

Welcome to Bishop Challoner Sixth form

ASPIRE TO BE MORE



**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**



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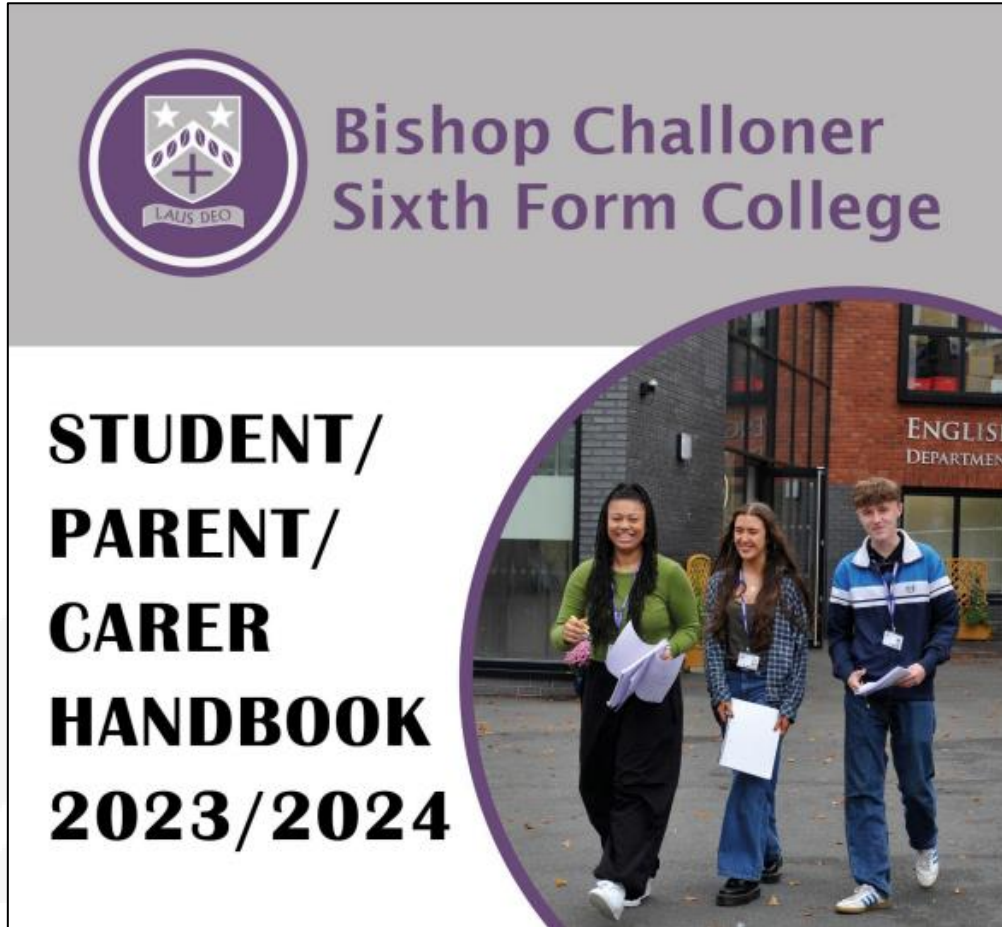


This evening

- The nature of our Sixth Form College
- How will students be supported at Sixth Form
- How can parents / guardians support their children during their time at Sixth Form
- Key procedures and policies

