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Friday 8th November 2024

A prayer for peacemakers
History can inspire or trap. Walls can protect or divide. Words can encourage or inflame. Power can free or destroy. Touch can comfort or violate. Peace can be shared or withheld. Gracious God, on this day, when we remember past and present conflicts, we pray for the divided peoples of the world, that leaders, governments and each one of us may use our resources, our opportunities and our lives in the service of reconciliation, for the sake of future generations and to the glory of your name. Amen.

Message from Mrs J Baptiste, Associate Assistant Principal

All powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever. Amen.



God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome.

As Black History Month draws to a close, we take this opportunity to celebrate the remarkable project work produced by students, showcasing diverse approaches to honouring and celebrating Black cultural icons. The collection of work highlights the creativity and thoughtfulness of our students as they explore the contributions of influential figures in Black history, art, music, literature, and activism.

As we enter the month of November, we are reminded of the importance of reflection, gratitude, and community. This month holds significant meaning, particularly as we observe Remembrance Day. Our students have been actively engaged in memorial projects, art exhibitions and installations that honour the sacrifices made by those who served. These creative expressions not only showcase our students' talents but also serve as a poignant reminder of the values of peace and remembrance that we hold dear. This year, we are remembering several pivotal battles of 1944 as we approach their 80th anniversaries. We will be reflecting on the significant sacrifices made during these events in our internal and external installations across the school site. Our 'tree of hope' is centre stage in the foyer, displaying hand formed poppies in red, purple, black and white acrylic with each colour representing peace and sacrifice of human and animal life. The memorial wall installation of 320 poppies is made up of 80 poppies of each colour to honour the 80th Anniversary of the battles that marked a turning point in World War II.





We continue to provide opportunities for exploration and learning through school trips, community projects and collaboration with business networks. These experiences not only enrich our students' education but also strengthen their connection to the wider community. During this week alone, Bishop Challoner School is hosting the 'This Girl Can' event for Year 3 and Year 4 students, a HS2 STEM workshop involving year 8 students and have been given the incredible opportunity to compose this 'new song of hope' with Katie Stevens alongside working with Nick Owen and Midlands Today/BBC WM colleagues as part of wider Birmingham Pub Bombings project.

We recognise that this time of year can be particularly challenging for our students as they prepare for their assessments. We invite our entire school community to join us in prayer, asking for guidance and strength for our students.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." (Romans 15:13)











Attendance Champions League

League Table

Week ending Friday 8th November

Position	Club	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	Points
1	7SEB	7	7	0	0	21
2	7BOS	7	7	0	0	21
3	8LUK	7	6	0	1	18
4	8BOS	7	6	0	1	18
5	11SEB	7	5	0	2	15
6	10LUK	7	5	0	2	15
7	8BER	7	5	0	2	15
8	7TER	7	5	0	2	15
9	7LUK	7	5	0	2	15
10	7CEC	7	5	0	2	15
11	10TER	7	4	0	3	12
12	9LUK	7	4	0	3	12
13	9BOS	7	4	0	3	12
14	9BER	7	4	0	3	12
15	11CEC	7	3	0	4	9
16	11BOS	7	3	0	4	9
17	10SEB	7	3	0	4	9
18	10BOS	7	3	0	4	9
19	9TER	7	3	0	4	9
20	9CEC	7	3	0	4	9
21	8TER	7	3	0	4	9
22	11LUK	7	2	0	5	6
23	10CEC	7	2	0	5	6
24	9SEB	7	2	0	5	6
25	8SEB	7	2	0	5	6
26	7BER	7	2	0	5	6
27	11BER	7	1	0	6	3
28	8CEC	7	1	0	6	3
29	11TER	7	0	0	7	0
30	10BER	7	0	0	7	0

Results

Week ending Friday 8th November

7BER	90.61	VS	96.56	10TER
11BER	94.41	VS	97.20	10SEB
11BOS	93.33	VS	94.84	10LUK
11CEC	97.59	VS	95.88	10CEC
11LUK	95.20	VS	94.85	10BOS
11SEB	96.07	VS	96.00	10BER
11TER	91.25	VS	91.82	9TER
7BOS	98.53	VS	98.18	9SEB
7CEC	97.88	VS	96.47	9LUK
7LUK	96.47	VS	96.36	9CEC
7SEB	96.88	VS	95.45	9BOS
7TER	95.15	VS	90.94	9BER
8BER	97.88	VS	94.12	8TER
8BOS	98.48	VS	95.59	8SEB
8CEC	91.67	VS	95.71	8LUK

Fixtures

Week ending Monday 11th November

10SEB	VS	7BER
10LUK	VS	10TER
10CEC	VS	11BER
10BOS	VS	11BOS
10BER	VS	11CEC
9TER	VS	11LUK
9SEB	VS	11SEB
9LUK	VS	11TER
9CEC	VS	7BOS
9BOS	VS	7CEC
9BER	VS	7LUK
8TER	VS	7SEB
8SEB	VS	7TER
8LUK	VS	8BER
8CEC	VS	8BOS

October Manager of the Month: Mrs Hodges, 11SEB

Bishop Challoner Sixth Form College



OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 13th November
6pm - 8pm

Click here to book your tickets

Sport

Latest Results

Year 7 boys beat Bartley Green (4-1). Cairo M was Man of the Match.

Autumn 2 Extra-curricular Timetable

Click on the timetable below to download a copy from our website.



5 Foundations of Effective Attendance Practice

Foundation 5
Connect Appropriately With Approaches To Behaviour Management

Connecting and belonging drives the school approach to supporting attendance. All staff are supported to understand 'deeper roots' regarding poor attendance concerns. The school has developed, and embedded, an effective rewards system to further drive attendance improvements and celebrate success.

