



BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Head of Year 10 Summer Term Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the End of Year newsletter for Year 10. As academic years go, this one has brought many disruptions and difficulties, the likes of which schools have not previously encountered. As such, I am very proud of how Year 10 have conducted themselves, and the commitment you have shown to your education and your development outside of school. I am also exceptionally pleased with how students have behaved on their return to school, showing their maturity and growth after such a long period of independent study. Whilst it is impossible to hide from the challenges this time has caused, I think it is important, also, to celebrate the successes we have achieved.

We have become more independent, insofar as we have all had to self-motivate and show resilience when things have been difficult. We have all improved our ICT skills and our ability to use different resources that previously, we may have been very unfamiliar with. We have all had the time and the opportunity to reflect on how we can best achieve our goals and our aspirations, and been able to enjoy extra time with our families. In terms of preparation for Year 11, a short six weeks away, as students you have developed a variety of skills which will enrich your GCSE studies and enable you to get the phenomenal results we know you are capable of.

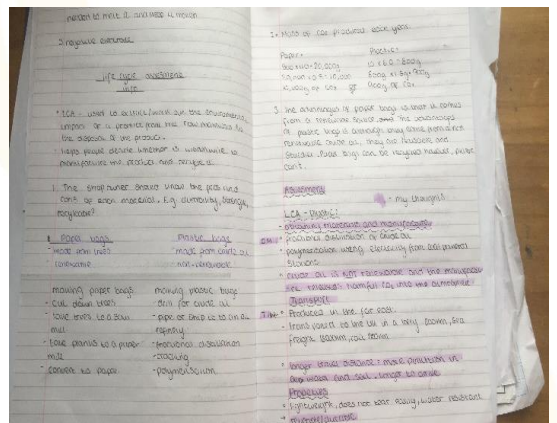
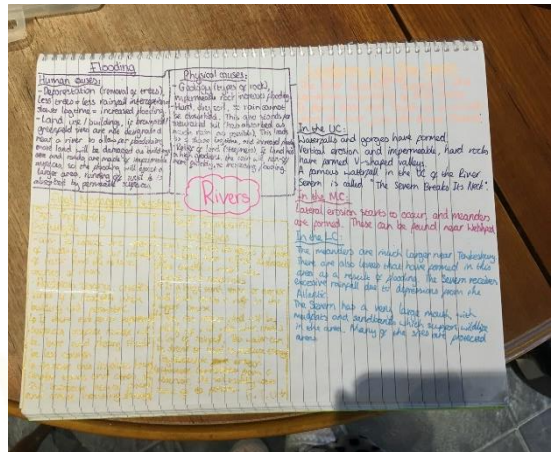
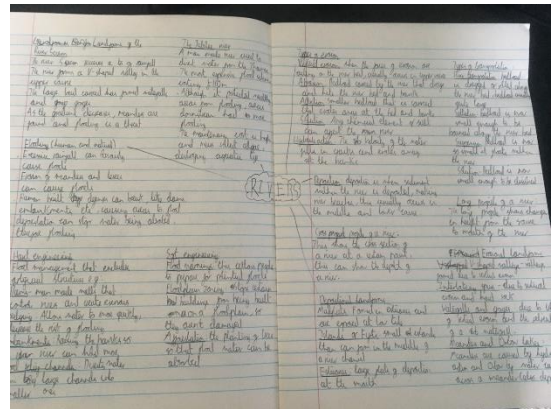
I realise that many of you will be worried about what your GCSEs may look like, as is perfectly natural, but both holistically and academically, please be reassured that we will do everything that we can as a school to support you through the most important year in your studies to date. You can also help yourselves by ensuring that your notes are in order and that you have your books ready for next year. Some of you may want to make revision materials over the break and I would encourage this idea in regular, small chunks; for example, spending ten minutes every so often practising for your Spoken Language Endorsement for English. However, it is equally important that you allow yourselves the chance to recuperate after a long term, and rest so that you are ready to succeed next year.

