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Friday 4th July 2025

Message from Mr Hearnden, Vice Principal

As we step into July, we are reminded of the Feast of St Peter and St Paul. As a school we strive to reflect the virtues of St. Peter and St. Paul in our students through their leadership and resilience and this can be seen in students as they take on leadership roles and persevere through challenges.

Our Year 10 and 12 students take part in their Work Experience, having to navigate themselves through developing their independence, to our Year 12 students who have taken part in the 'Challenges Abroad' opportunity in Peru. Here our students reflect Paul's passion for courage and personal growth. By developing these qualities, our students continue to live out the school mission statement '…we give Glory to God by developing our full potential and in our service to others…' and also live out our FAITHFUL virtues.

We also enter this month with a celebration of culture and diversity. This week our school community lived out the scripture of Galatians 3v28 'There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Culture Day was a special opportunity for pupils and teachers to share and learn about the traditions, customs and histories of our school community- which shape our identities. It was an opportunity to explore artefacts, and clothing, to enjoy traditional dances and so much more, from around our world, whilst living out our Catholic virtues.

As this academic year draws to an end, we say goodbye to our Year 11 and Year 13 students at the Proms. Their time at Bishop Challoner will be remembered by numerous achievements and it has been an honour to see them grow into wonderful young adults.

We hope to see many of our Year 11 students in September as part of our Sixth Form, where they will continue to flourish as a young person and Year 13's, we look forward to seeing the positive impact you will make in the world around you. Remember.

As we say goodbye to some, we were excited to welcome our new Year 6 students during their induction days this week. We look forward to seeing them grow and thrive in our school community, and we are confident that they will find Bishop Challoner a place of learning, friendship, and faith. As we approach the summer break, we must prioritise our wellbeing. We encourage you all to take time to enjoy your hobbies and spend quality time with family and friends and come back in September refreshed and ready for another exciting year ahead.

Year 7 & 10 Parent Consultation Day

Year 7 & 10 Parent Consultation Evening will be held on **Friday 11th July, 8.30pm-3pm**. Appointments are now open in School Cloud. You will need to login using the details that the school holds for your child's priority 1 contact. Appointments must be made by the end of the day on **Wednesday 9th July**, if you have not made an appointment by this date your child's teachers, where they feel this to be beneficial, will make an appointment to see you.

Drayton Manor - September 2025

Our visit to Drayton Manor will take place on Monday 22nd September 2025.

The visit costs £27; and this will cover admission, a wristband for free rides, transport and insurance. Some spending money will be necessary.

If you would like your child to participate in this trip please make payment, consent and note any medical information via Schoolcomms before **Friday 18th July 2025.**

Early payment is required to ensure that coach bookings can be confirmed for the large number of students involved.

Further information will follow closer to the date of the visit.

Year 6-7 Induction Days

Our new Year 7 students joined us this week for two action packed induction days. The students started the first day with their first ever assembly as a year group, led by Mrs Jethwa and Head of Year 7, Miss R Watson. The students then spent some time with their form tutor before experiencing some lessons and of course the canteen and some great food!

With some more lessons and activities enjoyed by all on Thursday, they ended the day with a beautiful mass led by Father Toby. It was also lovely to welcome parents/carers to school on Thursday evening where important information was shared ahead of their start in September. We look forward to welcoming all students and tehir families to the Challoner family all after a well deserved summer break.

Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day was a tremendous success, bringing together energy, enthusiasm, and a strong sense of community. Held at the excellent Tudor Grange athletics track, provided an unforgettable experience for our Year 7, 8, and 9 students.

From the moment students arrived, the atmosphere was electric. Each form group gave their all across a range of events, including sprints, relays, long jump, high jump, javelin, discus, and shot put. The level of effort, teamwork, and sportsmanship on display was outstanding, with pupils cheering each other on and celebrating every achievement—big or small.

Staff were equally enthusiastic, supporting events, guiding students, and keeping the day running smoothly. The entire pastoral and PE team who supported, deserve huge credit for their planning and professionalism.

Congratulations to all the participants, and especially to the winning forms in each year group!

Year 7-9 Total	Year 7-9 Rank	Form
252	1	BER
186	4	BOS
167	5	CEC
166	6	LUK
204	2	SEB
194	3	TER







Results

Well done to BER as the overall KS3 winners and Trinity C, Year 9 for breaking two records in the 200m and 400m.

Year 7 Total	Year 7 Rank	Form
81	1	BER
61	5	BOS
72	2	CEC
68	3	LUK
62	4	SEB
57	6	TER

Year 8 Total	Year 8 Rank	Form
92	1	BER
62	3	BOS
52	5	CEC
51	6	LUK
72	2	SEB
61	4	TER

Year 9 Total	Year 9 Rank	Form
79	1	BER
63	4	BOS
43	6	CEC
47	5	LUK
70	3	SEB
76	2	TER

TIASS Training

You will remember that we completed our whole school staff training in February and are now starting to implement the TIAAS principles into our everyday practices.

