



# September 2020 Year 12 Parents' / Carers' Information Presentation

Welcome to  
Bishop Challoner  
Catholic College

0121 441 6144



# Mission Statement

In our community of faith at Bishop Challoner Sixth Form

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

**Amen**



# Being in a Catholic College

- Everyone is welcome. **No-one is excluded.** There is no discrimination because all human beings are created in the image of God and are therefore good. **Everyone has the right to be treated with dignity.**
- It is a faith community that fosters **positive relationships** among learners, teachers and parents/carers.
- Worship and prayer are integral and central to school life.
- A sense of social responsibility based on Gospel values is fostered. This helps learners to become **citizens who will make a difference** in society.



# Who's Who in the Sixth Form?

**Mrs. Nutt** - Associate Principal, Director of Sixth Form

**Mrs Healy** - Head of Year 12

**Mrs Bisset** - Head of Year 13

**Miss Darby** - Head of Student Services, Post 16

**Miss McGowan** - Student Services Advisor/Careers Advisor

**Mrs Reynolds** - Sixth Form Student Services Administrator

Attendance Year 12, Mental Health Champion

**Mrs Newton** - Attendance Year 13

**Mr Hetherton** - Timetabling, course changes

**Mr Hearnden** - Pastoral support



# Year 13 Destinations 2020

**77%** in Higher Education

**49%** of HE places at **Russell Group** universities

**7%** in Apprenticeships/Further Education

**14 %** on a gap year (University 2021 entry)

**2%** Employment



# Procedures During Year 12

## *Please see Handbook*

- The student/parent/carer handbook can be found on our website
- Students are not required on site until their first lesson of the day. After their last lesson they may go home, except for Tuesdays and Thursdays when they have afternoon form until 3.10
- Some students may do their Wednesday afternoon enrichment activity offsite.
- Students must utilise study periods and independent study time wisely
- Additional facilities for independent study are provided in our year 12 study centre
- Dress code – please reinforce the expectations of the college

The screenshot shows the website header with the college logo and navigation links: CATHOLIC COLLEGE, SIXTH FORM, CATHOLIC LIFE, UNIFORM, SPORTS CENTRE, VACANCIES. The breadcrumb trail reads: Home / Sixth Form / About Us / Student/Parent/Carer Handbook. A left-hand navigation menu lists: About Us, Prospectus, Student/Parent/Carer Handbook (highlighted), Ofsted, Staff, Letters, External Examinations, Term Dates, Contextual Information, 16-19 Programme of Study, Letters, and Key Dates. The main content area features a video player with a thumbnail titled 'BISHOP CHALLONER SIXTH FORM COLLEGE SIXTH FORM STUDENT/PARENT/CARER HANDBOOK 2020/2021'. The video player includes a progress bar at 1/42, a share icon, and social media icons for issue, search, and print.

<https://bishopchalloner.org.uk/sixth-form/about-us/student-parent-carer-handbook>



# Communication

- It is the students' responsibility to keep informed.
- Students must regularly check their school email address for notices
- Please ensure we have up to date contact numbers for students and parents for emergency contact, messages and for links to letters on the college website
- Opportunities and notices are also communicated on Twitter – follow us @BCCSix (scan QR code for direct link)





# Absences

All absences must be reported to Mrs Reynolds by parents/carers.

We should be advised of known absences (eg. hospital appointments, practical driving test) before the event.

[r.reynolds@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk](mailto:r.reynolds@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk)

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# Safeguarding

- ID lanyards must be worn at all times
- Sensible precautions should be taken to ensure personal safety off site
- Students receive an annual online safety assembly
- If a student is struggling with anxiety or other mental health concerns they should speak to one of the members of the Sixth Form Team who may refer them to our school Mental Health Team.
- Students must first report to First Aid if unwell at college
- Facemasks must be worn for lesson transition and in the common room (when not eating or drinking)



# The 16-19 Bursary

- This is a limited amount of money that the college receives to support students who otherwise might struggle to stay on full time education.
- If your circumstances happen to change later in the year please speak, Mrs Nutt or Miss Reynolds to discuss late access to the bursary fund.

