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Almighty God, as we embark on this liturgical time of Lent, we take time to step away from the distractions that distance us from your light. We take this time to focus on you and the significance you have in our lives. We pray for resilience and compassion in this time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
Amen

Message from Mrs Moon, Assistant Principal

Friday 3rd March 2023

During half term, Christians celebrated Ash Wednesday as the beginning of Lent. Lent is a time we set aside each year to remember the love of God that is poured out through Christ Jesus. It is a significant season in the year for Christians – a time for solemnity and self-reflection. The liturgical colour for Lent is purple. The colour purple represents penance, preparation and sacrifice.

During Lent, many people decide to give something up that they may love – perhaps chocolate, sweets or even using social media. Others decide to take up something, like helping out more or making an effort to do nice things for their family and friends.

This half term Bishop Challoner is also focusing on the virtues ‘learned’, finding God in all things; wanting to know and learn more about our world and ourselves. The second is ‘wise’, making good decisions that benefit their lives and the lives of others.

Year 9 students are embarking on an important and exciting stage in their lives; Year 9 pathways. These choices will help to be a stepping stone for their future career choices, therefore students will need to be wise in their choices and use their time wisely to ensure they make the right decisions for themselves about the subjects they will study at GCSE. Year 11 and 13 will similarly need to make wise choices, as they prepare for their end-of-year exams; ensuring they commit to revision, to get the best outcomes.

As a community let us continue to keep our students in our thoughts and prayers as they reach these pivotal points in their future.

5 Foundations of Effective Attendance Practice

Data information and analysis direct resources proactively towards key demographic groups and identified individuals. The expert use of data analysis informs decision making at all levels. The attendance process ensures the Attendance Leader understands the reason for attendance concerns, these barriers can then be successfully supported and removed.



Summer Examination Timetables

[Click here](#) to view the GCSE and GCE provisional examination timetable.

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

Schools and Colleges Early Support Service Parent/Carer Webinars

Anxiety in adolescence: how can parents help?

Date: Tuesday 7 March

Time: 5-6pm

Venue: Virtual via Zoom

[Register](#)

Adolescent self-harm: how to make sense of it and when to seek support

Date: Monday 6 March

Time: 12.30-1.30pm

Venue: Virtual via Zoom

[Register](#)

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

Date: Tuesday 14 March

Time: 5-6pm

Venue: Virtual via Zoom

[Register](#)

Building resilience, staying connected and nurturing your relationship with your teen

Date: Wednesday 8 March

Time: 12.30-1.30pm

Venue: Virtual via Zoom

[Register](#)

Managing teen behaviour that challenges: tips and tricks

Date: Thursday 9 March

Time: 12-1pm & 12.30-1.30pm

Venue: Virtual via Zoom

[Register](#)

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





Artificial intelligence presents perhaps the next break free in consumer use technology. ChatGPT has made headlines in recent weeks as the first widespread natural language artificial intelligence available for public use. The technology is highly impressive and is likely to shape things as society move forward with an ever-increasing reliance on the technology. However, as with all technology, it can be used in a way that is both negative and detrimental to the user. Artificial intelligence is likely to play a huge role in education going forward, but we encourage parents and carers to have a conversation with their children about, the pitfalls of overreliance on such technology.

The technology should be seen as an aid to support learning, and not a replacement for work. For more information on chat, GPT and the potential pitfalls of such technology, please see the following article:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/artificial-intelligence-solutions>

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.

MARCH

St Joseph

- The month of March is dedicated to St Joseph.
- We don't know much about him other than what is mentioned in the Gospels.
- He is Jesus' Father among men.
- He protected both Mary and Jesus.
- He is also the patron of social justice.

Pope Francis...



We pray for victims of abuse. May they find the Church a place which responds to their suffering.

The Annunciation

- Celebrated on 25 th March.
- We celebrate when the Angel Gabriel visited Mary and promised she would bare a son.
- Highlights the willingness of Mary to accept God's command.

Lent

As we journey through Lent, let us focus on the three pillars...
 Prayer - this helps us grow our relationship with God
 Fasting- We can give something up, like Jesus' sacrifice during his Journey in the desert.
 Almsgiving- Jesus gave himself up for us. We should give ourselves to other people.

Let us pray...

Jesus,

During this Penitential season and time of reflection, may you inspire us to live out acts of love and make a big difference.

Amen

Do you want to find out more about training to teach?

Our Training School here at Bishop Challoner is offering free information sessions in the coming weeks, where you can come and find out more about this exciting career. You can join the advisors online on Tuesday 14th March, 6-7 pm, or come along and meet them in person on Tuesday 21st March, 5-6 pm. More details can be found on their website at: <https://www.bctsa.org/602/train-to-teach-events>

Can't make either of these dates?

Just email us to arrange an individual chat: trainingschool@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

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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IMPORTANT First Aid Reminder

Please inform the first aid at 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.

Sports Updates

Extra-Curricular

An abundance of new extra-curricular clubs this term! [Click here](#) to download from our website.