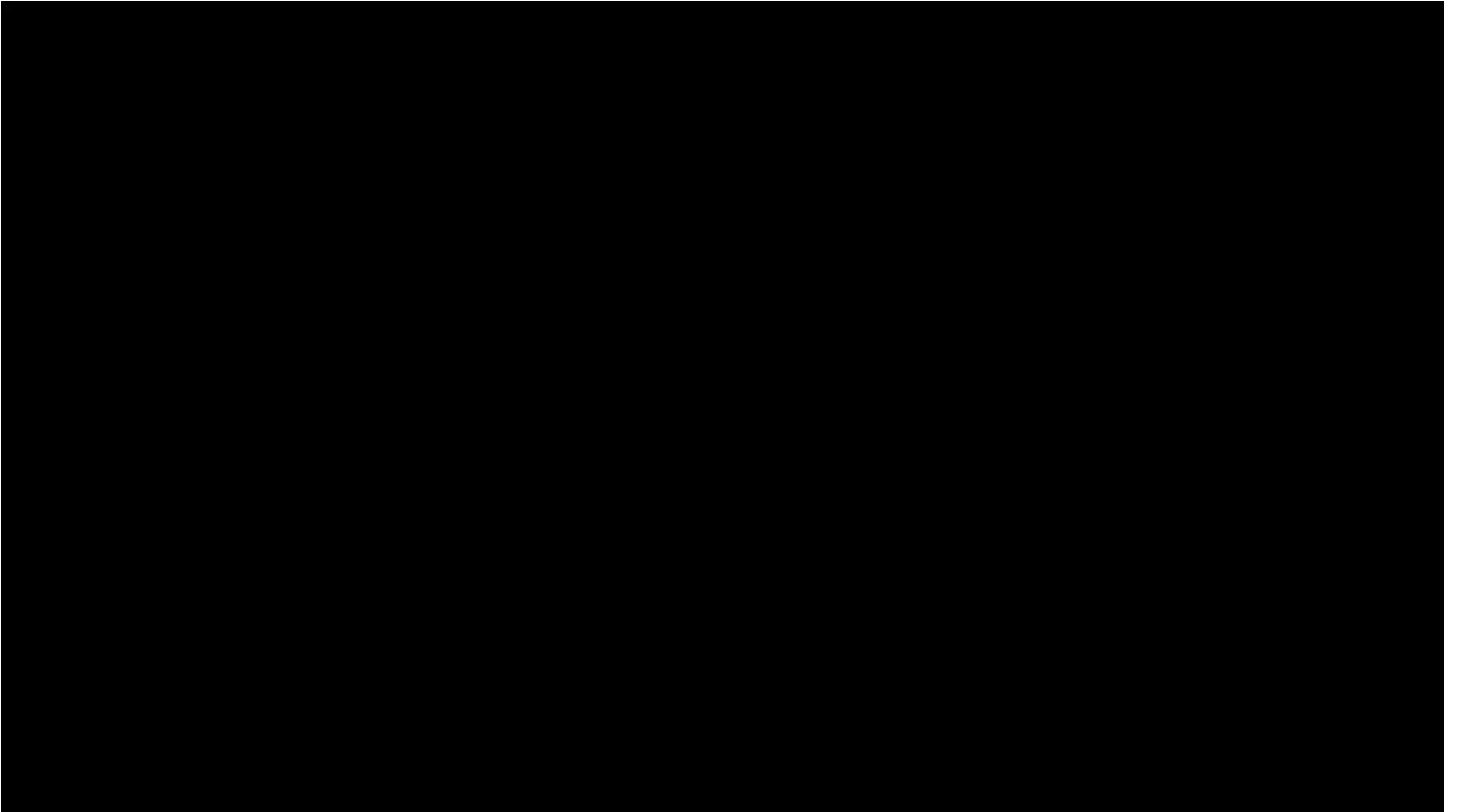


Student / Parent Handbook



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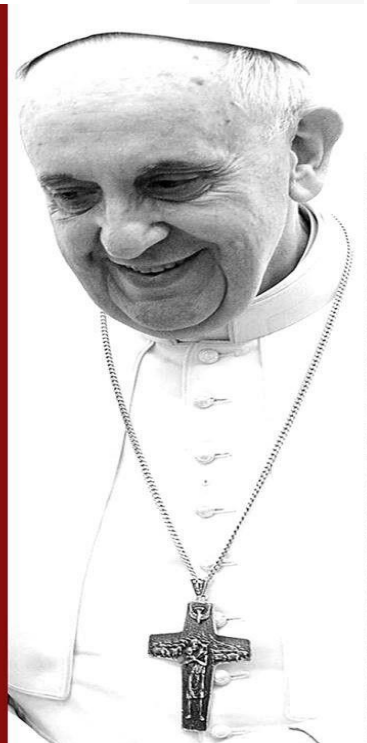
Who's Who in the Sixth Form?

