

Head of Year 10

October Half Term Newsletter

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

It has been a fantastic half term for our year ten students. This half term has seen the beginning of students studying towards their GCSE examinations. As part of this students have been given a two-week window to change any GCSE option choices chosen at the end of year 9. This window has now closed and all students are settled into completing work in all of their GCSE choices.

Work Experience

All Year 10 have now received a presentation on work experience and the forms to fill in to be returned to form tutors once a work experience placement has been sorted. The week of work experience is the Monday 3rd July to Friday 7th July. Please support your child in finding a placement and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Trips

Some Year 10 students took part in a trip to Soli House.

Not only have they learned to be more present, connected to faith and communicative with one another, they have shown resilience and built teamwork.

It has been a pleasure being able to talk about and connect with our faith.



Open Evening

Year 10 students were excellent ambassadors for the school this term in supporting in the school open evening. Our very own Year 10 student Eva wowed crowds with her drumming skills



Sporting Success

The boys football team have begun the season in great style with a 6-0 win to progress to the second round of the Birmingham Cup where they will face local school Wheelers Lane. The boys will be looking to go one step further this season after an agonising defeat in the final to Bishop Walsh at Villa park last year.

The Cross Country running team have also enjoyed success and we congratulate Naod and Emily for their efforts in this.



iMedia

iMedia students had an amazing opportunity when Mr Khitab took them to the Smart Birmingham technology show to experience gaming, 3D laptops, drones and virtual reality experiences!





Class Charts and Teams

Class Charts and Teams are now being used fully in all lessons to set homework and provide lesson resources for students to refer back to after the lesson. We are all aware of how valuable the netbooks are for providing access to learning from home. This has of course allowed us to no longer use the planners as all of the information can be accessed electronically. The use of Class Charts by parents is also very helpful as the rewards and conduct logs can also be easily monitored at home. If, as a parent, you have not yet been able to access class charts, please get in touch with me at h.hunter@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk and I will be able to provide you with the parent login code.

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.

Uniform and Appearance

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.

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. 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.

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.

Vacancies

Please [click here](#) to visit our school website for open vacancies.

CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL

Please give new toys (unwrapped) for our local children in Birmingham for all age groups ranging from 0-15 years



Collection Dates:
Monday 31st October -
Thursday 8th December
Irish TV are are visiting
St. Anne's Parish Centre,
BIZ OPA on Thursday 13th
December

Awards

Each half term we will be awarding our Year 10 Character Champion award to a student who has gone above and beyond. This half term the award went to Elijah who helped deliver an assembly on Black history Month after doing his own research into people who had inspired him. Well done Elijah!

Congratulations to the following students who have all made a fantastic start to the school year and achieved above 1000 achievement points: Declan S M, Robert D, Naod T, Emily S, Nancy C, Mckenzie C, Lydia M, Michael H, Kyomi D, Fossy K.

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Official School Twitter
@BishopChalloner

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Sports Centre
@BishopCentre

Careers
@BCCareersSmart

Chess
@bccchess

TSA
@bctsa_training

Chaplaincy
@BC_Chaplaincy

Performing Arts
@BCPAPA4

1-1 Maths
@BC11M1maths

Computing
@BishopChalComp

Social Sciences
@BCSocSciDept

Central Maths Hub
@centralmathshub

English Dept
@BC_EnglishDept

Biology
@BCCbio

Central Midlands SLP
@CentralMidSLP

Green Group
@educating_eco

Sixth Form
@BCCCSix

Geography
@BCGeogDept

History
@bchistory_

Art Dept
@BCCChallonerArt

Maths
@BCMthsDept

Music Department
@BCPAmusic

BFood Department
@BishopFood

Friends of BC
@bc_friends

PE Department
@BCPEDepartment

Judo Club
@BCJudoClub

STEM
@STEMBC

Teaching and Learning
@BcTeaching

MFL
@BishopMfl

Teach Computing
Central Midlands
@BCComputingHub

Makes
@bc_makes

OLC
@BC_OLC

Tolkien Cluster
Schools
@PrimaryTolkien

Wellbeing

SGO
@BCSGO

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.

KEY DATES

School Open (Week 2)
Monday 31st October

Christmas Presence Day
Tuesday 6th December

All Saints Mass
Tuesday 1st November

Chirstmaths Day
PE Reward Trip
Wednesday 7th December

Sixth Form Open Evening
A Service of Remembrance
Wednesday 9th November

Christmas Show
Thursday 8th December

Remembrance Day
Friday 11th November

School Closed
Year 7, 8 & 10 Parent Consultations
Friday 8th July

School finishes at 2.30pm
Wednesday 16th November

PE Aspirations
Monday 12th December

Colm Smyth Toy Appeal Begins
Tuesday 15th November

Year 9 & 10 Sponsored Football Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 13th December

Year 10 Mock Interviews
Wednesday 16th November

PE Aspirations
Wednesday 14th December

T Level Lunch Event Canteen - Mexican Day
Wednesday 23rd November

Christmas Jumper Day
£1 Donation
Nativity of the Lord Mass
Thursday 15th December

Bishop's Got Talent
Friday 25th November

School Closed Staff INSET
Friday 16th December

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 and will not be widely shared.

Parenting Groups

Please visit our website by [clicking here](#) to view upcoming webinars from the Schools and Colleges Early Support Service. Groups include:

- Adolescent self-harm
- Managing teen behaviour
- Anxiety in adolescence
- Strong teen emotions
- Building resilience

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 an inhaler with them this may result in them being unable to participate, this is for their own safety.

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.