



BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Monday 15th June 2020

Dear Parent/ Carer,

I hope that you and your families are all keeping well during these difficult times. I know that there is a lot of uncertainty at the moment about how and when schools will reopen to all pupils. I am therefore writing to reassure you that all will be done to ensure the smoothest transition possible for your son/daughter when they join us here at Bishop Challoner Catholic College.

Transition to Secondary school is a big step and different children cope in different ways with this move. I have been the Head of Year 7 at Bishop Challoner Catholic College for the last two years, and prior to that I have been Head of Years 8-11 for 8 years. I have therefore seen hundreds of children move from their primary school and blossom and flourish at secondary school. For many students this is a natural part of growing up and for others, more support is required. At Bishop Challoner there is a well-established team of staff working together to ensure that your son/daughter will feel happy and safe at Bishop Challoner Catholic College.

Hopefully, by now, you will have received the induction pack. Please read this thoroughly, as it contains a wealth of information to make you feel confident about how we work at Bishop Challoner. In addition to the induction pack, I have also put together a student handbook, so that your son/daughter can be fully informed about life at Bishop Challoner. There will also be additional information posted on the Bishop Challoner website, including a virtual tour of the school.

In the current Lockdown climate, whilst it is highly unlikely that we will be able to welcome Year 6 students as part of the normal transition days, please be reassured that there will be transition events taking place at the beginning of the next academic year. I am currently in contact with your child's primary school and I will be sharing additional transition information with them prior to the summer holidays.

I am looking forward to meeting you all in September when it will be safe for larger gatherings. I hope that the information provided is helpful but if you have any specific questions, please contact the school and keep referring to website for further updates.

<https://bishopchalloner.org.uk/preparation-for/preparation-y6-for-y7>

Take care and stay safe,

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