An underlying principle is creating a safe and nurturing environment. Does your child feel safe at school? Is anything worrying your child? Please get in touch with a member of the Safeguarding/ Wellbeing Team if you have concerns



Culture Day

Tuesday 1st July was Culture Day at Bishop Challoner. A most glorious day for all as we celebrated with absolute joy, Cultural Diversity across our school. It was wonderful to see so many students dressed in cultural outfits and a sea of smiling faces as we enjoyed a special performance at breaktime from our amazing steel pan group. This was followed by some visiting dhol drummers, an ex student, AJ, and her amazing performance poetry and not to mention our Chinese Dragon show. To say that the playground and surrounding areas were 'buzzing' would be an understatement!

The rest of the day followed suit, with all lessons following a cultural theme, Mexican food in the canteen, a visiting ice cream van and our truly outstanding Culture Fair. All students who were in school had the opportunity to visit our auditorium during the day, which had been transformed into the most beautiful exhibition of art work and costumes with 17 stalls for students to visit. Each one represented a country from around the world and staff worked so hard to represent their countries in the most creative, colourful and intercative way. Imagine pitch and put with a taste of Irn Bru, limbo, African beading, mehndi to name but a few of the activities. None of this would have been possible without the time and expertise of the wonderful staff here at Bishop Challoner. A magnificent day for our community.









Invitation to Year 12 Taster Day

Year 11 Students,

The sixth form team are excited to invite you to our Year 12 Taster Day on **Wednesday, 9th July!** This is a fantastic opportunity for you to experience what life in Year 12 will be like and to explore the subjects you might want to study next year.

Why Attend?
Experience New Subjects: Get a feel for the courses available in Year 12 and see which ones spark your interest.

Meet the Teachers: Interact with the teachers who will guide you through your Year 12 journey.

Connect with Peers: Meet fellow students who will be joining you in Year 12, and start building friendships early.

Get Your Questions Answered: Have any questions about Year 12? This is the perfect time to get them answered.

What you need to do next
Make sure you have completed your application form in Applicaa. Once this is has been done you will receive your offer. After you have accepted your offer you can sign up for Taster Day by selecting the subjects you wish to trial.

Year 10 Chemistry Session with Birmingham University June 2025

Two Year 10 classes had two exciting lessons with a team of staff from The University of Birmingham this half term. During the sessions students were able to investigate the effects of toxic substances on plant growth and prepare different concentrations of salt solution in which to grow cress.

They used the data obtained from their experiments to plot a dose-response curve and discuss the measures used by scientists to describe toxicity levels in substances. Students were able to see how this information is used in drug design and vaccine development. The students also heard about different Chemistry courses that are available at University and where these courses may lead!











First Aid Information and Procedures

Medication; All medication should be handed into first aid and not carried by the students. Exception EpiPen, Asthma inhalers, insulin. Tranexamic acid in special circumstances.

Please make sure we have the correct medical information and emergency contact details, if you have changed your phone number or there is any change in medical conditions or concerns, please contact first aid using the enquiries email or the main school phone number.

Please send children into school with a water bottle they can re-fill at our water stations provided or they can purchase a drink from the school canteen.

Students with Asthma must carry with them their own personal inhalers. This includes offsite activities and school trips to ensure they can participate safely.

Parents/Carers of students with a known allergy must provide school first aid with antihistamine; this also applies to those with anaphylaxis in addition to their EpiPen.

We do not provide liquid paracetamol such as Calpol. If your child cannot take tablets and you would preder them to have liquid Calpol please send this in to the school first aider with your childs name on it, this will be kept safe in first aid for your child only.

First Aid and Mobile Phones

Students should not be contacting parents/carers when they feel unwell and requesting to be collected from school. If a student is unwell, they MUST go to the First Aider who will deal with them. If a student is not well enough to stay in school, the First Aider will contact parents/carers to arrange collection.

Students who contact their parents/carer directly and do not follow the procedures in place will be sanctioned, this may result in their mobile phone having to be handed in to the student services office each day. The use of anyone else's mobile phone risks that person being sanctioned also.

Please do not arrive at school to collect your child unless school have contacted you to do so. We do not have school staff readily available to collect children. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Any questions or concerns please email them using the main enquiry email for the attention of first aid or call to speak with first aid on the main school number 0121 444 4161.

Facilities Hire

We offer a wide range of classes for the local community and our facilities are also available for private hire. For session bookings and all other enquiries please feel free to contact one of the team.

Bishop Challoner Sports Centre is an exciting and innovative sports complex, compromising:-

- A full sized Sports Hall
- Olympic sized Dojo specifically designed for Martial Arts
- Meeting Conference Room

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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 particpate frequently in the celebration of Mass throughout the year.

