

# BC14

O God, our Creator, all life is in your hands from conception until death. Help us to cherish our children and to reverence the awesome privilege of our share in creation. May all people live and die in dignity and love. Bless all those who defend the rights of the unborn, disabled and aged. Enlighten and be merciful toward those who fail to love, and give them peace. Let freedom be tempered by responsibility, integrity and morality.  
Amen.

**“Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (Lk 6:36). Standing beside those who suffer on a path of charity.**

## Message from Mr Hearnden, Associate Principal

**Friday 4th February 2022**

What a week this has been! Just when we thought remote learning might be a thing of the past, we were forced to take the regrettable step to close the school for two days, due to a gas leak. Needless to say our staff and students immediately rose to the challenge and were engaging in live lessons via Teams and continuing their learning via ClassCharts. If there is one positive that has come out of the pandemic, it must be the huge advances in remote education, which now means no one should miss out on their learning if they cannot attend school.

School closure didn't deter our intrepid team of Year 8 Cyber champions who assembled across the road from school in our training facility, Challoner House, and succeeded in coming first in the West Midlands Cyber First Competition. Well done to the team and the teachers who have been supporting them. True Challoner spirit!

This week many of our school community have taken the opportunity to visit the Alexandra Theatre to see Year 9 student Eva, who is currently on a national tour in the School of Rock. What an amazing talent! We are very proud of your achievement.

We were delighted to see the last of the UCAS applications go, ahead of the deadline last week. Year 13 students are getting lots of enticing offers. Some of our early applicants have already attended interviews for Medicine. An exciting time for these young people.

This week on the 2nd February, Christians around the world celebrated The Feast of the Presentation of Lord. The Lord Jesus Christ, forty days after His birth, in keeping with the biblical significance of the number forty and with Jewish custom, was presented in the temple in Jerusalem by His parents, Mary and Joseph.

*“God enters the temple not as a powerful ruler but as a little child in his Mother’s arms. The King of glory comes not with a show of human force and power, not with a great fanfare and noise, not causing fright and destruction. He comes into the temple as he came into the world, as an infant in silence, in poverty, and in the company of the poor and the wise.”*

**St Pope John Paul II**

Lord Jesus, as an infant, You were brought to the temple by your parents out of religious duty. Help all parents to take their duties to God seriously, to inculcate their faith in the next generation by their words and by their actions, so that the faith will be handed on where the faith is first learned—in the family and in the home. Amen



## Mental Health Team Children’s Mental Health Week

We will be celebrating Children’s Mental Health Week next week. The theme this year is Growing Together. We will be encouraging students to reflect on how they have grown, in all ways, and how they can find their own strength and also support others to continue to grow. There will be daily tips on the website, celebrity clips to watch as well as special assemblies and a competition to enter!

### Student Well-being Ambassadors

Congratulations to Bianca, Allyssa, Jessico and Malachy, our 4 new student Well-being Ambassadors, who were appointed this week. These students submitted excellent applications and we are very excited to see how they use their skills in their new roles.



## Y9 Vaccinations

First aid; Year 9 students will be coming home this week with HPV immunisation consent forms, please fill out the forms and sent them back into school no later than Friday 11th February. Students can hand the forms into first aid.

## 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.



Please be reminded of the following resources that we signposted earlier in the academic year. The table below includes a list of resources that we have used and continue to do so, as part of our teaching and practice.

All these resources are free to use and provide appropriate content for a range of age groups.

#### Resource Link

**NSPCC Online Safety** – huge repository of guidance and advice around many topics related to online safety and talking to children about it.

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

**UK Safer Internet Centre** – source of information for children, parents, carers and teachers. Activities and resources can be downloaded for free. <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk>

**Think U Know** – Online safety learning resources which cover ages 4-14+. Also, resources for parents and carers are available. <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

**Internet Matters** – Resources for ages 0-14+ in relation to online safety and the use of devices.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/>

**Common Sense Media** – provides insight into media (tv, film, games and apps) allowing for a understanding of appropriateness for age. <https://www.commonsensemedia.org>



## Sixth Form

### UCAS

Thanks to the efforts of Miss Darby and Mrs Colgan, the wider sixth form team and the team of reference writers, every student who wanted to apply to university met the deadline of 26th January. Thanks to the families who have helped us to pin down those students who like to cut things close! The efforts are already being rewarded with university offers.

## National Apprenticeship Week

We will be raising awareness of apprenticeships next week through daily apprenticeship tasks during form times, exploring apprenticeship vacancies in lessons and having an assembly on Apprenticeships: Past, present and future. I wanted though, to draw your attention to the special edition of the Opportunities Bulletin which is jam packed full of careers related opportunities for students across the year groups and parents. This particular edition also has links to free webinars for parents who would like to know more about apprenticeships! Please take a look and follow us on @BCCareersSmart for more information.

