

Head of Year 7



May Half Term Newsletter

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It's hard to believe that we are about to commence our final half term of the academic year. Year 7 have had the most tremendous term, taking part in international trips and excursions closer to home. From football in Spain to the Jubilee Fayre, there has hardly been time to sit still. The Year 7 team would like to wish the students a restful and happy half term.

Assemblies and Form Resources

The assembly and form resources continue to enhance the personal development and spiritual life of the school, with pertinent themes covered weekly, from Respect and Racism to Gratitude and World Mental Health Week. Whilst all assemblies are rooted in the Gospel and school character virtues, they deliver a meaningful and thought-provoking message for our students, always ending with a 'Going Forth' message. The form resources are based in form rooms and delivered by tutors. They encourage discussion, reflection, prayer and have tasks for students to engage in. An example from recent weeks is a session that was created on motivation and revision tips. Students listened to a motivational story, explored different ways of development their long term memory, followed with a group task to complete on revision tips for the form.



Personal Development Day

Year 7 had a wonderful day on May 1st for their first Personal Development Day at Bishop Challoner. The day commenced with an informative talk from Andre'a Accison from Crime Stoppers who captivated our students with her safety tips and focus on hate crime. Students learnt how we can all work hard to protect each other from this, in today's ever-changing society. Each class then were involved in workshops across the day that looked at themes from 'group messaging and the law' to 'gratitude' and 'well being'.

The day's finale was the most amazing life story from Augustus Stewart who inspired our students to focus on making difference in this world and keeping away from crime. He captivated his audience of 200 and the students were so keen to ask him questions, that many of them stayed behind after the session. One student's feedback on this session: "His story was really interesting and inspiring. It also helped me to understand on how to avoid gangs and helped me to learn that I have got to be resilient and not go off on the wrong path." Throughout this day our students really lived out our school mission statement in their service to others. Thank you to all that were involved.



Gratitude

May 21st

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.

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Jubilee Celebrations

April 25th saw our very special afternoon, celebrating the Platinum Jubilee. Year 7s were an absolute asset to the school, some acting as guides for our visitors and many taking part and running stalls in our Jubilee Fayre. From 'hook a duck' to 'basketball shoot out', I was so proud to see the Year 7s taking part with so much energy and vigour, whilst also raising money for our school's nominated charity, St Chad's Sanctuary.

There have been so many other wonderful events held at Bishop Challoner throughout our Jubilee Year, with Year 7s very much at the forefront of our Jubilee bake off and doodle challenge. The visitors to the school were overwhelmed by the polite nature of our students. Well done Year 7.



Boreatton Park PGL Netball Tour

Students from Year 7 - 10 travelled to Boreatton Park PGL for a weekend of netball and outdoor activities. The students enjoyed taking part in the netball tournament and played very well against some tough teams. They remained positive and ensured good teamwork in their hardest matches. The combined Year 9/10 did extremely well, making it to the semifinals, but lost out on a place in the finals to a strong side. They came 3rd overall.

When students weren't on the netball courts, they enjoyed the activities put on by PGL staff, including climbing, abseiling, zip line and giant swing. It was a lovely weekend and enjoyed by all.



Villarreal Football Trip

40 Year 7 and 8 students have recently been on tour to Spain and had the most amazing time in the glorious sunshine! Whilst overseas, they attended four training sessions at the prestigious Villarreal training ground and they were an absolute credit to our school. They enjoyed a stadium tour of Estadio de la Cerámica (which is Villarreal's football ground) and also got to be spectators at the football match between Villarreal and Real Madrid. The score was 4-1 to Real Madrid in the first half, and then Villarreal scored 3 in the second half to make it 4-4. The students soaked up the atmosphere and had a wonderful evening. Whilst in Spain they enjoyed a tour of Valencia town centre and also had great fun in the hotel pool and playing football on the beach during downtime.



Active Travel

Some of the Year 7 and 8 school councillors have taken part in the Active Travel Ambassador scheme this year. After completing a variety of surveys and talking to Sandra Greene from Birmingham City Council, the team decided to create a unique and relevant proposition called 'Drop and Thrive'. The main concept involves creating a map that utilizes a 10-minute walk radius and encourages students (and their parents and carers) to drop them outside of the main congested areas and walk the remaining distance. This would alleviate some of the gridlock on the local roads and promote a healthier start to the day – that 10-minute walk being at the centre of physical and mental health. Last half term, the eight students performed their pitch to a group of panelists at the prestigious Birmingham Council Chamber. They were professional, clear, motivating and made us very proud when they were awarded a cheque for £225 and came second out of nine schools. They were also the youngest ambassadors there.



First Aid Reminders

In the case of an Emergency it is imperative we can contact parents or carers, please make sure you provide your current contact numbers to the school and inform of any changes.

It is important to stay hydrated all year round please provide your child with a water bottle so they can refill at our water stations around school.

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.

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.

Asthma

Asthma is a chronic long term condition, it can be well managed and in many cases some don't suffer severely, however if you have been diagnosed with Asthma even if you have it well managed you must carry an inhaler on you.

Asthma, Anaphylaxis, Diabetes

In order for your children to participate safely with Trips and offsite events including offsite PE, they must carry their medication with them. This is imperative for their safety and to avoid disappointment if unable to participate. Other medications must be handed in to first aid or the trip lead on the day.

First Aid Emails

Please be advised First Aid may contact you regarding your child visiting during the school day or informing you of an expiry date on your child's medication. **The email address of such communication will be from donotreply@medicaltracker.co.uk, please read these emails.**

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.