The College will:

- Monitor students' attendance
- **Withhold payments if the terms of the Learning Agreement are not met**



# Independent Learning

- The minimum expectation is that students should be doing about 5 hours per subject per week in addition to lessons
- ie. Around 15 extra hours of study per week or 3 hours per weekday.
- There are additional facilities for independent study in College
- Some study must be taking place at home



# What can you do to help?

## Encourage:

- Good study habits
- Early research (courses, universities, open days, types of apprenticeship, school leaver programmes) – making use of “unifrog” (details are covered later in this presentation)
- Involvement in activities (voluntary work, sports, etc.) for personal development and to strengthen applications next year

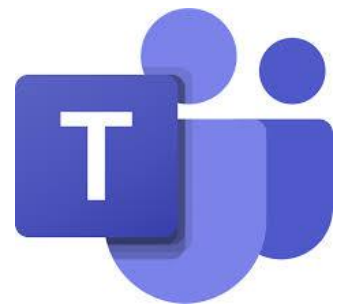
## Discourage:

- Heavy part-time work commitments



# Online and Distanced Learning

- Students have access to 2 online platforms, Class Charts and Microsoft Teams, which subject teachers use to deliver work online. These are already set up and currently in use to provide resources and set work. In the event of a need for distanced learning, students will use these platforms to continue with their studies.
- Parents should also have received their own code to access the Class Charts app.





# Student Services in Year 12

- Weekly enrichment
- Progression Days
- Work Experience
- One to one meetings with Tutors
- Drop in available with Student Services
- Notify students of opportunities e.g. Explore Law, Masterclasses etc.



# Careers Support in Year 12



- Unifrog provides a one-stop-shop where students can explore their interests, then find and successfully apply for their best next-step after school.
- Regardless of whether your son/daughter has lots of career ideas or none, whether they are considering university, an apprenticeship or any other pathway, Unifrog can help!



# Careers Support in Year 12



## Careers Library

- Over 1000 career profiles
- Presents information from a range of sources
- Includes qualifications and skills needed, interviews with industry professionals and labour market information
- Explores progression opportunities and what a working week really looks like

### Architect

Architects design new buildings and the spaces around them, and work on the restoration and conservation of existing buildings.







# Careers Support in Year 12



## UK Universities

- Students can enter subject of interest and projected grades to see all relevant university courses available in the UK
- Rank and filter opportunities by factors like hours of lectures, price of accommodation and graduate job rates
- Get direct links to university information pages, with impartial information on courses and institutions
- Save unlimited shortlists to refer back to later

English Literature - 3FT/6PT BA (Hons)  
Oxford Brookes University  
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English Literature offers the opportunity to study an exciting range of modules, blending the study of classic texts and literary traditions with current theoretical models for understanding literature as a dynamic, global phenomenon. Our course is renowned for its inspirational teaching and research excellence. In the 2013 National Student Survey (source: Unistats), 93 per cent of students agreed that staff had made the subject interesting.

Full-time undergrads at the uni: 13,905 Domestic / Int'l undergrads at the uni: 84% / 16%

Website Open Day Course page Finance page Scholarships

### Getting in

Overall Application success rate  
21%

UK Application success rate  
22%

Entry requirements A Level

Full-time 3 Years: Grade B in A-level English Literature or English Language required.

Entry requirements UCAS points  
112 points

**IMPORTANT:** check the course page to see if your qualifications are accepted.

Additional requirements  
GCSE: GCSE English - Grade 5.2 x further GCSE - Grade 4, normally to include Maths.

Last year's successful applicants  
89.8% of successful applicants did the same qualification types as you, and of these a typical result was:  
A Level: C

### Unofficial overview

"Oxford Brookes is spread across three suburban campuses in Oxford and the small university city has a friendly feel. Oxford Brookes pioneered the modular system of study and the academic year is split into two semesters rather than three terms. The university has a strong reputation for sport, and there are also strong links with industry. Despite the fact that the city is busy, nightlife is lively and students enjoy studying here."

Campus or City: CAMPUS



# Careers Support in Year 12



## Apprenticeships

- Students can find live apprenticeship vacancies
- Vacancies are updated daily
- Rank and filter opportunities by factors like distance from home, weekly wage and application deadlines
- Direct link to the 'apply' page
- Each apprenticeship vacancy includes practical information about the opportunity, employer and training
- Save unlimited shortlists to refer back to later

### AAT Apprentice - Intermediate Level

Employer: Henson Motor Group  
Learning Provider: Delivered by Newcastle College.

Key dates		Qualification required
Deadline	25 May	English and maths at GCSE level - 5 grade (or equivalent) or above.
Interview	Check their site	
Start	26 May	

#### Skills and personal qualities required

The successful candidate will be proficient in using Microsoft Excel and managing spreadsheets. They will be confident with numbers and have a high level of attention to detail.

