



BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE



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BISHOP CHALLONER

A warm Welcome

On behalf of our community at Bishop Challoner Catholic College, I'd like to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome. We hope you have a most enjoyable evening.

In placing Christ at the centre, our school ensures that our Gospel Values are implicit in daily school life and in the way in which we reach out to serve the wider community. It is intrinsic within our mission to present to all pupils, both Catholic and non-Catholic, the Church's vision of life through both words and, crucially, actions.

Our school is one of the highest performing non-selective schools in the country; it has outstanding examination results and is proud of the success of our young people who, at the end of their studies here, move on with excellent results, many to the top universities in the country.



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More than that though, Bishop Challoner is a vibrant, dynamic learning environment, committed to the development of the whole child. We offer a broad, rich and balanced curriculum to nurture the academic, spiritual, moral and emotional growth of our students.

We have a wide range of extra-curricular programmes across not only sports, performing and expressive arts but, through enrichment in each and every subject area. Our school is dedicated to the fulfilment of its Catholic Mission Statement and is staffed by teachers who passionately believe in the vocation of teaching. We prepare young people to serve as witnesses to our moral and spiritual values in the wider world. To this end we are partners to our families and church in faith formation.

Dr J Coughlan
PRINCIPAL

MISSION STATEMENT

"In our Community of Faith in Bishop Challoner Catholic College we give glory to God by developing our full potential and in our service to others in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit".

Spiritual life

About Richard Bishop Challoner

Richard Challoner was born September 29th 1691 in Sussex and died January 12th 1781. A large part of who he was, encompasses life-long-learning. Before becoming Bishop, he was a professor of theology. He devoted his time to the love of learning and had great academic success.

He was described as being gentle, cheerful, generous and able to instil confidence in others. Today, we continue to live out his love for learning and give glory to God through acts of service.

Relationships and Sex Education

The Governing Body of Bishop Challoner acknowledges its statutory duty to provide Sex Education for all pupils (Education & Employment Act 1993). It is guided by the DfE 'Relationships and Sex Education' and by the Catholic Education Service.

This programme offers a coherent understanding of the gift of sexuality based on the dignity of the human person in the context of Church Teaching. It builds upon work covered at Key Stage One and Two in primary school. Our provider is Ten:Ten-Life to the Full, a company rooted in Catholic values and recommended by the Birmingham Diocesan Directive.



Prayer and Worship

Prayer and Worship are central to our School tradition and an essential part of pupil's development. Mass is celebrated weekly in our school chapel. In addition, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and other non-sacramental liturgies occur throughout the year. Pupils are encouraged to offer their personal skills and gifts, in a spirit of sharing and prayer, in the preparation of all liturgies, form time and school assemblies. Our community prays together and continues to give glory to God through service.

Further opportunities for spiritual development are available in Days of Reflection, for example Alton Castle, Soli House, School Retreats, Residential Experiences, and Pilgrimages to Lourdes.

Chaplaincy

Our school Chaplain, is available to support the personal and spiritual needs of the school community. He is assisted by our Spiritual Life Coordinator and Lay Chaplain.

Spiritual Development of Students

The aim of the Religious Education programme is to support the work of the home and the parish; developing and nourishing growth and faith and a personal relationship with Jesus Christ for all pupils. Pupils are presented with the teachings of Jesus Christ and His Church and are challenged to grow in understanding of truth, and in attitudes with regard to God, self, other people and the world in which they live. We encourage all pupils to seek, know and

encounter Him in their lives and offer opportunities throughout this journey. Dedication to high quality teaching and opportunities for pupils to grow as children of God are at the heart of our learning journey.

Together with our schools commitment to learning we promote the spiritual, moral, social, cultural, mental and physical development of students.

Celebrating our Gifts and Talents

Life at Bishop Challoner Catholic College goes well beyond the classroom. There are opportunities on offer to students who wish to take part in activities both before school and after school.



Sports teams run at all age levels in a wide variety of sporting activities including football, cricket, netball, basketball, volleyball, badminton, and athletics. Many of these clubs have a great reputation for success and in more recent years have become extremely popular and well attended by pupils from all year groups.

