

# BC14

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer! Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight. Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation. Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season. Draw me closer to You this summer. Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing. Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence and light my path with Your Word and Counsel. As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You. Amen

## Message from Mr Hetherton, Senior Vice Principal

Friday 8th July 2022

Dear all

As we approach the end of another incredibly rich and rewarding academic year we welcome the opportunity to reflect on all that has happened throughout the last eleven months. In this we consider the times where we were particularly successful or where we were involved in events that we were particularly proud of. We also consider the things we would change and do differently if we had the chance again. The six week summer vacation 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 hit the reset button.

Later this term we say goodbye to three highly respected and outstanding senior members of staff who between them have given 97 years of their lives to catholic education, 72 years of which we, at Bishop Challoner, have been very fortunate to benefit from. During these many years of committed service, Mrs Breen, Mr Shore and Mr McGurran have worked tirelessly to improve the

life chances of the young people in their care and have led by example throughout. In more recent times Mr McGurran has worked as Acting Principal at our Sponsor School, John Henry Newman Catholic College in Chelmsley Wood, where, earlier this year he led the school through a very successful Ofsted inspection. Having worked closely with all three colleagues throughout my time at Bishop Challoner, I would like to pay tribute to their warmth, humanity, empathy and professionalism - three more dedicated servants of catholic education you will struggle to find. I value the times we worked together and consider you all to be good friends of mine - friends I will miss a great deal.

I am sure that I speak not only for myself and the staff at Bishop Challoner, but also for our wider community when I say thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your tremendous sense of vocation and commitment throughout your teaching careers. You will be sadly missed by everyone and I hope and pray that you will achieve the same level of fulfilment in the next chapter of your life as you did throughout your time in teaching. God Bless you all and thank you!



## Train to Teach with Bishop Challoner TSA

There is still time (just!) to sign up for a PGCE/School Direct teacher training place with us to start this September. From Science to Music, Geography to RE, as well as Primary, we may have a place that is suitable for you. Career changer or recent graduate, we aim to have a rich and diverse group of trainee teachers starting their journey into this exciting career. Find out more by joining us at our free, online information session on Thursday 14th June at 6pm. You could also book a day of School Experience with us and see if teaching is the career for you. Details to book:

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





### Mobile Phone Safety Reminder

Smart phones are an ever-present part of our daily lives, and in recent years have become almost essential in the modern day. Used correctly, these brilliant tools allow us to communicate, work, manage finances, find information, take photos and videos, find our way and more! They can also be a source of entertainment and fun, and once again, when this is done correctly, they are a brilliant addition to our ever-growing source of enjoyment. However, when used incorrectly, these same powerful tools can be turned against us or others to cause huge harm and distress to others. Be it through cyberbullying on social media or using the cameras in the devices to capture candid images and video, they can be a huge source of pain for someone on the receiving end. We therefore encourage all of our parents and carers to have honest and frank conversations with their child about these devices and the

responsibility they have to be a good digital citizen when using them.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parents-guide-technology/phones>

## Sports Updates

### Sports Day

Over 350 students from Years 7, 8 and 9 went to Tudor Grange to compete at Bishop Challoner Sports Day 2022. There were school records broken in both track and field events. 7SEB, 8BER and 9SEB were the victorious form groups, with SEB winning the combined competition. A fantastic day with a huge amounts of determination, effort and resilience. Congratulations to all participants.



### Basketball

Big Congratulations to Szymon, Jack and Jayden from 8SEB who were victorious in the KS3 3x3 Basketball tournament. They came through a strong field of 8 teams to claim the victory.



### Football

Girls from key stage three enjoyed a fantastic football development trip to Villarreal and Valencia. The Girls trained at Villarreal's training ground and played a fixture against a local team. They also took a tour of Valencia's Mestalla Stadium and had a day out at the water park.



## Sixth Form

### Year 12 support Year 6 Induction

Our Year 12 Well-being Ambassadors, assisted by several of their peers, extended a warm welcome to the Year 6 students who will be joining Bishop Challoner in September. They joined the new classes in their lessons and also lead a resilience activity in form. Some comments from the Year 6 pupils on our Year 12 students: 'they're really kind', 'cool', 'helpful' Indeed they are!

### Year 12 final week

Year 12 return to college on 18th July for a work experience debrief followed by 4 days of lessons. Full attendance is compulsory. Not only will important UCAS work commence this week, it is also the time where preparatory work for Year 13 is undertaken.

