Head of Year 10

May Half Term Newsletter

Miss Shirley, Head of Year
Mr Khitab, Assistant Head of Year

Year 10 Mock Season (Monday 13th May – Friday 21st June 2024)

A reminder, taken from the letter issued/sent out in April of this year:

"It is important that all students prepare thoroughly for mock assessments as they allow teachers to measure the progress your child has made since the beginning of the academic year.

The majority of assessments will be completed during normal lesson time, and some may take place in the school auditorium. An assessment timetable, along with guidance on the topics to be assessed within each subject can be found on the school website and via the website address below:

https://bishopchalloner.org.uk/examinations-information/year-10-mini-mocks
Please make sure that your child refers to this guidance as it will help them to feel effectively prepared for these assessments. It also provides you with information on what your child should be revising at home to best support their preparations."

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the students of Year 10 on their hard work and positive attitudes during the mock season so far. I have felt encouraged by the level of preparation and concentration in lessons and hope that the commitment shown to their mocks will pay dividends.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch with both me and Mr Khitab regarding the Year 10 Mock Season, particularly if you feel like your child would benefit from any additional support.
You can contact us at:

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Football



U15 Aston Villa Charity Cup, also known as the all-Birmingham Cup, match report
Bishop Challoner 3 v Alderbrook 1 (Bishop Challoner goalscorers: A Hearnden, K Kameni, L McLaughlin).

Overall, an excellent final, that on the balance of play, probably could have gone either way if it wasn't for moments of individual quality from Bishop Challoner. It was Alderbrook who started the match the better side, with good amounts of possession, leading to a few useful chances on goal. Once the game settled, it was Bishop Challoner who took the lead when A Hearnden cut in from the right, striking the ball low towards the goalkeepers left hand side and into the back of the net (1-0 Bishop Challoner). After half time, again it was Alderbrook who started the better side and this time managed to convert good possession into an excellent chance on the edge of the Bishop Challoner box. A chance which was converted well (1-1). After a few changes, Bishop Challoner then started to have more control in the game, which led to a moment of individual quality from K Kameni - he wriggled through 3 challenges before striking the ball from 20 yards out into the top left-hand corner of the Alderbrook net (2-1 Bishop Challoner). The game was then sealed by Bishop Challoner towards the end of the second half when a few good passes out on the left-hand side, led to an eventual through ball from Leo N. The ball found L McLaughlin who cooly slotted away his finish to make it 3-1 to Bishop Challoner. A good game overall, played in good spirit. Champions Bishop Challoner have now managed to win the competition in 2022, 2023 (also at Villa Park) and in 2024, making it a back-to-back-to-back retention of the title, a superb achievement.

In addition to retaining the all-Birmingham Cup, the Year 10 Boys Football team also managed to retain their Kings Norton & South Birmingham title in April, with a 6-2 win over Dame Elizabeth Cadbury in the final. The title see's the teams title count reach an astonishing six in three years.

Duke of Edinburgh (Silver Award)

After all their training sessions, the Year 10 and 12 Silver Duke of Edinburgh students set out on Sunday 21st April for their 2 nights, 2 days practice expedition in Cannock Chase.

The weather was not on our side and the continuous rain made the conditions of the expedition very difficult.

Despite the weather, moral remained high, and all the students did a fantastic job in their teams; navigating across the countryside, setting up camp (trying to stay warm and dry) and cooking themselves hot meals in the evenings.

The staff were extremely proud of all the students for their resilience and hard work in completing their practice expedition. Now the teams must reflect, reset and plan their routes for the qualifying expedition in July.









Boreatton Park PGL Netball Tour

Students from Year 7 – 10 travelled to Boreatton Park PGL for a weekend of netball and outdoor activities. The students enjoyed taking part in the netball tournament and played very well against some tough teams. They remained positive and ensured good teamwork in their hardest matches. The combined Year 9/10 did extremely well, making it to the semifinals, but lost out on a place in the finals to a strong side. They came 3rd overall.

When students weren't on the netball courts, they enjoyed the activities put on by PGL staff, including climbing, abseiling, zip line and giant swing. It was a lovely weekend and enjoyed by all.









X Accounts

Sixth Form @ BCCCSix	Careers @ BCCareersSmart	English dept @ BC_EnglishDept	DT dept @ bc_makes	History dept @ bchistory_
Wellbeing @ BcccWellbeing	Library @ BC_OLC	Maths dept @ BCMathsDept	PE dept @ BCPEDepartment	PA dept @ BCPAPA4
Chaplaincy @ BC_Chaplaincy	Sports Centre @ BishopCentre	Science dept @ BCSciDept	Computing dept @ BishopChalComp	Music dept @ BCPAmusic
SEND @ BishopSend	BCCatering @ BCCatering2	Biology @ BCCbio	MFL dept @ BishopMfl	Sociology dept @ BCSocSciDept
T&L @ BcTeaching	ECO @ education_eco	Art dept @ BChallonerArt	Food dept @ BishopFood	

What else has been happening in school?