This is particularly important if there has been a change in circumstances for the young person.

Please contact Mrs K Peckover, Mrs M Nutt or any DSL or member of the Wellbeing Team.

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. Thank you for your co-operation.

Drinks

Fizzy drinks and energy drinks are not allowed in school, if they are seen they will be taken and disposed of. Please encourage your child to bring in a clear bottle of water, there are 2 water stations in school where they can re-fill alternatively they can purchase a drink from the canteen.

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

KEY DATES

Summer Term 2	
Every Wednesday	BC Tea Party
Wednesday 12th June	Canteen - Italy Day
Saturday 15th June - Sunday 23rd June	KS3 Ball Crew
Wednesday 19th June	Thank a Teacher Day
Thursday 27th June	Battle of the Bands Computing Reward Trip
Tuesday 2nd July	Culture Day KS3 Mass
Wednesday 3rd July	Late start for Year 7. Details to follow. Year 6 Transition
Thursday 4th July	Year 6 Transition Canteen - USA Day
Friday 5th July	Sports Day Tuck Shop
Tuesday 9th July	Sports Day - Tudor Grange Leisure Centre Primary Concert Tuck Shop Primary Concert/Soiree
Wednesday 10th July	Year 7 Lickey Hills Project
Friday 12th July	School closed for Year 7 & 10 Parent Consultation
Wednesday 17th July	Year 7 & 8 Sponsored Football
Thursday 18th July	Summer Cake Sale
Friday 19th July	Last day of term school finishes at 2.30pm
Monday 22nd July	School Closed - Staff INSET

Leave in Term Time

Term time holidays cause significant concern. The direct correlation between attendance and attainment is undeniable. Absence from school interrupts teaching and learning and compromises progress. As per the letter regarding legal action sent at the start of the academic year, Birmingham local authority seeks to support Birmingham schools and academies in reducing the amount of education lost to student leave of absence in term time. Bishop Challoner Catholic College and Birmingham City Council strongly discourages student leave of absence during term time and parents/carers could be subject to court action and hefty fines.

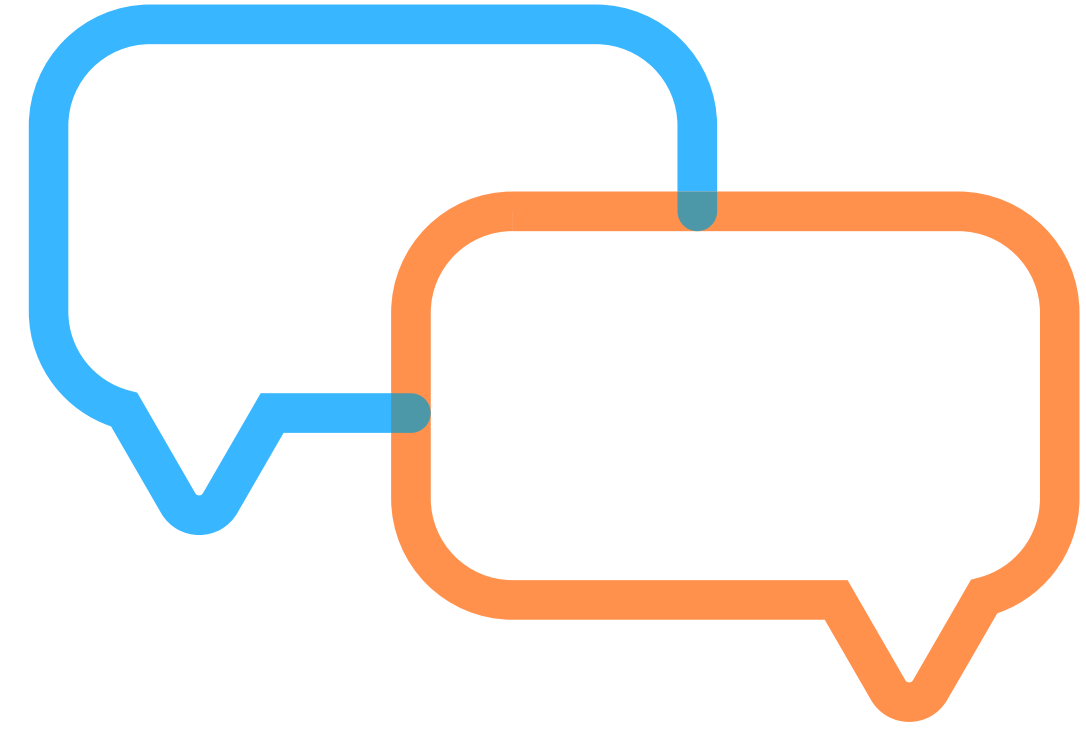
A recent leave in term time absence has resulted in a fine of £433. Please support the school and your child and ensure all leave is taken in the school holidays.

Parent / Carer

Behaviour Workshop

followed by

Cuppa & Chat



Tuesday 4th June

-10:00am - 11:30am - Behaviour Workshop

-11:30am - 1:00pm - Cuppa & Chat (drop in)

@ BAYC, 581 Pershore Road, Birmingham, B29 7EL



To book onto the workshop please [CLICK HERE](#) or scan the QR Code above otherwise please do drop in for a Cuppa!

Behaviour Workshop
Run by Kelly Reed
Resources for Autism
Behaviour Manager West Midlands

Cuppa & Chat is a relaxed meet to share experiences, let off steam, offer support and advice to each other

Your welcome to come to one session or both !!

Limited onsite parking, but free road parking and 45 & 47 Bus stops nearby

for further information please email kelly@resourcesforautism.org.uk

