

BC14

Grant eternal rest, O Lord. Lord, as you command, we reach out to the fallen. We call on you on behalf of those we could not reach this year. that all may share in his joyful resurrection.

Friday 4th November 2022

Message from Mr Hetherton, Senior Vice Principal

Welcome to the first edition of BC14 this half term and to the month of November – a period of remembrance and a time that we can give thanks to God our Father for all of our loved ones who have gone before us. The month of November falls during the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time – a season represented by the liturgical colour green. In this context green represents a symbol of hope and the colour of the sprouting seed and new beginnings.... Although November can bring with it a sense of real sadness, in remembering the past, we can also be encouraged to embrace the present and, similar to the sprouting seed, look forward to new beginnings with a renewed sense of hope, optimism and faith. As we prepare for what will undoubtedly be an extremely busy and active half term, let us hope that we all experience new beginnings in our lives.

In honour of those who have gone before us we will be holding a Service of Remembrance next Wednesday evening from 4.30pm to 7.30pm where we will be remembering and commemorating military and civilian service. Members of the public and wider school community will be invited to an evening of exploration, celebration and commemoration, where you will be invited to travel on a journey exploring what it means to remember. This will

be delivered through art installations, live music, drama and spoken word performances from some of our most creative students and local artists. The event is free and will be a fantastic window into the work of the Bishop Challoner Arts Hub that serves the wider community as well as our own. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Wednesday 9th November!

Next week we have our Sixth Form Open Evening, also on 9th November, and we are very excited at the prospect of celebrating the successes of our 6th form both with our own Year 11 students and Year 11 students from other schools. It promises to be a busy, informative evening and I would like to thank the Sixth Form team for their tremendous work in organising this important event.

As we move into the second half of the autumn term, and the winter months that lie ahead, let us strive, as a school community, to remain strong together, to accept any challenges that stand in front of us, and to look forward to the times that lie ahead. Perhaps hope, optimism and faith, words often associated with the month of November, can inspire in us all a desire to look back and remember, but equally, a desire to look forward and to seek new beginnings.

A service of Remembrance

An evening of reflection and commemoration of memory

Join us on a journey of what it means to remember through Art, Music, Drama, Dance, Spoken Word, RE, D&T, History, MFL and Geography.

Created by the Bishop Challoner Catholic College Arts Hub.

Wednesday 9th November
4.30 - 7.30pm
St. Dunstan's RC Church
6 Kingsfield Rd
King's Heath
Birmingham
B14 7LN

An evening of reflection and commemoration of memory

Join us on a journey of what it means to remember.

Members of the public are invited to this intimate event, including a reflective service and trail of installations, exhibitions and live performances from some of our most creative students and alumni.

Bishop Challoner Catholic College
via St Dunstan's Church
Performance Trail and live vocals: 4.30 - 5.00pm
Reflection service: 5.00 - 5.45pm
Performance trail, refreshments and live vintage vocals: 5.45 - 7.30pm

We would recommend that you join us for the whole of this time to fully embrace the experience.

We welcome
we hope to see you there!



The hotly anticipated Call of Duty Modern Warfare 2 came out last Friday (28th October) on multiple consoles and will no doubt be at the top of many Christmas want lists this holiday period. A reminder that Call of Duty Modern Warfare 2 is an 18+ rated game in which players take on the role of a military personnel with various weapons at their disposal. The hugely popular online aspect of the game puts players against each other, with communication channels open by default; strangers can communicate with one another via headsets and microphones. Common Sense Media describe the game as a “Violent modern military shooter best left to mature players.”

Please do consider the purchase of this game for a child and if purchased, discuss the themes and content, as well as means of muting voice chat and communication for online play.

<https://www.common sense media.org/game-reviews/call-of-duty-modern-warfare-ii>

Sports Updates

Football

A fantastic display from the Year 7 football team who progress to the third round of the Birmingham cup after beating Priory school 9-1. The boys have a tough game against top of the league kings Norton Boys in the following weeks which will cement their place in the quarter finals with a win. Year 7 also play their 2nd round fixture against Cardinal Newman in the West Midlands Cup.

West Midlands County Football

The students listed were all successful at their respective ‘West Midlands County Football trials’ and will now represent Bishop Challoner via their county teams.

