

Head of Year 7



October Half Term Newsletter

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Welcome to the first Head of Year Newsletter of Year 7. May I commence by saying what a phenomenal start Year 7 have had! Engaged in the classroom, taking part in plethora extra-curricular clubs and the boys' football team winning 8-3 last week has concluded a brilliant first half term.

Year 7 Responsibilities

Year sevens are also leading the way in terms of positions of responsibility in the school which they are embracing. Many helped at the open evening, have taken on roles such as school councilors, eco monitors, fire reps. They have helped at different events with our primary school. Well done to all of those involved here!



Future Lionesses

Aston Villa's very own under 12s goalkeeper Lottie has been formally invited to England football future lionesses Goalkeeper talent development day. This is an amazing achievement for Lottie and Bishop Challoner, and we wish her all the best in her football career.



Success

Birmingham City under 12 striker Finn has been exceptional in his first few weeks at Challoner.

Finn managed to score 2 goals and an assist in his opening game for the school, we can't wait to see what Finn has in store for the rest of the season.



St Chad's Sanctuary

As a Catholic school, we take pride in our service to others and forms including 7 TER have been busy collecting over three large carrier bags full of tinned food to support St Chads' Sanctuary. Other forms and individuals should likewise be proud of their compassionate actions here. Indeed, some Year 7s had the opportunity to take the food to the sanctuary to see how it will help those most in need in our community. We are immensely proud of all that our year group are doing to help others and hope that it continues as they progress through their school careers. This was a prime focus of the first school council and as such, our students will lead the way here.



Year 7 Assessments

The first of these assessments in Year 7 will take place between Monday 31st October and Friday 11th November. Please [click here](#) to view subject topics and guidance.

Extra-Curricular

Extra-curricular clubs are a highlight of Challoner throughout the school with a multitude of clubs on every evening and morning of the week. Many of our young people can be seen in the school's gym getting fit prior to school or at clubs such as badminton or football, playing both for fun and as part of the school team. We have many very talented pupils who actively engage both in school and outside of it. Here are a few snapshots of some success stories although we have many more we could celebrate.

Prior to their amazing 8-3 win, Year 7 played their first game in the league against local school Wheelers Lane. Despite the boys conceding an early goal from a freekick on the edge of the box, Challoner continued to apply pressure throughout the half - scoring 2 goals in quick succession. The match ended 5-3 to Challoner after an exciting second half performance, securing 3 points and a Man of the Match performance from Cian.



Extra-Curricular across Departments

Our extra-curricular calendar is teeming with events from the amazing drama clubs, music clubs, science clubs and STEM clubs not to mention all of the work with computing, drones and more. There is a club for everyone and we fervently hope that all get involved, be active and try to embrace all of the opportunities Year 7 have to look forward to.

Academic Success

No newsletter would be complete without mentioning academic success. Students are working incredibly hard in the classroom to succeed, showing their eloquence, plus the other Jesuit character traits, and their desire to fulfil their infinite potential. After half term, all students will have some initial experience in secondary assessments in the form of the PIs for English, Maths, RE and Science. As I have sent a letter about this separately, I will only state that I know students will try their hardest here and demonstrate all that they have learnt throughout this year. The picture attached demonstrates the pupils maps of what they have learnt, studied and enjoyed and this speaks more volume than a thousand words.



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 and will not be widely shared.

Parenting Groups

Please visit our website by [clicking here](#) to view upcoming webinars from the Schools and Colleges Early Support Service. Groups include:

- Adolescent self-harm
- Managing teen behaviour
- Anxiety in adolescence
- Strong teen emotions
- Building resilience

Fizzy Drinks and Chewing Gum

Please be reminded fizzy drinks and chewing gum are prohibited in school. Students should not be in possession of either of these in school; they will be confiscated and disposed of.

Trips and Shows

Many have already embraced the opportunity of going to Drayton Manor and enjoying the new levels of trust they are offered at secondary compared to primary. Their behaviour at the theme park was exemplary and they should be very proud of their conduct. Likewise, looking to the future, I know certainly that many Year sevens will look forward to the commencement of Debate mate, the Christmas show, the retreat to Alton, the football trip to Porto and many other events upcoming this year.

Well Done Year 7!

The transition into Secondary school is one of the biggest alterations our students have had to face so far, and they have done a superb job of becoming an integral part of our community. Well done Year 7.

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.

CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL

Please give new toys (unwrapped) for our local children in Birmingham for all age groups ranging from 0-15 years

Collection Dates:
Monday 31st October -
Thursday 8th December

Irish TV are visiting
St Anne's Parish Centre,
B12 0PA on Thursday 13th
December

Items listed on the box:
Gloves, Games, Football, Jigsaws, Cars, Makeup, Dolls, Jewellery, Teething, Hats, Books, Teddies, Pull along toys, Scarves

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 (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.

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 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.

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.

Class Charts and Teams

Class Charts and Teams and now being used fully in all lessons to set homework and provide lesson resources for students to refer back to after the lesson. We are all aware of how valuable the netbooks are for providing access to learning from home. This has of course allowed us to no longer use the planners as all of the information can be accessed electronically.

The use of Class Charts by parents is also very helpful as the rewards and conduct logs can also be easily monitored at home. If, as a parent, you have not yet been able to access class charts, please get in touch with me at j.beard@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk and I will be able to provide you with the parent login code.

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

TWITTER

Official School Twitter @BishopChalloner	Art Dept @BCChallonerArt
Careers @BCCareersSmart	BFood Department @BishopFood
Chaplaincy @BC_Chaplaincy	Judo Club @BCJudoClub
Computing @BishopChalComp	MFL @BishopMfl
English Dept @BC_EnglishDept	OLC @BC_OLC
Green Group @educating_eco	SGO @BCSGO
History @bchistory_	Sports Centre @BishopCentre
Music Department @BCPAmusic	TSA @bctsa_training
PE Department @BCPEDepartment	1-1 Maths @BC11M1maths
Teaching and Learning @BcTeaching	Central Maths Hub @centralmathshub
Makes @bc_makes	Central Midlands SLP @CentralMidSLP
Wellbeing @BCCCWellbeing	Geography @BCGeogDept
Chess @bccchess	Maths @BCMathsDept
Performing Arts @BCPAPA4	Friends of BC @bc_friends
Social Sciences @BCSocSciDept	STEM @STEMBC
Biology @BCCbio	Teach Computing Central Midlands @BCCComputingHub
Sixth Form @BCCSix	Tolkien Cluster Schools @PrimaryTolkien

Vacancies

Please [click here](#) to visit our school website for open vacancies.

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.

KEY DATES

School Open (Week 2)
Monday 31st October

Year 7 Assessments
Monday 31st October -
Friday 11th November

All Saints Mass
Tuesday 1st November

**Year 7 Debate Mate
Launch Event**
Friday 4th November

**Sixth Form Open
Evening
A Service of
Remembrance**
Wednesday 9th
November

Remembrance Day
Friday 11th November

**School finishes at
2.30pm**
Wednesday 16th
November

**Colm Smyth Toy
Appeal Begins**
Tuesday 15th November

**Year 7 Computing
Challenge Day**
Monday 21st November

Canteen - Mexican Day
Wednesday 23rd
November

Bishop's Got Talent
Friday 25th November

Year 7 & 8 Alton Castle
Monday 28th November
- Wednesday 30th
November

**Christmas Presence
Day**
Tuesday 6th December

**Chirstmaths Day
PE Reward Trip**
Wednesday 7th
December

Christmas Show
Thursday 8th December

**School Closed
Year 7, 8 & 10 Parent
Consultations**
Friday 8th July

PE Aspirations
Monday 12th December

**Christmas Lunch
Year 7 trip -
Christmas Carol**
Tuesday 13th December

**PE Aspirations
Sponsored Football
Year 7 & 8**
Wednesday 14th
December

**Christmas Jumper Day
£1 Donation
Nativity of the Lord
Mass**
Thursday 15th
December

**School Closed Staff
INSET**
Friday 16th December

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A service of Remembrance

An evening of reflection and commemoration of memory

Join us on a journey of what it means to
remember through Art, Music, Drama,
Dance, Spoken Word, RE, D&T, History,
MFL and Geography.

Created by the Bishop Challoner Catholic
College Arts Hub.

Wednesday 9th November
4.30 - 7.30pm
St. Dunstan's RC Church
6 Kingsfield Rd
King's Heath
Birmingham
B14 7JN

An evening of reflection and commemoration of memory

Join us on a journey of what it means to
remember.

Members of the public are invited to this intimate
event, including a reflective service and trail of
installations, exhibitions and live performances from
some of our most creative students and alumni.

Bishop Challoner Catholic College
via St Dunstan's Church
Performance Trail and live vocals: 4.30 - 5.00pm
Reflection service: 5.00 - 5.45pm
Performance trail, refreshments and live vintage
vocals: 5.45 - 7.30pm

We would recommend that you join us for the
whole of this time to fully embrace the experience.

All welcome;
we hope to see you there!