Mr Mullins	Head of Sixth Form
Mrs Moon	Assistant Principal
Mrs McGowan	Head of Year 13
Dr Osborne	Head of Year 12
Mrs Colgan	Student Services Advisor/Careers
Miss Darby	Head of Student Services for the Sixth Form
Miss Jacques	Sixth Form Student Services Administrator.
Miss Mullins	Sixth Form Administration
Mrs Newton	Library Manager
Mr Hearnden	Vice Principal / Pastoral support



The Distinctive Nature of a Catholic Sixth Form

DEAR YOUNG
PEOPLE,
DO NOT BURY YOUR
TALENTS,
THE GIFTS THAT
GOD
HAS GIVEN YOU!
DO NOT BE AFRAID
TO DREAM OF
GREAT
THINGS!
POPE FRANCIS



- Bishop Challoner Sixth Form College welcomes people of all faiths and none.
- Catholic values run through our curriculum.
- Opportunities to engage with the spiritual life of the Sixth Form are always encouraged.



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The search for excellence

Christians are called to fulfil their potential and strive for excellence in all aspects of their lives.

Catholic education therefore strives to offer students every opportunity to develop their talents to the full through their **academic work**, spiritual worship and **extracurricular activities**.



Academic Success



Last Year's Students

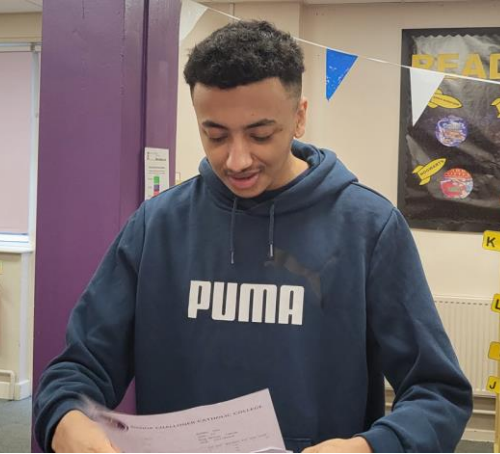
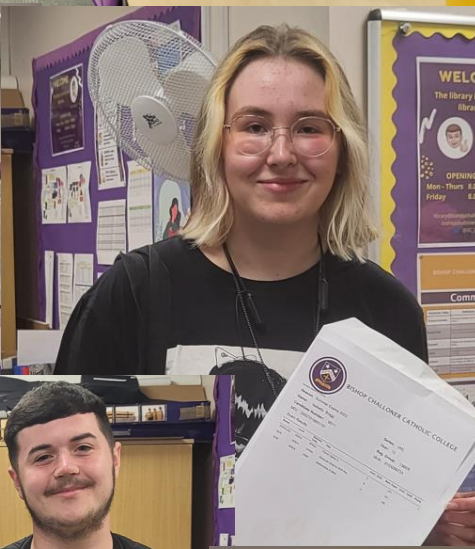
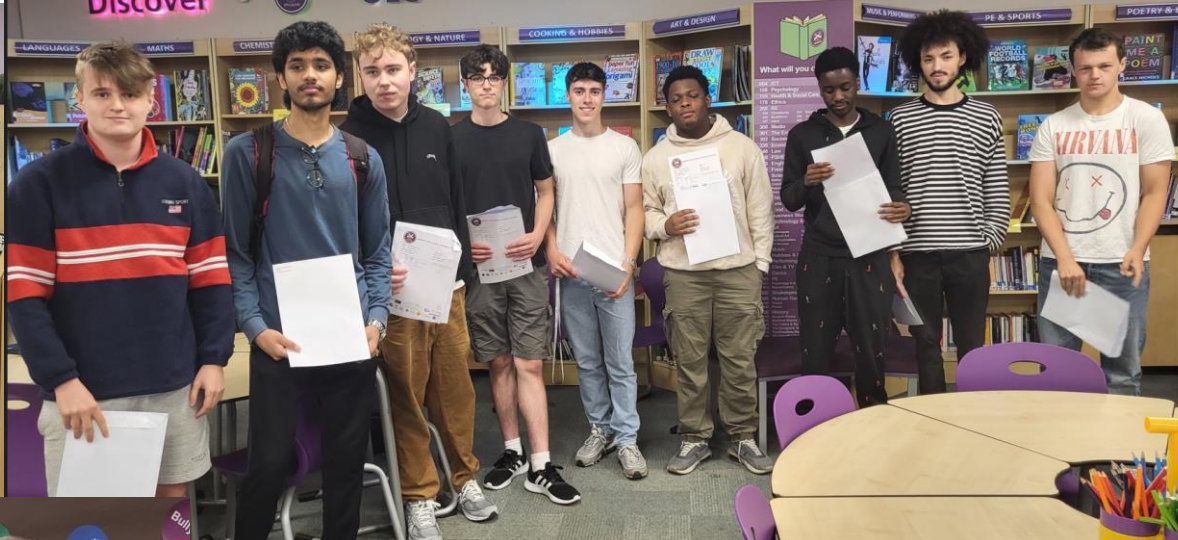
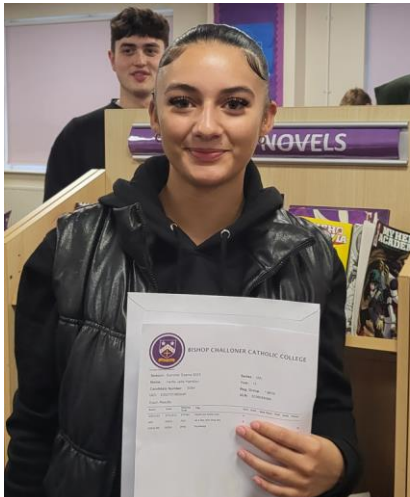


- 23% of A level grades at A*/A
- 56% of A level grades at A*/B
- 79% of A level grades at A*/C
- Vocational average grade at Distinction.



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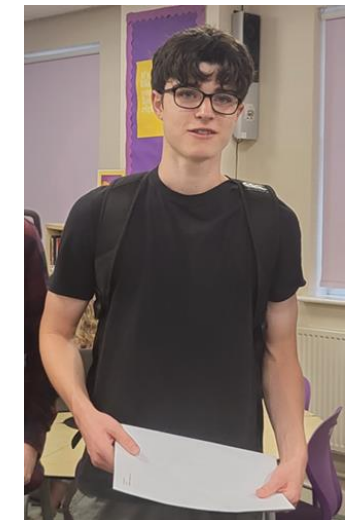
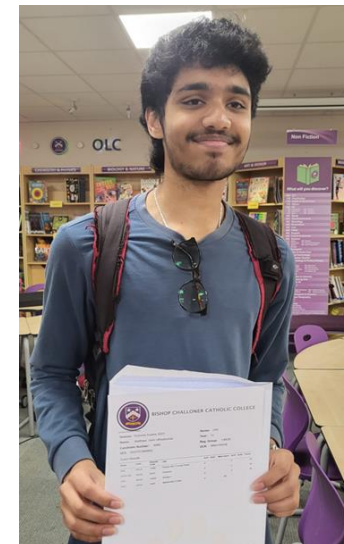


