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Dear Lord,
Help me remember what a difference it makes when I make time with You a priority in my morning. Awaken me in body and spirit each day with a desire to meet with You and to hear You speak words of affirmation, assurance, and wisdom over my heart as I prepare to go into my day. In Jesus' name,
Amen

Message from Mr Shore, Senior Vice Principal

Friday 3rd December 2021

I love this time of year because it is full of promise of what is to become. I watch the seasons change and look out for the arrival of birds that will spend their winter here. A favourite is the Redwing. At first it is found munching on autumn berries in the hedgerow and on trees but later in the season, if I'm lucky, I might see them close up in my garden. They are attracted to seed on the floor and do like a decaying apple.



Of course the most awaited event is Christmas. The last two years my family, just like many others, has been prevented from joining together to celebrate Christmas Day. This has certainly made me more aware of how important such a simple thing as eating together with family can be. I hope that this year we shall all have the opportunity to enjoy a family Christmas.

For some people Christmas can be an unhappy time. At school the charity of our staff, students and their families is bringing the light of care. There are piles of food for the Foodbank, clothes for St Chad's sanctuary and toys for children. It is inspiring!

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Lunch Money Account

Please ensure that your child's school meal account is topped up and there are sufficient funds available for them to purchase items at break and lunchtime if required. The easiest and quickest to top up is by using the Schoole Gateway app. You can download this on to your smartphone here- <https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login>

Mobile Phones

Please be reminded that mobile phones are NOT allowed to be used in school. Students found in possession of their mobile phone will have it confiscated and it will be returned at the discretion of their Head of Year/Senior Staff. In some cases, mobile phones will only be returned to parents/carers.

Standards and Uniform

Please [click here](#) to find details of all required school uniform items. Standards checks, including uniform are conducted and where students are not wearing the appropriate uniform or meeting appearance standards they will be addressed.

The Parenting Contract, agreed and signed by parents and carers when children start at Bishop Challoner Catholic College states that parents and carers will 'Ensure that my child wears full school uniform and has full PE kit'. We ask that you continue to undertake this important responsibility in support of your child and the school.

Christmas Cards on Sale Now

Our Artist in Residence, has produced this year's Christmas image for our Christmas cards.

Cards come in packs of 10 for £5.

These are available to purchase via Schoolcomms and then collected at reception.

CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL

Please give new toys (unwrapped) for our local children in Birmingham for all age groups ranging from 0-15 years

Gloves
 Games
 Football
 Dolls
 Jigsaws
 Cars
 Makeup
 Jewellery
 Toiletries
 Books
 Teedies
 Pull along toys
 Scarves

BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Birmingham Irish

Collection Dates:
1st November -
16th December

Irish TV are coming to school on Friday 26th November





Christmas

For many, Christmas can mean a new piece of technology in the household, video game consoles as popular this Christmas as they have done previously. Video game consoles can be a great form of entertainment for young people, old people and the entire family. However, like all forms of entertainment there is content that is designed for a mature audience only. Thankfully, the companies that produce these devices include parental controls and restrictions that can be easily applied, ensuring a young person only accesses content appropriate to their age.

Guides on how to apply the settings can be found below:

- **PlayStation 4** - https://support.playstation.com/s/article/PS4-Parental-Controls?language=en_US
- **PlayStation 5** - <https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/ps5-parental-controls-spending-limits/>
- **Xbox Platforms** - <https://www.xbox.com/en-GB/community/for-everyone/responsible-gaming>
- **Nintendo Switch** - <https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Nintendo-Switch-Family/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls-1183145.html>

Checking the content of games (and other forms of media)

We fully understand that it can be difficult to track what students are engaging with, never mind the content of those engagements. Thankfully, there exist several platforms designed to give an overview to a parental perspective. One that we recommend at Bishop Challoner is Common Sense Media. This an excellent platform that allows parents/carers to explore the true content of the films, apps and video games that their child is engaging with. Apps and games are rated on aspects such as profanity, violence and others to afford you a greater understanding of the media your child is accessing.

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org>

Sports Updates

Manchester Football Trip

On the 24th of November a group of students spent the day in Manchester, after taking a guided tour of Old Trafford, they crossed the city to the Etihad Stadium to watch Manchester City take on Paris Saint Germain in the Champions League

Football Results

Three wins in a two weeks have seen the Year 9 boys progress in two cup competitions. A 5-0 win against Wheelers Lane in the Birmingham Schools Cup, followed by an 8-0 victory over Streetly and 5-0 win against St Peters has put the boys into the quarter final of the West Midlands FA Cup, keeping their treble hopes alive.

Basketball Results

Year 7 Boys made it back to back wins and continued their impressive start to their basketball season with a win over Bartley Green. Year 8 Boys beat Aston Manor Academy by three points to win their opening league match, Tyler J was named man of the match. Year 10 suffered a 37-28 loss away against Wheelers Lane.



