

# Head of Year 10



## October Half Term Newsletter

**Mrs Whelan Head of Year**  
**Mr Knowles, Assistant Head of Year**

Year 10 have made an excellent start to KS4 at Bishop Challoner Catholic College. Students have started their GCSE options in a mature and enthusiastic manner, settling into their new teaching groups well. In addition to their curriculum subjects, year 10 have also participated in extra curriculum activities and engaging in assemblies and form time activities.

### Assemblies and Form Time

Assemblies this half term have been focused on Setting the scene for this academic year, Attendance and Punctuality, The Year of Hope, Black History Month and World Mental Health Day. Students have engaged with the Going Forth Message each week, volunteering to deliver the prayer in front of their year group.

In addition, students have performed in assemblies showcasing their talents. As well as weekly celebrating student's achievements outside of school. Students who have performed at music events like Erin HL, Ishmail who participated in the Kickboxing World Championships in Germany, winning 2 gold medals. Imogen S who qualified for the GB Artistic Swimming Team. Students also had a wonderful visit with Kare Adenegan they listened to her stories on her journey to becoming a successful British Olympian. A truly inspirational event.

During form time students have been taking part in the Standards for Learning Curriculum. Each week students have been encouraged to live out the Bishop Challoner character virtues in a positive and respectful way in all areas of school life from the classroom, thought to the playground and even when they leave school at the end of the day. We encourage all our community at Bishop Challoner to have good relationships built on trust and understanding. By optimising and promoting our charter virtues we hope that we all can be active and responsible citizens.

### DofE

Following the success of the bronze award last year, Bishop Challoner is excited to be giving year 10 students the opportunity to complete their silver award. The Duke of Edinburgh award programme is an incredible gateway for year 10 students, offering them a transformative journey of personal growth and achievement. This opportunity not only challenges them physically, mentally and socially but also instils essential life skills. It was wonderful to see so many year 10 students sign up for the silver award this year.

### Year of Hope and Charity

This year at Bishop Challoner is the year of hope, this coincides with Pope Francis' decision to call 2025 a jubilee year, themed 'Pilgrims of Hope'. Pope Francis said that "we must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. This year we want to encourage our community to support and help the less fortunate. Working towards a better society. Year 10 and the rest of the school will be supporting Father Hudson's Care. This will be alongside food bank, clothing collections and the Christmas Toy Appeal.

This year every year 10 form group will be hosting a fundraising event and hopefully we can raise over £5,000.



### Maths Assessments

We would like to inform you that the Year 10 Autumn assessments will take place shortly after the upcoming half-term break.

Students will complete two one-hour papers during their regular lesson times, scheduled as follows:

**Wednesday 13th November – Paper 1 (Non-Calculator)**  
**Thursday 14th November – Paper 2 (Calculator)**

To aid in their preparation, students will receive revision lists and Mathswatch tasks. Your support in encouraging and assisting your child/children to complete these revision tasks would be greatly appreciated.

## Catholic Games STEM Competition

Year 10 students from our school recently competed in a STEM competition held at St Peter's School.

Throughout the event, the students were tasked with completing four exciting challenges, including creating a volcano model and constructing a bionic hand.

They demonstrated exemplary behavior, teamwork, and resilience as they tackled each challenge with determination and enthusiasm. Their hard work paid off, and our school proudly

secured third place overall in the competition. A massive well done to the students for their fantastic effort and achievement!



## Extra-Curricular

Extra-curricular activities take place at school daily. Both the boys and girls football teams have had an incredible start to the season. Both teams winning their last two matches and progressing in the West Midlands Cup. The girls are also taking part in their first Rugby game this week and we wish them all the best.

## 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.

## Gate Closure

From Monday 4th November the student entrance gate will be locked at 8.35am. If students arrive between 8.35am-8.40am they must enter via reception.

Students should be in their form room by 8.40am when the school day starts. We would encourage students to be in school by 8.30am were possible and to ensure they are on time.

## 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%

## 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**

## 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.

## First Aid Reminders

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, it is important children stay hydrated.

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

## Mobile Phones

Students should not be contacting parents/carers when they feel unwell and requesting to be collected from school. In the event that a student is unwell they **MUST** go to the First Aider who will deal with them. In the event that 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 Pastoral 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.

## 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 completely black and boots of any kind are not allowed.

Our uniform requirements are complemented by a smart appearance and as such, hair styles 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.

## 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.

# 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

## Piercings

Please be reminded that students are permitted to wear a pair of gold or silver studs in the lobe of the ear. Any other piercings, including nose piercings, are not allowed.

## Blazers

Blazers are a compulsory part of the school uniform and must be worn at all times. Jumpers are optional.

## Canteen

All students must enter the canteen to purchase food no later than 10 minutes before the end of lunchtime. Access may be denied after this time.

# Toy Appeal

## Christmas 2024



Please give new toys (unwrapped) for our local children in Birmingham for all age groups ranging from 1-15 years

### COLLECTION DATES:

Monday 4th November - Thursday 12th December

BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Birmingham Irish Association



# Toy Appeal

## Competitions

BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE



### FORM GROUP REWARDS TRIP

The form group that donates the most gifts to the appeal will be awarded with an afternoon rewards trip.

### AMAZON VOUCHER PRIZE DRAW

Every student that brings in a gift will be entered into a prize draw to win an Amazon voucher.

1st prize: £50, 2nd & 3rd prize: £30, 4th & 5th prize: £15, 6th prize £10



Birmingham Irish Association



**Our Lady of Lourdes**  
Catholic Primary School & Nursery

# Reception and Nursery Class applications for Sept 2025

Please come and visit our wonderful school and staff to see what being a member of the Our Lady of Lourdes school family will be like for your child.



Open Mornings (booking not required)  
Friday 18th Oct 9:30 – 11:00 am  
Saturday 9th Nov 9:00 – 10:00 am

Additional date to be confirmed if required

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Christ at the centre of our school where we live, love and learn together





# Bishop Challoner Sixth Form College

## OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 13th November  
6pm - 8pm



Click here to  
book your tickets



### Autumn Term 2

Every Tuesday	Rosary
Every Thursday	Community Mass - 11.30am
Wednesday 6th November	Sixth Form Tea Party
Sunday 10th November	Remembrance Sunday
Monday 11th November	Toy Appeal Launch Remembrance one minute silence
Wednesday 13th November	Sixth Form Open Evening
Tuesday 19th November	Bishop's Got Talent Year 10 Mass
Wednesday 20th November	Sixth Form Tea Party Red Wednesday
Friday 22nd November	Cake Sale
Sunday 24th November	Youth Mass at St Dunstan's
Wednesday 27th November	Flu vaccinations
Monday 2nd December - Friday 6th December	Book Fair
Tuesday 3rd December	Bishop's Got Talent
Wednesday 4th December - Thursday 5th December	Christmas Event
Thursday 5th December	Canteen - Mexican Day
Tuesday 10th December	Cooking Club Parent/Carer Celebration
Friday 13th December	Toy Appeal Ends Cake Sale
Tuesday 17th December	Bishop's Got Talent
Wednesday 18th December	Sixth Form Tea Party
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Hamper Raffle Christmas Mass
Friday 20th December	School closed - Staff INSET
Monday 6th January	School open