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A Prayer for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your Only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Message from Mrs Nutt, Assistant Principal

Friday 3rd February 2023

Today is the feast day of Saint Blaise, a Catholic Bishop who was martyred in Armenia in the 4th century and who is revered as the patron of throat illnesses. This stems from the story that, as he was being led to his execution, a boy who was choking on a fishbone was brought to Saint Blaise. St Blaise was able to heal him and save him from imminent death. An invocation to St. Blaise and a special blessing, performed by holding two candles against the throat, remains is still practised in many parishes today.



Coincidentally, whilst on the subject of our throats, yesterday was Time to Talk Day. Students and staff have been encouraged to talk opening about mental health as part of the wider spectrum of well-being and share their top tips for managing challenges.

Continuing this theme, next Tuesday 7th February is Safer Internet Day and this year's national focus is 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'. The UK Safer Internet Centre suggests parents and carers might want to open the conversation with young people in the following ways:

- What sites do you like to visit and what do you enjoy doing online?
- What games do you and your friends like to play online?
- How do you stay safe online?
- What is OK and not OK to share?
- Where to go for help?
- Where do you find the safety advice, privacy settings and how to report or block on the platforms you use?

Wishing you all a happy Feast of St Blaise!

5 Foundations of Effective Attendance Practice



Foundation 3

Professional Learning
Staff Development

The school prioritises developing a team of attendance experts, with a shared vision and core purpose. The Attendance Leader delivers bespoke training to support all staff to fully understand their role in improving attendance. External partnerships support attendance improvements through a multi-disciplinary approach for identified children and families.

Year 11 Parent Consultation Evening

Year 11 Parent Consultation Evening is on Thursday 9th February, 5.30pm to 8pm.

The booking system is now open for parents/carers to make appointments to see their child's Consultation Tutor.

Appointments need to be made by Tuesday 7th February, if you have not made an appointment by this date, your child's Consultation Tutor will make the appointment for you.

You will receive the report on the morning of Thursday 9th February by email. The report will be sent to the email address of the priority 1 contact held on the school system.

Year 8 T1 Assessment Window

Please visit the school website by [clicking here](#) for subject information and guidance on the Year 8 T1 assessments.

Timings of the school day - September 2023

[Click here](#) for more information.

Monday to Thursday: Start: 8.40am. Finish: 3.20pm
Friday: Start: 8.40am. Finish: 2.30pm

BeReal is an app launched in 2020 that rose quickly in popularity last year. Its main feature is a daily notification that encourages users to share a photo of themselves and their immediate surroundings given a randomly selected two-minute window every day. The resulting media is a capture of both the front and rear facing camera on the device.



Why are we concerned as a school?

- A BeReal post could show a user's location, personal details such as school or workplaces.
- The app does not have an explicit image moderation process, and thus does not restrict the users from posting inappropriate photos.
- The minimum age to use BeReal is 13 although there is no formal verification process.
- There are no privacy features.
- Anxiety of not sharing or sharing something seen as 'boring'.
- Comparison and competition amongst peers.

We encourage you to talk to your child about the BeReal app. Resources to support this conversation can be found here:

<https://oursaferschools.co.uk/2022/08/19/be-real/>

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.

Parent/Carer Webinars

Weathering the storms of strong teen emotions: do's, don'ts and when to consider talking to someone

Date: Monday 6th February

Time: 12-1pm

Venue: Virtual via Zoom

More information can be found in [Latest News](#) on our website.

Register in advance for this meeting:

Monday 6th February - [Register](#)

Is TikTok Safe for Children?

Follow the link below for information from the NSPCC

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/child-safe-settings-tiktok/>

UCAS Applications

All of Year 13 UCAS applications have now been sent off and already lots of students have some wonderful offers from a range of universities to do a variety of courses.

A special congratulations to Matthew J U for receiving an offer to do Medicine at the University of Cambridge and to Tess O'C to do Medicine at St George's, University of London!!

Train to Teach with Bishop Challoner

Our current trainees are getting on really well, with most of them now on their second school placements. This is a great aspect of the training programme - being able to experience teaching in a different school for half a term.