Times	Sports Hall	Dodge	Lunch Time (12:10-12:50)
14:00-15:00	Badminton & Table Tennis Miss Ellis All Years (Mixed Gender)	Movement Group Mr Brodie (Boys only)	
14:00-15:00	Basketball/ Football/ Cricket Miss Hampton/ Miss Edwards All Years (Girls Only)	Flaggy Mr Cole All Years (Mixed Gender)	
14:00-15:00			
14:00-15:00	Volleyball Mr Moon All Years (Mixed Gender)	Tennisball Mr Wilson/ Mr Dunn All Years (Mixed Gender)	
14:00-15:00	Football Mr Wilson / Mr. Thompson (Y7/8) Year 9 & 10 (Mixed Gender)		
14:00-15:00			
14:00-15:00	Badminton & Table Tennis Miss Strain All Years (Mixed)	Table Tennis Mr Brodie All Years (Mixed)	Football/ Basketball Mr Malley Year 7, 8 & 9
14:00-15:00	Netball Miss Strain Year 9/10 (Mixed Gender)		
14:00-15:00			
14:00-15:00	Netball Mr Wright All Years (Mixed Gender)		Football/ Basketball Mr Cole Year 7, 8 & 9
14:00-15:00	Badminton & Table Tennis Mr Brodie Year 7/8 (Mixed Gender)		
14:00-15:00			
14:00-15:00	Football Mr Bailey/ Mr Turner Year 7 & 8 (Mixed Gender)	Dodgeball Mr Cole Year 9/10 (Mixed Gender)	
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Upcoming fixtures

Year 7 Football

Vs Queensbridge
Monday 13th March

Vs Colmers
Tuesday 14th March

Vs Turves Green Boys
Monday 20th March

Year 7-11 Rugby Fixtures

Y7/Y8 vs KES Sheldon Heath Academy
Wednesday 8th March

Y10/Y11 vs KES Sheldon Heath Academy
Thursday 9th March

Y7/Y8 vs Handsworth Grammar
Monday 13th March

Y7/Y8 vs Bishop Walsh
Wednesday 22nd March

Y9/Y10 vs Handsworth Grammar
Thursday 23rd March

Y7/Y8 vs Lordswood School
Monday 27th March

Y9/Y10 vs Lordswood School
Tuesday 28th March



Bishop Challoner Extra-Curricular Clubs



Mon	Breakfast & Games Club 8-8:30am BC4 Mrs McGowan	We Sing Choir 3.15-4pm Mrs Choudhury PA1	Homework Club 3.10-4pm Miss Wray	Robotics Club 3.10-4pm MS Mr Kirby/ Mr Ibrahim	Art Club 3.10-4pm A1 Miss Neat				
Tues	Breakfast & Games Club 8-8:30am BC4 Mrs McGowan	Touch Typing Club 8-8:30am C2 Miss Wray & Miss Smith	Y7 Literary Club 3.10-4pm BC4 Miss Wray & Miss Wheeler	Textiles Club 3.15-4pm T1 Mrs Dane	Drama Club 3.10-4.10pm PA4 Mrs Athwa	Chess Club 3.10-4.10pm MG2 Mr Welch			
Wed	Breakfast & Games Club 8-8:30am BC4 Mrs McGowan	We Sing Choir 3.15-4pm PA2 Mrs Choudhury	Homework Club 3.10-4pm BC4 Miss Wray	Girl's Cyber Security 3.10-4pm MS2 Miss Zerkic/ Mr Ibrahim	Y7 Science Club 3.10-4pm S1 Miss Scott	Gilded and Tarnished Metals Club 3.10-4.10pm MS Miss Humphreys	Maths streaky Club 3.10-4.10pm MS1 & MS2	Cookery Club in a Mug 3.10-4.10pm T5 Miss Lynch	
Thurs	Breakfast & Games Club 8-8:30am BC4 Mrs McGowan	Keyboard Club 3.15-4pm PA1 Mr Wertz	Homework Club 3.10-4pm BC4 Miss Wray	Digital Art 3.10-4pm C1 Mr Ibrahim/ Miss Zerkic	Dance Club 3.15-4pm PA1 Miss Wilton	DT/STEM Club 3.15-4 T2 Mrs O'Connor	Creative Writing Club 3.15-4pm E7 Mrs Hodges	BC Band 3.10-4.10pm PA5 Miss Hughes	Language Club 3.30-4:00 L1 Miss Watkins
Friday	Breakfast & Games Club 8-8:30am BC4 Mrs McGowan	Debate Mate 2.30-3.30pm Library Miss Lloyd							

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. Headscarves must be black. Braids are allowed. 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.

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.

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.

Attendance Update

Year 7 - 95.3%
 Year 8 - 92.3%
 Year 9 - 91.7%
 Year 10 - 91.8%
 Year 11 - 90.5%
 Whole School - 92.4%

Upcoming Events

Year 9 & 10 DofE Training
Year 9 Immunisations
Year 9 PA G&T Day
 Tuesday 7th March

Malympics
Year 10 Theatre Trip
Year 9 Aspirations Day
Rosary
 Wednesday 8th March

Debate Mate Event
Year 8-13 Careers Fair
 Thursday 9th March

Bishop's Got Talent
Year 8 The Tempest
 Friday 10th March

Italy Ski Trip
 Sunday 12th March -
 Saturday 18th March

A Level Trip to Paris
 Monday 13th March -
 Thursday 16th March

Dementia Cafe (TBC)
Year 9 Pathways Evening
 Tuesday 14th March

BC Tea Party
Rosary
 Wednesday 15th March

St Patrick's Day - Canteen
Wear Green Day £1
 Friday 17th March

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