Head of Year 9

May Half Term Newsletter

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This academic year is in the final stage and we are pleased to be celebrating the successes and achievements of our students. I would like to take this opportunity to say well done to all Year 9 students for completing their assessments this term. Students have demonstrated remarkable effort and determination throughout the assessment period. We would like to thank parents/ carers and our dedicated teaching staff for supporting them during this assessment period.

Achievements

Well done to Brandon who represented Bishop Challoner at St Paul's Girls, competing in the Catholic Schools' Games KS3 Public Speaking competition. He wrote the speech with Henry H, Bella F-V , Sophie L and Cormac W. Their confidence and eloquence were very impressive. Well done Year 9.





Assemblies and Form Time

This term the assemblies have focused on Gratitude, Respect & Racism, Stephen Lawerence Day and Attendance & Punctuality. We also have the pleasure of having Father Toby from St Dunstan's Church deliver a wonderful Assembly on happiness. I have been very impressed with Year 9 students during Assemblies and Form Times always being respectful and engaging with prayer and worship, many volunteering to deliver the pray to the year group each week.

Physical Education

Ellis, our super talented goalkeeper, has represented Bishop Challoner in not only his own year groups football team but also playing for Year 10 and Year 11. The Year 10 team went on to win the Birmingham Cup at Villa Park with the help of Ellis in goal. This was a brilliant occasion for the team as well as many Year 9 students who went along to watch and enjoy the atmosphere.



Year 9 students have also been working with primary school students from St Dunstan's School, their exceptional behaviour, positivity, and empathy during their Physical Education leadership block, showing they can be positive role models and their willingness to go above and beyond in supporting and guiding their younger peers has been truly commendable. The Year 9 students exhibited outstanding organisational skills as they diligently set up and delivered a wide range of fun and engaging activities for primary school students. Their ability to create a nurturing and inclusive environment for the younger students has been a testament to their empathy and understanding. Sports Day is taking place after the half-term, presenting a chance for all students in Year 9 to be actively involved. I hope to see all students taking part.

Ball Crew

Bishop Challoner Catholic College have once again been invited to provide the Ball Crew for the prestigious Rothesay Cassic Birmingham which will be held from Saturday 15th June 2024 until Sunday 23th June 2024 at the Priory Tennis Club in Edgbaston. This is such as exciting opportunity for our students to experience a top-class sporting event and we are delighted with the dedication, commitment and hard work that has been shown by our Year 9 students involved. We are very much looking forward to watching a lot of you in action very soon!

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.









Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh

After all their training sessions and practice walk the Year 9 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh students set out on Friday 10th May to complete their 2-day expedition.

It was extremely warm and tough conditions to walk in, especially carrying their heavy packs of everything they would need across the 2 days. All the students did a fantastic job in their teams navigating across the countryside, setting up camp and cooking themselves a hot meal.

The staff were extremely proud of all the students for their resilience and hard work in completing their expedition. Well done to all who took part. What a bonus to see the Northern Lights too!!











Summer Uniform Standards

From Monday 3rd June 2024, in the event of warm weather it will not be compulsory for students to wear a blazer, they will be able to wear just a shirt and tie. If a second layer is required, it must be a blazer and not any other item such as a hoody or outdoor coat.

There is no requirement to purchase any additional uniform items.

Students will be permitted to wear skin tone or black tights.

All other uniform requirements will remain unchanged and only in the event of extreme weather conditions will there be any further adjustments, these will be clearly communicated if required.

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 and boots of any kind are not allowed.

Our uniform requirements are complemented by a smart appearance and as such, hair styles that should not have a distinct contrast in length. Hair that is dyed must be of a natural hair colour and may not contain more than one colour. To avoid a health and safety risk, long hair must not impede vision or cover the face, except for a fringe which must not cover the eyes. Long hair must be tied up for practical lessons. Religious head coverings must be black and securely tied for practical lessons. Hair bands or accessories must be for functional use to secure the hair . Where hairbands are worn they must be black. Headwear that has religious or cultural purpose should be black. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.**

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.



Easy Fundraising

Our extra curricular and enrichment programme enriches the lives of young people in our school and gives them the opportunities to fulfil their full potential. Our programme runs 40 clubs per week ranging from book club to gymnastics.

Join easyfundraising and you can collect free donations for us every time you buy something online.

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.

X Accounts

Sixth Form @ BCCCSix	Careers @ BCCareersSmart	English dept @ BC_EnglishDept	DT dept @ bc_makes	History dept @ bchistory_
Wellbeing @ BcccWellbeing	Library @ BC_OLC	Maths dept @ BCMathsDept	PE dept @ BCPEDepartment	PA dept @ BCPAPA4
Chaplaincy @ BC_Chaplaincy	Sports Centre @ BishopCentre	Science dept @ BCSciDept	Computing dept @ BishopChalComp	Music dept @ BCPAmusic
SEND @ BishopSend	BCCatering @ BCCatering2	Biology @ BCCbio	MFL dept @ BishopMfl	Sociology dept @ BCSocSciDept
T&L @ BcTeaching	ECO @ education_eco	Art dept @ BChallonerArt	Food dept @ BishopFood	

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.

KEY DATES

Summer Term 2	
Every Wednesday	Year 9 Rosary BC Tea Party
Friday 7th June	Geography Rewards Trip
Wednesday 12th June	Canteen - Italy Day
Saturday 15th June - Sunday 23rd June	KS3 Ball Crew
Monday 17th June - Wednesday 19th June	Soli House
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 9. 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
Friday 12th July	School closed for Year 7 & 10 Parent Consultation
Thursday 18th July	Year 9 & 10 Sponsored Football Summer Cake Sale
Friday 19th July	Last day of term school finishes at 2.30pm
Monday 22nd July	School Closed - Staff INSET

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 of 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

