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Let us pray for those who participated in the D-Day landings, who courageously fought for the freedom and peace we enjoy today. For the veterans who survived the battle and for those who continue to serve, may they receive our gratitude and support.

For all of us, may we never forget the lessons of D-Day and strive to build a world where freedom and peace prevail. Amen

Message from Mrs Choudhury, Assistant Principal

Friday 7th June 2024

“An education in the fullness of humanity should be the defining feature of Catholic Schools.” Pope Francis.

We are currently working in earnest towards being recognised nationally as a School of Sanctuary. A School of Sanctuary is a school which is a place of welcome for all, actively focussing on educating all stakeholders about why people are forcibly displaced; it is a school which recognises that the United Kingdom is enriched by new arrivals and supports and celebrates students from all countries, cultures and backgrounds. There are many benefits to be gained from being recognised as a School of Sanctuary: building a school culture that reduces intolerance and bullying, as well as improving student outcomes and attendance through a supportive and inclusive ethos, to name just two.

Excellent work is already embedded in the curriculum and, indeed, throughout our school environment. The beautiful installation of our school prayer translated into numerous languages takes pride of place in our Modern Foreign Languages Department and is a powerful symbol of our commitment to celebrating diversity and inclusion.

World Refugee Week takes place this year globally during the week beginning Monday 17th June and we aim to fully embrace this, with students taking part in a range of lessons exploring the plight and journey of refugees in a number of different contexts and across many subject areas. We know our specialist and creative staff will plan and deliver a range of transformative and dynamic activities and we are very much looking forward to this special week.

In addition to this, on Tuesday 2nd July, we will be holding a Culture Day, which will also seek to celebrate our diverse school and, indeed, our wonderfully diverse City of Birmingham! On this day, students and staff are invited to attend school wearing something which represents and celebrates their own cultural heritage. Our auditorium will play host to our very own Culture Fair, where students will be given the opportunity to embrace activities from, and be exposed to, different cultures around the world. A number of our students have already planned their outfits for the day and we simply cannot wait to see them in their finery, enjoying the day and soaking up new and exciting experiences!

“Little people with Big dreams grow into Big people with Great missions in life.” Anon

Today, we come to the end of week four of public examinations. We are so very proud of our Year 13 and Year 11 students and how they have conducted themselves in, and prepared for, their A Level and GCSE examinations so far. We recognise their hard work and dedication over the years and we continue to wish them well. We pray that all our students are rewarded for their efforts and that their God given attributes and talents will allow them all to dream of great things they will, and can, achieve now, and in the next stage of their chosen life paths.

Year 10 Mock Examinations

Please follow the links below for subject information and guidance on the upcoming assessments and mock examinations.

Year 10 - <https://bishopchalloner.org.uk/examinations-information/year-10-mini-mocks>

Drayton Manor September 2024

Please [click here](#) for more information on the Drayton Manor trip which will be held on Monday 23rd September.



2024-2025 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 2 September 2024

Year 7, 11 & 13 return Wednesday 4th September

All return Thursday 5th September

Half-term: Monday 28 October 2024 to Friday 1 November 2024

Term ends: Friday 20 December 2024

Spring Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 6 January 2025

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

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: Monday 21 July 2025

Examination Timetables

[Click here](#) to view the summer examination timetables.

Theatre Trip to see Hairspray: The Musical at Birmingham Hippodrome

We have managed to secure 30 tickets at an educational rate to see Hairspray in September. They are priced at £22 each and the trip is open to students from all year groups.

Please be aware that this is an evening production and it will be parents/carers responsibility to arrange transport to and from the venue for their child.

Tickets go on sale on Schoolcomms on Monday and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Letters confirming details of the trip will be available from Mrs Choudhury on Monday 16th September.



Sports Updates

Ball Crew

Our Ball Crew students are busy training and looking forward to receiving their kit next week ready for the tournament that starts on Saturday 15th July. Good luck to all of the students involved.

Basketball

Year 8 boys and girls basketball teams made the semi-finals on Tuesday 4th June in the 3 v 3 basketball tournament.

Sports day

Our annual sports day will be taking place on Tuesday 9th July and all students have begun to practise this week in lessons. Please sign up via Schoolcomms to consent to your child taking part.

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 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.

Summer Uniform Standards

In the event of warm weather it will not be compulsory for students to wear a blazer, they will be able to wear just a shirt and tie. If a second layer is required, it must be a blazer and not any other item such as a hoody or outdoor coat.

There is no requirement to purchase any additional uniform items.

Students will be permitted to wear skin tone or black tights.

All other uniform requirements will remain unchanged and only in the event of extreme weather conditions will there be any further adjustments, these will be clearly communicated if required.

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.

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.

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.

First Aid Reminders

In the case of an Emergency it is imperative we can contact parents or carers, please make sure you provide your current contact numbers to the school and inform of any changes.

It is important to stay hydrated all year round please provide your child with a water bottle so they can refill at our water stations around school.

Please inform the school of any new medical conditions or investigations, this is extremely important in helping us to correctly support your child's medical needs in school.

Emergency Contacts

It is imperative we have your current correct contact information on our systems. Please inform the school if anything has changed, especially telephone numbers.

Asthma

Assembly and Form Resources

This week, all students have been part of our Respect and Culture assembly which focuses on our Catholic ethos and values within a Multicultural community. We have been very excited to launch information regarding Culture Day.

The form resource explored Sacred Spaces for Key Stage 3 and Careers for Key Stage 4.

Attendance Updates

Attendance Percentage

Year 7 - 93.9%

Year 8 - 93.8%

Year 9 - 91.6%

Year 10 - 89.0%

Year 11 - 92.6%

Whole School - 92.2%

Asthma is a chronic long term condition, it can be well managed and in many cases some don't suffer severely, however if you have been diagnosed with Asthma even if you have it well managed you must carry an inhaler on you.

Asthma, Anaphylaxis, Diabetes

In order for your children to participate safely with Trips and offsite events including offsite PE, they must carry their medication with them. This is imperative for their safety and to avoid disappointment if unable to participate. Other medications must be handed in to first aid or the trip lead on the day.

First Aid Emails

Please be advised First Aid may contact you regarding your child visiting during the school day or informing you of an expiry date on your child's medication. **The email address of such communication will be from donotreply@medicaltracker.co.uk, please read these emails.**

Summer Term 2	
Wednesday 12th June	Canteen - Italy Day Year 9 Rosary
Thursday 13th June	Charity day in the Canteen
Saturday 15th June - Sunday 23rd June	KS3 Ball Crew
Monday 17th June - Friday 21st June	Refugee/Creativity Week
Monday 17th June - Wednesday 19th June	Year 9 Soli House
Wednesday 19th June	Thank a Teacher Day BC Tea Party KS3 Rewards trip Year 8 Women in Engineering trip Year 9 Rosary
Thursday 20th June	Year 9 Robotics Trip
Friday 21st June	Year 12 UOB Open Day Trip
Friday 12th July	School closed for Year 7 & 10 Parent Consultation
Wednesday 17th July	Year 7 & 8 Sponsored Football
Thursday 18th July	Summer Cake Sale
Friday 19th July	Last day of term school finishes at 2.30pm
Monday 22nd July	School Closed - Staff INSET

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 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	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.

Pre-loved Uniform

Thank you to parents/carers that already send in uniform that children have grown out of. If you have any of the following items in good reusable condition that you are willing to donate please bring them into reception and we will look to include them in future pre-loved uniform sales- blazers, pleated skirts, trousers, ties, PE kit (all items), royal blue sweatshirts, maroon sweatshirts. Thank you in advance for your support.