



BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Head of Year 9 Summer Newsletter 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Reflection of the academic year

Firstly, please let me say 'congratulations' to Mrs Dawson who has welcomed a baby boy into the world.

We say goodbye to Abigail and Able who are moving to different schools and we wish you all the best for the future. Myself, Mrs Dawson and Miss Barron-Richardson are proud of each and every one of you in our Year group. Without the opportunity to formally celebrate the success of our Year group face to face we are going to be sending out certificates in the post to pupils who have won end of year awards. Those who receive them will be for outstanding contributions in specific subjects or from a whole school perspective. Well done to our award winners.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic Year 9 were a group of pupils fully embedded into the life of Bishop Challoner Catholic College, embracing all of the opportunities the school had to offer. In fact, data collated reported that every member of the year group attended at least one extra-curricular activity. This means 100% of pupils actively participating in additional activities away from academic lessons - which is truly wonderful. Some of the exciting major events and trips were; Ski trip to Italy, Careers Fair, Options Evening, Fox Hollies Leaders, Big Physics Quiz at the University of Birmingham, The Lapworth Museum with Geography, School council, Eco group and the Christmas Show.

This enthusiasm for extra-curricular activities shows me that pupils in Year 9 have a wider understanding of the benefits socially and emotionally of being part of a club and committing to wider school involvement. As we move into Year 10 and starting GCSEs I firmly believe this commitment and dedication will stand them in good stead to come back in September motivated and ready to apply themselves to their Key Stage 4 learning.

Looking forward

In regards to beginning to focus on Year 10, please may I direct you to the transition section on the school website. Here you can find 'Year 9 to Year 10' preparatory resources for each subject that pupils will be studying next academic year. I would strongly urge you to dedicate some time over the summer holidays to reading the suggested materials and making a 'glossary of terms' for each subject with the new terminology you will need to know so it is familiar in September.

Since I last wrote to you in Easter, the majority of pupils have embraced Class Charts virtual learning and strived to complete work to a high standard. Class teachers have highlighted specific pupils and pieces of work worthy of being commended. The following subjects have sent me snap shots of work that has been submitted to them during this period of online learning, showcasing what can be achieved even in these unprecedented time.

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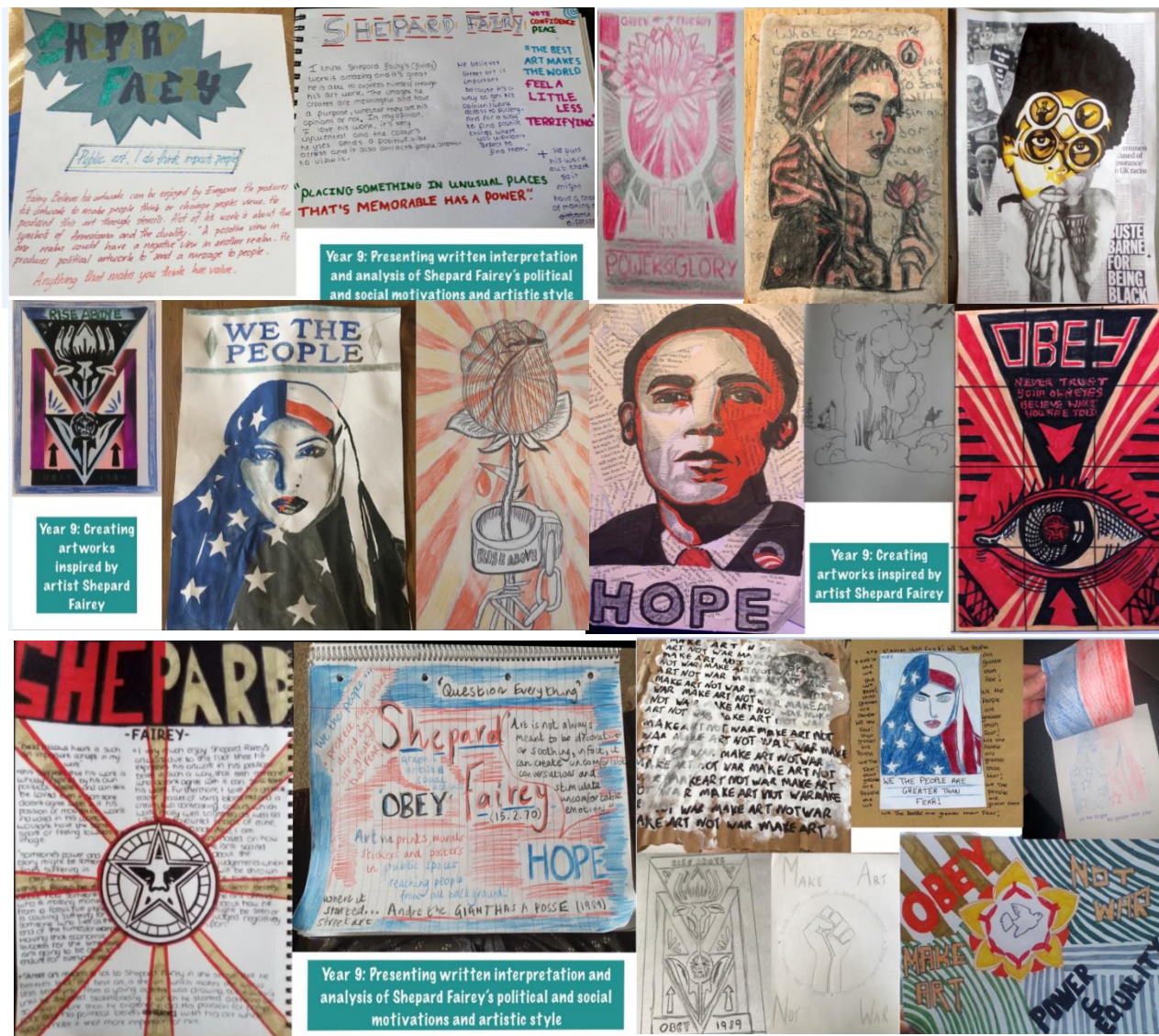
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Art