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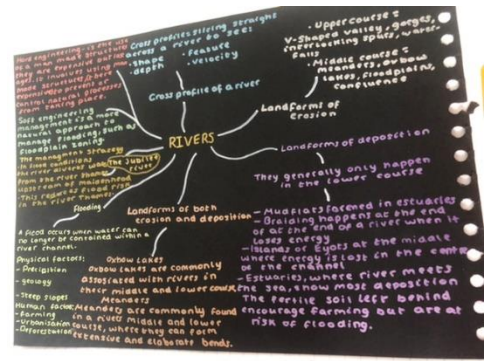
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In terms of revision, I have included a few hints and tips that may help all our students. I would recommend they create flashcards of the topics they study. One side could have a question, the other side potential answers. In English, one side could have a quotation and some analysis from their text, the other side a picture. These techniques aid retention of information. Another technique students could utilise in their revision is to create Mind Maps which link together the different strands of their knowledge. This will enable them to review what they have learnt whilst cognitively linking the information. By creating excellent revision resources as they go along, students will improve their chances of success in their GCSEs.



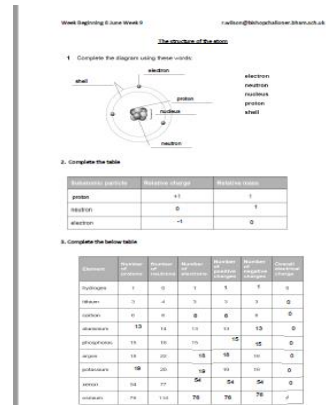
To conclude this newsletter, I wanted to praise some of the students who have worked exceptionally hard during this term. I have included some wonderful examples of science and geography work that demonstrate good note taking. I also wanted to name drop some students from our wonderful year group. Please be aware, I could mention many more names but don't have the space to do so, so well done to all those others who have also worked exceptionally hard!

RE

Well done to James S & Erin for doing every single task, without fail, always on time, always giving everything a go.

James L for making corrections to his work to improve and then resubmitting. This shows determination to do well.

To Freddie L and Anthony L for incredible dedication and attention to detail! Really top quality work. Lucy H. Every piece of work Lucy has submitted has been excellent. She has created her very own, highly detailed revision resources and she is constantly striving to further her knowledge and understanding in RE.



Maddie M. Her work has been superbly detailed and she has done exceptionally well in any practice RE exam answers she has submitted.

Oliver C for a superb score in his end of unit assessment on Judaism, getting 54 out of 60!

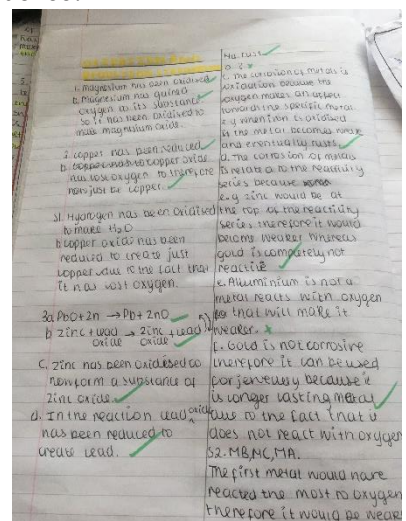
Eleanor H for answering practice exam questions excellently and gaining 49 out of 60 in her end of unit assessment on Judaism!

Malachi P. He has taken on board any feedback given to him and is putting in a huge amount of effort to improve his work and his answers. He also did well in his end of unit assessment on Judaism.

Maths

Mr Bloxidge has sent me some amazing work from his mathematics class and it is wonderful to see such a long list of brilliant students: Dan C, Seth G, Ellie H, Lucy H, Brandon K, Meg M, Jack M, Ronan P, William R, Sam R, and James S.

Three students whose contributions have been particularly outstanding are Joe



B, who has completed 26 tasks and achieved 100% of the marks in every single one, Oliver C who is studying optional Further Maths and Matthew J who is also studying optional Further Maths.

