

# Head of Year 11



## February Half Term Newsletter

### Miss Sadler, Head of Year Mrs Whelan, Assistant Head of Year

We have both been incredibly proud of year 11 so far this year. We appreciate that this is a challenging year but know that the best outcomes come with hard work. In the coming months, we know that there will be a whole rollercoaster of emotions. We would like to take this opportunity to both congratulate them on their determination and offer our continued support.

### Parent Consultation Evening

There was a fantastic turnout at Parent Consultation Evening on Thursday 9th February. Thank you to all of the parents/carers who were able to attend the event, and we hope that you found it an invaluable opportunity to speak to consultation tutors and subject teachers about your child's progress.

### Assemblies

Assemblies so far this term have covered a range of topics such as Holocaust memorial, world religions, attendance and mental health. These are all important topics to discuss in school. Students are reminded that if they have any worries or concerns over these topics, they should speak to parents, carers or an adult in school.

### U16 Girls' Football

The U16 girls team made it all the way to the West Midlands Cup semi-finals. Unfortunately, they were knocked out by Summerhill 4-3 in a close match. The opposition were full of Wolverhampton academy players and our girls performed outstandingly - matching their level for most of the game. At one point we were beating them 2-1! Congratulations, especially to Cora our captain and Suraya our epic goal scorer.

### GET IN TOUCH

In order for us to 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.

### Resources

The school website is a great resource for directing students to hints and tips, as well as mental health support, should it be required. C2 remains open for students until 6pm every day of the week, as some students attend catch up and interventions. Students are able to use the room to print off past exam papers or as a quiet place to revise after school if they do not have a study session.

### Sixth Form Interviews

Over the last half term, students have been attending interviews for our Sixth Form. We have been delighted to have so many already applying. We can look forward to having so many students from this wonderful year group next year! Any students who have missed the interviews or not applied, but are now wanting to attend should speak to Miss Sadler or Mrs Whelan.

### Exam Dates

There have been a number of external exams already undertaken by students in Year 11 on vocational qualifications including Business, Sport, Health and Social Care and Food. Congratulations to those students who have sat these examinations, and we look forward to these results.

The Summer GCSE 2023 exam window runs from 15th May to 21st June 2023. Shortly after half term, there will be a full list of the GCSE dates published on our school website. Please keep any eye out for this important documentation.

### 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.

## 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 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 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 and boots of any kind are not allowed.

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. Headscarves must be black. Braids are allowed. 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.

## Scarves

A recent trend appears to be the wearing of scarves. Scarves should only be worn with a coat and should not be worn inside, the same as coats.

## 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.

## TWITTER

Official School Twitter  
@BishopChalloner

Music Department  
@BCPAmusic

Social Sciences  
@BCSocSciDept

OLC  
@BC\_OLC

Geography  
@BCGeogDept

Careers  
@BCCareersSmart

PE Department  
@BCPEDepartment

Biology  
@BCCbio

SGO  
@BCSGO

Maths  
@BCMthsDept

Chaplaincy  
@BC\_Chaplaincy

Teaching and Learning  
@BcTeaching

Sixth Form  
@BCCCSix

Sports Centre  
@BishopCentre

Friends of BC  
@bc\_friends

Computing  
@BishopChalComp

Makes  
@bc\_makes

Art Dept  
@BCChallonerArt

TSA  
@bctsa\_training

STEM  
@STEMBC

English Dept  
@BC\_EnglishDept

Wellbeing  
@BCCCWellbeing

BFood Department  
@BishopFood

1-1 Maths  
@BC11M1maths

Teach Computing Central  
Midlands  
@BCComputingHub

Green Group  
@educating\_eco

Chess  
@bcchess

Judo Club  
@BCJudoClub

Central Maths Hub  
@centralmathshub

Tolkien Cluster Schools  
@PrimaryTolkien

History  
@bchistory\_

Performing Arts  
@BCPAPA4

MFL  
@BishopMfl

Central Midlands SLP  
@CentralMidSLP

# 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



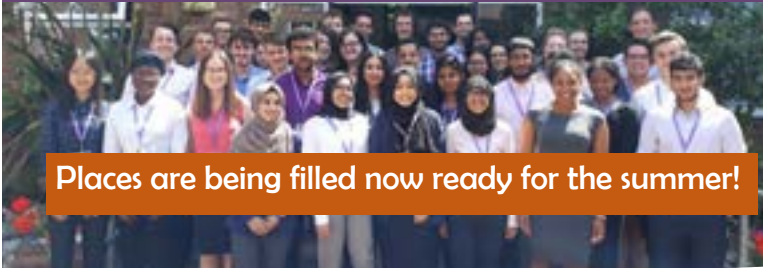
**Foundation 4**  
Implement Targeted  
Programmes And Intervention



**Foundation 5**  
Connect Appropriately With  
Approaches To  
Behaviour Management

## TEACHING INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

Earn  
£900



Places are being filled now ready for the summer!

3 weeks @  
£300 per week

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023  
Apply now for a place on this popular programme!



Have you ever thought about a career in teaching Physics, Computing, Maths, Chemistry, or Languages?



Are you currently studying for an under-grad degree in these or a related subject (in any year)?

If so, apply to take part in our Teaching Internship Programme. Spend 3 weeks on our programme and discover the power of teaching to improve the life chances of students. Previous interns unfortunately cannot apply. Interviews taking place now!!

Apply now: <https://forms.office.com/e/Wxjse7Zt5r>

[www.bctsa.org](http://www.bctsa.org)



## KEY DATES

School Open  
Monday 27th February

PE Aspiration  
Monday 27th March

Foobank Collection  
begins  
Monday 13th March

Sixth Form Easter Fair  
Primary Concert  
Tuesday 28th March

Year 8-13 Careers Day  
Thursday 9th March

Year 8 Parent  
Consultation  
Afternoon  
Early Closure - TBC  
Wednesday 29th March

Bishop's Got Talent  
Friday 10th March

St Patrick's Day -  
Canteen  
Wear Green Day £1  
Friday 17th March

Last day of Term  
Easter Mass  
Foodbank ends  
Quiz Night for Trips  
TBC  
Thursday 30th March

Spring Soiree  
Wednesday 22nd March

Quiz Night for Trips  
Thursday 23rd March

School Closed -  
Staff INSET  
Friday 31st March

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

## School Fund and Match Fund

Please visit the school website for more information on School Fund contributions and Match Fund through your employer.