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Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Message from Mr O'Connor, Vice Principal

"I was a stranger and you made me welcome"

This year, in our year of character, we will be encouraging staff and students to develop their character traits, as we come together to raise money, give clothes, and donate food, to St Chads Sanctuary. Through the charitable events, carefully planned and supported by all, our students will grow in confidence, become compassionate and more self-aware of those in greater need, many who live amongst us in our communities. Our ongoing charitable work will also help us achieve our goal of becoming a 'School of Sanctuary'. A school of sanctuary is a school that is committed to being a safe and welcoming place for all, especially those seeking sanctuary.

Next Friday will see our chaplaincy team from Year 7 visit St Chads with Mr Carroll to drop off our first collection of the new school term of clothes and food. We are very grateful to receive such a positive collection.

Mrs Choudhury organised our Macmillan Cake morning last Friday. As a school we always look to support this incredible charity, especially as so many of us can connect with the organisation. Staff baked some delightful treats and with the introduction of an online payment method the school raised £438.52.

To highlight some of our upcoming charity events this term:

October- Poppy Sales 17th October - 18th November, Non-Uniform for Fr Mario's Indian Community Charity.

November- Birmingham Irish Association Christmas Toy Appeal 15th November - 15th December

December- Christmas Jumper Day to support the Toy Appeal 15th December

December- Staff Volunteering at SIFA Fireside 12th-14th December, Christmas Show Donations for St Chads 8th December.

Friday 7th October 2022

Our Year 11 and Year 13 students are currently sitting mini mocks and assessments as they continue their preparation for state exams this year. We wish them well. We remind parents/carers to look on our school website to access exam support materials for students.

It is hard to believe that we are already approaching our first half term of the year with only two weeks remaining. We will break up on Thursday 20th October as Friday 21st is a teacher training day. Time flies when you are having fun!

We thank you, Father, for the humble example of St. Chad. We pray that we would always seek to serve, rather than to be served, to love rather than to seek praise, and to be a light in the darkness for others seeking truth. Amen.

Year 13 Slapton Sands Field Trip

During September, we took Year 13 Biology students to Slapton Ley Field Centre. The students stayed for four days in South Devon, carrying out a range of field techniques and studies. They visited East Prawle, where we carried out rock pool investigations followed by examining the zones on the beach. The students compared many different species including limpets on the rocky shore line in an exposed and sheltered beach. All students demonstrated excellent practical and team building skills throughout the duration.

The following day, we completed a succession practical to investigate how different plant species changed from the shoreline to the shingle ridge and beyond. During the evening, we investigated the local bats, where the students were able to use their bat detectors to locate the bats and investigate their behaviour. We also had an opportunity to observe the Kingsbridge Estuary on paddleboards, which was an amazing experience for all.

The students carried out their own investigation into how abiotic factors changed on the Slapton Shingle Ridge. Here, they were able to use a range of probes and metres to measure how abiotic factors changed. They further developed their practical skills and were able to complete many of their practical assessments while in Slapton.

All students were excellent in their approach and attitude throughout the trip. They impressed the Slapton Ley staff and excelled in every activity they took part in. They were a pleasure to take on the trip and represented the school as excellent role models. Well done Year 13 Biologists!



Online Safety Blast

It is that time of year again when the latest (now seemingly annually) FIFA and Call of Duty hit the shelves just in time for Christmas. Firstly, the new Call of Duty Game, Call of Duty Modern Warfare 2 is rated 18 by PEGI. FIFA is rated as 3+. FIFA contains aspects of a 'loot box' mechanic through FIFA Ultimate Team, a process where real life and in-game currency can be exchanged for 'packs'. These packs contain digital cards of football players, stadiums, kits and more. Much like real trading card games, there is no guarantee of a rare player, and more often than not, 'common' players holding little value are obtained.

More and more research is pointing to the process being psychologically akin to gambling. So much so that the exchange of real-world currency for FIFA points is now banned in Belgium. The article discussing this can be found here - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-61594815>.

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We advice parents / carers to discuss this aspect of the game with their children and to avoid linking any credit / debit cards to the account.