Church	Postcode	Parish Priest	Sunday Mass Times	Saturday Vigil Mass Time
St. Dunstan's	B14 7JN	Fr John Peyton	11.30am 5.30pm	4pm
St. Jude's	B14 5PE	Fr John Peyton	10am	-
Our Lady Of Lourdes	B13 0EU	Canon Sean Grady	9am 11.30am	6pm
St Catherine Of Sienna	B5 7BE	Fr. Jagadishmario Kurapati (Fr. Mario)	11am	5.30pm
St Edward's	B29 7DB	Fr Denis McGillycuddy	10.15am	6pm
St Mary's	B17 0DN	Fr John Reid	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	8.15am 10.30am	6pm
St Chads Cathedral,	B4 6EX	Bishop Tim Menezes	9.30am 11.30am	4.30pm
Our Lady And St Brigid	B31 5AD	Fr Cecil Rogerson	10am 5.30pm	5pm
Our Lady Of Fatima	B32 1LL	Fr Philip Long Nguyen	11am	6pm
St Ambrose Barlow	B28 8QU	Fr Paul Johnson	10am 5.30pm	5.30pm
The Oratory Of Saint Philip Neri	B16 8UE	Fr Anton Guziel	7.30am 8.30am 10.30am 12.15pm 5.30pm	5.30pm
St Peters	B32 3QG	Fr Gary Buckby	8.45am	-
Our Lady And St Rose Of Lima	B29 5DY	Fr Gary Buckby	11.30am	-
St John and Martin's	B12 9RG	Fr Baburao Pureti	9.30am	4pm

Prayer and Worship

Each Monday morning we begin our school day with a reflection on the Gospel shared in Mass on Sunday.

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.

School Reminders

Contacting School

Communication between home and school is very important, in the event that you need to contact school please be reminded of the following procedures.

School telephone number- 0121 444 4161

Option 1- To report an absence
Option 2- Head of Year/Pastoral concerns/enquiries
Option 3- Sixth Form enquiries

Head of Year Contact

All Heads of Year and Assistant Heads of Year have teaching commitments; therefore any Head of Year/ Pastoral enquiries should be directed through Option 2 for students in Year 7-11 or option 3 for students in Year 12 or 13.

If student services staff are not available to answer your call in person, please leave a message with the nature of your enquiry/concern and you will get a call back from the most appropriate member of staff at their earliest convenience. We aim to respond to all contact by the end of the next working day.

Senior Staff Contact

Contact with Head of Year and/or Head of Department is expected to have been made before issues are escalated to Senior staff. Should you need to speak to a Senior member of staff, please contact school by phone and select Option 2 or 3, depending on the year group of your child and request a call and the most appropriate Senior member of staff will contact you at their earliest convenience.

Meeting Staff

Any requests for a face to face meeting with staff should be made using the same contact details as above. Please ensure that the purpose of any meeting request is made clear. A member of staff may contact you before a meeting is arranged if more information is required.

Please do not attend school without an appointment unless there is a safeguarding emergency.

Safeguarding Concerns

If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact school and ask to speak to a DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). Mrs Peckover is the Senior DSL.

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.

To report an absence please call the main school number 0121 444 4161 and select the correct option for your childs year group.

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.

2024-2025 Term Dates

Summer Term 2025
Term ends: Friday 18th July 2024

INSET Days

Monday 21st July 2025

School Year 2025 to 2026

Autumn Term 2025
Term starts:
Year 7, 11 & 13 - Wednesday 3rd September 2025
All year groups- Thursday 4th September 2025

Half-term
Monday 27 October 2025 to Friday 31 October 2025

Term ends: Thursday 18th December 2025

Spring Term 2026
Term starts: Monday 5 January 2026

Half-term
Monday 16 February 2026 to Friday 20 February 2026

Term ends: Friday 27 March 2026

Summer Term 2026
Term starts: Monday 13 April 2026

Half-term
Monday 25 May 2026 to Friday 29 May 2026

Term ends: Fridy 17th July 2026

School Closures, early finish and return dates

Friday 11th July 2025- Parent Consultation Day
School closed to facilitate Parent Consultation Day for Year 7 and 10. Year 7 and 10 students to attend appointments in full school uniform.

Friday 18th July 2025- Last day of term
Early finish, school will close at 12:40pm

Wednesday 3rd September 2025- Autumn term 1
School reopens at 8:40am, for Years 7, 11 and 13.

Thursday 4th September 2025- School opens for all students at 8:40am.

SummerTerm 2	
Every Tuesday	Rosary
Every Thursday	Community Mass - 11.30am
Sunday 6th July - Thursday 10th July	Year 10 and Year 11 Trip to Rome
Monday 7th July	Year 10 Work Experience De-brief Year 7 and Year 8 Lickey Hills Trip
Monday 7th July - Friday 11th July	Year 12 Work Experience
Wednesday 9th July	Primary Concert Sixth Form Taster Day
Thursday 10th July	Battle of the Bands Year 10 Art Trip to Liverpool
Friday 11th July	Year 7 and Year 10 Parent Consultation Day
Tuesday 15th July	Year 9 and Year 10 end of year Mass
Wednesday 16th July	Awards Evening Tea Party
Thursday 17th July	Cake Sale TBC Year 7 and Year 8 end of year Mass
Friday 18th July	Last day of the academic year
Monday 21st July	INSET - School Closed