

Head of Year 10



October Half Term Newsletter

Mr Brade, Head of Year

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We've been really pleased with how well Year 10 have settled into the new school year. The step up to Key Stage 4 brings higher expectations, increased responsibility, and a more focused approach to learning, and our students have responded incredibly well.

In particular, they have adapted smoothly to their new option blocks, showing enthusiasm and maturity in tackling the demands of their chosen subjects. It's clear that many students are already taking pride in their work and beginning to think ahead about their goals for the future. Staff have commented on the positive learning environment in classrooms and the strong work ethic being shown across the board.

We look forward to building on this positive start and supporting Year 10 as they continue to grow both academically and personally.

DRAYTON MANOR TRIP

We were thrilled to take Year 10 students on a fun and well-deserved trip to Drayton Manor earlier this term. It was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to bond with their peers and enjoy a day outside the classroom. Behaviour was excellent throughout the day, and we're proud of how our students represented the school. A big thank you to all staff and students who made the trip a success!

WORK EXPERIENCE

Preparations are now underway for the Year 10 work experience programme, which will take place later in the academic year. This is a valuable opportunity for students to gain insight into the world of work, develop key employability skills, and explore potential career paths.

We strongly encourage students to seek placements that align with their interests or future aspirations. Whether it's in a creative industry, a technical field, education, healthcare, or any other sector, experiencing a real working environment can be hugely inspiring and informative. It also helps students begin to understand what skills and qualifications may be needed for their chosen path.

Further details, including deadlines for placement confirmations and required paperwork, will be shared with students and families soon.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance remains a key focus for Year 10. Every day in school counts, especially as students progress through their GCSEs. We encourage families to continue supporting good attendance and punctuality; it really does make a difference to academic outcomes.

GCSE OPTIONS

The transition from Year 9 into Year 10 can be a significant step, but we're pleased to say that the vast majority of students have made this move with maturity and focus. Now that they are fully immersed in their GCSE option subjects, students are showing a clear sense of direction and responsibility for their learning. Teachers have been impressed by the positive attitudes in lessons and the enthusiasm with which students are engaging in their chosen courses.

This is an important year to build strong foundations in each subject, and we encourage students to take advantage of all support available to them, whether that's through asking questions in lessons, attending revision sessions, or staying organised with homework and deadlines. The commitment shown so far is promising, and we look forward to seeing continued growth as the year progresses.

UPCOMING FIXTURES

Our Year 10 boys football team will be representing the school in the prestigious Birmingham Cup, with their first match against Arden Academy. They will also face Shenley Academy in their first league fixture of the season before the half-term break; we wish them the best of luck in both matches.

We're also excited to announce that Year 10 basketball fixtures for both the girls and boys teams have now been confirmed. Matches will begin after the half-term break, and we look forward to seeing our students in action on the court. More details and fixture dates will be shared via the PE department and school communication channels.

W35 PRO SERIES TENNIS EVENT

Nine of our Year 10 students had the fantastic opportunity to take part in the W35 Pro Series Tennis Event as part of the official ball crew. This prestigious event allowed our selected students to showcase their skills, professionalism, and teamwork on a larger stage, while representing the school with pride. It was a unique and rewarding experience that gave them a behind-the-scenes look at a professional sporting environment. We are immensely proud of their dedication, focus, and the way they conducted themselves throughout the event.



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



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 pleated school skirt. 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.

Our uniform requirements are complemented by a smart appearance and as such, hair styles that should not have a distinct contrast in length. Hair that is dyed must be of a natural hair colour and may not contain more than one colour. To avoid a health and safety risk, long hair must not impede vision or cover the face, except for a fringe which must not cover the eyes. Long hair must be tied up for practical lessons. Religious head coverings must be black and securely tied for practical lessons. Hair bands or accessories must be for functional use to secure the hair. Where hairbands are worn they must be black. Headwear that has religious or cultural purpose should be black. The final decision as to 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.

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.

FIRST AID AND MOBILE PHONES

Students should not be contacting parents/carers when they feel unwell and requesting to be collected from school. If a student is unwell, they **MUST** go to the First Aider who will deal with them. If a student is not well enough to stay in school, the First Aider will contact parents/carers to arrange collection.

Students who contact their parents/carer directly and do not follow the procedures in place will be sanctioned. This may result in their mobile phone having to be handed in to the student services office each day. The use of anyone else's mobile phone risks that person being sanctioned also.

