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Lord, keep us in that wisdom which you revealed to the wise men.

Grant us your Holy spirit, that we may always seek you and your kingdom.

Enable us to follow your holy word, as those from the east followed the leading of a Star. Give us grace at all

Times and in all places to Confess your holy name. Amen

Message from Dr Coughlan, Principal

Friday 7th January 2022

A very Happy New Year to all of our families.

This week, as we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, we remember the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child in Bethlehem. Throughout the Gospels when someone meets Jesus their life is changed. They can no longer remain the person they once were and they have to let the love of Jesus in. This is the message of Christmas, God has come as one of us and we are forever changed. On Wednesday, students attended a wonderful virtual service to celebrate the feast of The Epiphany. In this opportunity to pause for a time of reflection and prayer, we were able as a school community to look ahead to 2022 to consider the changes we may like to make this New Year.

It has been another busy start to the new term. Year 13 Mock Examinations are due to begin on Monday 10th January and I would like to take this opportunity to send best wishes to all of our Year 13 students for the coming weeks. This will be the first experience of a formal examination for most of these students and, as such, subject teachers are working closely with students to prepare them for these key assessments. Further information about the process can be found on our website.

<https://www.bishopchalloner.org.uk/sixth-form/sixth-form-curriculum/year-13-mocks>

Our new six-classroom build at the front of school continues to progress at a pace and you can follow updates via our website and also via Twitter.

<https://bishopchalloner.org.uk/catholic-college/community/bc-newbuild>

It has been a joy to welcome our students back to school this week and I thank our parents/carers and of course our students for their support with the staggered return and the COVID testing that we were required to undertake. We continue to follow the latest Government guidance for schools as the situation evolves. As part of this, we have installed 40 CO2 monitors across the school site so that we can ensure rooms are well ventilated. I thank all our parents and carers for continuing to encourage their children to wear face coverings when in school and for ensuring they complete their lateral flow tests regularly. Linked to this we would ask our school community to continue to be vigilant to the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and take the necessary actions if required; we shared a letter earlier this week with parents and carers outlining links to the latest guidance with regard to COVID isolation.

We continue to hold in our thoughts and prayers all who have been severely affected by this pandemic.

My best wishes to our whole school community for 2022.

Attendance Monitoring Communication

Attendance monitoring letters, as a follow up to an interim communication some parents/carers will have received last term will be sent out this half term.

Whilst we are aware and appreciate that in some cases, the only absence some students have had is due to Covid this is not the case with all. As a school we have a responsibility to share information regarding attendance and punctuality with parents/carers and to work together to address any concerns that we have.

Please ensure that your child is in all school every day and on time unless they are unwell.

Sixth Form

Applications to the Sixth Form

Applications are still open for Year 11 students to apply for their place in the Sixth Form. Please apply via the website. As we are scheduling meetings to discuss applications with students in the coming weeks, they should apply without delay.

Mocks

We wish our Year 13 student well as they start their mock examinations next week. We know that a lot of hard work has gone into their preparation.

Year 12 Ambassadors

Year 12 students will be going into Year 11 classes over the next two weeks to talk about their chosen A Levels. This will be an opportunity for Year 11 to get a genuine students' perspective and ask any questions they may have. We are grateful to Year 12 for the leadership shown.

Training School Update

New year, new career? We have several free events coming up where you can find out about Teaching as a career. Why not join us online for an informal chat to see what it takes to join this rewarding and challenging career. Evening online sessions are taking place on 12th, 20th and 25th January, so take a look at our website and book a place.

<https://www.bctsa.org/602/train-to-teach-events>

Alternatively, email us at trainingschool@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk or call on 0121 441 6114 to arrange a 1 to 1 chat.



For many, Christmas can mean a new piece of technology in the household, video game consoles will once again have been a very popular request / present. Video game consoles can be a great form of entertainment for young people, old people and the entire family. However, like all forms of entertainment there is content that is designed for a mature audience only. The companies that produce these devices include parental controls and restrictions that can be easily applied, ensuring a young person only accesses content appropriate to their age.

Guides on how to apply the settings can be found below:

PlayStation 4 - https://support.playstation.com/s/article/PS4-Parental-Controls?language=en_US

PlayStation 5 - <https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/ps5-parental-controls-spending-limits/>

Xbox Platforms - <https://www.xbox.com/en-GB/community/for-everyone/responsible-gaming>

Nintendo Switch - <https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Nintendo-Switch-Family/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls-1183145.html>

Checking the content of games (and other forms of media)

We fully understand that it can be difficult to track what students are engaging with, never mind the content of those engagements. Thankfully, there exist several platforms designed to give an overview to a parental perspective. One that we recommend at Bishop Challoner is Common Sense Media. This an excellent platform that allows parents/carers to explore the true content of the films, apps, books and video games that their child is engaging with. Apps and games are rated on aspects such as profanity, violence and others to afford you a greater understanding of the media your child is accessing.

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org>

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 your child is absent due to Covid, there are some details that the school are required to take. It is likely that a member of the Student Services team will contact you to ascertain the information that is required.

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.

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Don't forget to use our new Playwaze 'Activity Finder' on our website which will help parents/carers and young people find sporting and physical activity opportunities in our area. [Click here](#) to begin searching for activities.

Catholic Life

Thursday 6th January marked the Epiphany of the Lord, we celebrated as a community with a Service led by our Chaplaincy Champions. On the feast of the Epiphany, we celebrate the fact that Jesus is revealed not just to the Jewish people, but to the world. Like the Magi, we search for Jesus. We reflect upon our actions and give our best selves to Him and the world. It marks the beginning of the Epiphanytide where we strive to share in and see God's Grace.

Monday 31st January is the Feast of form Saint John Bosco. We will remember his dedication to learning for all and in solidarity bring prayers of intercession as a part of our celebration of his works.

Chaplaincy Champions are working within forms to celebrate living faith through the creation and use of sacred spaces. An area that allows our faith to shine and is used for prayer intentions. Year 7 students are working on sharing their designs this term.

Ten:Ten our provider for RSE, is offering courses to support schools, parent and carers. Access to signing up to their courses can be found on their website.

One such course is RSHE & parents:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/cpd/rshe-parents/>
RSHE Parents - [tentenresources.co.uk](https://www.tentenresources.co.uk)

The Online Parent Portal for Church of England Schools is currently in development. This is a significant element of the subscription. It is an essential tool to ensure that parents stay fully engaged with their child's progress with the programme.

www.tentenresources.co.uk

We would love to share about Christmastide. Why not check out:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/the-hub/forgotten-feast/>

Sports Updates

Extra-Curricular Clubs

The PE extra-curricular timetable has been updated for the spring term. There are some new sports available both before and after school.

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Birmingham Toy Appeal

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Please see the link below for when Irish TV came into school to capture what we do for charity across Birmingham and further afield.

We are very proud of our students and the work that they do help those in our community in greater need. Well done everyone!

<https://fb.watch/an2CS9ORIO/>



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Year 13 Mocks
Monday 10th January -
Friday 21st January

BGT
Friday 14th January

Year 7 Rewards, P5
Thursday 13th January

St Sebastian Mass Y7-13 Forms
Friday 21st January