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Prayer for The Feast of The Most Precious Blood
Lord JESUS, by faith in your merits, I now take your Precious Blood and sprinkle it over myself and my family right from the crown of my head to the very soles of my feet. I claim total and complete protection for my life and my family.

Fill me Lord JESUS with gift of your Holy Spirit and grant me the gift of wisdom, knowledge, understanding and discernment so that I will live today in your glory by doing that which is right

Message from Mr Cunnane, Assistant Principal

Friday 7th July 2023

As we enter the month of July, we reflect upon how this month is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood. It is a recognition of Jesus' sacrifice and how he spilled his blood for the salvation of humanity. Furthermore, this blood is made present through the gift of the Eucharist and is something we can consume at Mass, along with the body of Christ, under the appearance of bread and wine.

This reflection upon the precious blood of Jesus offers our community the opportunity to reflect upon how the sacrifice of Jesus links to our Catholic values and our mission statement where 'we give glory to God in our service to others'. As we approach the end of the academic year we reflect upon all the sacrifices made this year by all members of our community who have come together to make this a community that reflects the love and sacrifice exemplified through the life and death of Jesus. We pause and give thanks for all that we have achieved and we look at these last few weeks as an opportunity to give one last community effort to support our whole school charity focus for St Chads Sanctuary and our summer term foodbank appeal.

Here in school there continues to be so much happening as we enter the final stages of the term. Last week we

celebrated creativity week across the school, which provided departments with the opportunity to design an impressive range of creative activities for our students, whilst at the same time focusing on developing students understanding our Catholic virtues and we were delighted with the outstanding work that students produced across this week. Across the next two weeks our year 10 and year 12 students have the opportunity to participate in work experience. We are delighted that students have this valuable opportunity to explore the world of work and it is great to see so many students will be participating in such a wide range of exciting experiences. We hope that this experience enables students to consider what their vocation might be going forward in life as we encourage our students to continually reflect upon the words of our school prayer 'Who am I God?, why am I here? What do you want me to do?'

Finally, as we approach the end of term we reflect upon the opportunities offered to us during the summer period. The six week summer holiday provides us all with some much needed time to recharge our batteries and to spend some extended time with family and friends. The break allows us to look forward to September with the promise of new beginnings and an opportunity to return refreshed and ready to enjoy the opportunities provided by a new academic year.

My best wishes to all our families for a peaceful and enjoyable summer break.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Year 12 Taster Day

If your child has applied to join our Sixth Form in September 2023, we are hosting a Taster Day on Wednesday 12th July.

Please ensure your child signs up using the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sixth-form-taster-day-tickets-631374507147?aff=oddtcreator>

Timings of the Day 23/24

From September 2023 the compulsory times that school is open will be:

Monday to Thursday: 8.40am to 3.20pm
Friday: 8.40am to 2.30pm

Year 7, 9 & 10 Parent Consultation Day

School closed to all students. Year 7, 9 and 10 students are required to attend appointments with parents/carers in full school uniform.

To book your consultation appointment, please click here-
<https://bctsa.schoolcloud.co.uk/>.

Consultation appointments will be approx. 10 minutes per student.

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 12th July, if you have not made an appointment by this date, your child's Consultation Tutor will make the appointment for you.

Where you have any questions or concerns about specific subjects these should be discussed with your child's Consultation Tutor first and then if required, you will have the opportunity to see subject teachers if they are free.



It is hard to miss the storm that generative AI has produced in the news in recent months. The recent developments in this field are a breakthrough for public use, and platforms such as ChatGPT are likely going to change many working practices going forward. Of course, education is no different and the implications of generative AI will also be found here. There are many advantages to generative AI and many times savings can be found by using the platforms complete everyday tasks. However, there are also some inherent dangers and concerns with such technology:

Accuracy – there is no guaranteeing that what a platform generate is 100% accurate. The onus will still be on the person using the platform to proofread and check.

Plagiarism – with all aspects of schoolwork, it is intended that the student completes all work themselves and is accountable for the accuracy and honesty of such work. The use of a platform such as ChatGPT to complete work Will be treated the same as copying someone else's work.

Bias – one area of AI, which is consistently under scrutiny, is bias amongst both the data used to generate, and the outcomes that it produces. This has always been a worry with AI, and this concern will no doubt grow exponentially as more, and more people become aware of the powers of such platforms.