Congratulations, once again, to all the above and many more who I have not been able to mention here by name. We eagerly await the time when we can all join together again in our classrooms with our friends and teachers, and continue studying for our future lives and careers. I hope you have a lovely break.

School Trip Refunds

The summer term is usually a time when many trips take place. Many trips and obviously been paid for or partially paid for. It has been a mammoth task for the Finance team to organise these refunds and they have done a brilliant job managing the trip refund process. We are now hopefully getting towards a completion date.

Parents/carers will have been receiving messages to confirm what amounts are being refunded. If a payment was made within the last six months it will be refunded direct to the bank account/card paid with via SchoolComms. If a payment was made longer than six months ago or by cash then refunds will be made by cheque which are being prepared and signed and will then be posted out. If you have a query about this, please contact school and we will pass on your contact details to the Finance Team who will call you back.

Free School Meals

If your son/daughter is eligible for free school meals the Edenred voucher scheme has been extended to cover the summer holiday period. School will have been in touch to arrange the collection of the vouchers for this period.

September Start

We are really looking forward to seeing all students in September, in line with government guidance adaptations and some practices have changed, please refer to Dr Coughlan's letter sent on Thursday 16th July regarding the arrangements for September, in summary-

- All students will return
- Full school uniform must be worn
- Full school PE kit must be worn on days your son/daughter has PE as there will be no changing facilities available
- There may be a change to the start and end time of the school day for your son/daughter
- Whilst we encourage students to arrive at school close to their designated start time, sibling groups can arrive together and we will fully support this. Students arriving early to school will be accommodated. Please note, although staff are around the school there is no direct supervision unless students are taking part in organised activities.
- All students have a responsibility to adhere to hand washing and sanitizing and following one way systems in place in school
- Your son/daughter will receive a broad and balanced curriculum still consisting of 5 periods per day
- We are committed to offering extra-curricular activities where it is safe and possible to do so

Attendance/Punctuality

All students are expected to attend school full time from September. Normal procedures should be followed if you son/daughter is unable to attend school.

Students must be on time, sanctions in line with school policy will still apply.

Form Names 2020/2021

From September the name of our form groups will change. Each form group will be represented by a Saint, some further information on each of the Saints is attached.

BON will be BER- St Bernadette

HIL will be BOS- St John Bosco

LIV will be CEC- St Cecilia

MAC will be LUK- St Luke
SCO will be SEB- St Sebastian
SHA will be TER- St Teresa of Calcutta

The change of form names is a really positive move and further reflects the distinct nature of our Catholic school.

Uniform/Standards

Expectations regarding uniform and standards of behaviour remain unchanged in September. Students should attend school prepared to learn and familiarise themselves again with the BC Basics. There has been an appendix to the school's behaviour policy, this can be found here-

https://files.schudio.com/bishop-challoner-catholic-college/files/documents/policies/POLICIES_2020/BC_009a_Appendix_to_Behaviour_Policy.pdf

Medical Information

If your son/daughter has any medical condition that the school have not been made aware of please ensure that you provide full details before the start of September by emailing- enquiry@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk.

Goodbye...

At this time of year we say goodbye and good luck to both teaching and support staff that are moving on. Ms Baker leaves to take up an Assistant Headteacher post after 15 years of outstanding service to the school. Also from the teaching staff we say farewell to Mr Wooler (Maths), Miss Leigh-Lancaster (English), Mr Bennett (Computing) and Mr Palmer (PE).

From the support staff we say goodbye to Mr Jogia (Cleaning Team), Miss O'Neill (Sports Centre/Reception), Miss Nutt (Maths Hub) and Miss Reynolds (Computing Hub).

We wish them all the very best of luck and we will continue to keep them all in our thoughts and prayers.

Year 11 Ties

Year 11 ties will be available to purchase from school reception on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September, priced at £6.50.

Have a great summer.

Yours faithfully,

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Head of Year 10

Mr Fell
Assistant Head of Year 10



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