An excellent achievement and one that they should be very proud of. Most trials had 50+ in attendance for one team, so to be selected is some effort.

- U14 Boys - Archie H
- U14 Girls - Chanel C & Tarlayah (Tilly) A
- U15 Boys - Liam B & Will E
- U16 Girls - Jada L-T & Suraya H



Extracurricular clubs

Clubs everyday Mon- Fri AM and Pm ranging from athletics, basketball, netball, badminton, dodgeball, football and tchoukball. Averaging over 150 pupils at clubs across the week with basketball and football having 50+ students.

PE Bishop's Got Talent

On Wednesday 12th October, 16 students from KS3 showcased their ‘footballing’ talent to the rest of KS3 at break time. Performing students wore the kit(s) from their respective team(s) outside of school, so other students and staff could see who they play for and could witness first hand, their exceptional ability. A student profile was also displayed on the projector so observing students in KS3 could see each performers name, position and footballing hero. As a PE department, we're immensely proud of the talent we have here at the school, and the event was a good way to show off a snapshot of this. Teams such as - Aston Villa FC, Birmingham City FC, Wolverhampton Wanderers FC and Walsall FC were all represented, and it was clear to see why they have been selected by such teams. A fantastic event.



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.

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.

Punctuality

Please [click here](#) to view a recent communication about punctuality to school.

Attendance Update

Year 7 - 96.6%
Year 8 - 93.1%
Year 9 - 92.9%
Year 10 - 93.4%
Year 11 - 91.5%
Whole School - 93.6%



Office for Product Safety & Standards



Staying safe with fireworks

As the fireworks season approaches, the night sky will be lit up with firework displays.

With all the sparkle, it's easy to forget that fireworks can be dangerous if not used correctly and responsibly. This advice will help everyone to stay safe while celebrating.

Using fireworks at home?

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If you decide to use fireworks at home, here's how everyone can stay safe.

Only buy from licensed sellers

Check before you buy. Make sure you buy fireworks from a licensed retailer, both in-store and online. Do not buy fireworks from unknown retailers on social media sites. It's illegal for anyone under 18 to buy or carry fireworks.

Store fireworks safely

Store fireworks in their original packaging. Lock them away from children and animals. Keep fireworks dry and away from sources of heat or ignition.

Check your timings

Did you know that you can't let fireworks off between 11pm and 7am? The only exceptions are Fireworks Night, when the cut-off is midnight, and Diwali, New Year's Eve and Chinese New Year, when it's 1am. Timings may be different in Scotland. Search 'fireworks' on gov.scot for more advice.

Be considerate

People and animals may be affected by fireworks. Let your neighbours know in advance if you're planning on using any fireworks. Be mindful of where you site fireworks to minimise disruption.

Look after pets

Cats and dogs should stay inside. Give small animals who live outside lots of extra bedding and nesting material to burrow in.

Read all the instructions

The box of fireworks will tell you important things like how far away people need to stand back once the firework is lit. If you don't understand the instructions and warnings, don't use the firework.

Dispose of fireworks safely

Ensure that fireworks are out, soak them in water overnight, then put them in a rubbish bag and in the bin.

Which fireworks can I use at home?

Category information can be found on the label.

Category F1, F2 and F3 fireworks are on sale to the general public. Consumer fireworks will fall into either category F2 or F3 depending on how much of a safety distance is required. Check you have enough space to safely use a firework before you buy. Always follow the Firework Code www.safefireworks.com

Go to www.gov.uk/fireworks-the-law for more advice

Year 11 Parents Consultation Afternoon

Year 11 Parent Consultation Afternoon will be held on Wednesday 16th November from 3pm-5.30pm.

Appointment times will go live on Friday 4th November at 4pm. To book your consultation appointment, please click here- <https://bctsa.schoolcloud.co.uk/>. Some teachers may also want to meet with you and will make an appointment to see you, these will be shown on SchoolCloud.

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 Monday 14th November 2022, if you have not made an appointment by this date, your child's Consultation Tutor will make the appointment for you.



