

# Head of Year 10

## February Half Term Newsletter

**Mr Clarke, Head of Year**  
**Miss Williams, Assistant Head of Year**

It has been another excellent half term of work by our year 10 students as they work towards their GCSE's. If your child would like any extra support with their work, there is a Year 10 homework club running each Wednesday and further intervention is available across the core subjects. Across the half term there have been excellent examples of leadership, successes in different areas and giving back to our community.

### Sporting Success

Well done to our Year 10 football team, who had a big victory over John Wilmott school in the quarter final of the Birmingham Cup. Well done to Will E who is scored in a 4-1 victory representing West Midlands County over Boldmere St Michaels.

### Catholic Public Speaking

Huge Congratulations to our winning team in the Catholic KS4 Public speaking competition. Well done to the whole team-especially Cassidy C with the winning entry as Prospero!



### Giving back to the Community

In December after wowing us all at the Christmas show, our talented performing arts students performed at St Anne's Parish Community Centre as part of our Christmas toy appeal handover with Birmingham Irish Association.

An Amazing effort by all of our tutor groups means Year 10 have raised £250 for St Chads Sanctuary. We are aiming to reach a target of £1000 raised so if you have any ideas then please share with Mr Clarke.



### Trips

Some of our year 10 students took part in a trip to Bletchley Park in December to experience the home of the World War two codebreaking team. A Fantastic time was had by all.



### Steel Pans

Our Steel Pan group are performing at this week's city festival and have been rehearsing really hard. We wish them all the best of luck.



### Maths Catholic Games

Last week Bishop Challoner hosted the year 8 Maths Catholic games and our incredible year 10 students ran the event. They put on some amazing activities including maths relays, quizzes and drone flying. It truly was a great success and the year 10 students involved showed brilliant leadership and are maths teachers of the future. Well done to the following: Nila T, Saoirse N, Luis T, Jacob C, Aidan W, Dominic N, Finnbar S, Olivia G, Cassidy C, Abel R, Elliot G, Anne Roseline U, Alice A, Joel M, Daragh O, Valarie S.

## Tutees of the Term

Well done to the following students who have been nominated by their form tutors as tutee of the term for their excellent work this term: 10BER- Naod T and Austin M. 10BOS- Ciaran C and Ava R. 10CEC- Nancy C and George K. 10LUK- Lydia M and Zikora C. 10SEB- Troy H and Mckenzie C. 10TER- Frances A and Emily S.

## Form Champions

Well Done to 10TER who accumulated the most achievement points out of each of the forms over the half term!

## Work Experience

Year 10 Work experience is running from Monday 3rd to Friday 7th July. If your child is yet to organise their placement, it is really important that this is organised soon. If they need any help in finding a placement please email me and I can support them in finding a place.

## Extra Curricular Clubs

It is really pleasing to see so many of our year 10 students making the most of the extra-curricular clubs on offer. A reminder of the clubs available to students in school can be found on the school website.

## Reporting Student Absence

All students are required to attend school/college on time every day. If for any reason your child is unable to attend, please ensure that the school attendance policy is followed, and their absence is reported before the START of the school day (8.40am) and on each day of absence. Please provide a reason for their absence and the likely length of absence, if known.

If your child is in Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 please call 0121 444 4161 and select OPTION 1.

If you receive a text message or phone call from school/college because you have not reported your child's absence, please contact us on the most appropriate number as detailed above as soon as you can. Please do not email staff to report an absence, this is not the procedure and your messages may be missed.

## First Aid Reminder

If your child has asthma or anaphylaxis they should always be carrying an inhaler/epi-pen with them. If a student is due to go off site for PE or a trip and they do not have their medication with them this may result in them being unable to participate, this is for their own safety.

## Uniform Standards

Students are required to wear the standard uniform of blazer, tie, white/blue shirt with black straight leg school trousers (not skinny or boot cut) or girls can wear a knee length black school skirt (not lycra or stretchy). Girls are also reminded that if they choose to wear a skirt, then they should wear plain, black, opaque tights. Students are reminded that black leather school shoes should be worn and that trainers/trainer style shoes are forbidden.

Please note that school shoes must be kept completely black and boots of any kind are not allowed.

In order to complement the smart school uniform we insist that students' hair is smart in appearance and that students do not have shaved/razored hair styles or lines/patterns shaved into the hair. Extreme changes of hair colour are also not permitted. Headscarves must be black. Braids are allowed. The final decision as to

## Allergy Management

Bishop Challoner Catholic College aims to minimise the risk to students and staff with allergies, including those who are allergic to nuts.

It is vital that staff and parents/carers and students adhere to the Allergy Management policy, as we have both students and staff in school who suffer from allergies, including nut allergies.

Persons with allergies, including a nut allergy can suffer life-threatening consequences if they come into contact with allergens, including nuts, either through ingestion or through touch. Parents/carers, students and staff must not bring or send, any food into school either for packed lunches or for snacks/treats with nuts in (including sesame seeds). For example, the following items should not be brought into school:

- Packs of nuts
- Peanut butter sandwiches
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts
- Cakes or biscuits made with nuts
- Nutella
- Muesli bars

Care should be taken when exchanging gifts, in particular at Easter, Christmas and birthdays. We appreciate your support with this important matter.

whether a particular haircut/style is appropriate is at the discretion of senior staff.

