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An Advent Prayer
God of light and hope, look upon us in love, and fill us with the Spirit of Jesus that we may love you and serve you in your kingdom.

Protect us during this week and keep us watchful in prayer as we await the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who is the light of the world, and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Friday 6th December 2024

Message from Mrs E Giubertoni, Assistant Principal

Christmas is a wonderful time of year for both students and staff at Bishop Challoner Catholic College. We have so many brilliant events happening, as our community comes together to celebrate the season, from a Rudolph Run in the park, to the annual Christmaths Day, to the Year 7 Christmas Carol, and so much more.

As always, service to others continues to be at the heart of our celebrations, for example, through our Toy Appeal and the Christmas Raffles for Father Hudson. Alongside all this we have seen countless other instances of kindness and generosity between our students and staff which characterise our community here at Bishop Challoner. When we reflect on the Christmas message of hope, joy, and peace, we reflect on how we strive to live these values every day in our community of faith at Bishop Challoner.

In the Christmas season we think of spending time with family, friends, and loved ones. It is a time to recognise those who help us, as well as to look for the chance to help others. I would like to take a minute to say thank you to all the family and friends of our students at Bishop Challoner for the gift of your support.

On behalf of the entire school community, I wish you a blessed Christmas and a joyful New Year.

Eco Club tips for a sustainable Christmas

Here are some tips to help you care for the planet during the festive season:

- Re-use your wrapping paper or use paper bags
- Compost your Christmas tree (along with your food)
- Try and buy food that doesn't come in plastic packaging
- Use a timer or remote to turn off your Christmas lights when you're not in the room
- Consider buying from charity shops (or donating to them)

Year 11 Mock Examinations

Please follow the links below for subject information and guidance on the Year 11 mock examinations.

<https://bishopchalloner.org.uk/examinations-information/year-11-mock-examinations>

Christmas HAF Activity Club

Our Christmas HAF activity clubs are now available for booking.

If you know anyone who has children in Year 7-9 then please share this link with them as places for our clubs are FREE! For more information please follow the link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/kMdqRDe8wV>

BISHOP CHALLONER SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

We're really looking forward to receiving your application



SCAN HERE TO APPLY



Attendance Champions League

League Table

Week ending Friday 6th December

Position	Club	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	Points
1	7SEB	11	10	0	1	30
2	7CEC	11	9	0	2	27
3	7BOS	11	9	0	2	27
4	9LUK	11	8	0	3	24
5	7LUK	11	8	0	3	24
6	10LUK	11	7	0	4	21
7	9BER	11	7	0	4	21
8	8LUK	11	7	0	4	21
9	8BOS	11	7	0	4	21
10	7TER	11	7	0	4	21
11	11SEB	11	6	0	5	18
12	11CEC	11	6	0	5	18
13	11BOS	11	6	0	5	18
14	10TER	11	6	0	5	18
15	10CEC	11	6	0	5	18
16	8TER	11	6	0	5	18
17	8BER	11	6	0	5	18
18	10SEB	11	5	0	6	15
19	10BOS	11	5	0	6	15
20	9SEB	11	5	0	6	15
21	9CEC	11	5	0	6	15
22	9BOS	11	5	0	6	15
23	8SEB	11	5	0	6	15
24	11LUK	11	4	0	7	12
25	9TER	11	4	0	7	12
26	7BER	11	2	0	9	6
27	11TER	11	1	0	10	3
28	11BER	11	1	0	10	3
29	10BER	11	1	0	10	3
30	8CEC	11	1	0	10	3

Results

Week ending Friday 6th December

7BER	90.30	VS	98.33	10BOS
10CEC	89.12	VS	88.71	10BER
10LUK	91.67	VS	92.19	9TER
10SEB	88.80	VS	95.88	9SEB
10TER	93.75	VS	97.65	9LUK
11BER	92.65	VS	95.94	9CEC
11BOS	93.75	VS	92.42	9BOS
11CEC	97.67	VS	93.75	9BER
11LUK	90.38	VS	97.88	8TER
11SEB	96.79	VS	97.06	8SEB
11TER	94.00	VS	93.71	8LUK
7BOS	95.29	VS	90.83	8CEC
7CEC	97.27	VS	95.76	8BOS
7LUK	94.71	VS	91.18	8BER
7SEB	96.25	VS	93.64	7TER

Fixtures

Week beginning Monday 9th December

10BER	VS	7BER
9TER	VS	10BOS
9SEB	VS	10CEC
9LUK	VS	10LUK
9CEC	VS	10SEB
9BOS	VS	10TER
9BER	VS	11BER
8TER	VS	11BOS
8SEB	VS	11CEC
8LUK	VS	11LUK
8CEC	VS	11SEB
8BOS	VS	11TER
8BER	VS	7BOS
7TER	VS	7CEC
7SEB	VS	7LUK

November Manager of the Month: Mr Manning, 7SEB

Easy Fundraising

A reminder that we are registered with easyfundraising, an amazing platform that partners with over 7,000 brands to help raise funds for good causes – and it costs you absolutely nothing!