Archdiocese of Birmingham
Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Primary School

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Building Services Manager

Full Time, Permanent Contract (36.5 hours per week)

Split Shift (6.30am-10.30am and 2.45pm-6.00pm)

Grade 3 (£21,269 - £27,514 per annum)

Required from 3rd January 2023

Due to the retirement of our existing manager, the Governors of St Martin de Porres Catholic Primary School are seeking to appoint a highly motivated Building Services Manager to join our wonderful school community.

We are seeking someone to be responsible for the provision of high quality maintenance, security and cleanliness of the school buildings and grounds which ensures that pupils & staff have a comfortable, clean, safe and well maintained environment in which to work or otherwise use the school facilities.

The successful candidate will:

- Live within a short driving distance of the school
- Have high standards and take a pride in their work
- Ensure the site is maintained and cleaned to an excellent standard
- Be able to identify and prioritise their own workload
- Have proven DIY and repair skills enabling maintenance tasks to be undertaken
- Undertake janitorial services including cleaning
- Be able to engage and manage external contractors
- Have an understanding of Health and Safety regulations and work within them
- Have a commitment to training and professional development

In return we offer:

- A caring family environment with fantastic children who are well behaved
- Friendly and supportive families and staff
- An opportunity to use your skills and develop professionally
- A welcoming and supportive Governing Body

The successful applicant must be sympathetic to the Catholic ethos of the school and will be required to sign the Catholic Education Service contract. This post is covered by Part 7 of the Immigration Act (2016) and therefore the ability to speak fluent and spoken English is an essential requirement for this role.

Further information about our wonderful school is available on our website: www.stmartindepores.org.uk
 Visits to the school are highly recommended and warmly welcomed, please arrange by contacting the school office. Application Packs are available from the school office or from our website.

Closing Date: Monday 28th November 2022 (12.00pm)

Interview Date: Wednesday 30th November 2022

*Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. A Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Check and Disqualification by Association statement will be required for the successful candidate.
 The successful candidate will be expected to sign the CES Contract.*

Upcoming Events

Year 7 Assessments

Monday 31st October -
 Friday 11th November

Year 12 & 13 Assessment Window

Monday 7th November -
 Friday 18th November

Panathlon Leadership Trip

Tuesday 8th November

Sixth Form Open Evening A Service of Remembrance

Wednesday 9th November

Remembrance Day

Friday 11th November

Year 11 French Speaking Mocks

Monday 14th November -
 Friday 18th November

Colm Smyth Toy Appeal Begins

Tuesday 15th November

Year 11 Parent Consultation 3-5.30pm

School finishes at 2.30pm
 Wednesday 16th November

Catholic Secondary School KS4 Maths Challenge

Thursday 17th November

Year 7 World Cup Celebration Football Tournament

Friday 18th November

Training School

We have been interviewing some great candidates ready to join our teacher training programme next September. Do you know someone who would make a good teacher, of either Primary children, or Secondary? We have places available with all 3 of our University partners, and also placement opportunities within our experienced and welcoming partner schools across Birmingham.

To find out more, see our web pages, and book on an event to meet us. <https://www.bctsa.org/602/train-to-teach-events>

Not sure yet about teaching? Why not come and spend a day in the classroom and see if it's an environment you could imagine working in. Again, details can be found on our webpage and a link to book a place.

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.

Please contact Mrs K Peckover, Mrs M Nutt or any DSL or member of the Wellbeing Team.

Science revision guides

Pupils who have bought Science revision guides through Schoolcomms need to collect them from Mrs Shore.



BISHOP CHALLONER SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 9th November

6pm - 8.30pm

Click here to book your place



BISHOP CHALLONER SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

T-LEVELS



Wednesday 23rd
November
5.30pm-6.30pm

LAUNCH EVENT

Click here to book
your tickets



Our Lady of Lourdes
Catholic Primary
School and Nursery



Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School would like to invite families looking for Nursery or Reception places for September 2023 to visit our wonderful community of faith and learning to see if we can offer what you are looking for as your child starts their school journey. Please join us on the dates below to see our school and ask any questions you may have about our curriculum, the faith experience your child will have with us and the admissions process.



Contact us
Tel: 01214442684



Christ at the centre of our school community where we live, love and learn together
www.ourladyoflourdesprimary.com
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Saturday 12th November 2022: 9.00 - 10.00 am
Friday 25th November 2022: 9.15 - 10.45 am