We continue to offer dates on the national School Experience Programme, whereby you can spend a day in the classroom and see if teaching may be a career for you. Just see our website for dates and booking information: <https://www.bctsa.org/602/train-to-teach-events>

TEACHING INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

Earn
£900

Places are being filled now ready for the summer!

3 weeks @
£300 per week

Monday 19th June to Friday 7th July 2023
Apply **now** for a place on this popular programme!



Have you ever thought about a career in teaching Physics, Computing, Maths, Chemistry, or Languages?



Are you currently studying for an under-grad degree in these or a related subject (in any year)?

If so, apply to take part in our Teaching Internship Programme. Spend 3 weeks on our programme and discover the power of teaching to improve the life chances of students. Previous interns unfortunately cannot apply. Interviews taking place now!!

Apply now: <https://forms.office.com/e/Wxjse7Zt5r>

www.bctsa.org



Faith formation in the family

The start of a new year provides a perfect opportunity for families to reflect upon their faith and how we can come together to support each other on our journey of faith during 2023.

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 12noon 6.30pm	5.30pm
St. Jude's	B14 5PE	Fr Philip Harrop	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.



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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 school skirt (not lycra or stretchy). 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.

In order to complement the smart school uniform we insist that students' hair is smart in appearance and that students do not have shaved/razored hair styles or lines/patterns shaved into the hair. Extreme changes of hair colour are also not permitted. The final decision as to whether a particular haircut/style is appropriate is at the discretion of senior staff. **Braids are allowed.**

Make up, nail varnish and jewellery are not permitted with the exception of one pair of plain stud earrings which may be worn.

Please note that lycra or stretchy skirts are not allowed to 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 Update

Year 7 - %
Year 8 - %
Year 9 - %
Year 10 - %
Year 11 - %
Whole School - %



A WARM WELCOME TO A WARM LUNCH
Every Tuesday and Friday 12pm-2.30pm
from Friday 3rd February 2023

COMMUNITY LUNCH*
Enjoy...

A nutritious bowl of home cooked soup and freshly baked bread
Tea or coffee and a slice of cake

We offer a warm place to relax, meet others for a chat, play board games or simply enjoy some live music. Come along to All Saints Church, 2 Vicarage Rd, King's Heath, Birmingham B14 7RA. Head to the far corner of the square.

* Free or pay what you can

For more information:
Call: 07763 044986 between 9.00 – 12 noon
At other times, please leave a message, and one of our volunteers will get back to you.
Email: allsaintscommunitycatering@gmail.com

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Scarves

A recent trend appears to be the wearing of scarves. Scarves should only be worn with a coat and should not be worn inside, the same as coats.

Upcoming Events

Y8 Assessment Window
Monday 30th January -
Friday 17th February

**Y7 Symphony Hall
Dementia Cafe**
Tuesday 7th February

**BC Tea Party
Rosary**
Wednesday 8th February

**English Theatre Trip
BIA Traditional Music
Workshop**

**Y11 Parent Consultation
Evening**
Thursday 9th February

**Bishop's Got Talent
Y8 Secondary Maths
Challenge**
Friday 10th February

**Y11 Practical Food
Exam**
Monday 13th February
- Wednesday 15th
February

**Dementia Cafe (TBC)
KS3 UOB Robotics Final
Y12 BBC Event**
Tuesday 14th February

**Y7 Personal
Development Day
Rosary**
Wednesday 15th
February

Y11 DT Intervention
Thursday 16th February

**Staff Inset
School Closed**
Friday 17th February



Secondary

Event Title	Event Description	Date/ time	Booking details
SECONDARY Y5-8 Continuity	Participants will explore a selection of high-quality resources. Checkpoints, Multiplicative Reasoning and Algebraic, Thinking materials.	Session 1 of 4 starting in February 2023 (twilight 4pm-6pm)	Y5-8 Continuity

All programmes are fully funded so are FREE to participating schools/colleges.

View all programmes at: centralthub.com



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**AGES
9 TO 16**

must be accompanied
by an adult

**10AM TO
2PM**

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Once you have registered, you will be allocated a 1 hour time slot for your workshop.

Children must be accompanied by an adult