# 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 wholeschool 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 lifethreatening 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

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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

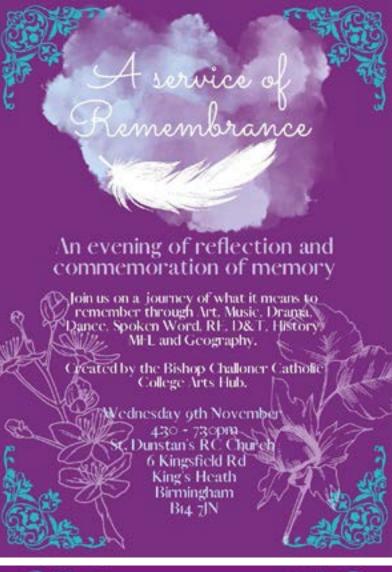
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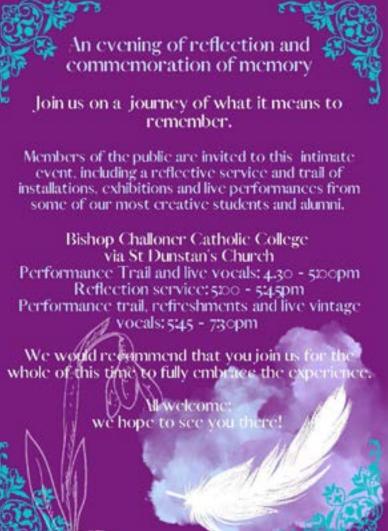
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If your child has asthma or analphylaxis they should always be carrying an inhaler/epi-pen with them. If a student is due to go off site for PE or a trip and they do not have an inhaler with them this may result in them being unable to participate; this is for their own safety.

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#### **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 vist our website by <u>clicking here</u> 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.

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#### 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 <u>click here</u> to visit our school website for open vacancies.





### BISHOP CHALLONER SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

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Wednesday 23rd November 5.30pm-6.30pm

Click here to book your tickets