Happy National Apprenticeships Week!

Miss Darby (Careers Leader)  
#NAW2022 #BuildTheFuture

## Reflections on the Mock Examinations

The year 13 mocks are now over and students have time to reflect on their experience. For all year 13 students, this has been the first opportunity to undergo an extended period of formal assessments. For some, this has been an opportunity to have the excellent progress they are making confirmed; for others it has revealed a need for a more effective revision programme and better developed examination technique. Rest assured that students will receive ongoing support from their teachers to achieve this. We are continue to remind year 13 students that they have their own dedicated study centre, with netbooks available; making good use of available time for quiet study in college is essential for exam success.

## Year 12 Subject Ambassadors

Year 12 students have been visiting Year 11 lessons over the last few weeks to give short talks about their A level subjects. This has been an opportunity which has benefitted students in both year groups; Year 11s have heard about the subjects from a student's perspective and Year 12 students have really developed some excellent presentation and public speaking skills.

## Form Saints Mass

We have celebrated the Feast days for St. Sebastian and St. John Bosco.

Their dedication has been an inspiration to our students. Sharing in Laus Deo- showing us how we can shine our talents, help others and through all give glory to God



## Sacred Spaces

Our Key Stage 3 Forms have been gathering in Solidarity to share in their faith. Our form rooms are bustling with interactive areas where our pupils can gather and lead in prayer. Our Chaplaincy Champions have been wonderful leaders in faith in action, shining His light and our devotion to Christ. Our Leaders in Sacred Spaces: 7TER, 8SEB, 9CEC.



## Anyone can make a difference- that's YOU

Young people aged between 13-18 years are being asked to consider who in the world today is doing something about inequality, injustice, exclusion and environmental degradation. What can they teach us? How can we draw on our own faith and personal experience to be changemakers? This year's theme is based on a quote from young climate campaigner Greta Thunberg who has said, "no one is too small to make a difference." She, and many others internationally, stand out for their mission to create a more just, peaceful and sustainable world.

The competition is open for writing and image entries until 11 February 2022 and winners will be announced on 11 March 2022. Why not give it a Go? <https://www.columbancompetition.com/>

**“No one is too small to make a difference, everyone can do something. If everyone does something, then huge differences can happen.”**  
Greta Thunberg, 16 years old

### SCHOOLS MEDIA COMPETITION

We are looking for students (Year 9 to Year 13) to submit an original piece of writing or an original image on the theme:

# ANYONE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## 21ST CENTURY CHANGEMAKERS

Who in the world today is doing something about inequality, injustice, exclusion and environmental degradation? What can they teach us? How can we draw on our own faith and personal experience to be changemakers?

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: FRIDAY 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022**

For more information on entry guidelines see: [www.columbancompetition.com](http://www.columbancompetition.com) or email: [hello@columbancompetition.com](mailto:hello@columbancompetition.com)

**PRIZE PRIZES**  
1<sup>st</sup> £300  
2<sup>nd</sup> £150 · 3<sup>rd</sup> £100

**IMAGE PRIZES**  
1<sup>st</sup> £300  
2<sup>nd</sup> £150 · 3<sup>rd</sup> £100

COLUMBAN MISSIONARIES

## 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>



## Sports Updates

### Football

Year 7 boys are through to the West Midlands Cup quarter final after a dramatic penalty shoot-out win over Gospel Oak. After conceding a last-gasp equalizer, the boys regained their composure to win 3-2 on penalties. Ellis C made a great save before Terrance B calmly slotted away the winning spot kick.



Year 10 girls hosted Swanshurst and Uni of Birmingham School in a double header at the Irish Centre. Suraya and Alexa both scored hat-tricks to help the team to back-to-back victories which continues their 100% winning record.

### Basketball

Year 7 and 8 were both victorious as they started their Jr NBA campaigns. Year 7 beat Queensbridge 16-0 and Year 8 came away with back to back wins over Queensbridge (7-4) and Shireland (4-0), Ryan L was named MVP.

Year 9 Girls competed in a tournament at St Thomas Aquinas and managed to win 3 out of 4 games, Nila T and Benedict M were picked as star performers.





## Be Empowered Workshop – Early Support Programme for SEND Parent Carers

We warmly invite you to join in a series of **Evening** in-person workshops that have been written and led by trainers who are parent/carers of a child with additional needs themselves.

These workshops are for parent/carers of children and young people of any age, with any additional need, following diagnosis. They are an attempt to support parent/carers through times of change and at whatever stage of the journey participants may find themselves.