Year 7 and 9 Assessments

Please follow the links below for subject information and guidance on the Year 7 and 9 assessments.

Year 7 - https://bishopchalloner.org.uk/examinations-information/year-7-assessments

Year 9 - https://bishopchalloner.org.uk/examinations-information/year-9-assessments

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.

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 particpate frequently in the celebration of Mass throughout the year.

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 McGillycuddy	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	Bishop 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.

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.

Assembly and Form Resource Focus

This week, students have taken part in an assembly that focused on Remembrance. A reverent time that explored the heroic acts of three key figures awarded the Victoria Cross and how their actions can impact our own lives today. Students led prayer and a time of reflection as we approach Remembrance Sunday, this weekend.

The form resource introduced National Kindness Day which is held next week, on November 13th. During this session, form tutors led discussions on what acts of kindness mean and how we can all engage in small things to brighten each other's day! This was linked to our very own Faithful Virtues (Intentional and Helpful) and teachers are busy nominating students before next week for any acts of kindness that they may witness!

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.

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 and 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 Peckover is the Senior DSL.

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.

To report an absence please call the main school number 0121 444 4161 and select the correct option for your childs year group.

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.

First Aid Reminders

Medication; All medication should be handed into first aid and not carried by the students. Exception EpiPen, Asthma inhalers, insulin. Tranexamic acid in special circumstances.

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 children stay hydrated.

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

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.

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 pleated school skirt. 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.

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.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST. COLUMBAN

St. Columban's, Mallory Manor Road,
Solihull, West Midlands B91 [illegible]
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Applications are invited for the position of Housekeeping Assistant

Columban Missionaries Britain are seeking a part-time Housekeeping Assistant to join our team. You will perform a range of housekeeping duties for the residents of the retirement wing at Saint Columban's House in Solihull.

The ideal candidate will have experience of some domestic housekeeping work to join our small housekeeping team, which is responsible for ensuring that Saint Columban House is a clean and pleasant environment in which to live for residents and guests. Home cooking experience is also required.

The incumbent should be a self-motivated individual who has the ability to take initiatives. The successful candidate should possess excellent communication and interpersonal skills. In addition, the candidate must have the ability to demonstrate flexibility, integrity and approachability.

- Hours of work: Part-time 15 hours per week.
- For more details about the position and to apply, please contact or email the HR Advisor at 07562657382 or Hr@columbans.co.uk

Deadline for applications: Midnight on Wednesday 20th November 2024.

We do reserve the right to close this advertisement early if we receive a high volume of suitable applications.

2024-2025 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2024
Term ends: Thursday 19th December 2024

Spring Term 2025
Term Starts: Monday 6 January 2025
Half-term: Monday 17 February 2025 to Friday 21 February 25
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: Friday 18th July 2024

Autumn Term 1	
Every Tuesday	Rosary
Every Thursday	Community Mass 11.30am
Monday 11th November	BC Remembrance - 1 minute silence Dementia Mary Vale Trip Law - Judge visit Toy Appeal Launch
Tuesday 12th November	Year 12 Work Experience Launch
Wednesday 13th November	Tea Party A Level Media Work Experience Sixth Form Open Evening
Friday 15th November	Year 12 Keble College Visit
Monday 18th November	Year 12 London Art Trip
Tuesday 19th November	Year 10 Mass Law - Judge visit Year 8 Guess my Job
Wednesday 20th November	Red Wednesday
Friday 22nd November	Cake Sale

INSET Days

Friday 20th December 2024
Monday 24th February 2024
Friday 11th April 2024
Monday 21st July 2025





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Sparkbrook Children's Zone

Sparkbrook Children's Zone October Newsletter

Welcome to our second Sparkbrook Children's Zone newsletter!

This newsletter will update you on:

- The Reception Parent and Carer Support Sessions
- The launch of new Well Child Check's by Nurse Jo within schools
- Our new Fernley & Highgate evening clinic's
- The Healthier Together website
- Community Offers
- How to request a Family Connect Form
- Contact details

What is the Sparkbrook Children's Zone Clinic?

Here is our flyer, which contains all the information about what our clinic is, where we run, and who can come and see us!





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Craobh Birmingham
Conradh na Gaeilge

COMHALTAS

POP UP Gaeltacht

Second Sunday of the month

At Nortons Digbeth 1pm-3pm
Come along and listen or join in with a cúpla focal
Everyone is welcome to this monthly event.

Craobh Birmingham
Conradh na Gaeilge

LEARN IRISH NOW

Irish language course for beginners starting October 24. In-person classes once a month with online and printed resources to study at your own pace at home.

www.gaeilge.uk

Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann Birmingham Branch

Traditional Irish Music Classes

**at Bishop Challoner School,
Institute Road, Kings Heath B14 7EG
Thursday evenings at 7.00pm
from 12th September 2024
All ages and all instruments welcome.
Contact:
Branch Sec. belindahutchings@yahoo.com
Branch Chair, Marian Dwyer, Text 07939 094797**

Irish Music SESSION

on the second Sunday of the month at Norton's, Digbeth, B5 5LS from 3.00pm onwards.

Everyone Welcome

Regional Fleadh, Newman University, 6th April 2025

Toy Appeal

Christmas 2024



Please give new toys (unwrapped) for our local children in Birmingham for all age groups ranging from 1-15 years



COLLECTION DATES:
Monday 4th November - Thursday 12th December

BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Birmingham Irish ASSOCIATION