



Who am I God
Why am I here?
What do you want me to do?
You made me special
to do something wonderful
in this life of mine.
Show me what I might be,
what I might do,
who I might help
And I'll do it for you. Amen

Friday 4th July 2024

Message from Mrs Moon, Assistant Principal

As we step into July, we are reminded of the Feast of St Peter and St Paul. As a school and Sixth Form, 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. Challenges as 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 Cambodia. 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...'

We also enter this month through the 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. Your time at Bishop Challoner will be remembered by numerous achievements and it has been an honour to see you grow into wonderful young adults. We are proud of all you have accomplished. Year 11's, we hope to see many of you in September as part of the Sixth Form, where you 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, you will always be a part of the Bishop Challoner family.

At the same time, we were excited to welcome our new Year 6 students during their induction days this week. We are eager to see you grow and thrive in our school community, and we are confident that you 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, ready for the exciting year ahead.

2024-2025 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 2 September 2024

Year 7, 11 & 13 return Wednesday 4th September

All return Thursday 5th September

Half-term: Monday 28 October 2024 to Friday 1 November 2024

Term ends: Friday 20 December 2024

Spring Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 6 January 2025

Half-term: Monday 17 February 2025 to Friday 21 February 2025

Term ends: Friday 11 April 2025

Summer Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 28 April 2025

Half-term: Monday 26 May 2025 to Friday 30 May 2025

Term ends: Monday 21 July 2025

Hayfever

If your child suffers with hay fever, please provide medication Antihistamine/ eye drops etc. to school first aid clearly labelled in order for us to help support and make them more comfortable whilst here.

Year 7 & 10 Parent/Carer Consultation Day

Year 7 and 10 Parent/Carer Consultation Day will take place on Friday 12th July, 8.30am-3pm. Please follow the link to book your appointment: <https://bctsa.schoolcloud.co.uk/>.

Appointments must be made by the end of the day on **Wednesday 10th July**, if you have not made an appointment by this date, a subject teacher will make the appointment for you.

Students are to attend in full school uniform.

For more information please [click here](#).

School Closures and Early Finishes

Please see below details of school closures, early finishes and return dates:

Friday 12th July 2024- 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 19th July 2024- Last day of term

Early finish, school will close at 12:40pm

Assembly and Form Resources

The Assembly and Form Resources this week were focused around the general election. Students were able to gain an insight into some key areas for development within the UK and what the main political parties have stated they will action in their manifestos. Students engaged in this, in an exceptionally mature manner and used their knowledge and democratic rights to have their own say in our very own mock general election. Forms were provided with ballot papers and these were brought down to our very own ballot box. Votes were counted by a team of staff and resulted in Labour winning, followed very closely by the Green Party - the voices of the future have spoken!

Year 6 Transition

This week we welcomed our new Year 7 cohort for two action packed, very successful transition days. Students enjoyed an array of lessons, a lovely lunch and ended the two days with a beautiful mass. We look forward to welcoming them all to our school community in September.



Summer Uniform Standards

In the event of warm weather it will not be compulsory for students to wear a blazer, they will be able to wear just a shirt and tie. If a second layer is required, it must be a blazer and not any other item such as a hoody or outdoor coat.

There is no requirement to purchase any additional uniform items.

Students will be permitted to wear skin tone or black tights.

All other uniform requirements will remain unchanged and only in the event of extreme weather conditions will there be any further adjustments, these will be clearly communicated if required.

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.

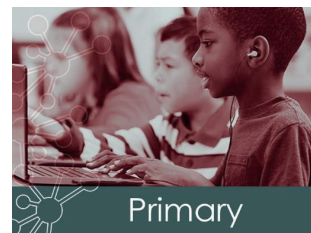
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Drinks

Fizzy drinks and energy drinks are not allowed in school, if they are seen they will be taken and disposed of. Please encourage your child to bring in a clear bottle of water, there are 2 water stations in school where they can re-fill.

appearance and as such, hair styles that should not have a distinct contrast in length. Hair that is dyed must be of a natural hair colour and may not contain more than one colour. To avoid a health and safety risk, long hair must not impede vision or cover the face, except for a fringe which must not cover the eyes. Long hair must be tied up for practical lessons. Religious head coverings must be black and securely tied for practical lessons. Hair bands or accessories must be for functional use to secure the hair. Where hairbands are worn they must be black. Headwear that has religious or cultural purpose should be black. 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.

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.

Culture Day

Tuesday was the most wonderful day for our students as we hosted our first Culture Day. From the amazing outfits to the plethora of foods in the canteen, everyone left the building with a huge smile on their face after this very special celebration. Our Cultural Explosion BGT welcomed outdoor performances from our steel pan group; followed by an Irish music fusion; Indian music; a Nigerian poem written and performed by a Year 8 student, Patrick N; and then culminated in the most sensational Jamaican dance hall routine from our artist in residence for the morning, Jazzy Jamrock. Students experienced culturally themed lessons throughout all lessons, from Rangoli patterns in Maths to pizza making in Food.

There was also our amazing art installation and photo gallery to peruse before entering our Culture Fair. With 13 stands from around the globe, students delved into an immersive journey from learning about Thai traditions to Maori skin art. Our very British ice cream stand was also a roaring success. Feedback from students has been overwhelmingly positive and it looks set to be a firm fixture on our calendar.



Wimbledon

On Monday 1st July, 30x students from Bishop Challoner Catholic College (of whom represented the school as part of our Ball Crew team), attended the opening day at Wimbledon as a result of their hard work in service to the Rothsay Classic Birmingham and to the school. Students were once again in awe at the sheer size/scale of the tournament and were able to witness first hand, the skills of the Ball Crew and the level of performance(s) from some of the worlds best Tennis players. Students were treated to spectacle's from men's world number 1 Jannick Sinner, former men's world number 1 Daniel Medvedev and the ever popular Madison Keys. A brilliant trip and a fully deserved reward for our brilliant Ball Crew team.



Sports Day

Sports day is taking place on Tuesday 9th July at Tudor Grange Sports Centre. Students are to attend school at normal time in full PE kit.

Please remember to bring a packed lunch and refreshments along with sun cream and/or a rain jacket depending on the weather.

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.

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 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.

Summer Term 2	
Friday 5th July - Thursday 11th July	San Francisco Trip
Monday 8th July - Friday 12th July	Year 12 Work Experience
Monday 8th July	Year 10 Work Experience Debrief
Tuesday 9th July	Sports Day Year 10 Development Day
Wednesday 10th July	Sixth Form Taster Day Primary Concert/Soiree Year 9 Rosary
Thursday 11th July	Year 13 Prom
Friday 12th July	School Closed Year 7 & 10 Parent/Carer Consultation Day
Sunday 14th July - Tueday 16th July	DofE Silver Assessed Exhibition
Monday 15th July - Wednesday 17th July	Year 12 Dorset Trip
Monday 15th July	Year 12 Careers Day
Wednesday 17th July	Awards Evening BC Tea Party Year 10 PD Day Year 9 Rosary Year 7 & 8 Sponsored Football
Thursday 18th July	Summer Cake Sale Year 9 & 10 Sponsored Football
Friday 19th July	Last day of term Early finish - 12.40pm