Here's how it works:

1. Sign up for free at the link below or QR code
2. Shop online as you normally would through easyfundraising.
3. The brands you shop with will donate a percentage of your purchase to our school – no extra cost to you!

It's simple, free, and those little donations really add up to make a big difference for our school community.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bishopchalloneratholiccollege/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=email-1



Year 7, 9 & 10 Parent/Carer Consultation Day

Appointments are now open for PCD. 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 11th December**, if you have not made an appointment by this date, your child's Consultation Tutor will make the appointment for you.

Students are required to attend in full school uniform.

Household Support Fund

The much-anticipated Household Support Fund 6 opened on Monday 25th November, both to new applications and enquiries.

From Monday 25th, applicants can submit enquiries via the BVSC website at Hardship Grant Community Fund Birmingham Voluntary Service Council.

Please contact household.support@greensquareaccord.co.uk with any queries!

Please see www.bvsc.org/hsf for more information.

Toy safety

"I would hate for any other child to go through what Becca suffered because of buying dangerous toys via online marketplaces."

Mum of two-year-old Becca who swallowed magnets from a toy

Toys from reputable brands are made to be safe. But if they've come from an unknown seller on an online marketplace, a market or small discount store, they could be dangerous.

Buying safely

- Buy toys from brand names you know. If you've never heard of the seller or the brand and price is really tempting, it could be dangerous
- Watch out for cheap copies of popular toys. They may not be made to UK safety standards.
- Check if the toy has been removed from sale because it's unsafe. Visit gov.uk and search 'product recalls'
- If you buy something that looks unsafe, trust your instincts and send it back.

Under 3s most at risk

Babies and toddlers are curious and naturally put everything in their mouths. So dangerous toys can pose the biggest risk to small children. Be especially careful when buying for under 3s.

Watch out for missing or contradictory age warnings. If a toy is pictured with a toddler but marketed as unsuitable for young children, pick something else.

Which toys are most dangerous?

- Toys with:
 - accessible button batteries that can burn through your child's food pipe
 - super strong magnets that can rip through your child's belly
 - long cords that can strangle your child
 - small parts that can choke your small child
- Water beads that can block your child's bowel if swallowed
- Electrical toys with exposed wires or chargers that can catch fire.

Checking toys

If you're unsure about the safety of a toy, here are some checks you can do:

- Check battery compartments for accessible button batteries or loose spares in the box
- Check for any loose small magnets
- Give the parts on the toy a quick tug and check for small parts that come off
- Look for long cords or access to stuffing
- Check if there are any age restrictions or safety warnings on the product.

Report dangerous toys

If you spot or buy a toy you're concerned about:

- Citizens Advice consumer helpline: 0808 223 1133
- Citizens Advice consumer helpline (Welsh-speaking adviser): 0808 223 1144
- Advice Direct Scotland helpline: 0808 164 6000
- Northern Ireland Consumerline: 0300 123 6262



capt.org.uk

[@ChildAccidentPreventionTrust](https://www.facebook.com/ChildAccidentPreventionTrust) [@capt_charity](https://www.instagram.com/capt_charity)

child accident prevention trust

Sport

Latest Results

- Year 9 are now in the quarter finals of the Birmingham cup beating Coleshill 3-0
- Year 8 boys vs Highfields (5/12/24)
- Oliver Morgan is PE Student of The Month for November
- Last week - Y7 football lost to Coleshill in the Birmingham Cup
- Wednesday 11th is Y7/8 Basketball (School games) @ Christchurch)

BOARD GAMES WANTED!

If you're updating your board game collection this Christmas please consider donating your pre-loved (complete) board games to the library. Many of our students spend their break and lunchtimes in the library and our current board game box is getting a little old. We especially need chess and draught sets but any games suitable for ages 11 + would be greatly appreciated.

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 participate 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	10am 12noon 6.30pm	5.30pm
St. Jude's	B14 5PE	Fr John Peyton	9.15am	-
Our Lady Of Lourdes	B13 0EU	Canon Sean Grady	9am 11am	6pm
St Catherine Of Sienna	B5 7BE	Fr. Jagadishmario Kurapati (Fr. Mario)	10.30am	5pm
St Edward's	B29 7DB	Fr Denis McGillicuddy	10.15am	6pm
St Mary's	B17 0DN	Fr John Reid	8am/9.30am/ 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	9.45am	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	9.00am 11.45am	10am 5pm
Our Lady Of Fatima	B32 1LL	Fr Philip Long Nguyen	9.00am 11.00am	6pm
St Ambrose Barlow	B28 8QU	Fr Paul Johnson	10.00am 5.30pm	5.30pm
The Oratory Of Saint Philip Neri	B16 8UE	Fr Anton Guziel	8.30am 10.30am 12pm 5.30pm	5.30pm
St Peters	B32 3QG	Fr Gary Buckby	9.30am	-
Our Lady And St Rose Of Lima	B29 5DY	Fr Gary Buckby	11am	5.15pm

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.

