

BC14

God of Compassion, You created each one of us,
unique and wonderful. Silence the voices that
say we are not good enough, Haven't achieved
enough, Haven't enough to show for our lives,
That we are not enough. Help us to know that we are
treasure, We are prized, We are cherished, We are
loved. Infinitely. By you.
Amen

Message from Dr Coughlan, Principal

Friday 8th October 2021

We were deeply saddened this week to receive the news that Mrs A Wall one of our Teaching Assistants had passed away after a short illness.

A much-loved colleague, Mrs Wall joined Bishop Challoner Catholic College in September 2002 and served our school community with absolute distinction providing incredible personalised support for countless students. Her exceptionally kind, caring and supportive approach ensured she was able to connect with our young people and meet their needs.

We hold Mrs Wall's family in our thoughts and prayers. She will be greatly missed by all at Bishop Challoner. May she rest in peace.



Message from Mr Hearnden, Assistant Principal

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

The last couple of weeks have been extremely busy in school with both Year 11 and Year 13 focussing on a series of mini-mock examinations. The diligence and focus displayed by our students in the preparation for these has been excellent, as has support given by our staff.

Our school continues to be a hive of activity from 7am in the morning until late into the evening and we are delighted that our extra-curricular activities are full of students participating, and most importantly enjoying themselves in school. Sports fixtures are also back up and running and it has been great to hear some of the winning score lines from both boys and girls fixtures, as they compete in league and cup competitions for the first time in a couple of years- silverware is the target!

The high standards our students display in their team and individual sporting activities are replicated across the whole school in their everyday practice and we are grateful for your support in upholding such standards. Despite the obvious challenges that all schools face we continue to work together to ensure attendance and punctuality is where it should be and we have been delighted with the resilience most students have shown in the face of adversity. We ask that you continue to reinforce and remind your son/daughter of the importance of Behaviour for Learning and Standards and to ensure that they are following the BC Basics. The number of achievement logs we see being rewarded each and every day for students shows that this is happening.

Mental Health Team

Sunday 10th October is World Mental Health Day but for young people, the mental health charity Young Mind is marking the day on Friday 8th October with their #HelloYellow campaign, which aims to raise awareness as well as funds.

Staff at Bishop Challoner will be wearing yellow on Friday 8th October to show solidarity with young people who are struggling with poor mental health.

Parents and carers will find a wealth of advice and information by following the link below.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/>

**I'M WEARING
A LITTLE YELLOW**

to show young people they're not
alone with their mental health

8 October 2021

#HelloYellow



Mobile Phone Safety

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 Results

It's been a brilliant couple of weeks of football, with several fantastic performances in both league and cup competitions. Our under 13 and under 15 girls' teams were both victorious in league matches away at Lordswood. Chanel C hit six as the U13's ran out 14-1 winners, while a Suraya H winner secured a 5-4 victory and all three points for the U15's.

In the Birmingham Cup, Year 7 boys put in an impressive performance in difficult conditions at John Henry Newman CC; a Terrance B hat-trick ensured progression to round 2 after a 10-1 victory. Year 8 boys are safely through to round 2 after a much closer 4-2 win over Tudor Grange, Year 9 progressed after an 8-0 victory over St Thomas Aquinas and Year 11 boys advanced to the second round after beating Ark Kings Academy 13-1.

PE Lost Property

If you have misplaced any PE kit it may have made its way to the lost property table in the sports centre. Please ensure all your kit is named so it can be returned to you.



Extra space between letters helps children read faster and make fewer mistakes, study finds

Children's reading speed can be improved by simply increasing the space between letters within a piece of text, research has found. A study by Anglia Ruskin University looked at the benefits of letter spacing and coloured overlays among a group of dyslexic and non-dyslexic children. It discovered that text with increased space between each letter provided a benefit to both groups. On average, the dyslexia group showed a 13 per cent increase in reading speed, while the non-dyslexic children showed a 5 per cent increase. See

<https://inews.co.uk/news/education/children-reading-dyslexia-literacy-extra-space-letters-anglia-ruskin-1224737>

Science revision guides

Revision guides bought on Schoolcomms can now be collected from Mrs Shore in Science.

Teaching School Update

Our full range of subjects available for School Direct/PGCE Teacher Training is now open for viewing on the new Government site: <https://www.apply-for-teacher-training.service.gov.uk/candidate/account> Applications will then be accepted from 12th October. If you are sure that teaching is for you, then it's good to apply early on - you may get more of a choice of schools for your main placement.

If you would like to find out more, we have some free information sessions coming up online - Tuesday 12th October at 5 pm and Thursday 4th November at 6 pm are our next dates. Please email: trainingschool@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk to book a place.

First Aid

A polite reminder All students that suffer with Asthma must always carry with them an inhaler.

KS3 languages club

Please see the pictures of the languages club in action! This year, in KS3 you can come and learn a new language with Miss Crutchley. Please come and join us every Thursday from 3:15pm til 4:00pm in L2. You can learn Cantonese, Spanish, Japanese, French and many more languages.



Sixth Form

Year 12

In assembly on Monday, Year 12 students were reminded of the importance of taking advantage of the many opportunities open to them this year. Mr McDermott came to speak about the value of volunteering and discussed the many opportunities for Year 12 students to volunteer and develop transferrable skills through the School Sports programme.