We are encouraging parents and carers to engage in a conversation with their child, and to discuss the aspects of accuracy, plagiarism, and bias, and what this means to schoolwork, students should be completing work on their own.

Training School Update

We are pleased to announce 1 final chance this academic year to come and spend a day with us, in the classroom, and see if teaching could be the career for you! Tuesday 11th July is our last School Experience Day until the autumn term. Booking details can be found here: <https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/train-to-be-a-teacher/get-school-experience>

It's not too late to apply to start your School Direct PGCE with us this coming September, but you will need to apply now! Places are filling up, but we have most secondary subjects still available and also Primary places. Did you know you that as a Primary trainee teacher, you can specialise in Maths, PE, SEND or EYFS? Just see our website for details. www.bctsa.org.

Our trainee teachers are now completing their PGCEs and gaining that all important Qualified Teacher Status - QTS. We enjoyed celebrating with them recently and wish them well as they move into their first teaching jobs. Well done!!

Netbook Programme Changes Reminder

There has recently been a change to the Bishop Challoner Catholic College's netbook program, relating to the payment process. Birmingham Education Foundation for Learning (BeLF) no longer exists. We have therefore, moved to a new donation management organisation called Learning Foundation; more information can be found at learningfoundation.org.uk.

You will receive communication directly from learning foundation regarding this change, and a link to set up a new direct debit to them. You're advised to cancel all direct debit payments to Birmingham Education Foundation for Learning (BeLF) with immediate effect. Payment plans in terms of amount and duration, will remain the same as previous.

If you have any questions relating to this, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Join BCTSA Bishop Challoner Training School Alliance to #Inspire, #Teach, and #Excel!

Are you passionate about making a positive impact on young minds? Are you interested in changing career to teaching. Did you know you can train to teach with BCTSA Bishop Challoner Training School Alliance, offering outstanding training programs for aspiring teachers across all subjects, primary and secondary.

Our training sessions provide a comprehensive and enriching experience designed to equip you with the skills and knowledge needed to become an exceptional teacher. From effective classroom management strategies to innovative teaching methodologies, we cover a wide range of topics to ensure your success in the classroom.

By joining the BCTSA Bishop Challoner Training School Alliance, you'll become part of a supportive community of teachers dedicated to excellence in teaching. Our trainees always comment on the supportive and caring nature of our programme.

Don't miss this opportunity to kickstart your teaching career. Sign up on our website for a School Experience Day on 11th July, or just give us a call/drop us an email. Visit bctsa.org for more information.

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.

Sports Updates

Catholic School Games

Catholic school games events are a fantastic opportunity for pupils in year 7&8 to compete against each other in a variety of different athletic based sporting events. Six pupils from each year group have been specially selected to represent Bishop Challoner based on their performance within sports day. This is a great way to showcase the schools sporting excellence in such a prestigious event.

- X1 pupil- Triple jump.
- X1 pupil- Long Jump.
- X1 pupil- Javelin.
- X1 pupil- shot put.
- X1 pupil- 75m hurdles.
- X1 pupil- 800m.
- 6x200m relay.

Results

- Year 7/8 Boys overall (Gold) medal.
- Year 7/8 Girls overall (Silver) medal.
- Bishop Challoner overall (Silver) medal.



Ball Crew

Bishop Challoner Catholic College have once again been invited to provide the Ball Crew for the prestigious Birmingham Classic Tennis Championship which will be held from Saturday 17th June 2023 until Sunday 25th June 2023 at the Priory Tennis Club in Edgbaston. This is such an exciting opportunity for our students to experience a top-class sporting event and we are delighted with the dedication, commitment and hard work that has been shown by our pupils involved. The final Ball Crew squad will be selected soon for the 'Rothsay Classic Birmingham'. We are looking forward to selecting several Year 9 students to captain the Ball Crew teams at the upcoming tournament. At this point, we would like to say a huge well done to all the students who have trialed and trained for the Ball Crew; you have been outstanding. We are very much looking forward to watching a lot of you in action very soon!



