

Head of Year 11

October Half Term Newsletter

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

Year 11 have made an outstanding start to the academic year. They have taken on the responsibility of being role models for the rest of the school and have done so brilliantly. I am immensely proud of the work they have done inside of the classroom, their commitment to study sessions and the way in which they have worked outside of lessons. I look forward to continuing to support all students to achieve their potential this year. If there are any questions you have then please do not hesitate to contact school.



Sixth Form Open Evening

Sixth Form opening Evening is on Wednesday 15th November. Opportunity to speak to teachers about all of the prospective courses. A new opportunity beginning in the sixth form next year is the studying of T-Level in Business Management and Administration.



Bishop Challoner
Sixth Form College

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 15th November
6pm - 8.30pm

T-LEVELS
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION



Click the image to book your tickets

T Levels

In order to get ready for the launch of our new T-Level we invited visitors in from Birmingham Hospice, Mondelez International and Team ITG to talk about the management of their business'. The year 11 students engaged extremely well with this.



Sporting Success

Our Year 11 football team and have an excellent start to the season winning their opening two games and progressing in the West Midlands cup. Well done to all of the team.



Football

The boys' football team played away at The University of Birmingham School and after a close and challenging match, our boys came out on top winning the game 6-5!

Assessments

Mini Mocks Year 11 have recently completed their mini mocks, and I want to congratulate them on their focus and dedication throughout this period. The mini mocks provided students with an opportunity to practice some exam papers and allow them to become more familiar with the format of papers and questions that they will see in the summer. Parents can discuss the results from these mini mocks at the upcoming parents evening in November.

Consultation Afternoon

Year 11 Consultation Afternoon is taking place from 2pm to 4.30pm on the Thursday 9th November. Please book an appointment with your child's consultation tutor to discuss their progress. Details have been emailed to the priority 1 contact we have on the system and can be seen on the school website by [clicking here](#).

Year 11 Personal Development Day

Year 11 this week had a personal development day which they engaged with exceptionally well. They had activities on the dangers of vaping, supporting their wellbeing, money matters and a talk from stand against violence. Our students also had a talk on careers from representatives of the Department for work and pensions.



Tutees of the term

The following students have all won certificates for their outstanding start to the term.

Emily S, Fossy K, Zimuzo G, Katie M, Naod T, Mckenzie C, Frances A, Declan S, Isabel H, Paige F.

Year 11 Mocks

The year 11 mock window will run from Monday 4th December to Wednesday 20th December. The mock examinations are extremely important in preparing students for their GCSE examinations and should be prepared for thoroughly. A revision topic list for each examination and a timetable will be published on the school website on Friday 10th November.

Intervention

A targeted group of year 11 students have made an outstanding start to their intervention work being completed in C2. If you would like your child to attend any extra intervention, then please contact me to discuss further.

Open Evening

Just a few weeks into term our Year 11 students took on the responsibility of being tour guides to show 6-year prospective students around our school. Year 11 did a fantastic job, and we were all incredibly proud of them as they spoke to parents of prospective students about their time here at Bishop Challoner. I have received countless emails from visitors on that evening expressing their gratitude to the mature and polite students who were a credit to our school on that evening.

Year 11 Parent/Carer Information Evening

We will be holding a Year 11 parents information evening on Thursday 23rd November. This will be a talk on how you can support your child in preparation for their mock exams in December and the public GCSE examinations in May. Information around booking for this will be sent out at the beginning of next term.

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.

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.

Please call 0121 444 4161 and select OPTION 1.

If you receive a text message or phone call from school 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.**

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 that 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.

Skirts

Please be reminded that all school skirts should be pleated, as part of the phased approach. Students still wearing a straight skirt have had this half term to replace it. We expect all skirts to be pleated from Monday 6th November.

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.

