole students are attending well and most students are on time. Please continue to ensure that your child is in school every day and on time. This really is a collective approach, and we greatly appreciate your support, the children will be the beneficiaries in the future.

Lord our God, may we grow as people who think of others and see their needs never "passing by on the other side", but being willing to make sacrifices and be generous for the good of others. Amen.

BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

# Mental Health Awareness Workshop

Tuesday 3rd October, 4pm-5pm



Click the image to book your tickets.

We would like to invite parents/carers to a Mental Health Awareness workshop, which will be delivered by the STICK (Screening, Training, Intervention, Consultation and Knowledge) team, part of Forward Thinking Birmingham.

STICK emphasise that this is for parents/carers and that students should not attend.

## Online Safety Blast

We live in age of disinformation; whether maliciously or accidentally, people are publishing content that is missing facts, context, or is straight up fabricated. Fake News has exploded in reach in recent years through social media and with generative AI (Artificial Intelligence) now capable of producing realistic photos and videos of subjects, it is getting harder and harder to discern what you are seeing.

Here at Bishop Challoner, students discuss the concept of fake news in computing lessons and explore the impacts of potentially acting and believing disinformation. They are also aware of the part generative AI can now play.

We encourage you to engage with your child in conversation about this topic, and the BBC have provided some great educational resources to aid those discussions:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/safer-internet-day-resources/z6bbhbk>

## Sports Updates

### Extra-curricular

As a new school year and new term has started, our extra-curricular timetable is up and running with numbers to all clubs thriving! The clubs are for all years and abilities so make sure to check the extra-curricular timetable and choose a new club to come along to!

### Fixtures

The start of the new academic year means the start of lots of fixtures. The year 9 boys football team had a fantastic first match winning 1-0 against Christ church. The newly formed year 7 boys football team played against Lordswood in the opening round of the West Midlands Cup, well done on your debut match! Congratulations also to our year 7, 8 and senior netball teams who played away at King Edwards 5 ways on Monday. The year 7s had their first ever netball match and played brilliantly. Unfortunately, the Year 7 team lost their match but showed great resilience and team work throughout. Congratulations to our Year 8 girls Netball team who beat King Edwards 5 Ways 7-5 as well as our senior team who also won 15-8 in their match! An amazing start to the season for all teams.



### 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.

### Careers Guidance

Mrs Colgan, the Careers Adviser, has started the first careers guidance interviews for the year. Every student in Year 11 will receive at least one, 30 minute career guidance interview where they will have the opportunity to discuss jobs, Post-16 options and applications. After the interview students will be sent an action plan with information and links relevant to the conversation and some action points to help students with their career planning. Mrs Colgan will also meet with students in other year groups throughout the year, and students can refer themselves for a careers interview if they have any questions or would like to discuss their career ideas. This can be done by requesting through their form teacher, or emailing Mrs Colgan directly at [e.colgan@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk](mailto:e.colgan@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk). More information about the careers process can be found on the school website here: [www.bishopchalloner.org.uk/about/careers](http://www.bishopchalloner.org.uk/about/careers)



## 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 Philip Harrop                          | 10am<br>12noon<br>6.30pm            | 5.30pm                   |
| St. Jude's                       | B14 5PE  | Fr Philip Harrop                          | 9.15am                              | -                        |
| Our Lady Of Lourdes              | B13 0EU  | Canon Sean Grady                          | 9am<br>11am                         | 6pm                      |
| St Catherine Of Sienna           | B5 7BE   | Fr. Jagadishmario Kurapati<br>(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<br>9.30am<br>11am<br>5pm        | 6pm                      |
| Sacred Heart and Holy Souls      | B27 6RG  | Canon Jonathan Veasey                     | 8.30am<br>10am<br>12noon            | 5pm                      |
| English Martyrs                  | B11 3JN  | Fr Robert Murphy                          | 9.45am                              | 6pm                      |
| St Chads Cathedral,              | B4 6EX   | Mgr Tim Menezes                           | 9.30am<br>11.30am                   | 4.30pm                   |
| Our Lady And St Brigid           | B31 5AD  | Fr Cecil Rogerson                         | 9.00am<br>11.45am                   | 10am<br>5pm              |
| Our Lady Of Fatima               | B32 1LL  | Fr Philip Long Nguyen                     | 9.00am<br>11.00am                   | 6pm                      |
| St Ambrose Barlow                | B28 8QU  | Fr Paul Johnson                           | 10.00am<br>5.30pm                   | 5.30pm                   |
| The Oratory Of Saint Philip Neri | B16 8UE  | Fr Anton Guziel                           | 8.30am<br>10.30am<br>12pm<br>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.

## 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, 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.

## Late to School Sanctions

We appreciate that the majority of students arrive to school on time and many take part in activities before school or take advantage of the canteen facilities where breakfast is served from 7.30am.

Lateness to school means that students miss valuable teaching time and learning opportunities, it also disrupts the learning of other students.

From next week the following will happen regarding students that arrive late to school:

Every late arrival to school results in an automatic lunchtime detention. If a student misses this it will result in a lunchtime detention the following day, plus a Head of Year detention on a Thursday.

If a student is late twice in one week they will have a 1 hour detention on a Friday along with the normal lunchtime detentions.

Should a student be late 3 or more times in a week they will have an hour and a half detention on a Friday along with the normal lunchtime detentions.

Please support the school by ensuring your child arrives to school on time. Thank you for your support.

## Attendance Updates

Attendance Percentage  
Year 7 - 95.9%  
Year 8 - 94.8%  
Year 9 - 92.7%  
Year 10 - 92.5%  
Year 11 - 93.0%  
Whole School - 93.9%

Late Marks  
Year 7 - 21  
Year 8 - 15  
Year 9 - 44  
Year 10 - 39  
Year 11 - 53

## Attendance Raffle Winners

Well done to the following students that have had 100% attendance this week and no late marks. They have each one a £10 high street voucher.

Year 7 - Jackson B  
Year 8 - Jamal O  
Year 9 - Paige R  
Year 10 - Leo C  
Year 11 - Hannah F

## 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.

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## Upcoming Events

Year 11 Longbridge Trip  
Memorial Guardian Angel  
Day

**Monday 2nd October**

Year 11 Longbridge Trip  
Parent/Carer Mental  
Health Awareness  
Workshop

Year 12/13 Senior Maths  
Challenge  
**Tuesday 3rd October**

Year 11 Longbridge Trip  
Y12 B'ham Crown Court  
Visit

**Wednesday 4th October**

Y12 B'ham Crown Court  
Visit

**Friday 6th October**

Bronze and Silver  
DofE Training Meeting  
3-5.30pm

Y11 H&S Care Controlled  
Assessment

**Monday 9th October**

Moor Green Lane BC@70  
Sports Celebration  
World Mental Health Day  
**Tuesday 10th October**

Vegetarian Day - Canteen  
**Wednesday 11th October**

Year 7 Retreat

**Thursday 12th October**