Training School Update

Did you know that we offer our School Direct Programme in Primary Schools as well as Secondary?

If you are thinking about teaching, then speak to us about what it involves!

With our route into teaching, you are part of the school community right from the beginning of the school year, gaining hands-on experience as well as University days in between. Why not watch our film on YouTube and see what some of our previous trainees have enjoyed about training with Bishop Challoner TSA: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UpjHNTQoWck>

Call us for a chat and we can tell you more! 0121 441 6175 or email: trainingschool@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

Year 13 Mock Examination Guidance and Summaries

A Year 13 Mock Examination webpage has been set up for parents/carers and students to easily find the information they need in preparation for their mocks.

Here you can find a letter to parents/carers, the mock examination timetable and a summary and further information on your mockexam in each subject area. Please [click here](#) to be taken to the webpage.

Sixth Form

Applications

We are delighted to have already received so many applications to the 6th form from our Year 11 students. Remember, meet the 10th December deadline and be treated as a priority applicant.

If you have any questions or difficulties in completing your application, please get in touch with Mrs Taylor: j.taylor@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

School Council

We have had Year 12 and 13 council meetings and whole school council meetings this week. As always our students have shown great leadership and have presented some excellent ideas, as well as discussing the charities they wish to support this year.

UCAS

This is a busy time for all, Year 13 students finalizing their statements and choices, teachers writing references and Mrs Colgan and Miss Darby going through each application with the students, ensuring really first-class university applications are made. The offers are already starting to roll in!

GetIT programme and competition

Computing department has entered Bishop Challoner to take part in the Amazon Web Services (AWS) GetIT programme and competition for 2021-2022 academic year. The programme is aimed at year 8 students, especially girls, to help them to gain digital skills, challenge gender stereotype within the industry and consider a career in technology. The programme enables students to design and create an 'app for good' that makes real social change within their school and community. This week Year 8 had an assembly from an Amazon Ambassador for Bishop Challoner to launch the competition. You could also follow this story and other computing works on our computing twitter address @BishopChalCom

CyberFirst Girls Competition

On Monday 29th November the CyberFirst Girls Competition online qualifier opened. The competition is aimed at Year 8 girls in England with the view to influence more girls when choosing their GCSE subjects. Each school can enter as many teams as they want, maximum of 4 girls in each team.



The competition gives the them the opportunity to discover the exciting world of cyber security and win prizes along the way. We have eight Year 8 students who have been attending the Cyber Security for Girls Club since they were in Year 7, they have formed two teams and started completing the challenges.

The online qualifier round will close on Wednesday 8th December. Well done to Tia, Harriet, Ella-Louise, Mary Jo, Andrea, Giovanna, Catherine and Amy for taking part in the competition and their commitments. Find out more about how the teams are getting on in the competition by following the computing department twitter at @BishopChalCom.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Young Minds have produced an Advent Calendar with lots of useful tips. See below:

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/media/j0bpjiok/wellbeing-advent-calendar-2021.pdf>

Mental Health and Well-being Support



"Mental health is a state of well-being in which an individual realises his or her own abilities, can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and is able to make a contribution to his or her community."
World Health Organisation, 2018

At Bishop Challoner Catholic College we aim to promote good mental health and wellbeing for our whole community: students, staff, parents and carers.

We aim to develop protective factors by being a community in which all:

- are respected
- have a sense of belonging and feel safe
- are able to talk openly with trusted adults
- see good mental health as something to be valued and nurtured

We want all members of our community to:

- feel confident in themselves.
- be able to express a range of emotions appropriately.
- be able to make and maintain positive relationships with others.
- cope with the challenges of everyday life.
- manage times of stress and deal with change.
- thrive and achieve.

We aim to achieve this through:

- living out our school missions statement "...we give glory to God by developing our full potential..."
- our PSHE curriculum
- awareness raising (wellbeing assemblies, tips for good mental health)
- listening to our students
- gaining insights via student voice
- working in partnership with parents/carers where there are concerns about mental health
- signposting sources of external help and advice
- making referrals and working with external agencies to provide additional support to those who need it
- recognising the importance of staff mental health and wellbeing.
- modelling healthy attitudes and habits

We are not able or qualified to offer:

- counselling
- testing and diagnosis of mental health conditions
- specialist therapies



B30 FOODBANK

HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS

Collecting from Monday 8th November until Monday 13th December 2021

Urgent items needed:
Sugar (500g bags, not larger)
Instant Mashed Potatoes
Jam, Honey
Porridge
Cereal (not greater than 500g)
UHT whole milk
UHT semi-skimmed Milk
Long life fruit juice

Tinned tomatoes
Tinned rice pudding
Packet/Pot noodles
Liquid or bar soap
Gender neutral roll on or stick deodorant
Gender neutral shampoo
Disposable razors
Toilet rolls
Small washing up liquid
Strong carrier bags



An online Parenting Intervention to Prevent affective disorders in high-risk Adolescents: **The PIPA Trial**

Mental health during childhood and adolescence is very important. Difficulties like anxiety and depression can start when people are young and it is important for young people and their

families to understand these difficulties and get support when needed.

