



BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Year 11 October Half Term Newsletter 2019

Dear Parents/carers,

It has been an extremely positive start to the 2019/20 academic year in Year 11 with students making a good transition into this important exam year. Most Students have taken well to the study sessions after school and are fully embracing their value and are understanding the focus needed this year in order to be successful next summer.

Year of Community

This year at Bishop Challoner Catholic College is the Year of Community. As a year we will be focussing on our year group's well-being and we will be supporting students through the important year ahead. We will be supporting them with revision advice and stress relieving tips throughout the year. We will also be helping our wider community and will be bringing back our annual food bank collection. This will begin after half term with each form having a week each to collect as much food as possible for the B30 foodbank. Below is an image of the certificate the year group received after last year's collections.



Mock examinations

Year 11 will be sitting their mock examinations from the 3rd December. It is hugely important that students are beginning to revise for this exam period now. Early revision means they can complete smaller chunks and ensure the information is being committed to long term memory. Revision guides are available from each department and they are a hugely important resource for your child's revision. If you would like to discuss how you could support your child with revision please see me on Parent Consultation Afternoon on Thursday 7th November. The timetable for these mock examinations is below:

Day	Time	Subject	Venue	Duration
Tuesday 3rd December 2019	1:30 PM	Information Technology (11A/It1, 11yw/It1)	Auditorium	90 mins
Wednesday 4th December 2019	9:00 AM	English Language- Paper 1	Auditorium	1 hr 45 min
	1.30 pm	Biology- Paper 1 (11X1,X2,X3,X4)	Auditorium	1 hr 45 min
	1.30 pm	Biology-combined (11Y1,Y2,Y3,W1,W2)	Auditorium	70 min
Thursday 5th December 2019	9:00 AM	Maths- Paper 1	Auditorium	90 min
	1.30 pm	RE	Auditorium	90 min

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Day	Time	Subject	Venue	.
Friday 6 th December 2019	9:00 AM	French- Reading & Writing	Auditorium	2h 15 min
	9:00 AM	French- Reading & Writing	Auditorium	1hr 45 min
	1.30 pm	Media All Groups	Auditorium	90 mins
Monday 9 th December 2019	9:00 AM	Maths - Paper 2	Auditorium	90 mins
	1:30 PM	Computer Science 11cCP1	Auditorium	90 mins
	1:30 PM	Food 11C	Auditorium	2 hrs
Tuesday 10 th December 2019	9:00 AM	Geography- All Groups	Auditorium	2hrs
	1:30 PM	Business 2 groups	Auditorium	90 mins
Wednesday 11 th December 2019	9:00 AM	Chemistry (11X1,X2,X3,X4)	Auditorium	1hr 45 min
	9:00 AM	Chemistry- Combined (11Y1,Y2,Y3,W1,W2)	Auditorium	70 min
	1:30 PM	Computer Science 11cCP1	Auditorium	90 mins
	1:30 PM	Product Design	Auditorium	2 hrs
Thursday 12 th December 2019	9:00 AM	English Language- Paper 2	Auditorium	1hr 45 min
	1.30pm	PE - All Groups (26)	Auditorium	60 mins
Monday 16 th December 2019	9:00 AM	History Paper 2	Auditorium	1hrs 45 mins
	1:30 PM	Maths - Paper 3	Auditorium	90 mins
Tuesday 17 th December 2019	9:00 AM	Physics- Paper 1 (11X1,X2,X3,X4)	Auditorium	1hr 45min
	9:00 AM	Physics- combined (11Y1,Y2,Y3,W1,W2)	Auditorium	70 min
	1.30 PM	PE - All Groups (26)	Auditorium	60 mins
Wednesday 18 th December 2019	9:00 AM	Health & Social Care	Auditorium	90 mins

Trips and sports

The year 11 girls' netball team have played several matches this term already and have performed excellently in all games. Well done.

Performing Art students went on a trip to see Blood Brothers on 3rd October. A great time was had by all.



Students of the term

The following students have been identified as having an excellent start to the year and having great focus through all their studies. They should be applauded for their effort this half term: 11BON – Nathan B, Anne Mary and Olivia M. 11HIL - Adam G and Aimee M. 11LIV – Alice S, Anais B and Sion W. 11MAC - Ciaran C and Finbarr M. 11SCO - Morgan O’C and Nathan A. 11SHA - Ellie L, Julia K and Adam B.

