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Dear Sacred Heart of Jesus, we renew our pledge of love and loyalty to you. Keep us always close to your loving heart and to the most pure Heart of your Mother. May we love one another more and more each day, forgiving each other's faults as you forgive our sins. Teach us how to see you in those we meet outside our home. Please help us keep our love for you always strong by frequent Mass and Communion. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, thy kingdom come! Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for our family! St. Joseph, friend of the Sacred Heart, pray for us! Our patron saints and guardian angels, pray for us! Amen

Message from Mr O'Connor, Vice Principal

Friday 9th June 2023

"Dear Young People, do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you! Do not be afraid to dream of great things."

Pope Francis

For those of you who have visited Villa Park will be very familiar with Brian Moore's famous words emblazoned on a banner, which runs across the North Stand, which described the winning goal of the 1982 European Cup Final that beat Bayern Munich...

"Shaw; Williams prepared to venture down left. There's a great ball played in for Tony Morley. It must be. It is! Peter Withe!"

Mr Wilson has attempted to emulate Brian Moore with his own description of a winning goal for Challoner in the Birmingham Cup...

"Hearnden cuts infield and delivers a beautifully weighted ball in between the Streetly right back and centre back. Reilly runs onto it, cuts in past the centre back and places the ball delightfully into the far corner of the Holte End net (4-1)"

Final Score: U14 Trevor Gill Trophy Final @ Villa Park - Bishop Challoner 5 v 1 Streetly

An incredible experience for our Year 9 boys to win such a prestigious trophy convincingly at Villa Park.

Birmingham is hosting the 'Birmingham Festival 2023' to mark the one-year anniversary of the Commonwealth Games. The event is running from the 28th July - 6th

August, and is a celebration of the city's creativity and ongoing commitment to funding culture. In the evenings they are calling it the 'Twilight Takeover' where local organisations are given central stage at Centenary Square. Thanks to the Birmingham Irish Association, Bishop Challoner Catholic College, have been given the opportunity to perform on centre stage on Monday 31st July at 7pm. Eva will smash out a Birmingham favourite on the drums, Oscar will entertain on guitar, AJ will recite some of her amazing poetry, whilst Skyla will wow the audience with her incredible voice! We are all very much looking forward to see our students perform their talents to Birmingham at this fantastic event!

We are very proud of Imogen who had a gruelling couple of days training with the GB Synchronicity squad members in Bristol. This was followed by a regional games competition at the same venue where she represented the Midlands squad. Imogen scored very highly in the individual figures and got a silver medal presented by the current GB duet team. Imogen was also part of the relay team that came 1st. Her high figure points contributed to the Midlands team winning the whole competition.

We come to the end of week three of public examinations. We are exceptionally proud of our Yr13 and Yr11 students in how they have conducted and prepared themselves for A Level and GCSE examinations so far. We recognise the hard graft over the years and in recent weeks from our students and we continue to wish them well. We pray with Pope Francis that all our students are rewarded for their efforts and that their God given talents will allow them all to dream of great things they will achieve now, and in the next stage of their chosen paths.





It is hard to miss the storm that generative AI has produced in the news in recent months. The recent developments in this field are a breakthrough for public use, and platforms such as ChatGPT are likely going to change many working practices going forward. Of course, education is no different and the implications of generative AI will also be found here. There are many advantages to generative AI and many times savings can be found by using the platforms complete everyday tasks. However, there are also some inherent dangers and concerns with such technology:

Accuracy – there is no guaranteeing that what a platform generate is 100% accurate. The onus will still be on the person using the platform to proofread and check.

Plagiarism – with all aspects of schoolwork, it is intended that the student completes all work themselves and is accountable for the accuracy and honesty of such work. The use of a platform such as ChatGPT to complete work will be treated the same as copying someone else's work.

Bias – one area of AI, which is consistently under scrutiny, is bias amongst both the data used to generate, and the outcomes that it produces. This has always been a worry with AI, and this concern will no doubt grow exponentially as more, and more people become aware of the powers of such platforms.

We are encouraging parents and carers to engage in a conversation with their child, and to discuss the aspects of accuracy, plagiarism, and bias, and what this means to schoolwork, students should be completing work on their own.

First Aid Reminders

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. We also need current emergency contact details, if these have changed you must contact the school with new details for our records.

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.

Hydration

With the warmer weather it is extremely important to stay hydrated, please send your child with a water bottle they can re-fill at school.

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.

With the Seasons changing, If your child suffers with Hay Fever, please provide Antihistamine in school to be kept in first aid. Thank you.