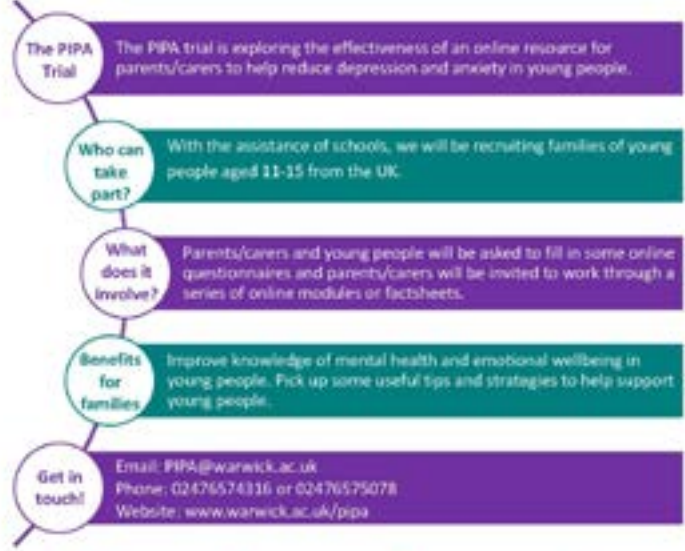
The PIPA Trial is exploring the effectiveness of an online resource for parents/carers to help reduce depression and anxiety in young people. The trial is being coordinated by the University of Warwick and involves families of young people aged 11-15 years from schools in Birmingham, Coventry and surrounding areas.

The trial is free and conducted completely online, although Bishop Challoner is promoting this intervention opportunity, the PIPA trial is independent to and any involvement is anonymous from the school. Eligible parents/carers and young people will be asked to complete some questionnaires. Parents/carers will then receive access to some online parenting resources: either the standard educational package of factsheets or the personalised programme with up to nine modules. Parents/carers and young people will also be asked to complete some follow-up questionnaires.

Please look out for the letter about how to sign up which will be on the Bishop Challoner website. If you have any questions, please speak to Miss R Hampson, Assistant SENCo (r.hampson@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk) or contact the PIPA trial team at PIPA@warwick.ac.uk or 02476574316/02476575078.



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Computing:	@BishopChalComp
Design:	@BCCCDesign
English:	@BC_EnglishDept
FOBC:	@bc_friends
French:	@BC_MFL
Geography:	@BCGeogDept
History:	@history_GCSEBC
Library:	@Mrs F Library
Maths Hub:	@CentralMathsHub
Maths:	@BCMATHSDept
PE:	@BCPEDepartment
Performing Arts:	@BCPAmusic/@BCPAPA4
School Games:	@BCSGO
Science Learning Partnership:	@CentralMidSLP
Science:	@BCSciDept
Sixth Form:	@BCCSix
Social Science:	@BCSocSciDept
Teaching School:	@bctsa_training

WORRIED ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S PROGRESS IN MATHS & ENGLISH?

THREE AWARD WINNING SOLUTIONS:

- LIVE GROUP LESSONS
- INDIVIDUAL TUITION
- HOME LEARNING SUBSCRIPTION

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Upcoming Events

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| <p>Year 11 Mocks
Monday 6th December -
Thursday 9th December</p> <p>Christmas Show (Kingsway)
Wednesday 8th December</p> <p>Christmaths Day
BGT Christmas Card Making
Thursday 9th December</p> <p>School Closed to all students
Year 7, 9 & 10 Parent
Consultation Day
Friday 10th December</p> | <p>Year 7 Reward Trip
Monday 13th December</p> <p>Christmas Lunch
Year 9 & 10 Sponsored
Football
Tuesday 14th December</p> <p>Year 7 & 8 Sponsored Football
Sixth Form Christmas Service
Wednesday 15th December</p> <p>Christmas Jumper Day
Whole School Mass
Thursday 16th December</p> |
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T-LEVELS

THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

Employer engagement for T Level development

What are T Levels?

T Levels are new courses which follow GCSEs and are equivalent to 3 A levels. These 2-year courses have been developed in collaboration with employers and businesses to ensure that the content meets the needs of industry and prepares students for work, further training or study.

Can you help?

Do you work, or do you know someone who works within these sectors or jobs:

NHS
A hospital
Adult nursing
Midwifery
Mental Health
A Residential Care home
Data Technician
Software Development
Digital Support
Web/Games Development

T Levels will begin in September 2023 at Bishop Challoner Catholic College with the roll out of courses within:

- Health/Healthcare
- Business and Administration
- Digital Production, Design and Development



What to do...

If you do, Bishop Challoner Catholic College would like to create links with your employer in preparation for the delivery of T Levels.

Please contact Mrs M Moon at Tlevels@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk or 0121 441 6157 for more information.

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