Make up, nail varnish and jewellery are not permitted with the exception of one pair of plain stud earrings which may be worn.

Please note that lycra or stretchy skirts are not allowed to be worn. Students found to be wearing an inappropriate item of uniform may be asked to change this or in some cases parents/carers will be contacted and requested to bring replacement uniform to school.

We appreciate your support in ensuring that standards of uniform and appearance are maintained.

## Scarves

A recent trend appears to be the wearing of scarves. Scarves should only be worn with a coat and should not be worn inside, the same as coats.

# 5 Foundations of Effective Attendance Practice

You will be aware that we have adopted the 5 Foundations framework to manage and monitor attendance. There have been two monitoring letters now sent and you can expect further communication in early March. Please continue to ensure your child is in school every day and on time. Thank you for your ongoing support.



**Foundation 1**  
**Whole School Thinking**  
**Culture & Climate**



**Foundation 2**  
**Supportive Policies,**  
**Systems and Processes**



**Foundation 3**  
**Professional Learning**  
**Staff Development**



**Foundation 4**  
**Implement Targeted**  
**Programmes And Intervention**



**Foundation 5**  
**Connect Appropriately With**  
**Approaches To**  
**Behaviour Management**

## Mobile Phones

With most students in school now owning mobile phones for use to and from school, it is important that they are also not a distraction to study. Students found with mobile phones during lessons and around the school will have them confiscated and they will be returned at the discretion of senior staff/Heads of Year. In more persistent cases, phones may only be returned to parents/carers.

## GET IN TOUCH

In order for us work together, to best support our young people, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have information to share regarding the safeguarding or wellbeing of your child.

Please contact Mrs K Peckover, Mrs M Nutt or any DSL or member of the Wellbeing Team.

Any such information will always be treated confidentially.

## Timings of the school day - September 2023

[Click here](#) for more information.

**Monday to Thursday:** Start: 8.40am. Finish: 3.20pm  
**Friday:** Start: 8.40am. Finish: 2.30pm

## Easy Fundraising

Our extra curricular and enrichment programme enriches the lives of young people in our school and gives them the opportunities to fulfil their full potential. Our programme runs 40 clubs per week ranging from book club to gymnastics.

Join easyfundraising and you can collect free donations for us every time you buy something online.

## TWITTER

Official School Twitter  
@BishopChalloner

Music Department  
@BCPAMusic

Social Sciences  
@BCSocSciDept

OLC  
@BC\_OLC

Geography  
@BCGeogDept

Careers  
@BCCareersSmart

PE Department  
@BCPEDepartment

Biology  
@BCCbio

SGO  
@BCSGO

Maths  
@BCMathsDept

Chaplaincy  
@BC\_Chaplaincy

Teaching and Learning  
@BcTeaching

Sixth Form  
@BCCCSix

Sports Centre  
@BishopCentre

Friends of BC  
@bc\_friends

Computing  
@BishopChalComp

Makes  
@bc\_makes

Art Dept  
@BCChallonerArt

TSA  
@bctsa\_training

STEM  
@STEMBC

English Dept  
@BC\_EnglishDept

Wellbeing  
@BCCCWellbeing

BFood Department  
@BishopFood

1-1 Maths  
@BC11M1maths

Teach Computing  
Central Midlands  
@BCCComputingHub

Green Group  
@educating\_eco

Chess  
@bcchess

Judo Club  
@BCJudoClub

Central Maths Hub  
@centralmathshub

Tolkien Cluster Schools  
@PrimaryTolkien

History  
@bchistory\_

Performing Arts  
@BCPAPA4

MFL  
@BishopMfl

Central Midlands SLP  
@CentralMidSLP



**TUESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY**  
**BRING IT ON BRUM!**  
**FAMILY FOOD FESTIVAL**

**@ BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE**

**50 FREE PLACES AVAILABLE**  
**OPEN TO ALL**  
**AGES 9 TO 16** must be accompanied by an adult  
**10AM TO 2PM**  
**FREE LUNCH INCLUDED**  
**FREE FOOD HAMPER**

**REGISTER NOW**  
<https://forms.office.com/e/XdQLjTBRy>

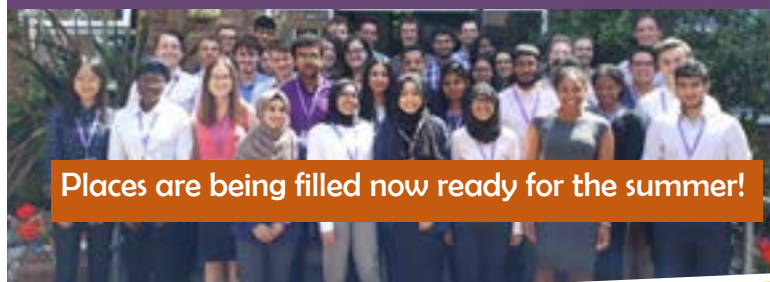
Once you have registered, you will be allocated a 1 hour time slot for your workshop.

