



# BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

16<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are well.

As per recent government guidance all students will return to school full time in September and we very much look forward to welcoming them back. Taking on board all the new advice along with using our experience of partial opening during the summer term, our aim is for all students to enjoy a broad and balanced curriculum whilst complying with measures set out to ensure that the well-being and health and safety of our students and staff remain our primary concern.

## The School Day

Please see below important details of the September start date and school day start and end times for each year group. There have been some slight amendments to assist with the flow of students arriving and leaving the site:

Year Group	September Start Date	First Day Start Time	First Day End Time
7	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	8.40am	3.15pm
8	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	8.40am	3.15pm
9	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	9am	3.10pm
10	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	8.50am	3.10pm
11	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	8.50am	3.10pm
12	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	8.40am	3.10pm
13	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	8.40am	3.10pm

Please note that the end of school times on a Friday will be as follows from **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September**.

Year 7/8- 2.45pm      Year 9- 2.50pm  
Year 10- 2.50pm      Year 11/12/13- 2.55pm

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Year 11 students will have compulsory study sessions Monday to Thursday, there will be an opportunity to purchase refreshments before study sessions begin. Study sessions will commence week commencing **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020 and will finish no later than 4.30pm.**

All students will continue to have five lessons per day and we are committed to offering as many extra-curricular activities as possible- more details of these will be available in September. Morning break and lunch are likely to be at different times to what our existing students are used to; breakfast will also be available from the canteen before school.

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

Students must attend school from September. Please follow the normal procedure of reporting absence if your son/daughter is unable to attend school. Students must attend school on time, sanctions in line with school policy will apply if students are late to school.

### **Uniform/Dress Code**

Year 7-11 students are required to attend in full school uniform. To avoid the need for students to have to change for PE, students will be need to wear their PE kit to school and remain in kit for the whole school day when they have PE. In case of poor weather you may consider purchasing the track pants and/or leggings for girls, these are available from Clive Mark. All students must wear their school blazer everyday including with their PE kit.

Students will need to bring in trainers and girls can bring in PE shorts/leggings for Dramatic Studies.

The dress code for students in Year 12 and 13 remains unchanged. If your son/daughter will be enrolling with the Sixth Form in August a parent/carer handbook detailing the dress code will be available on the school website shortly.

### **Visits**

Parents/carers will not be permitted to enter the school site unless you have a pre-arranged appointment, please contact the school by telephone or email and your enquiry will be dealt with by the appropriate staff at the earliest opportunity.

### **Pastoral and Well-Being Support**

We are very aware from our communication with parents/carers and students during this term that there are a real mix of emotions about returning to school/college. Some are really looking forward to it whilst others have concerns and/or are feeling anxious. We urge parents/carers and students to inform us if you or you or your son/daughter has any concerns about returning/starting school. The email addresses of key staff are on our school website and there are some excellent resources and signposting information on the Safeguarding and Well-being page. Students in all year groups will receive information about the support on offer when they return in September.

Further information regarding the specific measures that have/are being taken in order to comply with government guidance will be communicated in due course.

In the meantime, we wish all of our families a peaceful and restful summer break and we very much look forward to seeing all our young people in September.

Yours sincerely,



Dr J Coughlan  
**Principal**