



Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created,
and you shall renew the face of the earth.
Amen.

Message from Mrs Moon, Assistant Principal

Friday 6th June 2025

As the examination season continues, we want to take a moment to recognise and congratulate our Year 11 and Year 13 students for their hard work, perseverance, and commitment. These weeks of exams not only test knowledge but also build resilience, and we are proud of the way our students have carried themselves with maturity and focus.

We would also like to extend congratulations to our Ball Crew, who have represented the school with exceptional enthusiasm, teamwork, and professionalism at the Lexus Birmingham Open Tennis Tournament. They are outstanding ambassadors, and their efforts have not gone unnoticed by both staff and the wider community.

Looking ahead, we're excited to celebrate Culture Day on Tuesday 1st July - an event that honours the rich diversity of our school community. It's an opportunity to come together, learn from one another, and celebrate the many backgrounds and traditions that make our community so special, as St. Paul reminds us, "There is one body, but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body." (1 Corinthians 12:12)

We also mark Refugee Week this term, a time to reflect on the experiences of those who have been displaced. As a school rooted in values of compassion, we encourage everyone to use this time to listen, learn, and act with kindness and understanding.

Year 11 & Year 13 Prom Reminders

Year 11 Prom:

Monday 30th June, 7.30pm - 11pm

The Abbey Hotel
Hither Green Lane
Dagnell End Road
Redditch
B98 9BE

Year 13 Prom:

Thursday 3rd July, 7.30pm - 11pm

Highbury Hall.
4 Yew Tree Rd
Moseley
Birmingham
B13 8QG

Please ensure that consent and payment has been made via Schoolcomms.

Year 10 Mock Examinations

Please follow the link below for subject information and guidance on the Year 10 mocks.

Year 10 - <https://tinyurl.com/4rhn59xw>



TESCO Stronger Starts Tokens

Please remember to add blue tokens and vote at the following stores after making a purchase to enable us to potentially receive up to £1,500.

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Solihull 5498 Kings Heath Birm Exp Small unit B14 6EB
Solihull 5656 Robin Hood Brmham Exp Small unit B28 0LG
Solihull 6685 Birmingham Alcstr Exp Small unit B47 5PN

Voting will commence in store from the first week in **April 2025 until the end of June 2025**. Every little helps!

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.

Attendance Pathway to the Final



PATHWAY TO THE FINAL



Sport

Ball Crew - Saturday 31st May - Sunday 8th June

After 15+ hours of trials and training, 75x KS3 students were selected as the Ball Crew team for this years Lexus Birmingham Open, taking place at the Edgbaston Priory Club. The tournament started on Saturday 31st May and students have already shown tremendous amounts of focus and dedication, leading to superb on-court performances. The team have been commended on their excellent Ball Crew skill level by the Tournament Ref, Tournament Director and various Chair Umpire's, which is testament to each student(s) professionalism. As the tournament reaches it's conclusion on Sunday 8th June, students are now aspiring to remain a part of the team, as we look to reduce numbers across the next few days, in preparation for the Semi Final(s) and Final(s). Students have been an absolute pleasure to look after this week and have been a credit to the school, to themselves and to their parents/carers; they truly have been 'as good as gold'.



Summer Uniform

In light of the weather forecast summer uniform can be worn.

Students **DO NOT** have to wear a-
Tie
Blazer
Jumper

Students **MUST** wear-
Shirts tucked in
Shoes not trainers

If a 2nd layer is worn, this **MUST** be a blazer **NOT** a jumper or other outer wear, any item other than a blazer will be confiscated.

Girls must wear natural or black 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 in the lobe of the ear.

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.

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 prefer them to have liquid Calpol please send this in to the school first aider with your child's 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, comprising:-

- 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 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	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 McGillicuddy	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

Assembly and Form Resource Focus

Despite the weather, it has been a warm welcome back to the students in our assemblies and during form times this week. In the Gospel last weekend, Jesus talks to us about staying united and spreading His word.

Sometimes the use of the internet can make us more isolated and disconnected from others.

The late Pope Francis also warned about the possibility of digital isolation, where individuals can become disconnected from their neighbours and those closest to them. Our focus in assembly has been on Online Safety and The Law, with an emphasis on reminding students their responsibilities when using the internet, especially the use of social media. Not only have we assessed the many risks when using the internet from cyber bullying to digital footprints, but we have talked about what to do if we are ever unsure of something or feel worried. Please do re-iterate these safety messages at home.

