

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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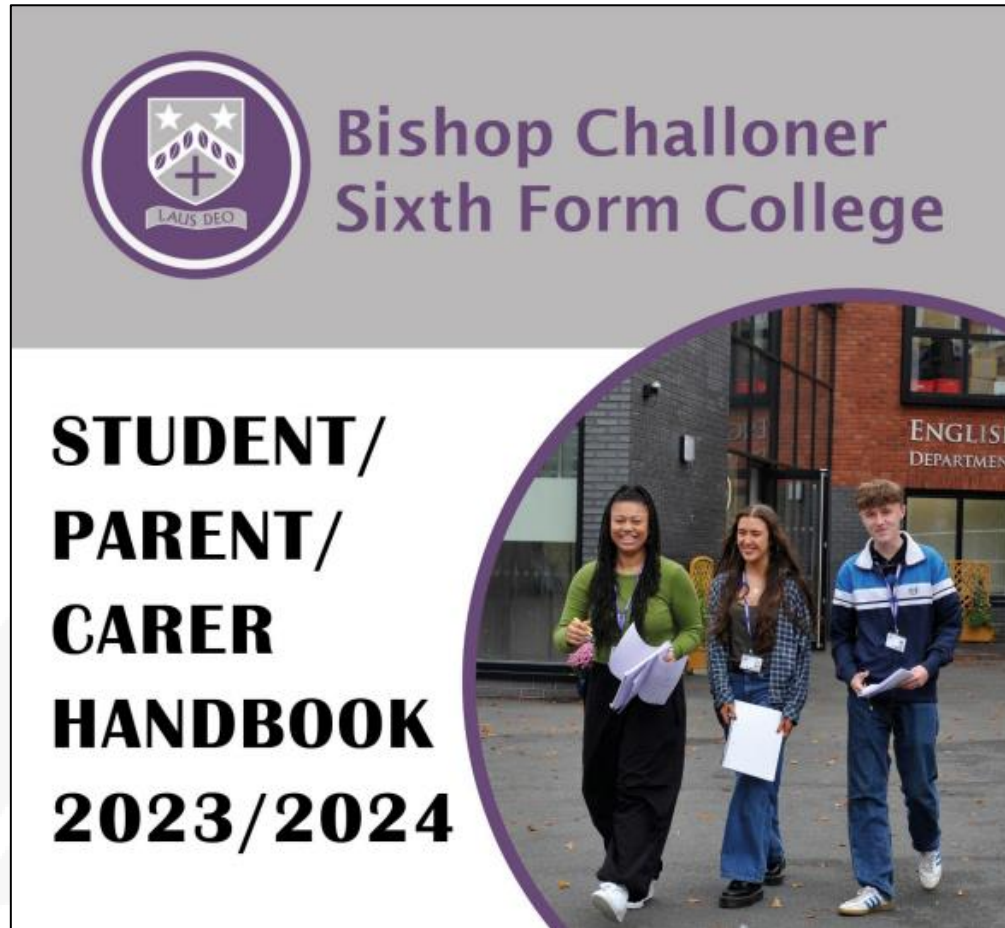


This evening

- Key information for this academic year
- How will students be supported in Year 13.
- How can parents / guardians support their children during their time at Sixth Form
- A reminder of key procedures and policies