YEAR 11 KEY DATES

School Open	November
Christmas Toy Appeal Starts	Wednesday 29th November
Monday 6th November	
India Day - Canteen	Book Fair
Wednesday 8th November	Friday 1st December
Year 11 Parent Consultation Afternoon	Year 11 Mock Exams
School ends at 1.15pm	Monday 4th December - Wednesday 20th December
Thursday 9th November	Christmas Show Fundraising Events
	Tuesday 5th December
Anti-Bullying Week	Christmaths Day
Monday 13th November - Friday 17th November	Thursday 7th December
Health and Social Care Controlled Assessment	Food Practical Exam
World Kindness Day	Monday 11th December - Wednesday 13th December/Friday 15th December
Monday 13th November	Student Christmas Lunch
Remembrance Events	Monday 18th December
Thursday 16th November	School Closed for Year 7, 8 & 9 PCD
Bishop's Got Talent	Wednesday 20th December
Friday 17th November	Christmas Jumper Day
Y11 French Speaking Mocks	Thursday 21st December
Road Safety Week	School Closed - INSET Day
Monday 20th November - Friday 24th November	Friday 22nd December
BTEC Sport Controlled Assessment	School Open
Wednesday 22nd November	Monday 8th January
Friday 24th September	
Monday 27th	

School Fund and Match Fund

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

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 inform the school of any new medical conditions or investigations. This is extremely important in helping us to correctly support your child's medical needs in school. We also need current emergency contact details; if these have changed you must contact the school with new details for our records.

Asthma, Anaphylaxis, Diabetes

Students diagnosed with Anaphylaxis must carry an Auto injector pen at all times on their person and a spare provided to first aid, this is in keeping with MHRA (Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency) Government agency recommendation that students should carry two Auto injector pens.

In order for your child to participate safely in trips and off-site activities, we will send with them the spare provided to first aid, in addition to the one they carry on them, so they have two with them following our school's policy for trips and off-site activities.

Other medications must be handed in to first aid or the trip lead on the day.

Emergency Contacts

It is imperative we have your current correct contact information on our systems. Please inform the school if anything has changed, especially telephone numbers.

Teaching School

Do you have older children or relatives at University studying Maths, Computing, Physics, Chemistry or MFL related degrees?

In June/July Bishop Challoner are offering a 3 week paid (£900 total) internship based in local schools, open to students. We wanted to flag this opportunity to families in our community. Application is straightforward, and can be done on our website here: <https://www.bctsa.org/605/teaching-internship-programme>

Toy Appeal

Christmas 2023



Scan to donate

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

COLLECTION DATES:

Monday 6th November - Thursday 14th December

Irish TV are visiting St Anne's Parish Centre, B12 OPA on Thursday 14th December



Attendance Updates

Attendance Percentage

Year 7 - 95.3%

Year 8 - 93.9%

Year 9 - 92.4%

Year 10 - 91.1%

Year 11 - 92.0%

Whole School - 93.0%

w/c 23/10/23

Late Marks

Year 7 - 21

Year 8 - 21

Year 9 - 49

Year 10 - 37

Year 11 - 27

Attendance Raffle Winners

Well done to the following students that have had 100% attendance and no late marks. They each won a £10 high street voucher.

Friday 20th October

Year 7 - Lemuel D

Year 8 - Eirlys W

Year 9 - Emily P

Year 10 - Cory C

Year 11 - Ava G

Thursday 26th October

Year 7 - Ksenija N

Year 8 - Tymoteseusz K

Year 9 - Onyinye N

Year 10 - Abubakar Q

Year 11 - Nathan C

VACANCIES

[click here for details](#)

BISHOP CHALLONER



CATHOLIC COLLEGE

SAVE THE DATE

Platinum Jubilee Remembrance Event

on

Thursday 25th April 2024

4.30pm-6.30pm

School Visit

Range of students' activities

7pm

Blessing

MISSION STATEMENT

In our community Bishop Challoner Catholic College we give glory to God by developing our full potential and in our service to others. In the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit.

SCHOOL PRAYER

Who am I God?
Why am I here?
What do you want me to do?
You made me special to do something wonderful in this life of mine.
Show me what I might be, what I might do, who I might help and I'll do it for you, Amen.