Please do not arrive at school to collect your child unless school have contacted you to do so. We do not have school staff readily available to collect children. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Any questions or concerns please email them using the main enquiry email for the attention of first aid or call to speak with first aid on the main school number 0121 444 4161.

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.

To report an absence please call the main school number 0121 444 4161 and select the correct option for your child's year group.

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.

Thank you for your co-operation.

FIRST AID INFORMATION AND PROCEDURES

Medication; All medication should be handed into first aid and not carried by the students. Exception EpiPen, Asthma inhalers, insulin. Tranexamic acid in special circumstances.

Please make sure we have the correct medical information and emergency contact details, if you have changed your phone number or there is any change in medical conditions or concerns, please contact first aid using the enquiries email or the main school phone number.

Please send children into school with a water bottle they can re-fill at our water stations provided or they can purchase a drink from the school canteen.

Students with Asthma must carry with them their own personal inhalers. This includes offsite activities and school trips to ensure they can participate safely.

Parents/Carers of students with a known allergy must provide school first aid with antihistamine; this also applies to those at risk of anaphylaxis, in addition to their EpiPen.

We do not provide liquid paracetamol such as Calpol. If your child cannot take tablets and you would prefer them to have liquid Calpol, please send this in to the school first aider with your child's name on it. This will be kept safe in first aid for your child only.

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 Designated Safeguarding Lead or member of the Wellbeing Team.

Any such information will always be treated confidentially.

CONTACTING SCHOOL

Communication between home and school is very important. In the event that you need to contact school please be reminded of the following procedures.

School telephone number- 0121 444 4161

Option 1- To report an absence

Option 2- Head of Year/Pastoral concerns/enquiries

Option 3- Sixth Form enquiries

HEAD OF YEAR CONTACT

All Heads of Year and Assistant Heads of Year have teaching commitments; therefore any Head of Year/Pastoral enquiries should be directed through Option 2 for students in Year 7-11 or option 3 for students in Year 12 or 13.

If student services staff are not available to answer your call in person, please leave a message with the nature of your enquiry/concern and you will get a call back from the most appropriate member of staff at their earliest convenience. We aim to respond to all contact by the end of the next working day.

SENIOR STAFF CONTACT

Contact with Head of Year and/or Head of Department is expected to have been made before issues are escalated to Senior staff. Should you need to speak to a Senior member of staff, please contact school by phone and select Option 2 or 3, depending on the year group of your child and request a call and the most appropriate Senior member of staff will contact you at their earliest convenience.

MEETING STAFF

Any requests for a face to face meeting with staff should be made using the same contact details as above. Please ensure that the purpose of any meeting request is made clear. A member of staff may contact you before a meeting is arranged if more information is required.

Please do not attend school without an appointment unless there is a safeguarding emergency.

SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS

If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact school and ask to speak to a Designated Safeguarding Lead. Mrs Peckover is the Senior DSL.



SCHOOL YEAR

AUTUMN TERM 2025

Half-term

Monday 27 October 2025 to Friday 31 October 2025

Term ends

Thursday 18th December 2025

SPRING TERM 2026

Term starts

Monday 5 January 2026

Half-term

Monday 16 February 2026 to Friday 20 February 2026

Term ends

Friday 27 March 2026

SUMMER TERM 2026

Term starts

Monday 13 April 2026

Half-term

Monday 25 May 2026 to Friday 29 May 2026

Term ends

Friday 17th July 2026

INSET DAYS

Friday 24th October 2025

Friday 19th December 2025

Wednesday 4th February 2026

Monday 13th April 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

Attendance Updates

Attendance Percentage

Year 7 - 96.4%

Year 8 - 93.7%

Year 9 - 94.5%

Year 10 - 92.9%

Year 11 - 89.3%

Whole School - 93.5%

FACILITIES HIRE

We offer a wide range of classes for the local community and our facilities are also available for private hire. For session bookings and all other enquiries please feel free to contact one of the team.