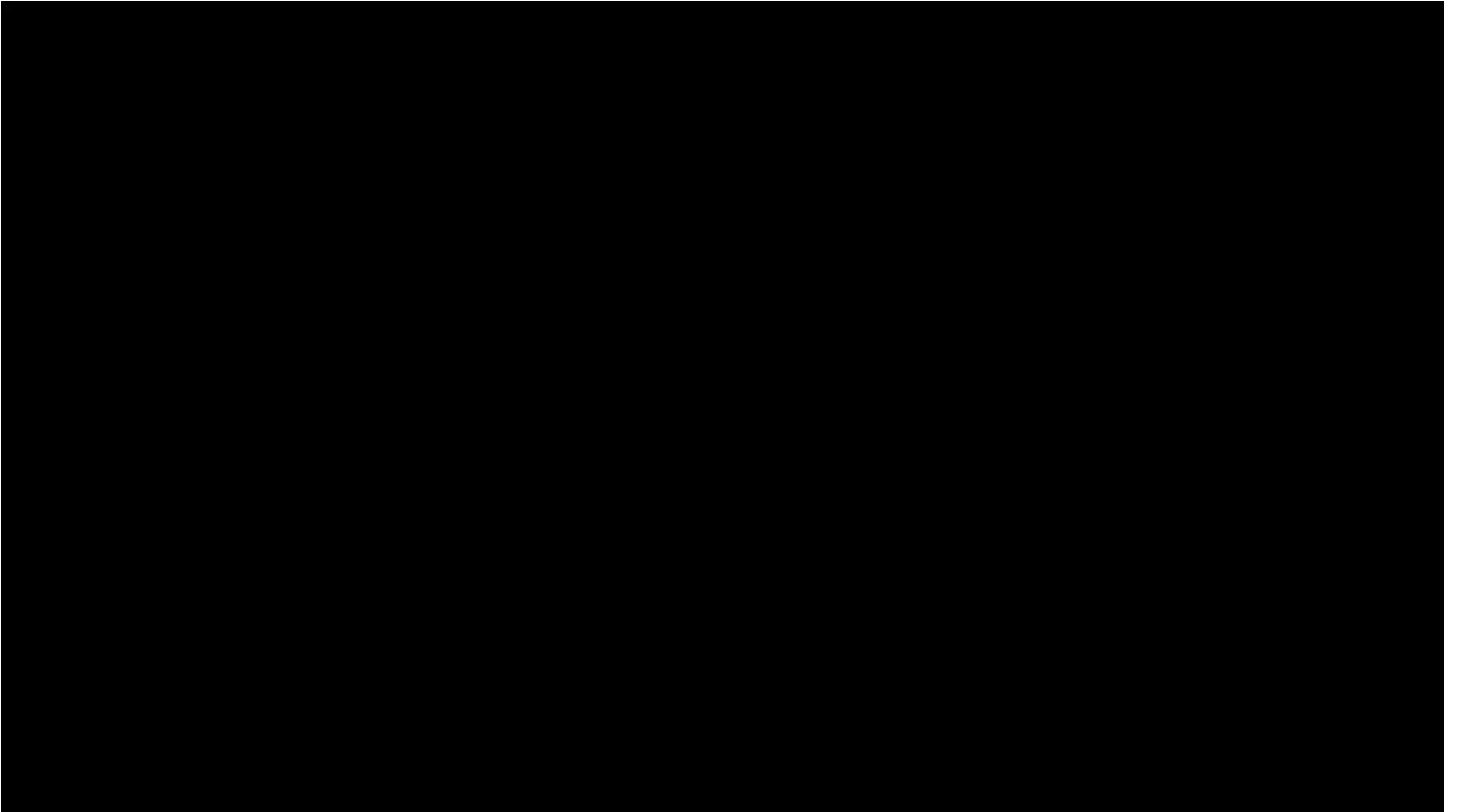


Student / Parent Handbook



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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 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

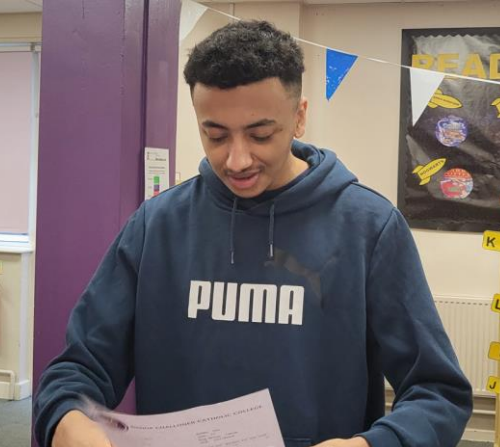
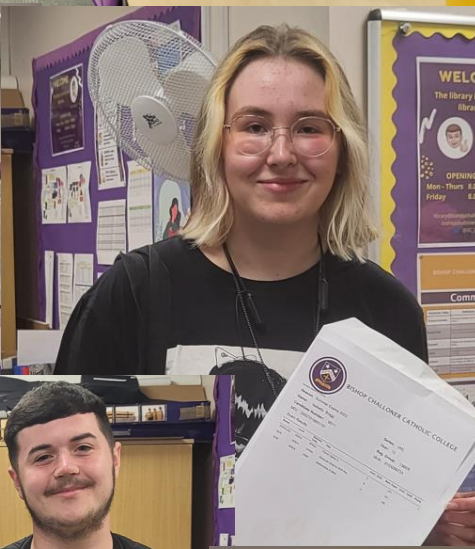
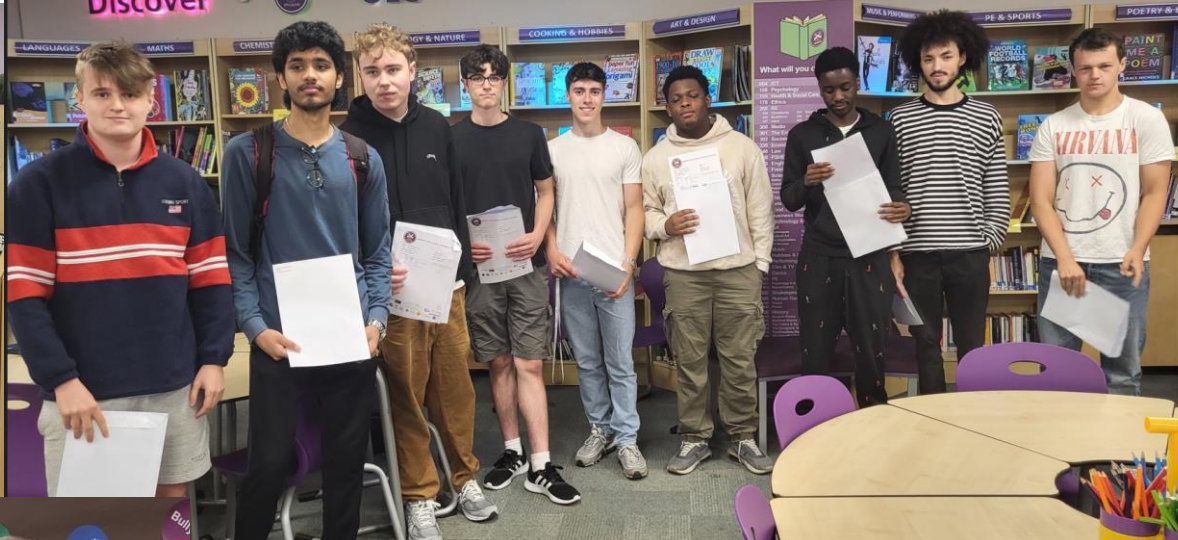
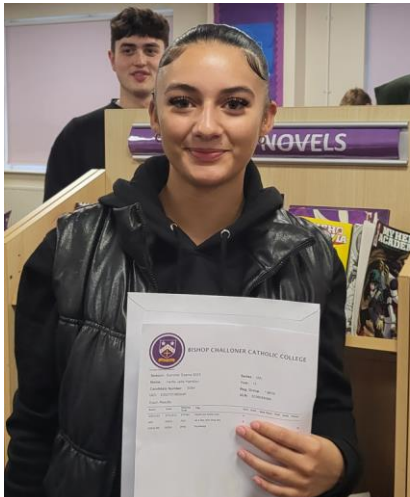