### Work Experience

Year 12 students will be completing a week's work experience, next week 11th -15th July. They have had a work experience preparation session, the details of which have also been emailed out as a reminder and for parents'/carers' information. We wish them well and are sure they will further develop a range of skills.

### Prom

Year 13 enjoyed a wonderful celebration evening last Thursday 30th June at Highbury Hall. Having missed out on their Year 11 Prom due to Covid, they really made up for it and everyone had a ball!

# Health and Wellbeing

We are just putting the finishing touches to our bumper summer newsletter, which is packed with ideas and advice for the summer. Remember you can read all of our previous newsletters here:

<http://bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk/about/mental-health-and-wellbeing>

Bring it on Brum! is a programme for families in Birmingham to help children, young people and their parents have fulfilling, active, fun-filled and healthy school holidays. Part of the new Holiday Activities and Food programmes, Bring it on Brum! is the biggest scheme of its kind in the country. Follow this link for more information:



<https://www.bringitonbrum.co.uk/>

## Pastoral Staffing 2022/2023

Students will have been informed of changes to Pastoral staffing for the new academic year over the last couple of weeks. We say thank you to Mrs Dawson, Head of Year 11 and Mrs Healy, Head of Year 13 who take on new responsibilities within school. We wish Miss Hunter, Head of Year 10 and Mrs Higginson, Assistant Head of Year 10 the best of luck as they go on maternity leave and we congratulate Miss Barron-Richardson, Assistant Head of Year 11 on the safe arrival of her baby recently.

Mr Mullins takes on the role of Head of Sixth Form with Mrs McGowan also moving to be Head of Year 12.

Staffing for 2022/2023 is detailed below-

**Standards for Learning Intervention Lead-** Mrs Jethwa

**Head of Year 7-** Miss Beard

**Assistant Head of Year 7-** Mr Fell

**Head of Year 8-** Mr Brown

**Assistant Head of Year 8-** Miss Crutchley

**Head of Year 9-** Miss Shirley

**Assistant Head of Year 9-** Miss Carter

**Standards for Learning Intervention Lead-** Mr Clarke

**Head of Year 10-** Mr Clarke

**Assistant Head of Year 10-** Miss Williams

**Head of Year 11-** Miss Sadler

**Assistant Head of Year 11-** Mrs Whelan

**Head of Sixth Form-** Mr Mullins

**Head of Year 12-** Mrs McGowan

**Head of Year 13-** Dr Osborne

# Spiritual Life

## Mass

We were blessed to celebrate the feast of St. Peter & Paul as a community. Our Chaplaincy Champions read beautifully and shared His words with our community. Thank you Father Kurapati and St. Dunstan's parish.

## Creativity Week

Our Creativity week is off to a flying start. Pupils are learning more about refugees and applying creativity in our comprehension, compassion and in living Catholic Social Teachings- solidarity & dignity.

## St Chad's Sanctuary

Our whole school community is working together to gather any donations we can to support St. Chad's Sanctuary and Moseley for Ukraine. Any on-perishable foods or toiletries would be gratefully appreciated. Donations will be brought to the charities on Wednesday, July 13th.

## Chaplaincy Champions

Our Chaplaincy Champions are dedicated to Stewardship as inspired by Laudato Si. We will be reviving our peace garden. We would like to invite you to join in with any donations/sustainability suggestions. Why not see what spare seeds you have to share? Know a thing or two about gathering rainwater? Why not send a little proposal over to the Chaplaincy/RE Department and get involved? Mrs K Brown- k.brown@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

## Year 6 Induction

This week we have welcomed our new Year 7 students into school for two action packed induction days. Having not had the opportunity to hold these days face to face for the last couple of years it was so lovely to see the students getting to know their new environment and getting a real-life taster of what Challoner is going to offer them. There was no better way to end their experience than meeting together as a year group for their first mass, a fitting end.



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# 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.

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.

## Free School Meals

Have you checked to see if you are eligible (It only takes 5 mins). Check today!

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham>

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## 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, 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 Breen is the Senior DSL.

## First Aid

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, it is important we stay hydrated with this warm weather.

Students with Asthma must carry with them their own personal inhalers this includes offsite activities and school trips to ensure they can participate safely.

If your child suffers Hay Fever, please provide the school with Antihistamine so we can make them more comfortable.

## First Aid and Mobile Phones

Students should not be contacting parents/carers when they feel unwell and requesting to be collected from school. In the event that a student is unwell they MUST go to the First Aider who will deal with them. In the event that 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 Pastoral 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 you support and co-operation.

