

# BC14

God of Compassion, You created each one of us,  
unique and wonderful. Silence the voices that  
say we are not good enough, Haven't achieved  
enough, Haven't enough to show for our lives, That  
we are not enough. Help us to know that we are  
treasure, We are prized, We are cherished, We are  
loved. Infinitely. By you.  
Amen

## Message from Mr Hetherton, Senior Vice Principal **Friday 5th November 2021**

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.

Monday 1st November marked the launch of our annual Shoebox collection – a collection that will be completed this year in partnership with the Birmingham Irish Association and, in a break from our usual practice of sending collected shoeboxes abroad, in 2021 we will be supporting families in Birmingham who face the struggle of buying gifts for their children this Christmas. During this half term we encourage all our staff and students to donate toys for various age groups, and in doing so it acts as another powerful example of the community of Bishop Challoner coming together to recognise the needs of our wider community and in helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

Every year, the Art department at Bishop Challoner produces a large-scale public art installation in commemoration of Armistice Day. This year, departments across the school have been working with students and staff to create a larger event on Thursday 11th November between 6-8pm.

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 11th November!

Next week we have 6th Form Open Evening on 10th 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 6th form team for their tremendous work in organising this important event.

Just before the October break we received a visit from Ofsted. Inspectors were in our school for two full days and visited many lessons across different curriculum areas as well as speaking to students, staff, senior leaders and governors. It was a very successful two days and the feedback from the inspection team was very positive. At the time of writing we are awaiting the final report and as soon as we can, we will share it with you.

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.

## BISHOP CHALLONER SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

# OPEN EVENING

## Wednesday 10th November

### 6pm – 8.30pm



## Click here to book your place

Please note that plans for Sixth Form Open Evening are currently provisional.  
Please continue to check the school website in case plans for the evening  
need to be updated due to Covid restrictions.



## TikTok

TikTok has spiked in popularity in recent months and has become one of the most used mainstream platforms amongst school aged children. Like all platforms, when used properly it can be a source of entertainment and even learning. However, like all platforms, it can be used to create or access things that can be deemed inappropriate. The following link contains a lot of information about the app including age limits, restrictions that can be applied and how to report inappropriate content through the platform.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/tik-tok-app-safety-what-parents-need-to-know/>

# Sports Updates

## Cross Country

Well done to the Year 7, 8 and 9 students who competed in Round 1 of the English Schools Cross Country Championships. It was fantastic to see 25 students competing and we look forward to future competitions. Well done also to the students who went on to compete in round 2 of the Championships on Saturday morning in Sutton Park. A special mention to Niall Corcoran Y8 who had an outstanding run and has progressed through to the 3rd round.

## Athletics

Athletics trials took place this week, so well done to everyone who attended, especially Year 7 boys and girls as this year group had the highest turnout. Look out for some information on our first Indoor Athletics competition of the year.

## Sports Results

Year 7 Boys started their league campaign with a 5-1 victory over Wheelers Lane; Terrance B scored his second hat-trick in as many games. Year 9 boys were victorious in their opening two league games with victories over Wheelers Lane (3-0) and Queensbridge (8-0).



Times	Sports Hall	Dojo	PG Fitness Suite	Off-Site	Study Session/s
<b>MONDAY</b>					
06:00	Volleyball Mr Ebrahim All Years (Mixed)	CCC Dodgeball Mr Wilson All Years (Mixed)			
06:40	Football Miss Shirley & Miss Webb All Years (Girls)	Chess Club Mr Ebrahim 15.15-15.45pm	Football Miss Shirley & Miss Webb All Years (Girls)		(WKS) GCSE PE Mr O'Connor 3.10-4.30pm (T4)
08:00					
<b>TUESDAY</b>					
06:00	Football Miss Webb All Years (Girls)		Fitness Suite Open Mr Malley All Years (Mixed)		
06:40	Football Mr Malley Year 8, 9 & 10 Boys		Football Mr Malley All Years (Boys)		(WKS) BTCC Sport Mr Wilson 3.10-4.30pm (C-SMAC)
08:00					
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>					
06:00	Football Mr Latch Year 7 Boys	Dodgeball Mr Cole All Years (Mixed)			
06:40	Football Mr Latch All Years (Mixed)	Hugby Mr Cole All Years (Mixed)		St. Bernard's A/S Club Mrs Liew 3-4pm	(WKS) BTCC Sport Mrs Liew 3.10-4.30pm (PE1)
08:00					
<b>THURSDAY</b>					
06:00	Badminton & Table Tennis Mr Moon All Years (Mixed)	Movement Group Miss Hampson Invite Only	Fitness Suite Open Mr Nooné All Years (Mixed)		
06:40	Badminton & Table Tennis Mrs Liew All Years (Mixed)			Holy Family A/S Club Mr Wilson 3-4pm	
08:00				St. Bernard's A/S Club Mr Nooné 3-4pm	
<b>FRIDAY</b>					
06:00	Indoor Athletics Miss Shirley All Years (Mixed)	Gymnastics Miss Hampson All Years (Mixed)			
08:00					
09:00					

## Teaching School

With Apply.Gov.Uk now open online, applications are coming in for Teacher Training for next September. We have held some interviews already and we have been impressed by the calibre of people looking to become trainee teachers - our teachers of the future! We work with three top local Universities - Warwick, Birmingham City University and Newman and have a range of School Direct / PGCE places available for September 2022.