- 23% of A level grades at A*/A
- 56% of A level grades at A*/B
- 79% of A level grades at A*/C
- Vocational average grade at Distinction.



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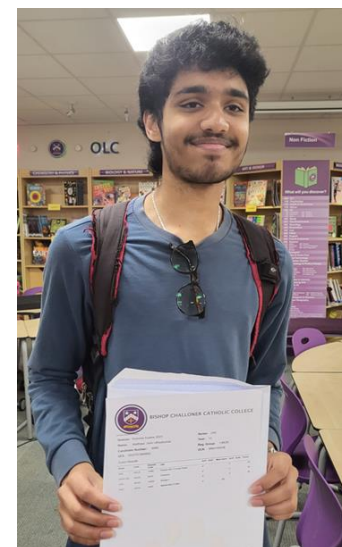
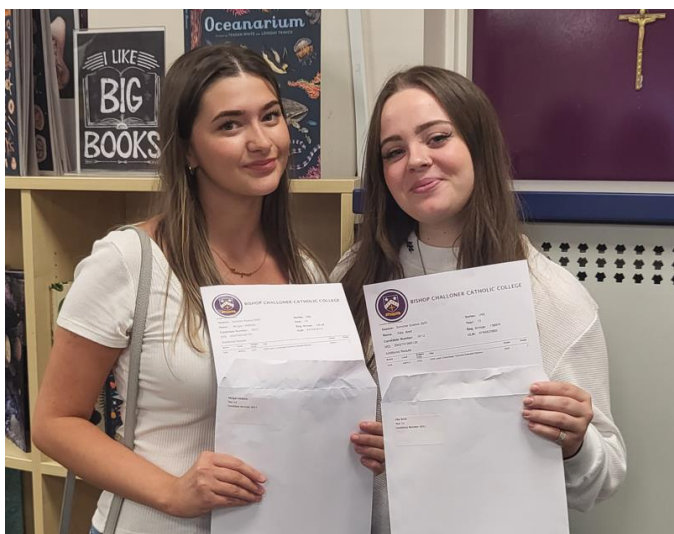


Y13 High Performing Students

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
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	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

Year 12 Mock Exams



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 13 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 13:

Report 1: Monday 18th December 2023 (emailed home)

Report 2: Tuesday 19th March 2023 (emailed and shared at parents evening)

We will invite parents in during October / November if we have any concerns or information we need to share face to face



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Studying is an ongoing process

- All students will be issued with new study period guides 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 if they have not yet brought them.



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.
- Personal statement deadline is **Friday 29th September.**
- Early application deadline is **16th October.**
- UCAS application deadline is **31st January 2024.**

Key staff for support:

Mrs Darby and Mrs Colgan



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Personal Statements (4000 characters and two sides of A4)

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Some key questions to consider:

1. Why have you chosen this course?
2. What excites you about the subject?
3. How is what you have studied relevant to the course?
4. Have you got any work experience that might help you?
5. What life experiences have you had that you could talk about?
6. What achievements are you proud of?
7. What skills do you have that make you perfect for the course?
8. What plans and ambitions do you have for your future career?