Assembly and Form Resource Focus

This week in assembly, students have welcomed in the season of Advent. For Years 7 and 8, our Year 10 Faithful Ambassadors led the assembly! We lit the first candle of Hope in our Advent Wreath and learnt about the season of preparation for celebrating the birth of Jesus and for Jesus' second coming. Students have reflected on the traditions of Advent calendars and how other countries around the globe prepare for Christmas in their own unique way. Our ambassadors were extremely confident and professional, especially when talking to students about the way in which we can prepare during Advent, living out our Faithful Virtues.

The form resource was centred around Human Rights Day, which is celebrated on December 10th. Students were able to gain knowledge and understanding of why and when the Universal Declaration of Human Rights came into fruition, and discuss what Human Rights really are, linking it directly to them and school. They explored how key figures throughout history have spoken out to protect others' rights and consolidated all of the learning by taking part in an interactive quiz and linking up specific human rights to our own Bishop Challoner Faithful Virtues.

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 child's 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.

First Aid Reminders

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, it is important children stay hydrated.

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

Mobile Phones

Students should not be contacting parents/carers when they feel unwell and requesting to be collected from school. In the event that a student is unwell they MUST go to the First Aider who will deal with them. In the event that 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 Pastoral 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.

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 pleated school skirt. 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.

Our uniform requirements are complemented by a smart 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.

2024-2025 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2024

Term ends: Thursday 19th December 2024

Spring Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 6 January 2025

Half-term: Monday 17 February 2025 to Friday 21 February 25

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: Friday 18th July 2024

INSET Days

Friday 20th December 2024

Wednesday 5th February 2025

Monday 24th February 2025

Monday 21st July 2025

Liquid Paracetamol

We do not provide liquid paracetamol such as Calpol please provide this to school if your child can not take tablets and you wish for them to take paracetamol. This will be kept safe in first aid for

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.

Autumn Term 2

Every Tuesday	Rosary
Every Thursday	Community Mass 11.30am
Monday 9th December - Wednesday 11th December	Year 12 Soli House
Tuesday 10th December	Cooking Club Parent/Carer celebration Reconciliation
Wednesday 11th December	Christmas Special Tea Party
Thursday 12th December	Year 7 Christmas Carol Service 2pm
Friday 13th December	Toy Appeal Christmas Jumper Day Toy Appeal Ends Cake Sale Bishop's Got Talent - Law Year 8 visit to BBC Studio, Mail Box
Monday 16th December	School closed for Year 7, 9 & 10 Parent Consultation Day Year 11 Art Mock Examination
Tuesday 17th December	Bishop's Got Talent Year 10 Maths trip to Birmingham University
Wednesday 18th December	Immunisation Mop Up Bishop's Got Talent - Music
Thursday 19th December	Last day of term Early finish - 12.45pm Christmas Hamper Raffle Christmas Mass
Friday 12th December	School Closed for staff INSET

Toy Appeal

Christmas 2024



Please give new toys (unwrapped) for our local children in Birmingham for all age groups ranging from 1-15 years

COLLECTION DATES:

Monday 4th November - Thursday 12th December

BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE



Toy Appeal

Competitions

BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE



FORM GROUP REWARDS TRIP

The form group that donates the most gifts to the appeal will be awarded with an afternoon rewards trip.

AMAZON VOUCHER PRIZE DRAW

Every student that brings in a gift will be entered into a prize draw to win an Amazon voucher.

1st prize: £50, 2nd & 3rd prize: £30, 4th & 5th prize: £15, 6th prize £10



Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann Birmingham Branch

Traditional Irish Music Classes

at Bishop Challoner School,
Institute Road, Kings Heath B14 7EG
Thursday evenings at 7.00pm
from 12th September 2024

All ages and all instruments welcome.

Contact:

Branch Sec. belindahutchings@yahoo.com
Branch Chair, Marian Dwyer, Text 07939 094797

Irish Music SESSION

on the second Sunday of the
month at Norton's, Digbeth, B5 5LS
from 3.00pm onwards.

Everyone Welcome

Regional Fleadh, Newman University, 6th April 2025



Second Sunday of the month

At Nortons Digbeth 1pm-3pm

Come along and listen or join in with a cúpla focal
Everyone is welcome to this monthly event.



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