URGENT ITEMS NEEDED

Collections from Monday 19th June to Tuesday 18th July 2023

- RICE
- TINNED OR PACKET SOUP
- TINNED RICE PUDDING
- BAKED BEANS/TINNED SPAGHETTI
- JAM/HONEY
- INSTANT COFFEE (NOT LARGE JARS)
- READY-MADE CUSTARD
- CHOCOLATE AND SNACK BARS
- SHOWER GEL/BARS OF SOAP
- STRONG CARRIER BAGS LIQUID/BARS OF SOAP
- SHAMPOO

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Give, and it will be given to you. Luke 6:38

Professional and School Development Opportunities



As we are drawing to the end of this years' projects, programmes, and Work Groups it is that time of year when we plan, launch and recruit for 2023/24. There are over 30 different school and professional development opportunities available from Central Maths Hub during the academic year.

Further information and details of all our CPD is listed in our new 2023-24 brochure. (Look-out for bespoke Work Groups available for sign-up in the Autumn term on our website.)



Specialist Knowledge for Teaching Maths (SKTM)

There is a wide variety of programmes available for all practitioners, from Early Years to Post-16 as well as personal professional leadership development. These programmes are designed to improve the subject knowledge and pedagogical knowledge for all practitioners teaching and supporting the learning of maths.

Early Years	Primary	Secondary	Post-16	Leadership
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Years Teachers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary Teachers • Teaching Assistants • Early Career (ECT) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Years 5-8 Continuity • Early Career (ECT) • Non-specialist maths teachers • Cross Phase – supporting Low Attainers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New to teaching Core Maths • Developing Core Maths • A-level Pedagogy • Cross Phase – supporting Low Attainers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Maths MAT Leads • Secondary Subject Leadership

Email: mathshub@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

What is the cost? £0

FREE - these Work Groups, projects and programmes are fully funded by Maths Hubs Network, so are free to participating schools in Birmingham, Dudley and Sandwell.



www.centralmathshub.com



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 in 2023.

Church	Postcode	Parish Priest	Sunday Mass Times	Saturday Vigil Mass Time
St. Dunstan's	B14 7JN	Fr Philip Harrop	10am 12noon 6.30pm	5.30pm
St. Jude's	B14 5PE	Fr Philip Harrop	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	Mgr 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.

Each week we share our reflection on the school website, you can view it [here](#).

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.

Attendance Update

Year 7 - 94.9%

Year 8 - 92.1%

Year 9 - 91.9%

Year 10 - 92.1%

Year 11 - 90.1%

Whole School - 92.9%



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Upcoming Events

Year 12 Work Experience
Monday 10th July - Friday 14th July

Year 8 Paris Trip
Monday 10th July - Thursday 13th July

Birmingham Irish Association Dementia Cafe
Reading Rewards Trip
Year 10 DT Research Trip
Tuesday 11th July

Sixth Form Taster Day
Caulke Abbey Trip
Year 6 Transition Day
Year 6 Parent's Evening
Year 7 Retreat Day
Wednesday 12th July

Battle of the Bands
Year 10 PD Day
Thursday 13th July

School Closed for Y7, 9 & 10 Parent Consultation
Day
Friday 14th July

Y12 Geography Trip to Dorset
Monday 17th July - Wednesday 19th July

Y10 DofE Bronze Assessed Expedition
Monday 17th July - Tuesday 18th July

Y7 & 8 Sponsored Football
Tolkien Year 5 Music Celebration
Tuesday 18th July

Year 7 Lickey Hills Trip
Y9 & 10 Sponsored Football
Y7 Disco 6-8pm
Wednesday 19th July

Year 7 Lickey Hills Trip
PE Reward Trip
Thursday 20th July

Early Finish - Last Day of Term
Year 7 Warwick Castle
Rewards Assemblies
Friday 21st July

School Closed - INSET Days
Monday 24th July - Tuesday 22nd July

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 school skirt (not lycra or stretchy). 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.

In order to complement the smart school uniform we insist that students' hair is smart in appearance and that students do not have shaved/razored hair styles or lines/patterns shaved into the hair. Extreme changes of hair colour are also not permitted. Headscarves must be black. Braids are allowed. 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.

Please note that lycra or stretchy skirts are not allowed to 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.

Skirts

From September 2023 only a black pleated skirt will be permitted to be worn as part of school uniform. Pleated skirts are available from Clive Mark as well as other school uniform retailers. To avoid any additional expense for families, if your child has a straight skirt (not stretchy, lycra or tight fitting) that still fits, this can be worn during the first half term, from October half term onwards, all skirts will need to be pleated of knee to mid calf worn on the waist not the hips (maximum of 5cm above the knee).

Have a wonderful summer!