# Upcoming Events

Year 12 Work Experience  
Food Bank Collection  
Monday 11th July - Friday 15th July

Year 10 Work Experience and Taster Day  
Monday 11th July

Year 7-9 Bring the Power Workshops  
Tuesday 12th July

Year 8 and 9 Mop up Immunisations  
STEM Collaboration Celebration  
We Will Rock You Hippodrome Trip  
Year 7 Trip to Bartley Green Reservoir  
Year 9 Maths Challenge Day  
Wednesday 13th July

Year 7 Warwick Castle Trip  
Year 10 Character Day  
Thursday 14th July

School Closed to all students  
Year 7, 9 and 10 Parent Consultation Day  
Friday 15th July

Drayton Manor Trip Year 7-10  
Year 12 Future Focus Day  
Monday 18th July

Year 9 & 10 Awards Assemblies  
Music Celebration  
Year 7 & 8 Sponsored Football  
Year 12 & 10 HE Fair  
Tuesday 19th July

Year 7 & 8 Awards Assemblies  
Year 9 & 10 Sponsored Football  
Year 12 Celebration Event  
Wednesday 20th July

Last Day of Term  
Early Finish 12.40pm  
Thursday 21st July



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Teach Computing Central Midlands	@BCCComputingHub
Tolkien Cluster Schools	@PrimaryTolkien

## Library Reminder

Reminder to check at home for any over due library books - Something along the lines of BOOK AMNESTY - no fines charged, no questions asked but please return any library books asap.

## Easy Fundraising

Our extra curricular and enrichment programme enriches the lives of young people in our school and gives them the opportunities to fulfil their full potential. Our programme runs 40 clubs per week ranging from book club to gymnastics.

Join easyfundraising and you can collect free donations for us every time you buy something online.

Over 30 Work Groups, projects and programmes available in 2022-23.  
All opportunities are FREE - sign up today to secure your place.