If you, or someone you know may be interested in becoming a teacher, please take a look at our website: [www.bctsa.org](http://www.bctsa.org) and maybe also book on a free, online information session to find out more. The next one is on Tuesday 16th November at 4 pm and can be booked by emailing us at [trainingschool@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk](mailto:trainingschool@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk).

## Punctuality

Students need to be in school on time, school starts at 8.40am and students need to be in their form room by this time. School is open from 7am and breakfast is available to purchase from the canteen for students if they want it, we recommend that students are onsite no later than 8.30am.

If students arrive late to school a detention will be issued, parents/carers will be notified by text message of when the detention is. Students MUST attend their detention and failure to attend will result in further sanctions. As per the home/school agreement we ask that parents/carers support the school sanctions put in place.



## Congratulations Mr O'Connor

This year Mr O'Connor committed himself to running 18 running events to raise awareness of Trisomy 18. He set out to raise £3,000 for the following three charities:

- Birmingham Womens Hospital Charity (Woodland House)
- Soft UK
- ARC (Antenatal Results & Choices)

He has now completed 17 half marathons and Dublin Marathon 2021 raising a massive £5180.50 including Gift Aid. This is an incredible achievement and Mr O'Connor has thanked everyone who has supported him.

Well done Mr O'Connor!



## Debate Mate

Debate Mate debating club will begin on Friday 11th November, in the library from 2.30-3.30. It is open to all Years 7-10.

B30 FOODBANK

**HELPING LOCAL  
PEOPLE IN CRISIS**

**Collecting from Monday 8th November  
until Monday 13th December 2021**

**Urgent items needed:**  
Sugar (500g bags, not larger)

Instant Mashed Potatoes  
Jam, Honey  
Porridge

Cereal (not greater than 500g)

UHT whole milk  
UHT semi-skimmed Milk  
Long life fruit juice

Tinned tomatoes  
Tinned rice pudding  
Packet/Pot noodles  
Liquid or bar soap  
Gender neutral roll on or stick deodorant  
Gender neutral shampoo  
Disposable razors  
Toilet rolls  
Small washing up liquid  
Strong carrier bags



## Book Fair

Students will have the opportunity to browse the books during Year 7 English lessons and before and after school.

If students wish to purchase a book they would need to pay with cash or a prepaid bookfair voucher. Details can be found via this link

<https://images.scholastic.co.uk/assets/a/ce/bb/teen-autumn-fairs-invitation-v4-2028692.pdf>

## Mental Health and Wellbeing Support

- Feeling worried about something?
- Do you need to talk to someone?
- Do you need a quiet place to just sit and think or not think?
- Speak to any adult in school or one of our Mental Health Team

## Mental Health Team

**Mrs Breen**

**Mr Clarke**

**Mrs Nutt**

**Mrs Peckover**

**Mrs Reynolds**

## Year 11 Parent Consultation Afternoon

Thursday 18th November is Year 11 Parent Consultation Afternoon. School will close for all students at 2.30pm.

# CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL



Please give new toys  
(unwrapped) for our local  
children in Birmingham  
for all age groups  
ranging from  
0-15 years

## Advertise with us...

If you sponsor our Christmas newsletter you will receive advertising space on our dedicated pages and in our fortnightly newsletter, BC14. You can have a half page advert for £50 or a full page for £80.

All you need to do is email your advert to Gerald Noone at [g.noone@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk](mailto:g.noone@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk) and we will do the rest.

To advertise with us this Christmas please send in your details by Monday 13th December 2021.

Payment can be made by BACS or Cheque. We will issue you with a receipt and a copy of our Newsletter.

If you would like more information on our newsletter sponsorship please contact Gerald Noone on the email address or alternatively call 0121 444 4161.

## A night of Remembrance

An evening of celebration and  
commemoration of memory.

Join us on a journey of what it means to  
remember through the Creative Arts,  
including Art, Music, Drama, Dance, Spoken  
Word and History.

Thursday 11th November  
6-8pm  
Bishop Challoner Catholic College



## Upcoming Events

**Schooltastic Book Fair**  
Monday 8th November-  
Thursday 11th November

**Year 11, 12 & 13  
Apprenticeship Fair**  
Wednesday 17th November

**Year 9 French reward  
Sixth Form Open Evening**  
Wednesday 10th November

**Year 11 Consultation  
Afternoon**  
School finishes at 2.30pm  
Thursday 18th November

**A Night of Remembrance**  
Thursday 11th November

**Year 12 Maths Inspiration  
Trip**  
Friday 19th November

**Year 11 Mock French  
Speaking Assessment**  
Tuesday 16th November -  
Thursday 18th November

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Chaplaincy:	@BC_Chaplaincy	Maths:	@BCMathsDept
Computing Hub:	@BCCComputingHub	PE:	@BCPEDepartment
Computing:	@BishopChalComp	Performing Arts:	@BCPAmusic/@BCPAPA4
Design:	@BCCCDesign	School Games:	@BCSGO
English:	@BC_EnglishDept	Science Learning Partnership:	@CentralMidSLP
FOBC:	@bc_friends	Science:	@BCSciDept
French:	@BC_MFL	Sixth Form:	@BCCSix
Geography:	@BCGeogDept	Social Science:	@BCSocSciDept
History:	@history_GCSEBC	Teaching School:	@teaching_school