Taken from @BishopChalloner X page (formally Twitter) –
Year 10 Art-a-Thon
Year 10 revision studies in the library
Year 10 'The making of Harry Potter' careers trip which involved taking 50 students to experience various lessons on careers in the Creative Industries and to also experience the studio tour. Teachers praised Year 10 students for their behaviour on this trip and it was brilliant to see the opportunities given and everyone having a fantastic time.

Year 10 assembly on Richard Challoner. A huge well done to Ryan L, Ella B, Beatrice M and Damico G, who were involved in the planning and delivery of an assembly to KS3 students. We were incredibly impressed by their maturity and hard work in preparing for and delivering this assembly to two-year groups.

Year 10 mock interviews. We have had external interviewees from various organisations and job titles, come into school to conduct practice interviews with our Year 10 students. The feedback was exceptional, and our students' showed professionalism and maturity throughout. A huge well done to everyone involved.

Year 10 involved in the Jubilee bake-off. A fantastic event in celebration of 70 Years of Bishop Challoner. Well done to all Year 10 students who worked together as a team to try and win the best baked cake!













Summer Uniform Standards

From Monday 3rd June 2024, 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 and only in the event of extreme weather conditions will there be any further adjustments, these will be clearly communicated if required.

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.

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.

This is particularly important if there has been a change in circumstances for the young person.

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

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. Thank you for your co-operation.

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

First Aid Reminders

In the case of an Emergency it is imperative we can contact parents or carers, please make sure you provide your current contact numbers to the school and inform of any changes.

It is important to stay hydrated all year round please provide your child with a water bottle so they can refill at our water stations around school.

Please inform the school of any new medical conditions or investigations, this is extremely important in helping us to correctly support your child's medical needs in school.

Emergency Contacts

It is imperative we have your current correct contact information on our systems. Please inform the school if anything has changed, especially telephone numbers.

Asthma

Asthma is a chronic long term condition, it can be well managed and in many cases some don't suffer severely, however if you have been diagnosed with Asthma even if you have it well managed you must carry an inhaler on you.

Asthma, Anaphylaxis, Diabetes

In order for your children to participate safely with Trips and offsite events including offsite PE, they must carry their medication with them. This is imperative for their safety and to avoid disappointment if unable to participate. Other medications must be handed in to first aid or the trip lead on the day.

First Aid Emails

Please be advised First Aid may contact you regarding your child visiting during the school day or informing you of an expiry date on your child's medication. **The email address of such communication will be from donotreply@medicaltracker.co.uk, please read these emails.**

Leave in Term Time

Term time holidays cause significant concern. The direct correlation between attendance and attainment is undeniable. Absence from school interrupts teaching and learning and compromises progress. As per the letter regarding legal action sent at the start of the academic year, Birmingham local authority seeks to support Birmingham schools and academies in reducing the amount of education lost to student leave of absence in term time. Bishop Challoner Catholic College and Birmingham City Council strongly discourages student leave of absence during term time and parents/carers could be subject to court action and hefty fines.

A recent leave in term time absence has resulted in a fine of £433. Please support the school and your child and ensure all leave is taken in the school holidays.

KEY DATES

Summer Term 2	
Every Wednesday	BC Tea Party
Wednesday 12th June	Canteen - Italy Day
Wednesday 19th June	Thank a Teacher Day
Thursday 27th June	Year 10 Synagogue Trip Battle of the Bands Computing Reward Trip
Monday 1st July - Friday 5th July	Year 10 Work Experience
Wednesday 3rd July - Thirsday 4th July	Year 6 Transition
Thursday 4th July	Canteen - USA Day
Friday 5th July	Sports Day Tuck Shop
Friday 5th July - Thursday 11th July	San Francisco Trip
Monday 8th July	Year 10 Work Experience Debrief
Tuesday 9th July	Year 10 Development Day Primary Concert Tuck Shop Primary Concert/Soiree
Friday 12th July	School closed for Year 7 & 10 Parent Consultation
Wednesday 17th July	Personal Development Day
Thursday 18th July	Year 9 & 10 Sponsored Football Summer Cake Sale
Friday 19th July	Last day of term school finishes at 2.30pm
Monday 22nd July	School Closed - Staff INSET

Parent / Carer

Behaviour Workshop followed by Cuppa & Chat

Tuesday 4th June

-10:00am - 11:30am - Behaviour Workshop

-11:30am - 1:00pm - Cuppa & Chat (drop in)

@ BAYC, 581 Pershore Road, Birmingham, B29 7EL

To book onto the workshop please CLICK HERE or scan the QR Code above otherwise please do drop in for a Cuppa!

Behaviour Workshop
Run by Kelly Reed
Resources for Autism
Behaviour Manager West Midlands

Cuppa & Chat is a relaxed meet to share experiences, let of steam, offer support and advice to each other

Your welcome to come to one session or both !!

Limited onsite parking, but free road parking and 45 & 47 Bus stops nearby

for further information please email
kelly@resourcesforautism.org.uk

