



# BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Year 11 February Half Term Newsletter 2020

Dear Parents/carers,

Year 11 have continued to make good progress through the start of 2020, with continued attendance at study sessions and excellent learning and behaviour in lessons. There are now only 9 school weeks until the beginning of the GCSE exams so students must be revising consistently from this point onwards.

## Year 11 Mock exams

In December 2019 the Year 11 students' sat their mock GCSE exams. These exams provided the students with a very similar experience to the summer. In the majority of cases students performed well and took these exams seriously. During these two weeks year 11 acted responsibly and took ownership of their assessments by preparing thoroughly, turning up correctly equipped and on time and by completing the assessments to the best of their ability.

## Sport

The Year 11 boys' basketball team have been very successful of late, winning 27-29, away from home, against Shenley academy, congratulations.

The girls' netball team have also played several matches and have performed excellently in all games. Well done.

The boys' football team beat George salter 6-0 in the quarter finals of the West Midlands cup, now onto the semis! Best of luck boys.



## Students of the term

The following students have been identified as having an excellent start to the year and having great focus through all their studies. They should be applauded for their effort this half term: 11BON- Nathan B, Anne Mary and Olivia M, 11HIL- Adam G and Aimee M, 11LIV- Alice S, Anais B and Sion W, 11MAC- Ciaran C and Finbarr M, 11SCO- Morgan O'C and Nathan A, 11SHA- Ellie L, Julia K and Adam B.

## Interventions

There is a targeted mathematics intervention group of students who must attend, however if any other student would like extra assistance with maths they can attend these sessions in M1 on Monday and C3 on a Tuesday and Thursday. C3 is also available to students after study if they wish to remain in school and complete work. They will have to come with work to do and will not have staff support in this time.

## Preparing for the exams

Revision tips and coping with the stress of exams booklets were given out on parent consultation evening. If you can please take the time to read these documents as they could help you to support your child during this incredibly stressful period. I will also be delivering a talk on coping with exam stress on Thursday 5th March at the school for any parents who wish to attend.

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**GCSE exam timetable (provisional)**

| MORNING (9:00 AM) |                                |          | DATE                                 | AFTERNOON (1:30 PM) |                             |          |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|----------|
| Paper             | Title                          | Duration |                                      | Paper               | Title                       | Duration |
| J276/1            | Computer Science P1            | 1h 30m   | <b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>    | C120U80-1           | Religious Education Route B | 1h 30m   |
| 8658 LF           | French P1 Listening Foundation | 35 m     | <b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>   | 1SC0-1BF/H          | Combined Sci - Bio          | 1h 10m   |
| 8658 LH           | French P1 Listening Higher     | 45 m     |                                      | 1BIO-1BF/H          | Biology 1                   | 1h 45m   |
| 8658 RH           | French P3 Reading Higher       | 1h       |                                      |                     |                             |          |
| 8658 RF           | French P3 Reading Foundation   | 45 m     |                                      |                     |                             |          |
| 8702/1            | English Literature P1          | 1h 45m   | <b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b> | J578/1              | Physical Education P1       | 1h       |
| 1SC0-1CF/H        | Combined Sci - Chem            | 1h 10m   | <b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>  | J276/2              | Computer Science P2         | 1h 30m   |
| 1CH0-1CF/H        | Chemistry 1                    | 1h 45m   |                                      |                     |                             |          |
| 8658 WF           | French P4 Writing Foundation   | 1hr      | <b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>    | J578/2              | Physical Education P2       | 1h       |
| 8658 WH           | French P4 Writing Higher       | 1h 15 m  |                                      |                     |                             |          |
|                   |                                |          |                                      |                     |                             |          |
| 8035/1            | Geography P1                   | 1h 30m   | <b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>    |                     |                             |          |
| 1MA1 - 1F/H       | Maths Paper 1 (non calculator) | 1h 30m   | <b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>   | C120U90-1           | Religious Education Route B | 1h 30m   |
| J560/01           | Maths P1 OCR                   | 1h 30m   |                                      |                     |                             |          |
| 8698              | Spanish Listening & Reading    | 1h 45m   | <b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b> | 1SC0-1PF/H          | Combined Sci - Phycis       | 1h 10m   |
|                   |                                |          |                                      | 1PH0-1PF/H          | Physics 1                   | 1h 45m   |
| 8702/2            | English Literature P2          | 2h 15m   | <b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>  | 1BS0-01             | Business Unit 1             | 1h 30m   |
| C120U60-1         | Religious Education Route B    | 1h       | <b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>    | 8552/W              | Design & Technology (new)   | 2h       |
| <b>HALF TERM</b>  |                                |          |                                      |                     |                             |          |
| MORNING (9:00 AM) |                                |          | DATE                                 | AFTERNOON (1:30 PM) |                             |          |
| Paper             | Title                          | Duration |                                      | Paper               | Title                       | Duration |
| 1HI0 - 10         | History P1                     | 1h 15m   | <b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>    | 1SC0-2BF/H          | Combined Sci - Bio          | 1h 10m   |
|                   |                                |          |                                      | 1BIO-2BF/H          | Biology 2                   | 1h 45m   |
| 8700/1            | English Language P1            | 1h 45m   | <b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>   | 1BS0-02             | Business Unit 2             | 1h 30m   |
| 8035/2            | Geography P2                   | 1h 30m   | <b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b> | 8698/WH             | Spanish Writing Test H      | 1h 15m   |
| 1MA1 - 2F/H       | Maths Paper 2 (Cal)            | 1h 30m   | <b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>  | 1HI0 - 27           | History P2                  | 1h 45m   |
| J560/02           | Maths OCR P2                   | 1h 30m   |                                      |                     |                             |          |

