

# Head of Year 10

## May 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 examinations. The year 10 Mock assessment window has begun and students have made an excellent start. These assessments continue after the half term. If your son/daughter feels they need any extra support with their work, there is a year 10 revision club running each Wednesday and further intervention is available across individual subjects.

### Tutees of the Term

The following students have been nominated by their form tutors for their excellent contributions to school this half term:

10BER-	Elijah N and Avah G
10BOS-	Sarah P and Jeffrey T
10CEC-	Nancy C and Emma F
10LUK-	Hannah C and Dawid W
10SEB-	Crystal N and Antonia J
10TER-	Fossy K and Robert D

### Careers Events

The last half term has seen year 10 take part in some fantastic opportunities. As part of our Aspirations Day former student Johnny joined our year 10 students to talk about his work with the company Gymshark.



Year 10 also experienced a mock interview with all students receiving individualised feedback from the employees who came in to conduct the interviews. The students all did fantastic and there was a tremendous buzz as students came out of their interviews. Well done all!



### Music Award

Congratulations to Faith who won an award for her music at the Northfield Music Festival



### Flat pack Lighting Project

Year 10 have created models that will form the design stage of the flat pack lighting project.



### Duke of Edinburgh

Some of our Year 10 students are on course for completing their bronze Duke of Edinburgh award. They have completed their practice expedition at the Lickey Hills, have attended training ready for the expedition and are in the process of completing their skills and service aspects of the award.





## Sweet Sale

Some of our Year 10 students also sold sweets at the different events across the day to raise money towards our school charity.



## Coronation

In celebration of the King's Coronation we held events across school and had a special visitor. Some of our Year 10 students were involved in a celebratory Bishop's got Talent event including Eva playing the drums.



## Trips

Over Easter a group of Year 10 students visited Oriel College over Easter to experience University life. The students were a real credit to the school and had an amazing time.



## Work Experience

A final reminder that the extended deadline for Work experience forms to be returned is the first Monday after half term. The work experience week is 3rd-7th July. Any questions please do not hesitate to email me.

## Skirts

From September 2023 only a black pleated skirt will be permitted to be worn as part of school uniform. Pleated skirts are available from Clive Mark as well as other school uniform retailers. To avoid any additional expense for families, if your child has a straight skirt (not stretchy, lycra or tight fitting) that still fits, this can be worn during the first half term, from October half term onwards, all skirts will need to be pleated of knee to mid calf worn on the waist not the hips (maximum of 5cm above the knee).

## Summer Uniform Standards

From Monday 5th June 2023, in the event of warm weather it will not be compulsory for students to wear a blazer, they will be able to wear just a shirt and tie. If a second layer is required, it must be a blazer and not any other item such as a hoody or outdoor coat.

There is no requirement to purchase any additional uniform items.

Students will be permitted to wear skin tone or black tights.

All other uniform requirements will remain unchanged.

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 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.

# 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**

## 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.

## Netbook Programme Changes

There has recently been a change to the Bishop Challoner Catholic College's netbook program, relating to the payment process. Birmingham Education Foundation for Learning (BeLF) no longer exists. We have therefore, moved to a new donation management organisation called Learning Foundation; more information can be found at [learningfoundation.org.uk](http://learningfoundation.org.uk).

You will receive communication directly from learning foundation regarding this change, and a link to set up a new direct debit to them. You're advised to cancel all direct debit payments to Birmingham Education Foundation for Learning (BeLF) with immediate effect. Payment plans in terms of amount and duration, will remain the same as previous.

If you have any questions relating to this, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## KEY DATES

**School Open**  
Monday 5th June

**Foodbank Collection Starts**  
Monday 12th June

**Development Day**  
Friday 16th June

**Charity Day - Canteen**  
Wednesday 21st June

**Creativity Week**  
**Science Week**  
**Spoken Language - GSCE English**  
Monday 26th June - Friday 30th June

**Careers Fair**  
**Berlin Parents' Meeting**  
Tuesday 27th June

**Work Experience**  
Monday 3rd July - Friday 7th July

**DT GCSE Research Trip**  
Tuesday 11th July

**Carding Mill**  
Wednesday 12th July

**Battle of the Bands**  
Thursday 13th July

**School Closed for Parent Consultation Day**  
(7, 9, 10)  
Friday 14th July

**DofE Bronze Assessed Expedition**  
Monday 17th July - Tuesday 18th July

**Sponsored Football**  
Wednesday 19th July

**Last Day of Term**  
**Warwick Castle**  
Friday 21st July

## 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  
@BCMatsDept

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  
@BCCChallonerArt

TSA  
@bctsa\_training

STEM  
@STEMBC

English Dept  
@BC\_EnglishDept

Wellbeing  
@BCCWellbeing

BFood Department  
@BishopFood

1-1 Maths  
@BC11M1maths

Teach Computing  
Central Midlands  
@BCCComputingHub

Green Group  
@educating\_eo

Chess  
@bcchess

Judo Club  
@BCJudoClub

Central Maths Hub  
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History  
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Performing Arts  
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