



BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Year 9 May Half Term Newsletter 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the Year 9 Summer newsletter. In such unprecedented times, I hope that you are keeping well and safe. As a community, despite being physically distanced, we are united by our mission statement to give glory to God by developing our full potential and in our service to others.

As a whole school and within our community of faith we acknowledge that it is such a difficult time for many of us, to those who have suffered bereavements, we offer condolences, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Covid-19 has been a difficult challenge for many and please remember that if you feel like you need some support, please contact your Head of Year, or look on the school website which will guide you to different avenues of support, holistically or academically. It is mental health awareness week nationally and therefore a timely reminder to look after and support our mental health.

Our website contains a wealth of information you will find a plethora of fun and educational activities for you to try at home including important skills such as touch typing. I would thoroughly recommend having a look here and enjoying some of the challenges.

I would like to take this opportunity to send Mrs Dawson my sincerest best wishes as she leaves on maternity leave this month. I am sure you will agree that she has been a wonderful Head of Year and I am extremely grateful for her dedication to the Year group whilst I was on maternity leave. I am pleased to return to the Head of Year role. Whilst there is uncertainty at when you might be returning to school, preparations for Year 10 can continue as we look ahead to September.

You all will receive a letter from Mr Hetherington in the post confirming your options subjects from September, as well as an email guiding you towards an online careers workbook. I would implore you all to start researching and developing knowledge of your options subjects and start thinking about your future prospects through the careers tasks provided. However, it is important to clarify, that Year 9 should remain completing the work set in all subjects, not merely their options subjects for next year. I am proud that so many of the pupils in the year group are demonstrating self-discipline towards their independent learning and completing the online tasks set daily. I am delighted to be able to celebrate the success of some of our Year 9s across a range of subjects who have been engaging with tasks and producing high quality outcomes. I hope this motivates others in our year group to emulate their peers and be motivated to evidence their learning by sharing their work with their teachers regularly via email.

Safeguarding and Well-being

Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love.

Mother Teresa

We hope this newsletter finds you well and even though some of the lockdown restrictions have been eased we hope that you are all managing to remain safe. The lovely weather, hopefully will have enabled some of you to enjoy going outside to relax, to exercise and get some fresh air.

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It is also important to remember to spend time talking to each other and time should be made where all electronic devices are left to one side for an hour or so to allow conversations to take place.

However, we do recognise that this period of time continues to be challenging for many of us. We continue to update the resources on our web page to help support parents/carers and young people throughout this time. These resources can be found on our school website:

<https://bishopchalloner.org.uk/catholic-college/about/safeguarding/covid-19-safeguarding-and-child-protection-addendum>.

On the web page you will also find information about staff who are in a position to offer further support and guidance. Please stay safe and allow us all to support each other during this time.

Half Term

School is open during the half term holiday for key worker and vulnerable students as defined by the DfE. If you think that your son/daughter needs to attend school please email keyworker@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk with the details of your situation and detail the days that you would need your son/daughter to attend.

Summer Term 2 Update

You will have received a letter from Dr Coughlan on Monday 18th May detailing the schools position with regards to opening for students from Year 10 and Year 12 from June onwards. Plans are well underway behind the scenes and as soon as they are finalised they will be communicated.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Students eligible for free school meals will still receive a voucher from Edenred during half term. The government said they would not fund the half term holiday but as a school we will be covering the cost for this week. If you have any issues with FSM vouchers please email Mrs Reynolds, r.reynolds@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk.

Class Charts

All parents/carers of Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 students should by now have received parent/carer and student access codes for Class Charts. Year 10 and 12 have successfully been using Class Charts already this term.

The launch date for Class Charts was initially set for September 2020 but we have made a decision to bring this forward. Students and parents/carers can take advantage of the excellent Homework feature of the system. Staff can set homework, parent/carers and students can view the homework via the Class Charts app or website and complete, return and receive feedback from staff all using the system. All work for Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 will be issued by Class Charts from Monday 1st June 2020.

Please use the codes you were sent to create an account by going here:

<https://www.classcharts.com/parent/login>.

Links to mobile phone apps are also available from this page. If you have more than one child in the school then you can enter additional codes once you have created an account and are logged in. Links to very useful guides for parents/carers and students are shown below:

https://pages.classcharts.com/wp-content/uploads/Class_Charts_for_parents_guide.pdf

https://pages.classcharts.com/wp-content/uploads/Class_Charts_for_pupils_guide.pdf

If your child does not have access to online materials then work will continue to be distributed as it has been. Please note though, students can use the Class Charts app on mobile devices.

There are other very useful features of Class Charts that we will be launching from September 2020.

Geography

Congratulations to the following pupils who have won Mr Tsintas's Geography quiz:

1st quiz: First- Miguel, second- Beatrice, third- Eben. 2nd quiz: First- Tom, second- Erin I, third- James

Special mention to Jericho, Gordon Ruby and Preston who have completed excellent Geography work.