Bishop Challoner Sports Centre is an exciting and innovative sports complex, comprising:

- A full sized Sports Hall
- Olympic sized Dojo specifically designed for Martial Arts
- Meeting Conference Room

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Attendance Champions League

League Table

Week ending Friday 18th October

Position	Club	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	Points
1	7SEB	6	6	0	0	18
2	7BOS	6	6	0	0	18
3	8LUK	6	5	0	1	15
4	8BOS	6	5	0	1	15
5	11SEB	6	4	0	2	12
6	10LUK	6	4	0	2	12
7	9LUK	6	4	0	2	12
8	9BOS	6	4	0	2	12
9	9BER	6	4	0	2	12
10	8BER	6	4	0	2	12
11	7TER	6	4	0	2	12
12	7LUK	6	4	0	2	12
13	7CEC	6	4	0	2	12
14	11BOS	6	3	0	3	9
15	10TER	6	3	0	3	9
16	10BOS	6	3	0	3	9
17	9CEC	6	3	0	3	9
18	8TER	6	3	0	3	9
19	11CEC	6	2	0	4	6
20	10SEB	6	2	0	4	6
21	10CEC	6	2	0	4	6
22	9TER	6	2	0	4	6
23	9SEB	6	2	0	4	6
24	8SEB	6	2	0	4	6
25	7BER	6	2	0	4	6
26	11LUK	6	1	0	5	3
27	11BER	6	1	0	5	3
28	8CEC	6	1	0	5	3
29	11TER	6	0	0	6	0
30	10BER	6	0	0	6	0

Results

Week ending Friday 18th October

11BER	93.75	VS	93.56	7BER
10TER	95.70	VS	95.26	11BOS
10SEB	100.00	VS	96.12	11CEC
10LUK	91.53	VS	91.35	11LUK
10CEC	93.56	VS	91.96	11SEB
10BOS	96.09	VS	92.74	11TER
10BER	93.15	VS	97.79	7BOS
9TER	92.80	VS	93.18	7CEC
9SEB	97.35	VS	94.12	7LUK
9LUK	92.65	VS	96.21	7SEB
9CEC	97.35	VS	94.70	7TER
9BOS	95.45	VS	93.56	8BER
9BER	95.56	VS	95.45	8BOS
8TER	97.35	VS	95.00	8CEC
8SEB	93.01	VS	93.21	8LUK

Fixtures

Week beginning Monday 21st October

7BER	VS	10TER
11BER	VS	10SEB
11BOS	VS	10LUK
11CEC	VS	10CEC
11LUK	VS	10BOS
11SEB	VS	10BER
11TER	VS	9TER
7BOS	VS	9SEB
7CEC	VS	9LUK
7LUK	VS	9CEC
7SEB	VS	9BOS
7TER	VS	9BER
8BER	VS	8TER
8BOS	VS	8SEB
8CEC	VS	8LUK

September Manager of the Month: Miss Merkulova, 7BOS

Autumn Term 2	
Every Wednesday	Rosary
Every Thursday	Community Mass - 11.30am
Monday 3rd November	Year 7 Assessment window Men's Health Month
Wednesday 5th November	Early finish Year 11 Parent Consultation Afternoon
Monday 10th November - Friday 14th November	Anti-bullying Week
Tuesday 11th November	Remembrance Day
Thursday 13th November	World Kindness Day
Monday 17th November - Friday 21st November	Year 7 and Year 8 Bikeability
Wednesday 19th November	Red Wednesday Mass
Thursday 20th November	Catholic Secondary Schools KS4 Maths Challenge
Friday 21st November	Last day of Jubilee Year of Hope
Monday 24th November - Wednesday 27th November	Year 7 Alton Castle Trip
Thursday 27th November	Catholic Secondary School Chess Event Year 7 Animal Experience
Friday 28th November	Bishop's Got Talent
Monday 1st December	Scholastic Book Fair
Wednesday 3rd December	Sixth Form Rudolph Run
Thursday 4th December	Year 7 Christmas Disco Christmas Disco Shop
Monday 8th December	Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception Sixth Form London Art Trip
Wednesday 10th December - Friday 12th December	Year 12 Soli House Trip
Thursday 11th December	Christmaths Day
Monday 15th December	Year 7, 8 & 9 Parent Consultation Day
Tuesday 16th December	Year 7 & 8 Christmas Mass
Wednesday 17th December	Sixth Form Bishop's Got Talent Year 9, 10 & 11 Christmas Mass
Thursday 18th December	Christmas Cake Raffle Musical Dementia Trip Christmas Hamper Raffle - 9BER Sixth Form Christmas Service
Friday 19th December	Staff INSET Day - School Closed



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