Children must be accompanied by an adult

**10-12 TIME SLOT AVAILABLE**

**TEACHING INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME**

**Earn £900**



**Places are being filled now ready for the summer!**

3 weeks @ £300 per week  
**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023**  
**Apply now for a place on this popular programme!**

**BC TSA** Have you ever thought about a career in teaching Physics, Computing, Maths, Chemistry, or Languages?

**BC TSA** Are you currently studying for an under-grad degree in these or a related subject (in any year)?

If so, apply to take part in our Teaching Internship Programme. Spend 3 weeks on our programme and discover the power of teaching to improve the life chances of students. Previous interns unfortunately cannot apply. Interviews taking place now!!

Apply now: <https://forms.office.com/e/Wxjse7Zt5r>

[www.bctsa.org](http://www.bctsa.org)

**School Open**  
Monday 27th February

**Quiz Night for Trips**  
Thursday 23rd March

**Year 9 & 10 DofE Training**  
Tuesday 28th February

**Year 10 DofE Practice Walk**  
Sunday 26th March

**Foobank Collection begins**  
Monday 13th March

**PE Aspiration**  
Monday 27th March

**Year 10 Theatre Trip**  
Wednesday 8th March

**Sixth Form Easter Fair Primary Concert**  
Year 9 & 10

**Year 8-13 Careers Day**  
Thursday 9th March

**Massed Football**  
Tuesday 28th March

**Bishop's Got Talent**  
Friday 10th March

**Year 8 Parent Consultation Afternoon**  
Early Closure - TBC  
Wednesday 29th March

**St Patrick's Day - Canteen**  
Wear Green Day £1  
Friday 17th March

**Last day of Term**  
Easter Mass  
Foodbank ends  
Quiz Night for Trips  
TBC  
Thursday 30th March

**Year 10 Birmingham University Day Trip**  
Tuesday 21st March

**Spring Soiree**  
Wednesday 22nd March

**School Closed - Staff INSET**  
Friday 31st March



**Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School**  
 Tritford Road, Yardley Wood, Birmingham, B13 0EU  
 Tel: 0121 444 2684  
 Website: [www.ourladyoflourdesprimary.com](http://www.ourladyoflourdesprimary.com)

**Teacher**

The Governors of this successful and very popular Catholic school wish to appoint an enthusiastic, well-motivated teacher who is passionate about teaching & learning and who has high expectations of pupil achievement and behaviour. **The vacancy is for part time class teaching (2 days) and part time tutoring (3 days)**

This is a fixed term contract in the first instance (4/5 days per wk) starting **April 2022** (or sooner if available before Easter)  
**This job is suitable for ECT's and those who are suitably qualified are encouraged to apply**  
**Candidates on all pay scales will be considered**

**We can offer you:**

- A happy and caring school with a very strong Catholic ethos where we live our faith with Christ at the centre as we live, love and learn together
- Children who love to come to school, who are engaged in their learning and have excellent behaviour, together with parents who are exceptionally supportive of the school
- An innovative and exciting curriculum that continues to evolve
- An opportunity to join a highly effective team of teachers and support staff who are committed to the school and the children
- A very supportive & knowledgeable Governing Body and Senior Leadership Team who are committed to maintaining high standards
- Excellent opportunities for professional development
- Excellent Parish Links with Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church and opportunities to participate in Staff Pilgrimage, retreats and ongoing personal spiritual development
- A laptop and iPad to support you in fulfilling your role

**We are looking for:**

- A practising Catholic with a firm commitment to their parish/the Catholic ethos of our school
- An excellent teacher with an ability to raise the attainment and progress of all children (including SEND, Pupil Premium and those who are more able)
- Someone with a good knowledge of the curriculum and interesting teaching ideas
- Someone with the necessary experience in all key stages or a willingness to develop those skills
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, confidence and can demonstrate effective teamwork/collaboration in our very strong team
- Someone willing to build strong and supportive relationships with pupils, parents, support agencies, governors and staff
- A teacher who will become fully involved in the wider life of the school and parish

**Visits to the school are strongly recommended before application.** To make an appointment please contact Susan McGrath, School Business Manager on 0121 444 2684. CES Application Packs are available on the school website for interested candidates at the following link - <https://www.ourladyoflourdesprimary.com/vacancies-at-olol/>

**Dates for school visits:** To be arranged with office direct on above telephone number  
**Closing Date for Applications:** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
**Interviews:** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 TBC

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. All staff are expected to share this commitment. All appointments made will be subject to receipt of satisfactory references, receipt of an enhanced DBS Check and the necessary identity and right to work checks being made. The successful candidate will be required to sign a Catholic Education Service contract of Employment. Please note we do not accept CVs as part of our application process and only the documents on the school website should be completed.

Staff considering applying to Our Lady of Lourdes should read our Safeguarding pages and the Pay Policy on the school website.