National Thank A Teacher Day

On Wednesday 21st June it is National Thank A Teacher Day. We will be hosting a celebration after school for our staff, just taking a few minutes from a very busy year to say thank you and recognise the hard work of the school staff in supporting our students in every way. If you would like to thank any of our staff for their work, you can complete a thank you card to send through the National Thank a Teacher website here: <https://thankateacher.co.uk/national-thank-a-teacher-day-parentsandpupils/>

Nominate our School Library

Please follow the link below to take just a couple of minutes to nominate our school library for a £1000 boost of book tokens.

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>

Training School Update

We continue to recruit trainee teachers ready to start their School Direct PGCE with us from this September 2023. We currently have a few Primary vacancies - including in the specialisms of PE, SEND, Maths and Early Years. Do you know someone who would make a good teacher? Invite them to one of our free information sessions to find out more. See www.bctsa.org for dates and how to book.

We also welcome people thinking of teaching to join us for a day in school - our next one is Wednesday 14th June. You can book a place here: <https://schoolexperience.education.gov.uk/>

Come and join us on your journey into this exciting and rewarding career!



Sports Updates

Match report

U14 Trevor Gill Trophy Final @ Villa Park

Bishop Challoner 5 v 1 Streetly (Bishop Challoner Goal scorers: D. Odogun x2, M. Tientcheu x1, C. Reilly x1, S. Fernando x1). Overall, an excellent Final that prior to the event, seemed too close to call with Streetly recently winning the West Midlands Cup and Bishop Challoner winning the Birmingham Cup last year. Bishop Challoner started well and took an early lead with a superb effort from distance for M. Tientcheu; a cleared header from a Challoner corner, superbly taken down and hit into the top corner of the North Stand net (1-0). Bishop Challoner then quickly found themselves 2-0 up with J. Challinor playing a lofted diagonal ball in behind the Streetly defence from the left back position. The ball found D. Odogun who was free in the box; calmly slotting the ball past the Streetly goalkeeper (2-0). Streetly then had a period of sustained pressure, and following a saved freekick, managed to get the ball back into the Bishop Challoner box, tucking away a header from the 6-yard box (2-1).

The game then settled, with good periods of possession from both Streetly and Bishop Challoner, who looked to take the sting out of the game. Eventually, this period of possession led to Challoner's third, when D. Odogun picked up the ball on the righthand side. He then broke through the Streetly midfield with a tantalising run past 3/4 players. He twisted and turned and eventually found himself on the left-hand side of the Streetly 18-yard box. He cut in from this position and bent the ball beautifully, up and over the Streetly goalkeeper and into the far corner of the net (3-1). Half time.

Both teams started the second half with periods of possession; and it was clear that both teams were tiring after such an intense first half. Again, after a period of sustained Challoner possession, the ball found itself on the right-hand side, where A. Hearnden cut infield and delivered a beautifully weighted ball in between the Streetly right back and centre back. C. Reilly ran onto it, cut in past the centre back and placed the ball into the far corner of the Holte End net (4-1).

As the game become more stretched, Streetly began to threaten the Challoner defence more often, hitting the post and having numerous chances saved, blocked or cleared. Challoner managed to weather this and eventually again worked a ball well on the right-hand side. N. Corcoran this time combining with S. Fernando and with a clever 1-2, S. Fernando managed to find his way into the 18-yard box, striking the ball from right to left, finding the far corner of the net (5-1). Full Time.

Credit to Streetly, they are worthy West Midlands Cup 22-23 champions and have a very talented squad. There's no doubt that the two sides will likely meet again, where (again) it could go either way. On the day, it was Challoner who kept the ball better and were more clinical in front of goal. A professional performance from start to finish, with some impressive periods of possession. A fantastic experience for all to be able to compete at Villa Park. A superb conclusion to the competition. Thanks to Pete for all of his work behind the scenes to make this possible. A once in a life-time moment for students!

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 school skirt (not lycra or stretchy). 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.

In order to complement the smart school uniform we insist that students' hair is smart in appearance and that students do not have shaved/razored hair styles or lines/patterns shaved into the hair. Extreme changes of hair colour are also not permitted. Headscarves must be black. Braids are allowed. 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.

Please note that lycra or stretchy skirts are not allowed to 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.

Skirts

From September 2023 only a black pleated skirt will be permitted to be worn as part of school uniform. Pleated skirts are available from Clive Mark as well as other school uniform retailers. To avoid any additional expense for families, if your child has a straight skirt (not stretchy, lycra or tight fitting) that still fits, this can be worn during the first half term, from October half term onwards, all skirts will need to be pleated of knee to mid calf worn on the waist not the hips (maximum of 5cm above the knee).

