

Head of Year 7



February Half Term Newsletter

Miss Beard, Head of Year Mr Fell, Assistant Head of Year

Over the last three months, students in Year 7 have had many highs and amazing experiences. The majority of the year group went to see 'A Christmas Carol' live at the theatre and there was a pizza party for those whose form had the best collective attendance. There are a plethora of reasons to celebrate the successes of Year 7 to which I hope this newsletter alludes.

One of the things which we must all celebrate is our dedication to fulfilling our mission statement whereby we give 'service to others' as we 'fulfill our potential'. Whilst there are many individual students who deserve recognition here for our toy box appeal, it is also important that we all congratulate 7TER who collectively won the competition. Early in the next half term, those students will get to experience a reward afternoon outside of school to congratulate them for their hard work collecting for those less fortunate.

Geography

Academically, students are also fulfilling their potential, often going above and beyond what is expected of them. One key event this term that many in Year 7 showed amazing strength in, was the geography competition about Landscapes in a box. The examples included demonstrate hard work, creativity, ingenuity and dedication. I have included a small sample to illustrate the brilliance of our year group. This selection was a very difficult decision. I know that such hard work will be built upon as time moves forward.



Bishop's Got Talent

It is always a pleasure to see students progress in their academia within lessons but even more so when it is in their own time. There have been multitudes of occasions this half term whereby year seven students have showcased their skills in different Bishops' Got Talent events from music to art, Geography and sports. Well done to all who get involved, work hard and who are growing in confidence every day with their skills and talents.



Celebrating Success

As a school we desire and strive for excellence in all areas of our students' growth; one such pivotal focus is in their commitment to developing their character. As such, they have just experienced their first character day and it was phenomenal. At all times, we wish for our students to be resilient, determined, compassionate, eloquent, focused, amongst other Jesuit values which we hold dear. This is celebrated across our school in both positive logs and also rewards such as certificates, assemblies and other events. Just prior to Christmas, the following students received recognition for their hard work on developing these character traits.



Congratulations

For the Spring half term, I would like to congratulate the following students who have been recognized by their class teachers as having developed and tried continuously. Well done to Teuta, Herbie, Mark, Maximilian, Annabelle, Billy, Zachary, Antoni, Isla, Sophie, Reece, Torin, Elisse, Abbey, Grace M, Grace E, Amelia M, Lexie, Archie, Dillon, Aoife, Zahra, Harry, Nell, Bo, George, Maisy, Maisie, Ailish, Thomas, Tymoteusz who have all had over 33 positive logs this half term! That equates to more than one positive log per day which is a phenomenal achievement.

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.

Extra-Curricular

We want for our students to immerse themselves in all aspects of school life and as such, it is with utter pleasure that I discuss the extra-curricular life of the school. Clubs including the myriad sports clubs, art, Debate Mate amongst many others thrive with the help of our Year group who all contribute to our school's community, not to mention winning and taking part in competitions across the school.

Not satisfied with just enjoying the clubs, many of our year group have also excelled in their leadership of children from our feeder schools, particularly in robotics and other STEM affiliated clubs.

Faith

Students in Year 7 have also excelled as members of our faith; students have got involved in leading worship for our school in assembly in front of 200 students. This takes extraordinary courage and confidence: students should be rightly proud of themselves. The chapel is open for all students who would like some time to reflect, pray and consider their personal relationship with God and their faith.

Opportunities

Opportunities will continue to abound for Year 7 with particular highlights over the next couple of terms being a day trip to France, residential abroad with PE and also the phenomenal opportunity of Ball Crew for the Aegon classics. I highly recommend you encourage your child to embrace all the possibilities that are on offer.

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

Timings of the school day - September 2023

[Click here](#) for more information.

Monday to Thursday: Start: 8.40am. Finish: 3.20pm

Friday: Start: 8.40am. Finish: 2.30pm

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.

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.

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.