Sports Updates

Football

On Tuesday 4th October Year 7 played their first game in the league against local school Wheelers Lane. Despite the boys conceding an early goal from a freekick on the edge of the box, Challoner continued to apply pressure throughout the half scoring 2 goals in quick succession. The match ended 5-3 to Challoner after an exciting second half performance, securing 3 points and a MOTM performance From Cian.



Year 8 Boys kicked off their football season against Wheelers Lane at the Irish Centre. A fantastic attacking display saw the boys run out 5-1 winners. Goals were scored by Terrance x 2, Leon, Tristan, and player of the match, Thomas.

The Year 9 Boys Football team were successful in the Kings Norton & South Birmingham U14 Premier League last week. They managed to beat Colmers School 8-0 on Monday 26th September and Queensbridge School 5-1 on Wednesday 28th September. The Boys will now face Kings Norton Boys School and Lordswood Boys School in the next two league fixtures, scheduled for next week.

The Year 9 Boys are the current holders of the competition so are hungry to retain their title.



Year 10 boys played their first fixture against George Dixon in the Birmingham cup. They sailed through to the next round with a dominant 6-1 victory.

Aston Villa's very own under 12s goalkeeper Lottie has been formally invited to England Football Future Lionesses Goalkeeper Talent Development Day. This is an amazing achievement for Lottie and Bishop Challoner, and we wish her all the best in her football career.



Birmingham City U12 striker Finn has been exceptional in his first few weeks at Challoner. Finn managed to score 2 goals and assist in his opening game for the school, we can't wait to see what he has in store for the rest of the season.



BISHOP CHALLONER SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 9th November

6pm - 8.30pm

[Click here to book your place](#)



News from the Wellbeing Team

#Hello Yellow

On Monday 10th October school staff will be putting on their yellow socks, ties and jumpers, showing solidarity with young people by supporting #Hello Yellow, the Young Minds awareness raising campaign to celebrate World Mental Health Day.

The Young Minds website has a lot of support for parents too. Please follow this link: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/>

Anxiety in Adolescence

A reminder of a free webinar from the Anna Freud Centre, coming up next week:

Anxiety in adolescence: how can parents help?

Date: Tuesday 11th October

Time: 5-6pm

Venue: Virtual via Zoom

The focus of this webinar will be on what parents/carers can do to help their teens who are experiencing anxiety. It will cover when anxiety is normal vs. problematic, common anxieties during adolescence (exam stress, social anxiety and worries about identity and development), the relationship between parent-child anxiety, and how and when to access support for you and your child.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://annafreud.zoom.us/join/register/tjwvf-Cgpz0oGNefKgyHfqM4-DH2UXN06yN8>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



Train to Teach with BCTSA

With the DfE Apply site opening this week, those who want to apply for teacher training with us for a September 2023 start can do so now! Just look for our Provider Code - 1K2, when you sign up: Apply for teacher training - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

If you are just thinking about it for now, why not find out more at our next, free, online information session? This will be on Tuesday 11th October, 6-7 pm. Just email trainingschool@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk to book a place and we will send you a link to join the session.

Teaching is an exciting, varied, fulfilling and rewarding profession - why not see if it may be the career for you!

Science revision guides

Science revision guides paid for on Schoolcomms can now be collected from Mrs Shore. Year 7 forms will be visited to help with the distribution of books.

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.

Please contact Mrs K Peckover, Mrs M Nutt or any DSL or member of the Wellbeing Team.

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T-LEVELS



Wednesday 23rd
November
5.30pm-6.30pm

LAUNCH LAUNCH EVENT

Click here to book
your tickets



Upcoming Events

Year 12 Settling in Interviews

Monday 10th October -
Friday 14th October

World Mental Health Day

Monday 10th October

Year 12 Trip to Keble College

Tuesday 11th October

Canteen - Italian Day PE BGT Event - Sports Hall

Wednesday 12th October

Poppy Sales begin

Monday 17th October

Year 11 Parent/Carer Information Evening

Tuesday 18th October

Year 12 UCAS Afternoon

Wednesday 19th October

Non-Uniform Day Tolkien Year 6 Music Festival

Last Day of Half Term
Thursday 20th October

INSET - School Closed

Friday 21st October

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