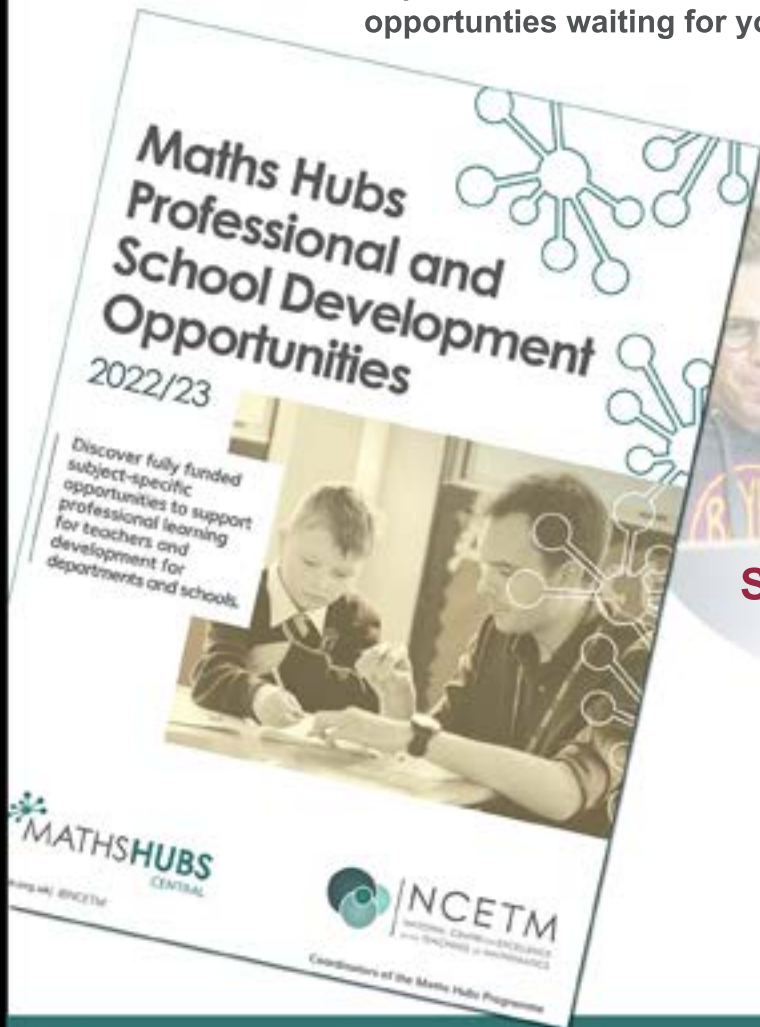


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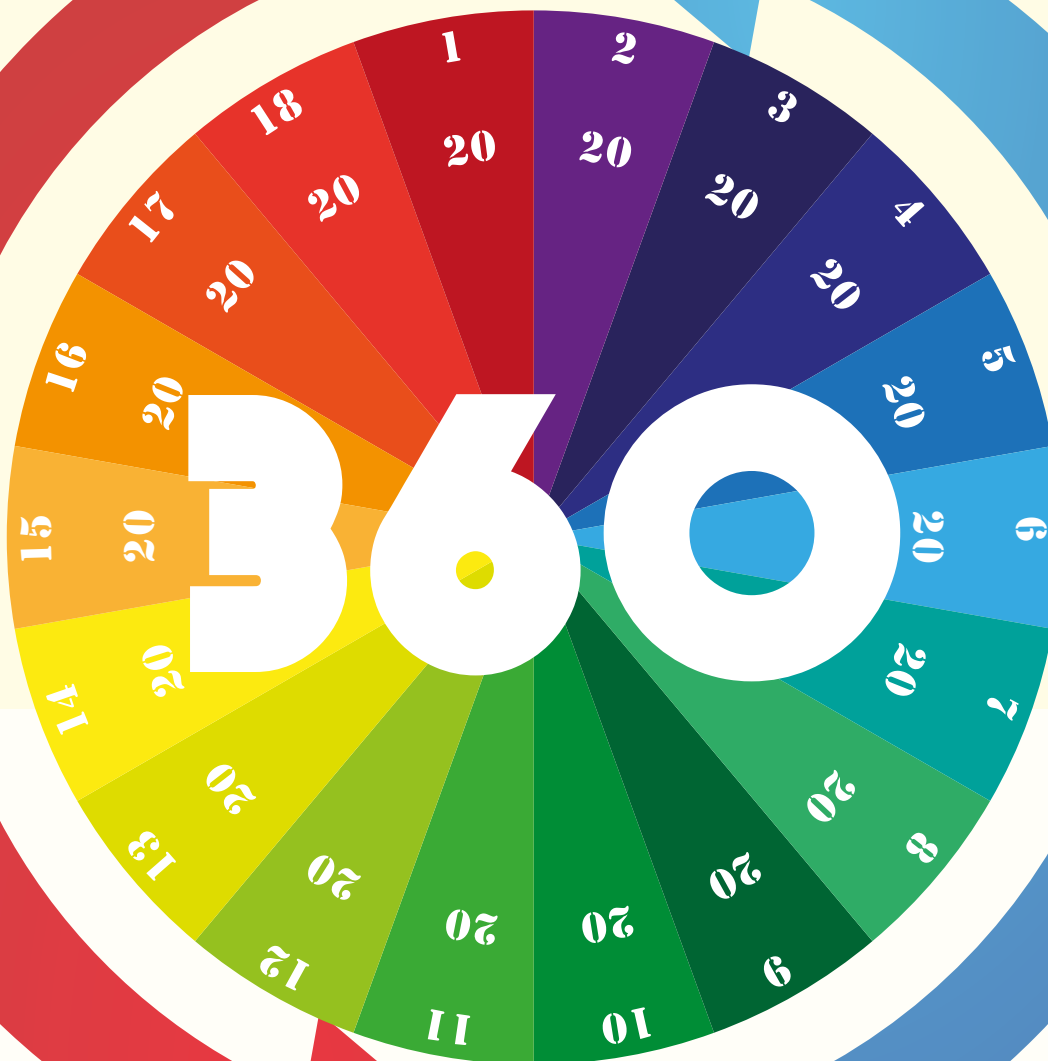


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# BC SUMMER TERM

## 360 RAFFLE

MONDAY 27TH JUNE TO THURSDAY 21ST JULY 2022, 18 SCHOOL DAYS



**20 POINTS** FOR EACH DAY YOU ARE IN ON TIME  
**10 POINTS** FOR EACH DAY YOU ARE IN BUT LATE  
**0 POINTS** IF YOU ARE ABSENT

### PRIZE CATEGORIES

CATEGORY 1- 360 POINTS  
CATEGORY 2- 350 POINTS

CATEGORY 3- 340 POINTS  
CATEGORY 4- 320 POINTS

ALL STUDENTS ARE ENTERED INTO THE RAFFLE