Settling Interviews

In the next few weeks settling interviews are taking place. These are an opportunity for Year 12 students have a one-to-one conversation with their form tutor or a member of the sixth form team, to reflect on the first few weeks of their sixth form studies, to discuss their plans for the future and make us aware of any concerns.

Leadership Opportunities

We are currently looking for sixth form students who would like to represent the student body as part of the student leadership team. Any student interested in this exciting opportunity should let their Head of Year or Mrs Nutt know.

YOUNGMINDS

fighting for young people's mental health

Click the link below for the Parents help line and web chat:
<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-helpline-and-webchat/>

Mental Health and Wellbeing Support

- Feeling worried about something?
- Do you need to talk to someone?
- Do you need a quiet place to just sit and think or not think?
- Speak to any adult in school or one of our Mental Health Team

Mental Health Team

Mrs Breen

Mr Clarke

Mrs Nutt

Mrs Peckover

Mrs Reynolds

Upcoming Events

Colm Smith Birmingham Irish Children's Toy Appeal
Monday 11th October

Year 12 Settling in Interviews
Monday 11th October - Friday 15th October

Canteen - Italian Day
Wednesday 13th October

Year 11 Health day
Year 8 Rewards trip to Drayton Manor
Thursday 14th October

Year 7 Reward Trip to Drayton Manor
Friday 15th October

Year 11 Geography - Carding Mill Valley
Monday 18th October

Year 7 Reward Afternoon
Tuesday 19th October

Year 11 Geography - Carding Mill Valley
Year 8 Community Mass
Wednesday 20th October

Year 11 Geography - Carding Mill Valley
Non Uniform Day for Fr Mario India Charity
Thursday 21st October

School Closed - Inset Day
Friday 22nd October

Chaplaincy

Within Chaplaincy, we have many initiatives going on that you can get involved with. Browse through this bulletin to see the various ways you can take time for prayer and reflection. If you have not already checked out some of the ways BCCC Chaplaincy has been connecting us through faith during this time, we encourage you to do so.

This year has been one that continued to rally us together in our faith. We have been blessed to have been connected together through technology. Tune into the daily prayers on the BCCC website and opportunities for prayer virtually across our parishes.

Music Ministry

Each week we have our chaplaincy champions; those interested in faith and taking a moment to praise God, joining us in the chapel for music after school. These are interactive sessions for our chaplaincy champions to have a time to pause together in solidarity.

Sessions in the chapel—Every Monday and Wednesday. During Lunch Times. Join the chaplaincy team for a drop-in session of icebreakers, discussion and prayers. It is a time to pause in the middle of the busyness of the day.

Live Simply

BCCC has been supporting Solidarity, Simple and Sustainably with St. Dunstan's parish and primary, St Alban's and St. Jude's. As a part of this our Eco-Warriors have been considering more sustainable options for our community. BCCC is supporting Fair Trade and sharing in a variety of options that can be done in school and at home. The initiative we are currently embarking on is to see, reflect and act to fully live out the scripture and papal writings in our day to day life.

Year 7 Retreat

October 8th our year seven cohort will be pausing together as a community in prayer and reflection. This retreat is focused on new beginnings and bonding as a group. We are delighted to take time together in our faith.

St. Chad's Sanctuary

This term we have been working together in the community in this year of giving to support those in need. Collections are continuing until October 14th. We welcome any and all support of donations, time and prayers.

Chaplaincy Mass

On September 28th we were invited to a Mass at St. Chads Cathedral to celebrate our vocations. This chaplaincy mass was a special moment to come together in faith and celebrate our joy in Giving glory to God.

Notable dates/Feast Days

In Chaplaincy, we celebrate and mark all notable dates in the Liturgical Calendar by pausing for prayer and reflection as a school community. Resources for the pause for prayer are on the school twitter and emailed to staff to be shared with the students in class. In the chapel, we mark these days by having a prayerful activity on that day in the chapel for all to observe the significant day in the churches calendar.

Mass at St Dunstan's

Over the last few weeks our Chaplaincy team has had the privilege of taking KS3 classes to Celebrate mass together at St Dunstan's church. Mass is the 'source and summit' of Catholic Faith; an integral part of our beings as followers of Christ. Each time, we have had the opportunity to celebrate our faith and strengthen our community, allowing us to grow and give glory to God through our service to others. We are looking forward to continuing to share in Mass together. Thank you; your support, time and consideration have strengthened our bonds of connection and faith. May our 'little things in love' continue to bring out the best in each of us.

Chaplaincy Tolkien Award

The relaunch of our Tolkien Award has taken off beautifully with our primary schools. Our chaplaincy team has been working with our primary school leads on supporting their growth in faith. We continue to look forward to launching this with our current year seven cohort.

Links for Chaplaincy

Twitter: @BC_Chaplaincy

Powerful Prayers: <https://www.bishopchalloner.org.uk/catholic-life/powerful-prayers>



New Build Update

A recent image of the works taking place to build our new six classroom English block. Estimated finish February 2022.

To follow the progress of the building work visit our website:

<http://bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk/catholic-college/community/bc-newbuild>

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<https://www.ourladyoflourdesprimary.com/vacancies-at-olol/>



Train to Teach with Bishop Challoner



Join us at a free online information event:

Wednesday 29th September 4pm Tuesday 12th October 5pm
Thursday 4th November 6pm Tuesday 16th November 4pm

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Bishop Challoner Training School Alliance
Institute Road, Kings Heath B14 7EG



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Tel:- 0121 4444161.

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.



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