THIS WILL BE THE 3<sup>rd</sup> IN-PERSON BE EMPOWERED WORKSHOP OF THIS ACADEMIC YEAR.

WEDNESDAY'S 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH to 6<sup>TH</sup> April, FROM 6PM – 9PM

**MAR – APR 2022 – On a WEDNESDAY, 6pm – 9pm**

Starting Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar 2022, then continuing Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Mar, Wed 16<sup>th</sup>, Wed 23<sup>rd</sup>, Wed 30<sup>th</sup> and finishing Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Apr

At 1<sup>st</sup> Flr Training Rm, Old Hall, Moseley Hall Hospital, Alcester Road, Birmingham B13 8JL

### TO BOOK YOUR PLACE:

Please apply by completing and signing the attached booking form and consent and email to: [BeEmpowered@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:BeEmpowered@birmingham.gov.uk)

For any enquiries about the next Be Empowered Workshop please call Oenca Fontaine (Parent Engagement Consultant)  
Tel: 07956 929 151

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING BOOKINGS IS WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022!**



Be Empowered...

## Arrangements in the event of extreme weather conditions:

In the case of a possible school closure and such decision affecting Birmingham schools a decision will be made by 6:45am, at the latest.

All weather warnings can be found on:

- The school website, [www.bishopchalloner.org.uk](http://www.bishopchalloner.org.uk)
- Recorded phone message which can be accessed outside of school hours
- Text message to all parents
- Local radio – Free Radio, Heart FM, BBC Radio WM

Unless there is a general Birmingham School closure announcement on the radio, school should be regarded as open.

## Upcoming Events

Year 7 Character Day  
Tuesday 8th February

Year 11 Hospitality & Catering Practical Exam  
Tuesday 15th February -  
Wednesday 16th February

Canteen - Chinese New Year  
Year 7 Symphony Hall Trip  
Wednesday 9th February

Year 11 Parent Consultation  
Year 7 Community Disco  
Year 9 HPV Immunisation  
Year 10 Maths Fest  
Thursday 17th February

Year 7 Timestables  
Rockstars Competition  
Thursday 10th February

Bishop's Got Talent  
Year 7 Reward Afternoon  
Year 8/9 Football Tournament  
Friday 11th February

INSET - School Closed  
Friday 18th February

## 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 your child is absent due to Covid, there are some details that the school are required to take. It is likely that a member of the Student Services team will contact you to ascertain the information that is required.

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.

## Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Foundation Trust

Part of National Careers Week  
Monday 7th March - Saturday 12th March

**WHAT?** Birmingham Women's and Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (BWC), are offering weekly 1-hour sessions to school classes, starting on Wednesday 2nd February 2022.

**WHEN?** The virtual sessions will last 1 hour starting at 3.15pm and consist of a 45 minute talk followed by a 15 minute Question & Answer session.

The planned sessions are as follows:

| Date                    | Time   | Team/Department                | Location            |
|-------------------------|--------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Wednesday 2nd February  | 3.15pm | Occupational Therapy           | T3 with Miss Hunter |
| Wednesday 9th February  | 3.15pm | Pharmacy                       |                     |
| Wednesday 16th February | 3.15pm | Physiotherapy                  |                     |
| Wednesday 2nd March     | 3.15pm | Neonatal & Paediatric Medicine |                     |
| Monday 7th March        | 3pm    | Plastic Surgery                |                     |

**WHO?** This is open to all KS4 and KS5 students.

If you are in Year 10 and interested in one of these careers, applying for a T Level in Health at Bishop Challoner Sixth Form College will help to support you to reach your destination.

**AIM?** The aim of the sessions will be to highlight careers of BWC, and how someone might access these careers – support positions, apprenticeships, degrees etc.



For more information see Mrs Moon

# Teaching School Update

We are delighted to announce that we have been selected by the DfE to host a paid Teaching Internship Programme again this summer. Open to University students studying Maths, Physics, Computing and related degrees, this 3-week opportunity is now open for applications: <https://www.bctsa.org/605/teaching-internship-programme> This gives undergraduates a chance to see if teaching may be a future career option for them, and also to get paid up to £900! So a great opportunity all round. Apply soon though, as places are limited.

## TEACHING INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME



3 weeks @  
£300 per week

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022  
Apply now for a place on this popular programme!



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



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 online 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. Time in schools if restrictions allow.

Apply now: [www.bctsa.org/teaching-internship-programme](http://www.bctsa.org/teaching-internship-programme)

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\*Group tuition carried out in purpose-built classroom @ Bishop Challoner School, Kings Heath

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