- A passion for accountancy
- Professional attitude
- Well organised

#### Quick facts

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Weekly Wage	Hours a week	Employer Vacancies	Duration	Distance from home
Competitive	Working 9-5 30 Minutes Breaks	1	12 months	1 miles

#### Job description

The apprentice will gain experience in a range of duties for which they will be responsible:

- Purchase Ledger
- Credit Control
- Invoice Processing
- Raising invoices
- Allocation of Payments
- Statement reconciliation
- Processing transactions

#### Employer description

Henson Motor Group is one of the UK's largest car supermarkets. Established in 1996 Henson Motor Group were the first to pioneer the new and used car supermarket concept, not only in Newcastle but in the North East.



# Careers Support in Year 12



## Special Opportunities

- Includes £5 million-worth of grants, bursaries, scholarships, contextual offers and extracurricular activities
- These can be filtered by circumstances or characteristics, depending on the access requirements of the opportunity
- Includes direct links for applying
- Unlimited shortlists can be created and referred back to

Select special opportunities below  
Pick the best opportunities for you by ranking, filtering and searching. Click next when you're done.

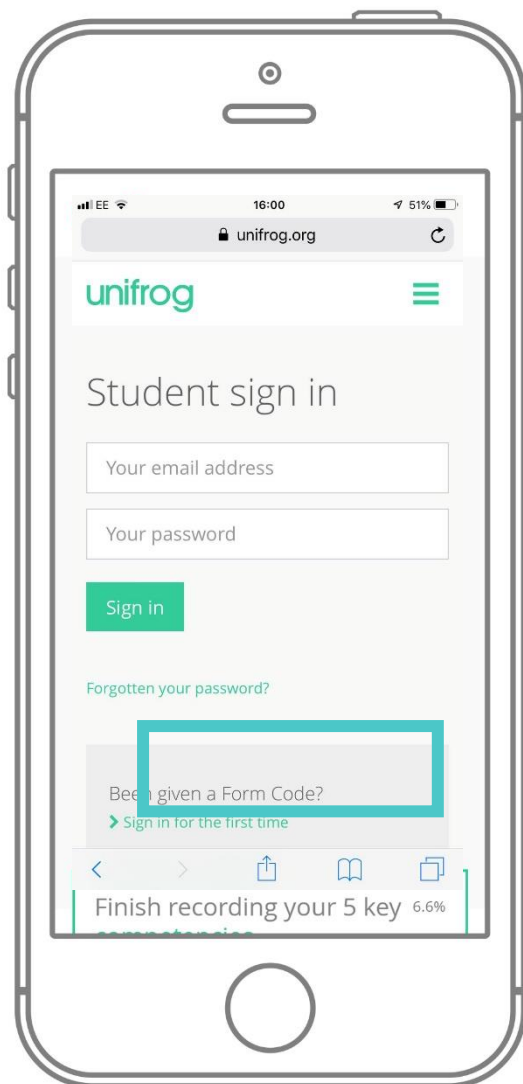
✓ Rank ▾ Filter ▾

Scholarships (690) Money you don't have to pay back	Activities (13) Summer schools, mentoring, extracurricular	Contextual offers (54) Lower entry requirements
<p>🔗 100 Year Anniversary Of The Great War Award 📄 University of Bolton Country: UK</p>	<p>🔗 Action Tutoring 📄 Action Tutoring Country: UK</p>	<p>🔗 Aberystwyth University Contextual Offers 📄 Aberystwyth University Country: UK</p>
<p>🔗 A Level Entrance Scholarship Competition 📄 Queen's University Belfast Country: UK</p>	<p>🔗 BGU Open Days 📄 Bishop Grosseteste University Country: UK</p>	<p>🔗 Aston University Contextual Offer 📄 Aston University, Birmingham Country: UK</p>
<p>🔗 AB InBev Scholarship 📄 University of Bath Country: UK</p>	<p>🔗 BGU Summer School 📄 Bishop Grosseteste University Country: UK</p>	<p>🔗 Bangor University Beneficial Offers 📄 Bangor University Country: UK</p>
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# unifrog

## Parents & Carers, get signed up!



Go to [www.unifrog.org/student](http://www.unifrog.org/student) and click 'Sign in for the first time'  
You'll be asked for some details and a form code. This is what you need:

## **BSCCPARENTS**

After signing up, log into Unifrog using your email address and password via the student sign-in page!



# Keep an eye out for



## SIXTH FORM OPPORTUNITIES BULLETIN

- Published weekly on the college website, the Sixth Form Bulletin contains a huge range of opportunities. Covering everything from university webinars to apprenticeship advice to work experience and summer schools, the Sixth Form Bulletin has it covered.

(A link is emailed, texted and tweeted)



**Please contact  
College immediately  
if you have questions  
or concerns**