

# Head of Year 8



## October Half Term Newsletter

**Mr Brown, Head of Year**  
**Miss Crutchley, Assistant Head of Year**

Welcome Back!

It has been lovely to welcome back our students in Year 8. We have had a hugely positive start to the academic year, with students showcasing success in a variety of ways.

### Catholic Games

We were thrilled that the Year 8 boys and girls groups won their respective Catholic School Games 6-aside football competitions in the penultimate week of this half-term. Some students involved also play for our school teams, who have been successful in recent weeks. Well done all!

### Drayton Manor

Over 700 students attended our rearranged trip to Drayton Manor on Thursday 29th September. Representatives from the theme park were incredibly impressed with how students from Bishop Challoner conducted themselves on the day. We look forward to returning in July, God willing.

### Challoner Champion

During the course of this academic year, our whole-school focus is on the Year of Character. This focus is based on the recognition that the opportunities we provide for students to display virtue will inevitably lead to the greater development of their character.

Each week, we celebrate a student in Year 8 who has made an exceptional contribution to the year group by exhibiting our Character Virtues. The following students have received the award in assembly during the course of this half-term, Favoured, Eve A, Emiliano H-V, Courtney S, Dario S and Michael M.



### European Day of Languages 2022

Well done to all the students who took part in teaching their home language to our Bishop Challoner community. The Bishop's Got Talent was a great success and helped some of our students to see that many of us can speak several languages fluently.



## 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.

## 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.

## 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

Music Department  
@BCPAmusic

Social Sciences  
@BCSocSciDept

OLC  
@BC\_OLC

Geography  
@BCGeogDept

Careers  
@BCCareersSmart

PE Department  
@BCPEDepartment

Biology  
@BCCbio

SGO  
@BCSGO

Maths  
@BCMathsDept

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





# 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!

## KEY DATES

**School Open (Week 2)**  
Monday 31st October

**All Saints Mass**  
Tuesday 1st 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

**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

## 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



## 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.

## Advertise with us... Newsletter sponsorship

BC14 and newsletter space available.

Contact [g.noone@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk](mailto:g.noone@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk)

Tel:- 0121 4444161.

## Fizzy Drinks & 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.

## Vacancies

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

# 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 are visiting  
St Anne's Parish Centre,  
BIZ OPA on Thursday 13th  
December

# BISHOP CHALLONER SIXTH FORM COLLEGE OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 9th November  
6pm - 8.30pm

[Click here to book your place](#)



## BISHOP CHALLONER SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

# T-LEVELS



# LAUNCH LAUNCH EVENT

Wednesday 23rd  
November  
5.30pm-6.30pm

[Click here to book  
your tickets](#)