Most recently Bishop Challoner has chosen to showcase the great talents of their students in 'Bishop's Got Talent' in which students perform at break time for their peers, inspiring others to pursue their hobbies. Performances include drama, dance, singing, poetry, languages, physical education, Arts, and instrumental.

Bishop Challoner has a well-deserved reputation for its high quality Performing Arts.



There is an abundance of opportunities for students to take part in tournaments and sport competitions both within the UK and abroad in which time they would receive regular coaching to develop their individual skills. The school is exceptionally proud of its vast extracurricular clubs that include, drone flying, leadership, computing, code breaking, STEM, science, maths, poetry, reading, board games, drama, dance, music, and debating.

In addition to this there are numerous non-competitive day trips and residentials on offer to students that once again develop their individual talents alongside aiming to build upon their life skills. Recent residentials include Soli house, San Francisco computing, Girl's football trip to Villareal, and Duke of Edinburgh. Teachers bring classroom practice to life through educational day trips to the Black Country Museum, Warwick Castle, London Arts, visiting local Universities, Dorset coastline, and Bletchley Park.



A successful and highly attaining school

We are committed to using the best methods to promote the most effective learning.

Bishop Challoner Catholic College has a nationally recognised reputation as a dynamic and innovative school for teaching and learning with excellent student outcomes and public examination success.

Every classroom has an interactive white board to enable our highly qualified and committed teachers to create the most stimulating learning environment possible.

Each student has an electronic netbook complete with engaging, educational software and access to the best that the internet has to offer.

A well-resourced, attractive library and open learning centre enhances the state-of-the-art study facilities at the school.



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A happy and high performing Sixth Form

A photograph of two young men sitting at a desk in a library. The student on the left is wearing a black jacket over an orange shirt and is holding a pen over an open notebook. The student on the right is wearing a blue jacket over a white t-shirt with 'ATHLETIC DEPT' and 'Classic' printed on it, and is also looking at the camera. Behind them are bookshelves filled with books, with labels for 'Biology and Nature', 'Chemistry and Physics', 'SCIENCE', 'BIOLOGY', 'REPTILES', 'INSECT', 'EX', 'MATHS GENIUS', 'ROCKS AND MINERALS', and 'PHYSICS'.

We have a large, happy and flourishing Sixth Form with an excellent reputation for success. Students consistently achieve impressive results which open doors to future success.

Students in our Sixth Form enjoy excellent working relationships with their teachers and Sixth Form Team. Our Student Services Department ensures that each student receives personalised guidance; be that invitations to master classes tailored to their needs and interests, mock interviews, individual support with university, apprenticeship and job applications.



Students in our Sixth Form continue to live out our Mission Statement “giving glory to God by fulfilling their potential and in service to others”. There are numerous opportunities to get involved in volunteering; Sixth Form students serve as student ambassadors and subject mentors in several departments.

Our Sixth Form students have a rich and varied curriculum. We offer an extensive range of AS/A Level courses and some vocational qualifications, which build on students’ talents and strengths and foster in-depth learning and lead to excellent rates of progression to top universities and to other high-quality Post 18 opportunities.’



Recognising and Rewarding achievement



We are extremely proud of our students and their achievements. Recognition is given on a day-to-day basis with rewards and praise for excellent work and attitude. The Key "Commit to Character" reward scheme encourages students to develop character virtues as well as rewarding their academic achievements.

Assemblies, postcards home, reward trips and our annual rewards event ensure achievement is publicly recognised and celebrated. School Council evaluates the success and development of the reward scheme at three different points in the year to ensure it best represents how our young people would like their achievements recognised.

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As our mission statement suggests, we give glory to God through our service to others and fulfilling our potential, such actions are commended at Challoner.





A caring community

Form Tutors, Subject Teachers, Heads of Year and a dedicated Student Services team all ensure that students receive the highest quality care, guidance and pastoral support throughout their time at Bishop Challoner. By living out the mission statement, students give glory to God by developing their full potential and in their service to others. This underpins the shared values of our caring community.





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