Art

Some amazing pieces of Art work produced by our year 9's in lockdown! Great stuff by Kyra, Erin, Gabriel and Josephine.



Music

In Music Year 9 have been writing and producing podcasts and protest songs, Miss Hughes was very impressed with all those she received especially Tom C, Gabriel and Eben.

RE

Well done to Tyler, Kaliyah, Eben and Aiden I who have all be mentioned as working really hard on their RE work.

Maths

These pupils have been highlighted as consistently producing fantastic levels of work on MathsWatch are Rosie, Cara, Aiden I, Eben, Abigail, Aymon, Gwyneth, Shania, James P, Molley P and Francesca S. Well done all.

Science

Pupils have been doing very good work in science since lockdown began- a big well done to you all! In January, all Year 9 pupils started their GCSE science courses. Revision guides and workbooks can be bought from CGP and might be something pupils would benefit from during this time away from school. The books are specific to the GCSE Edexcel course that we follow at Challoner. Below are the necessary links if you want to make a purchase:

GCSE Combined science books

- [combined science revision guide Foundation tier](#)
- [combined science workbook Foundation tier](#)
- [combined science revision guide Higher tier](#)
- [combined science workbook Higher tier](#)

GCSE Separate sciences

- [biology revision guide](#)
- [biology workbook](#)
- [chemistry revision guide](#)
- [chemistry workbook](#)
- [physics revision guide](#)
- [physics workbook](#)

If you have any questions about the above books or the online work that pupils are doing, please get in touch with Mrs Shore, Head of Science, e.shore@bishopchaoklloner.bham.sch.uk.

Physical Education

I have been impressed to hear of how many Year 9's have been prioritising their fitness over this period of lockdown. Many have been engaging with Joe Wicks work outs, walking, jogging and cycling. Special shout out to Erin and Tadhg for transforming their Swimming and Water Polo training into land based sessions. Exciting news from the PE department, from 1st June, there will be virtual sport challenges linked to sports day which students can take part in so keep your eyes out for more information on Class Charts and PE Twitter page @BCPE. Watch this space!

Year 9 Careers Booklet

All of year 9 have been emailed an electronic booklet called **STEP AHEAD**. This booklet allows students to work through activities that will develop self-awareness, self-determination and self-improvement, teach them to give examples of different kinds of work, explore why people's satisfaction with their working lives can change and to understand how to identify and systematically explore the options open to them at a decision point. Each week they will be sent a few activities from this booklet that we suggest they work through. These activities shouldn't be too

time consuming and they are not compulsory. The workbooks are in a pdf format that students can type into and save their progress.

Chaplaincy

Within Chaplaincy, we are making resources available on the website and on the Chaplaincy Twitter Page (@bc_chaplaincy) to highlight the month of Mary and truly delve in to her significance in our faith. These resources include evening prayer, scripture reflections and a blog post. We also have our daily prayer and reflection sheet on our website which we invite you to browse at and take a moment for reflection and prayer.

Earlier this half term, we launched a Pause for Prayer Blog. The blog posts delved into different topics such as the rosary, Mary's significance and keeping faith alive which has seen guest writers from diocesan priests Monsignor Tim Menezes and Fr Sean who spoke openly about their faith and taking inspirations from the Popes. We invite you to take time to read through the blog posts and thank both Monsignor Tim and Fr Sean for writing these inspiring testaments to faith.

The week of 16th-24th May 2020 has been designated Laudato Si' Week. We are asked to pray about caring for Our Common Home. The weeklong celebration is to honour Pope Francis' writing on ecology and climate change, and to encourage us to build a better world together. We will be marking this with resources and parts of his writings on our website, the sway page (link available on the website) and twitter.

Coronavirus

Stay Alert

- Stay at home as much as possible
- Work from home if you can
- Limit contact with other people
- Keep your distance if you go out (2 metres apart where possible)
- Wash your hands regularly
- Self-isolate if you or anyone in your household has symptoms.

Do not leave home if you or someone you live with has any of the following:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

Further updates regarding Corona Virus COVID-19 can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>.

Stay Safe,

Miss Hampson
Head of Year 9

Mrs Dawson
Acting Head of Year 9



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Biology:	@BCCbio	Maths Hub:	@CentralMathsHub
Chaplaincy:	@BC_Chaplaincy	Maths:	@BCMathsDept
Computing Hub:	@BCComputingHub	PE:	@BCPEDepartment
Computing:	@BishopChalComp	Performing Arts:	@BCPAmusic/@BCPAPA4
Design:	@BCCDesign	School Games:	@BCSGO
English:	@BC_EnglishDept	Science Learning Partnership:	@CentralMidSLP
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