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 Philip Harrop	10am 12noon 6.30pm	5.30pm
St. Jude's	B14 5PE	Fr Philip Harrop	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.

Attendance Update

Year 7 - 94.9%
 Year 8 - 92.1%
 Year 9 - 91.9%
 Year 10 - 92.1%
 Year 11 - 90.1%
 Whole School - 92.9%



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Upcoming Events

Foodbank collection starts Year 12 Cyber Security Workshop Monday 12th June	Ball Crew Saturday 17th June - Sunday 25th June
Parent/Carer meeting for Year 7 Boulogne Trip 5pm Y8 Cup Final Tuesday 13th June	National Refugee Week Primary Computing Celebration Day Y11 Cup Final Monday 19th June
BC Tea Party Y9 Cup Final Wednesday 14th June	KS3 DT Rewards Trip Y10 Cup Final Tuesday 20th June
BBC Gardeners World Live Wheelbarrow Competition Paris Parent/Carer Meeting 5pm Thursday 15th June	Catholic Games/STEM Charity Day - Canteen Wednesday 21st June
Sports Day Y10 Development Day Friday 16th June	Y10 Trip to Halesowen College Y11 Prom Thursday 22nd June
	Y10 Carding Mill Y12 Visit to University Birmingham Open Day Friday 23rd June

Netbook Programme Changes

There has recently been a change to the Bishop Challoner Catholic College's netbook program, relating to the payment process. Birmingham Education Foundation for Learning (BeLF) no longer exists. We have therefore, moved to a new donation management organisation called Learning Foundation; more information can be found at learningfoundation.org.uk.

You will receive communication directly from learning foundation regarding this change, and a link to set up a new direct debit to them. You're advised to cancel all direct debit payments to Birmingham Education Foundation for Learning (BeLF) with immediate effect. Payment plans in terms of amount and duration, will remain the same as previous.

If you have any questions relating to this, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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.






The Year of Giving 2022-2023

HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS

URGENT ITEMS NEEDED

Collections from Monday 19th June to Tuesday 11th July 2023

RICE

TINNED MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS

TINNED RICE PUDDING

LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE

TIN OR CARTON READY-MADE CUSTARD

TINNED MEAT

GENDER NEUTRAL SHOWER GEL/BARS OF SOAP

STRONG CARRIER BAGS

LIQUID/BARS OF SOAP

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT! Give, and it will be given to you. Luke 6:38

10-18 June '23, Kings Heath

FREE family festival, celebrating creativity and climate action. Part of Great Big Green Week



Growing Up Green Festival

Sat 10 June, 12-4pm
Highbury Orchard, 90 Queensbridge Road

Come along and making potions in the mud kitchen, connect with nature through play and chat to other parents and carers who are trying to be more environmentally conscious. We'll have some energetic outdoor theatre from award winning Toni's Tale Drama, as well as jacking and planting with Slow Grow Peas! and a chance to try a nature prescription service. Free. Drop-in. If you like, bring a pencil and a fly to swap.



Raising Green People: an evening for the grown ups

Weds 14 June, 7-9pm
Kitchen Garden Cafe, York Road

What are the challenges of raising kids in a climate crisis? Join us for conversation with fellow parents and carers. Anyone raising kids is welcome. No climate expertise required. Share ideas, get inspired, make connections. Hear from young people, campaigners, community gardeners, playworkers and innovators leading change in our city. Bring kids clothes to swap.



Eco exhibition

Tues 12 June, 1.30-6pm
Highbury Messon

A showcase of artworks created by year 7 Queensbridge students inspired by plants and designs of regenerative habitats and growth. Free but donations welcome.



Woodland Play

Weds 14 June, 10am-12pm
pre-schoolers, 1.30-2.30
homeworkers, Highbury Orchard

Get your kids outside enjoying the fresh air in our woodland sessions. Forest school in the morning, gardening in the afternoon. No need to book.



Storytime

Thurs 15 June, 10.15-11am ages 3-6, 4-4.45pm ages 4-8, How Green is the Wheel, York Rd

Stories with an empowering green theme at King Heath's mobile bookshop. Free. Drop in.



Critical Mass

Sat 17 June, 4-6pm, York Rd

A security, family friendly on-road bike ride around the Heath to celebrate the joy of cycling as a sustainable, healthy and fun way to travel together. Free.



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