- Be bold and proud about your achievements.
- Include information about work experience, community volunteering / charity work and your hobbies.
- Try to link your skills and qualities to the course.
- Think carefully how you open and finish your personal statement.

Deadlines:

Internal: **Friday 29th September.**

UCAS Early Applicants: **16th October.**

UCAS: **31st January 2024.**



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Academic Form Tutors

Year 13	Head of Year	Mrs McGowan
	13BER	Miss Claire
	13BOS	Dr Jameson/Mrs Nisa/Miss Hamilton (Wed am)
	13CEC	Mrs Dane/Mr Wilson
	13LUK	Miss Mayor
	13SEB	Mr Woodbridge

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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Mrs McGowan – Head of Year 13

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



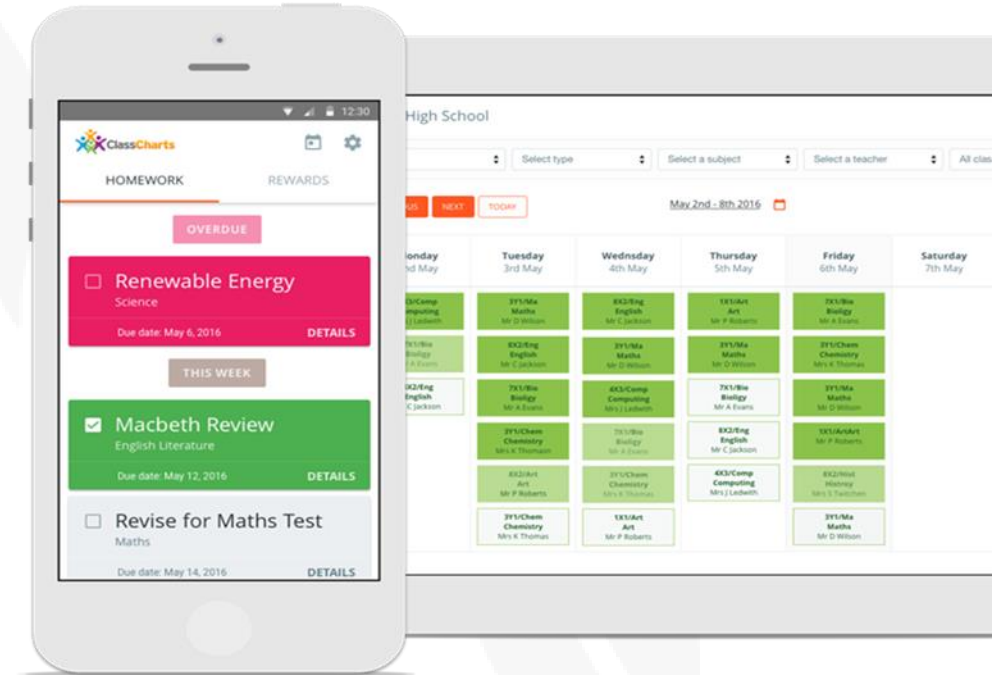
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Communication in the Sixth Form

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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, Wednesday 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.
- Attend Core RE

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

- 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. This can very quickly become unsustainable and then sadly often leads to student underachievement.
- I urge parents / carers to really support students and the Sixth Form with this and really encourage excellent attendance throughout the year.

5 Foundations Timeline AY 2023/2024



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.



Smoking and Vaping

Bishop Challoner Catholic College is a no-smoking site, which means that no-one is permitted to smoke within the school buildings, site and the immediate vicinity.

Smoking outside of the College gates is strictly forbidden and constitutes *bringing the college into disrepute* (see learning Agreement).

A student who smokes or vapes on or around the college will be **suspended** and their position in the Sixth Form will be reviewed.

The use of electronic cigarettes, or vaping products, can significantly impair the function of the body's blood vessels, increasing the risk for cardiovascular disease. Additionally, the use of both e-cigarettes and regular cigarettes may cause an even greater risk than the use of either of these products alone.

These findings come from two new studies supported by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (2023)



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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 Y13

- Start the revision process now
- Make sure you understand the UCAS process and the deadlines.
- Get your personal statement finished
- Look out for university masterclasses
- Look out for webinars / online lectures held by universities.
- Check your emails for Sixth form opportunities
- Careers research – Use the software we have purchased - Unifrog
- Read the opportunities bulletin
- Make time for activities you enjoy doing (volunteering, sport, the arts, social time)
- Ask if you need help and at any time



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- Any questions please do not hesitate to email Mr Mullins or Mrs McGowan.
- l.mullins@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk
- h.mcgowan@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

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