Form Times have been a hive of activity with Key Stage 3 students preparing and updating their Sacred Spaces in form rooms and Key Stage Four students preparing for Work Experience and focusing on future careers. I look forward to sharing some images of our Sacred Spaces over the coming weeks. Students have had the opportunity to represent their form Saint and create a special space with resources for collective worship and prayer.

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.

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.

Leave in Term Time

Leave in Term TimeTerm time holidays cause significant concern. The direct correlation between attendance and attainment is undeniable. Absence from school interrupts teaching and learning and compromises progress. As per the letter regarding legal action sent at the start of the academic year, Birmingham local authority seeks to support Birmingham schools and academies in reducing the amount of education lost to student leave of absence in term time. Bishop Challoner Catholic College and Birmingham City Council strongly discourages student leave of absence during term time and parents/carers could be subject to court action and hefty fines. **Recent leave in term time absences have resulted in fines, for each parent/carer, of £181, £370.50 and £741.** Please support the school and your child and ensure all leave is taken in the school holidays.

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.

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: Friday 17th July 2026

SummerTerm 2	
Every Tuesday	Rosary
Every Thursday	Community Mass - 11.30am
Saturday 31st May - Sunday 8th June	Ball Crew
Sunday 8th June - Monday 9th June	Year 9 DofE Bronze
Monday 9th June - Wednesday 11th June	Year 10 French Speaking Mocks
Thursday 12th June - Friday 13th June	Wheelbarrow Food Competition
Friday 13th June	Fathers Day Hamper KS3 DT Trip
Friday 13th June - Sunday 29th June	Sixth Form Trip to Peru
Monday 16th June - Friday 20th June	Creativity and Refugee Week Year 10 Spoken English Exams
Monday 16th June - Wednesday 18th June	Year 9 Soli House
Tuesday 17th June	Bishop's Got Talent
Wednesday 18th June	Tea Party Year 7 and 8 Computing Trip - Big Bang NEC
Thursday 19th June	Year 10 UOB Chemistry Lessons
Sunday 22nd June - Tuesday 24th June	Year 10 and Year 12 DofE Silver Qualifying Expedition
Monday 23rd June - Friday 27th June	Science Week
Tuesday 24th June	Year 7 CSI Day
Wednesday 25th June - Friday 27th June	Year 10 Carding Mill Valley Trip
Wednesday 25th June	Year 10 and Year 12 Mass
Thursday 26th June	Year 10 UOB Chemistry Lesson
Friday 27th June	Cake Sale TBC Catholic Competition - Summer Games
Monday 30th June - Friday 4th July	Year 10 Work Experience
Monday 30th June	Sports Day Year 11 Prom
Tuesday 1st July	Bishop's Got Talent Culture Day
Wednesday 2nd July	Year 6 Induction Day 1 Year Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday 3rd July	Year 6 Induction Day 2 Year 6 Induction Day Mass Year 6 Parent/Carer Evening Year 13 Prom
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

2024-2025 Term Dates

Summer Term 2025
Term ends: Friday 18th July 2024

INSET Days

Monday 21st July 2025

CURRENT VACANCIES



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Teacher of Science – Chemistry
1 Year Fixed Term Contract
Required for September 2025
Full-Time
Salary: MPS/UPS

Application deadline: 12:00 pm, Friday, 20th June 2025
Interviews will be held in the week commencing 23rd June 2025

For further information on our vacancies, to apply for a vacancy, or to join our talent pool, please scan the above QR code or visit MyNewTerm at

<https://mynewterm.com/school/Bishop-Challoner-Catholic-College/103560>

If you have any recruitment queries, please contact Louise Furlong, Safeguarding and Recruitment Co-ordinator on 0121 444 4161 or email recruitment@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

Why Work at Bishop Challoner Catholic College?

Our school is a place where every member of staff is valued and supported to achieve their best. We take pride in offering a positive, inclusive working environment with clear opportunities for professional growth.

Staff at Bishop Challoner Catholic College benefit from:

- A structured induction programme, opportunities for shadowing and high-quality training.
- Supportive line managers who provide regular feedback and guidance.
- Teaching staff have access to the Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS), which is one of the most generous public sector pension schemes in the UK.
- Support staff have access to the Local Government Pension Scheme, offering long-term financial security, including immediate life cover.

Whether your expertise is in administration, pastoral care, IT, premises management, catering or specialist services, we provide tailored pathways for development and career progression.

To apply or find out more about the role, visit <https://www.bishopchalloner.org.uk/vacancies>

Thank you for your support in helping us find the right people to join our school community.



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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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
All-Britain Fleadh, Bishop Challoner School, Kings Heath,
28th/29th June 2025