Interventions

Maths and English interventions have been running after school and a huge well done to students regularly attending these. Whilst students have been identified as needing support other students are always welcome to stay for further voluntary support

Start a Heart Day

Bethany Jones spoke to the students in Key Stage 3 all about her role with St Johns Ambulance; she spoke very eloquently and with much enthusiasm. The talk was well received by all and was very Educational. Well done Bethany on both the talk and your role with St Johns ambulance.



Shoe Box Appeal

In the Year of Community, Year 11 have displayed excellent compassion to those less fortunate than themselves by contributing to our Shoe Box Appeal. The Shoe boxes will be sent to the charity Operation Christmas Child who send shoe boxes to children need every year. Students have donated their time, money, resources and small gifts to this worthy cause. If any students would still like to contribute, donations are being accepted until the 8th of November.

Schoolcomms

As you are aware we operate a cashless catering system and Schoolcomms is the only system to make payments for your child’s school dinners and school trips. There is only one money loading machine in operation in the school so it is imperative that Schoolcomms is used. For further information please visit our website www.bishopchalloner.org.uk

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. 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 and boots are forbidden.

Please note that school shoes must be kept completely black. There are a number of styles, particularly for girls, currently in fashion with wood style soles. These are not suitable for school. School shoes should also be leather and not patent.

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 gold stud earrings which may be worn by girls.

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.

I know that you will, as always, support us in maintaining the smart appearance of your children and high standards of discipline, so that our focus in school can be on educational achievement.

Attendance and Punctuality

- Year 11- 95%
- Whole school- 96%

This is very pleasing and is in line with the school attendance target. We hope that this level of attendance can continue throughout the remainder of the year.

If your child is absent from school, a notification phone call needs to be made to the school on the first day of the absence and every further day that they are absent too. Upon return to school, a written note needs to be handed in to their form tutor, stating the reason for absence. Please encourage your child to be at school by 8.30am to instil the important life skill of good punctuality.

I hope that all students and their families can enjoy a relaxing half term before their return on **Monday 4th November**.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Clarke
Head of Year 11

Miss Williams
Assistant Head of Year 11

Key Dates

Monday 4th November-

Thursday 7th November-

Wednesday 15th November-

Tuesday 19th November-

Tuesday 19th November-Wednesday 20th November-

Wednesday 20th November-

Monday 2nd December-

Thursday 12th December-

Friday 13th December-

Monday 16th December-

Tuesday 17th December-

Thursday 29th December-

Friday 20th December-

Monday 6th January-

School Open

Early Closure, 1.10pm- Year 11 Parent Consultation Day

Sixth Form Open Evening

Canteen- Brazillian Day

Year 11 French Speaking Mocks

Shoebboxes Collected

St Chad's Sanctuary Collection begins

Christmas Show

Winter Soiree

School Closed- Year 7/9/10 Parent Consultation Day

St Chad's Sanctuary Collection Ends

Canteen- Student Christmas Lunch

Whole School Mass

Non uniform Christmas Jumper day

School Closed- Inset Day

School Open



Remember – follow our many twitter feeds for updates on what is happening at BC!

Official School Twitter:	@BishopChalloner	Science:	@BCSciDept
Science:	@BCSciDept	Maths Hub:	@CentralMathsHub
Teaching School:	@teaching_school	Performing Arts:	@BCPAmusic/@BCPAPA4
School Games:	@BCSGO	History:	@history_GCSEBC
Computing:	@BishopChalComp	Science Learning Partnership:	@CentralMidSLP
Chaplaincy:	@BC_Chaplaincy	Social Science:	@BCSocSciDept
Biology:	@BCCbio	School Games:	@BCSGO
English:	@BC_EnglishDept	Sixth Form:	@BCCSix
PE:	@BCPEDepartment	Central Maths Hub:	@CentralMathsHub
Maths:	@BCMathsDept	FOBC:	@bc_friends
Geography:	@BCGeogDept	Design:	@BCCDesign