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| 8700/2   | English Language P2   | 1h 45m    | <b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>     | C680U10-1              | Media Studies Component 1        | 1h 30m |
|  |                       |           |                                       | R081/1                 | Creative imedia Cnat             | 1h 15m |
|  |                       |           |                                       |                        |                                  |        |
| 1MA1 - 3F/H  | Maths Paper 3 (Cal)   | 1h 30m    | <b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>     | C680U20-1              | Media Studies Component 2 (DVD?) | 1h 30m |
| J560/03  | Maths P3 OCR          | 1h 30m    |                                       |                        |                                  |        |
| 1HI0 - 31  | History P3            | 1h 20m    | <b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>    | 1MU0 - 03              | Music P3                         | 1h 45m |
| 1SC0-2CF/H   | Combined Sci-chem     | 1h 10m    | <b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b> | 8688                   | Polish Listening / Reading       | 45m/1h |
| 1CH0-2CF/H   | Chemistry 2           | 1h 45m    |                                       |                        |                                  |        |
| 8035/3   | Geography P3          | 1h 15m    | <b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>  |                        |                                  |        |
| 1SC0-2PF/H   | Combined Sci - Phycis | 1h 10m    | <b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>    |                        |                                  |        |
| 1PH0-2PF/H   | Physics 2             | 1h 45m    |                                       |                        |                                  |        |
|  |                       |           |                                       |                        |                                  |        |
|  |                       |           | <b>Mon 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>       | 8365/1                 | Further Maths P1 - New           | 1h 30m |
| 5569UB0-1  | Hosp & Catering       | 1h 30m    | <b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>   |                        |                                  |        |
| 8688   | Polish Writing        | 1h/1h 15m | <b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b> |                        |                                  |        |
| 8365/2   | Further Maths P2      | 2h        | <b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>  |                        |                                  |        |
| <b>Contingency Day</b>   |                       |           | <b>24/06/2020</b>                     | <b>Contingency Day</b> |                                  |        |
| for GCSE/GCE examination (should sustained national or local disruption arise during the June 2020 examination series) |                       |           |                                       |                        |                                  |        |
| <b>All students must be available for this date</b>  |                       |           |                                       |                        |                                  |        |
| (Parents are asked not to book any holidays until after 24th June 2020)  |                       |           |                                       |                        |                                  |        |

### Schoolcomms

As you are aware we operate a cashless catering system and Schoolcomms is the only system to make payments for your child's school dinners and school trips. There is only one money loading machine in operation in the school so it is imperative that Schoolcomms is used. For further information please visit our website [www.bishopchalloner.org.uk](http://www.bishopchalloner.org.uk)

### Uniform and Appearance

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.

### **Mobile Phones**

With most students in school now owning mobile phones for use to and from school, it is important that they are also not a distraction to study. Students found with mobile phones during lessons and around the school will have them confiscated and they will be returned at the discretion of senior staff/Heads of Year. In more persistent cases, phones may only be returned to parents/carers.

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.

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

- Year 11- 94%
- Whole school- 95%

This is very pleasing and is in line with the school attendance target. We hope that this level of attendance can continue throughout the remainder of the year.

If a student's attendance is 95%, this means they have missed fifty possible lessons, a significant amount during a school year. Students must endeavour, where possible to be in school, on time, every day and we will await the excellent results that all their hard work shall result in.

If your child is absent from school, a notification phone call needs to be made to the school on the first day of the absence and every further day that they are absent too. Upon return to school, a written note needs to be handed in to their form tutor, stating the reason for absence. Please encourage your child to be at school by 8.30am to instil the important life skill of good punctuality.

I hope that all students and their families can enjoy a relaxing half term before their return on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.**

Yours sincerely,

Mr Clarke  
**Head of Year 11**

Miss Williams  
**Assistant Head of Year 11**

### **Key Dates**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February-**  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February-  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February-  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February-  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March-

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March-  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March-  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March-  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March-  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March-  
**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April-**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April-**  
**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April-**

### **School Open**

Canteen- Pancake Day  
Ash Wednesday, Whole School Mass  
Whole School Careers Fair  
Year 11 An Inspector Calls Theatre trip  
Library – Bishop's Got Talent  
Canteen- USA Day  
Community Event- Battle of The Bands  
Malypmics  
St Chad's Sanctuary Collections begin  
KS3 5-a-side football trip fundraiser

**Early Closure – 1.10pm**  
Whole School Mass  
St Chad's Sanctuary Collections end  
Non uniform day for school charity (£1)  
**School Closed- Inset Day**  
**School Open**



Remember – follow our many twitter feeds for updates on what is happening at BC!

|                          |                  |                               |                     |
|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Official School Twitter: | @BishopChalloner | Library:                      | @Mrs F Library      |
| Biology:                 | @BCCbio          | Maths Hub:                    | @CentralMathsHub    |
| Chaplaincy:              | @BC_Chaplaincy   | Maths:                        | @BCMathsDept        |
| Computing Hub:           | @BCCComputingHub | PE:                           | @BCPEDepartment     |
| Computing:               | @BishopChalComp  | Performing Arts:              | @BCPAmusic/@BCPAPA4 |
| Design:                  | @BCCCDesign      | School Games:                 | @BCSGO              |
| English:                 | @BC_EnglishDept  | Science Learning Partnership: | @CentralMidSLP      |
| FOBC:                    | @bc_friends      | Science:                      | @BCSciDept          |
| French:                  | @BC_MFL          | Sixth Form:                   | @BCCSix             |
| Geography:               | @BCGeogDept      | Social Science:               | @BCSocSciDept       |
| History:                 | @history_GCSEBC  | Teaching School:              | @teaching_school    |