



# BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Year 10 February Half Term Newsletter 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

May I begin this newsletter by wishing you all, albeit bleated, a happy new year. Although we once again find ourselves in the midst of a national lockdown, I want to acknowledge the fantastic focus and diligence Year 10 students have demonstrated in this time of adversity. The application to remote learning has been exceptional and I admire the strength of our young people to stay motivated and engaged in online learning, I urge them to keep up the hard work as it will be worth it.

Our virtual assemblies this term have focused on mental health and wellbeing with suggestions on coping strategies and mindfulness techniques for emotional support. This week is Children's mental health week and there is a link on the school website to lots of resources and outside agencies which may be of interest in providing additional advice for our students and their families.

Our website has become a hub of information, especially the remote learning section where there are multiple helpful guides in PDF and video format to provide technical assistance.

## Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award

I am delighted to announce that the Bronze Award for Year 10 will be starting after February half term. We will be doing things a little differently this year, however rest assured it will still be as worthwhile as it always was to complete. There is a physical section, skills Section and volunteering section. The experiences you gain from completing the award are invaluable and you may find it helps you to focus your time productively. A letter will be sent out to parents/carers and there will be a chance to show your interest and have a go at some aspects of the award before signing up formally. Spaces will be limited. If you have any questions please email Miss Beall or Miss Ellis (k.beall@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk) ([s.ellis@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk](mailto:s.ellis@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk)). More information can be found here: <https://www.dofe.org/do/>

## Virtual form photography competition

I would like to announce the first in a series of form competitions for Year 10 students to get involved in. The hope is this will help inspire students to get outdoors and look for the beauty in nature, helping to lift mood, inspire exercise, encourage self-expression and creativity.

## Celebrating academic success

I am so proud of how Year 10 are coping with remote learning. As we near the end of this half term it is important to recognise and celebrate individual students outstanding effort as shown in these photos sent in by their class teachers.



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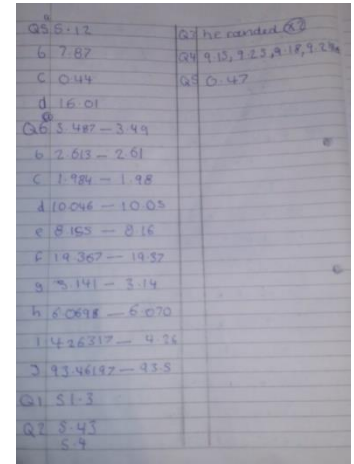
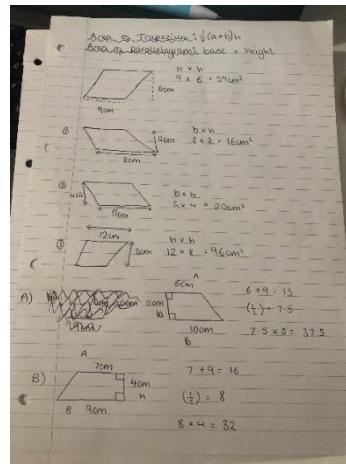
**Hospitality and catering**

Alfie F delicious and uniquely designed baking as part of his coursework!



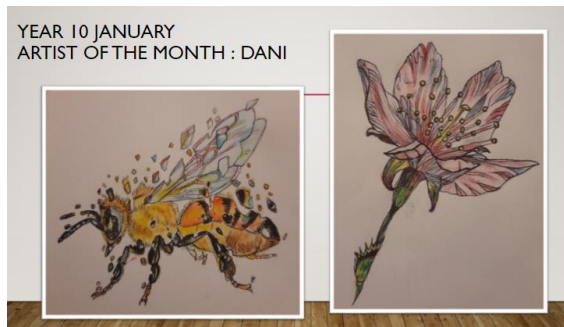
**Maths**

Credit to Rosie, Matthew and Adriano nominated by Mr Bloxidge for some incredible Maths work, demonstrating how to upload photographs of written work on to Class Charts.



**Art**

As ever, the Art department has provided some stunning examples of Artwork this half term, what a talented bunch Year 10 are! Congratulations to Dani, artist of the month!



**YEAR 10 – INDEPENDENT ARTIST EXPLORATION**

- L-R: Amy, Gracie, Caoimhe, Aira, Eben
- Bottom row: Adaugo, Clayton, Dani, Fiona, Misha

**History**

The GCSE History students embraced the snow and incorporated it into their lesson – Snow castles. Some impressive structures created. Well done to Alfie, Cian, Jericho, Josephine, Ailis, Molley, George, Joe, Henry, and Maddison



### **Wellbeing at half term**

Please follow the link for some great ideas on how to start your days and look after your health and wellbeing <https://bishopchalloner.org.uk/events/2021-02-13-wellbeing-at-half-term>

### **Uniform and Appearance**

For students that are attending school please be reminded that they are required to attend in full school uniform and full PE kit on the days they have PE. There are no changes to the dress code/appearance and standards of behaviour.

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. 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 and boots are forbidden.

Please note that school shoes must be kept completely black. There are a number of styles, particularly for girls, currently in fashion with wood style soles. These are not suitable for school. School shoes should also be leather and not patent.

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. 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 stud earrings which may be worn by girls.

I know that you will, as always, support us in maintaining the smart appearance of your children and high standards of discipline, so that our focus in school can be on educational achievement.

Yours sincerely,

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