Y13 High Performing Students

Student	Grade	Destination	Course
	A*A*A*A*	University of Cambridge (RG)	Medicine
	A*A*A*	University of Manchester (RG)	Chemistry
	A*A*A	University of Leeds (RG)	Economics
	A*AA	University of Sheffield (Gap) (RG)	Biomedical Science
	A*AA	Durham University (RG)	Engineering (Mechanical)
	A*AB	University of York (RG)	English/Philosophy
	A A A	University of Leeds (RG)	Mechanical Engineering
	A A A	University of Leeds (RG)	Computer Science
	A A A	University of Birmingham (RG)	Biochemistry
	A A A	University of Bristol (RG)	Economics with a year abroad
	A*B C	University of York (RG)	English/History
	A A B	University of Birmingham (RG)	Modern Languages
	A A B	University of Manchester (RG)	Medicine

Y13 Destinations

Student	Grade	Destination	Course
	ABC	Nottingham Trent University	Law
	Dist*Dist*Dist	University of Worcester	Paramedic Science
	Dist Merit Merit	Loughborough College / Alvechurch FC	Sport- Community Sport & Physical Activity Pathway
	A B Dist	Aston University	Law
	Dist Dist Dist	Birmingham City University	Sports Therapy
	BCC	Manchester Metropolitan University	History
	BCC	Royal Air Force	Engineering



Y13 Students

Student	Grade	Destination	Course
	AAB	University Of Birmingham (RG)	Computer Science
	ABB	University of Birmingham (RG)	Economics
	ABB	Newman University, Birmingham	Psychology and Counselling Studies
	ABB	Durham University (RG)	Economics with French
	ABB	University of Liverpool (RG)	History and Politics
	A*CC	BMET	Foundation Art Diploma
	ABC	University for Creative Arts	Animation
	ABB	University of Birmingham (RG)	Business Management
	ABB	University of Sheffield (RG)	English Literature
	A*BC	University of Plymouth	Marine Biology and Oceanography
	Dist Dist Dist	Delta Sports	Sports Coaching Apprenticeship
	ABC	LAMBES	Quantity Surveying
	BBB	NHS	Dental Nursing Apprenticeship
	Dist AB	CPC Civils	Transport Management Officer

Academic Success: A guide for students

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- Make sure you are organised.
- Periods you do not have lessons are study periods.
- When you do not have a lesson you should be studying in the Year 12 study area, the common room or the library.
- Studying must start now and is an ongoing process over the two years.
- Eat a healthy diet, get enough sleep, exercise and make time to do the things you enjoy doing outside of college.
- Work hard during the school day and this will naturally create more free time to do all the other things you enjoy.
- Ask for help when its needed.



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Assessment Windows

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Students will be assessed throughout their time in the Sixth Form, but there will be formal assessment windows and mock exams where students will sit formal assessments.

Year 12:

Assessment Window 1: November TBC

Assessment Window 2: February TBC

Mock Exams: Monday 13th – Friday 24th May 2024

Assessment data will help guide teachers to consider predicted grades which will be required for students applying to university next academic year.



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Studying is an ongoing process

- All students will be issued with a study period guide by their subjects to help support them with revision.
- Students should use all study periods (free periods) to complete homework and to study for subjects.
- Students will be coached during form time on the best approaches to take towards revision.
- Subject teachers will guide students on the best resources to use for study.
- Recommended revision guides will be made available to students in the next few weeks.



Supporting students with next steps ASPIRE TO BE MORE



Key Points:

- Our sixth form will offer you lots of support and guidance to help students with their next steps.
- Students main focus this year needs to be achieving your own personal goals in your courses and getting the most you possibly can out of your time at Sixth Form.
- This is also an exciting time to think about your future.



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Sixth Form Enrichment

- Every Wednesday afternoon during period 5 students will be taking part in an enrichment activity.
- Each half term they will choose an enrichment activity they want to do.
- An enrichment activity gives students the opportunities to learn new skills, improve or enhance skills, knowledge, and help with student well-being.
- Also they are fun to do an activities with others students don't normally spend time with and gives them a chance to relax away from academic studies.