TWITTER

Official School Twitter
@BishopChalloner

Careers
@BCCareersSmart

Chaplaincy
@BC_Chaplaincy

Computing
@BishopChalComp

English Dept
@BC_EnglishDept

Green Group
@educating_eco

History
@bchistory_

Music Department
@BCPAMusic

PE Department
@BCPEDepartment

Teaching and Learning
@BcTeaching

Makes
@bc_makes

Wellbeing
@BCCCWellbeing

Chess
@bccchess

Performing Arts
@BCPAPA4

Social Sciences
@BCSocSciDept

Biology
@BCCbio

Sixth Form
@BCCSix

Art Dept
@BCChallonerArt

BFood Department
@BishopFood

Judo Club
@BCJudoClub

MFL
@BishopMfl

OLC
@BC_OLC

SGO
@BCSGO

Sports Centre
@BishopCentre

TSA
@bctsa_training

1-1 Maths
@BC11M1maths

Central Maths Hub
@centralmathshub

Central Midlands SLP
@CentralMidSLP

Geography
@BCGeogDept

Maths
@BCMathsDept

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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!!

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www.bctsa.org



Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School

Trittiford Road, Yardley Wood, Birmingham, B13 0EU

Tel: 0121 444 2684

Website: www.ourladyoflourdesprimary.com

Teacher

The Governors of this successful and very popular Catholic school wish to appoint an enthusiastic, well-motivated teacher who is passionate about teaching & learning and who has high expectations of pupil achievement and behaviour. **The vacancy is for part time class teaching (2 days) and part time tutoring (3 days)**

This is a fixed term contract in the first instance (4/5 days per wk) starting **April 2022** (or sooner if available before Easter)

This job is suitable for ECT's and those who are suitably qualified are encouraged to apply

Candidates on all pay scales will be considered

We can offer you:

- A happy and caring school with a very strong Catholic ethos where we live our faith with Christ at the centre as we live, love and learn together
- Children who love to come to school, who are engaged in their learning and have excellent behaviour, together with parents who are exceptionally supportive of the school
- An innovative and exciting curriculum that continues to evolve
- An opportunity to join a highly effective team of teachers and support staff who are committed to the school and the children
- A very supportive & knowledgeable Governing Body and Senior Leadership Team who are committed to maintaining high standards
- Excellent opportunities for professional development
- Excellent Parish Links with Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church and opportunities to participate in Staff Pilgrimage, retreats and ongoing personal spiritual development
- A laptop and iPad to support you in fulfilling your role

We are looking for:

- A practising Catholic with a firm commitment to their parish/the Catholic ethos of our school
- An excellent teacher with an ability to raise the attainment and progress of all children (including SEND, Pupil Premium and those who are more able)
- Someone with a good knowledge of the curriculum and interesting teaching ideas
- Someone with the necessary experience in all key stages or a willingness to develop those skills
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, confidence and can demonstrate effective teamwork/collaboration in our very strong team
- Someone willing to build strong and supportive relationships with pupils, parents, support agencies, governors and staff
- A teacher who will become fully involved in the wider life of the school and parish

Visits to the school are strongly recommended before application. To make an appointment please contact Susan McGrath, School Business Manager on 0121 444 2684. CES Application Packs are available on the school website for interested candidates at the following link -

<https://www.ourladyoflourdesprimary.com/vacancies-at-olot/>

Dates for school visits:

Closing Date for Applications:

Interviews:

To be arranged with office direct on above telephone number

Friday 17th March 2023

Thursday 23rd March 2023 TBC

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. All staff are expected to share this commitment. All appointments made will be subject to receipt of satisfactory references, receipt of an enhanced DBS Check and the necessary identity and right to work checks being made. The successful candidate will be required to sign a Catholic Education Service contract of Employment. Please note we do not accept CVs as part of our application process and only the documents on the school website should be completed.

Staff considering applying to Our Lady of Lourdes should read our Safeguarding pages and the Pay Policy on the school website.

KEY DATES

School Open
Monday 27th February

Foobank Collection begins
Monday 13th March

Year 8 STEM Event
Thursday 16th March

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

Spring Soiree
Wednesday 22nd March

Quiz Night for Trips
Thursday 23rd March

PE Reward Trip
Friday 24th March

PE Aspiration
Monday 27th March

Sixth Form Easter Fair
Primary Concert
Tuesday 28th March

Year 7 & 8 Sponsored Football
Year 8 Parent Consultation Afternoon
Early Closure - TBC
Wednesday 29th March

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

Easy Fundraising

Our extra curricular and enrichment programme enriches the lives of young people in our school and gives them the opportunities to fulfil their full potential. Our programme runs 40 clubs per week ranging from book club to gymnastics.

Join www.easyfundraising.org.uk and you can collect free donations for us every time you buy something online.



TUESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

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ALL**

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by an adult

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2PM**

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HAMPER**

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Children must be accompanied by an adult

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