Sixth Form Enrichment

Badminton Football Basketball	Book Club/Chess Club Games/Knitting	International Student Committee
Spiritual life enrichment	Law Mock Trials/Debating	Supporting the local elderly community
First Aid	Computer / Digital skills	Duke of Edinburgh Award



Academic Form Tutors

Year	Head of Year	Dr Osborne
12	12BER	Miss Ghoris/Miss Rigby
	12BOS	Miss Hughes
	12CEC	Mrs Sarcevic
	12LUK	Mr Tsintas/Miss Ellis
	12SEB	Mrs Gallagher-Barton
	12TER	Mr Rowan

Students must attend all morning forms at **8.40am**.

Students must attend Tuesday and a Thursday afternoon form at **2.55 -3.20pm**.

- All students have been assigned an Academic Tutor.
- Their role is to support and guide students throughout the Sixth Form.
- They will meet with students regularly to help them develop a personal plan through Sixth form. This will include advising students on future Careers or UCAS applications and also oversee work experience.
- They may be the first point of contact for students / parents to address day to day issues in college.



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Who can students talk to if they have a problem?

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Dr Osborne – Head of Year 12

Mr Mullins – Head of Sixth Form

- Your academic form teacher (for day to day issues).

For any issues around your health, safety, happiness, wellbeing you can speak to any member of staff in school or directly to:

Mrs Peckover- Senior Designated Safeguarding Lead and Mental Health Lead

Mrs Nutt- Assistant Principal Student Support Coordinator DSL

Mrs Reynolds- Mental Health champion, DSL

Mr Quigley – DSL

Mr Clarke - DSL



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Students are signing up for two year courses

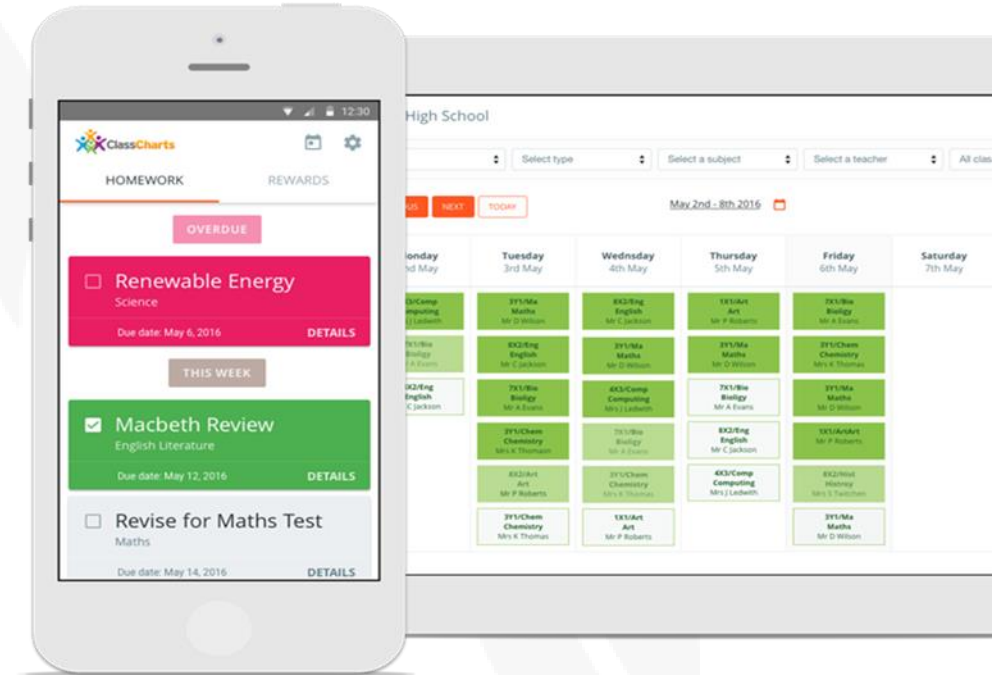
- Students must ensure that they are on the right courses.
- They **will** find the step up from GCSE a huge leap and will need to be prepared to work hard.
- Being on the right course and a course where you will succeed is really important.
- For options changes see Dr Osborne for an options change form and then take this to Mrs Moon who will look to make the required course changes.
- If you are concerned that A Levels or your vocational courses are not suitable, students need to speak to us as soon as possible.

Nationally an average GCSE Maths student who achieved a level 6, achieves a D grade at A Level.

Communication in the Sixth Form

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- School email - students
- Letters for parents /guardians
- Information evenings
- Text messages
- Classcharts – homework and parents can use to monitor attendance.
- Follow us on Twitter @BCCSix
- Follow us on Instagram @bishopchallonersixth



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The College Day: Key Arrangements

- **8.40am** arrive each day for registration.
- The Sixth Form and school building is open until **6pm** for study each day and **5pm** on a Friday.
- Afternoon registration is on a **Tuesday** and **Thursday** at **2.55 – 3.20pm** and attendance is compulsory and important.
- Students are not permitted to leave the site during the college day.
- Students may leave at 1PM on a Monday and Friday if they have no lessons or college commitments.
- Students may bring a packed lunch or money to purchase food in the sixth form canteen or school canteen. Money can be also added to fingertip accounts on School Comms.



Attendance and Punctuality

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- Arrive every day for 8.40am
- Attend all lessons.
- Attend all form times and assemblies.

Parents/carers to call 0121 441 6144 or leave a voicemail with clear reason for absence

Miss Mullins



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Attendance 5 Foundations

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- There is a direct correlation in our Sixth Form between students with low attendance and their final A Level / Vocational Results.
- One missed lesson is one hour of work missed that needs to be caught up on without the direct support of the class teacher.
- I urge parents / carers to really support students and the Sixth Form with this and really encourage excellent attendance.

5 Foundations Timeline AY 2023/2024



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Authorised absence

- Hospital appointment
- Driving test
- Family funeral
- Religious holidays
- University visit (up to 5)
- Significant extra-curricular activity eg. regional sporting event
- You must inform your teachers via email and parents/carers should contact school if you need to be absent for any of the reasons above BEFORE THE EVENT PLEASE.

**Parents/carers to
call 0121 441 6144**



Un- authorised absence

- Part time work
- Leisure activities
- Birthdays
- Babysitting younger siblings
- Shopping
- Driving lessons
- Driving theory test



Student Bursary

This is a limited amount of money that the college receives to support students who otherwise might struggle to stay in full time education.

It is used most commonly to provide bus passes, text books, lunches and support essential college trips.

Please read the letters carefully and apply if you feel you may be entitled to this support.

Miss Mullins is the member of staff who leads on this in the Sixth Form.



Dress Code

From the Handbook

the following items are NOT appropriate;

- Clothes that reveal bare midriff or plunging necklines
- Strapless tops
- Clothes that reveal upper thighs (unless worn with thick leggings)
- Clothes with offensive slogans
- Short shorts
- Ripped Jeans
- Jogging bottoms
- Leggings unless worn with a dress/tunic
- Headwear, except that worn for religious reasons

The final decision remains with the Sixth Form Team.



ID Cards

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- All students must wear one at all times and must be visible.
- Used to sign in and out at Reception
- If lost- it must be reported to Mrs Colgan immediately



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Making the most of Y12

- Volunteering
- University masterclasses
- Webinars / online lectures
- Listening to podcasts on topics of interest
- Reading around the subject
- Work experience (July) – we will be starting to research placements with students shortly
- Careers research – Unifrog – sessions on these will also be happening shortly
- Talks from universities and employers – 11th October Aston university
- Opportunities bulletin



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- Any questions please do not hesitate to email Mr Mullins or Dr Osborne.
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- s.osborne@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

For subject enquiries please refer in the first instance to the Heads of Subject.