Stunning work submitted via Class Charts from talent Year 9 artists. Creating artworks inspired by Shepard Fairey:



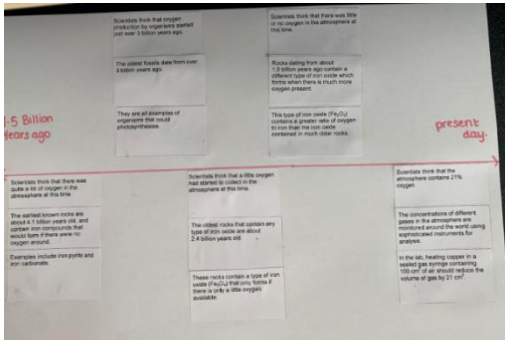
Physical Education

The following pupils submitted evidence of completing all four virtual sports day challenges set by the PE department which were fitness and skill related activities from walking/running 5km to producing a fitness routine.

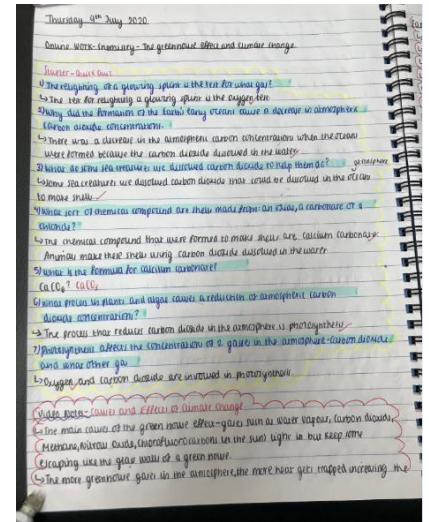
Niamh	Amber	Erin
Maddison	Alfie	Lola
Amy	Joshua	Jack
Fiona	Abel	Tyler
Josna	Kyan	Finn
Jesna	Francesca	Cian
Coralee	Kaci Mai	Fillipo
Ailis	Josephine	Caelan
Sophie	Dani	
Abi	Erin	

Science

Here is a range of different methods of studying and completing tasks on Class Charts for Chemistry, Physics and Biology.



Element	Number of protons	Number of neutrons	Number of electrons	Number of positive charges	Number of negative charges	Overall electrical charge
hydrogen	1	0	1	1	1	0
lithium	3	4	3	3	3	0
carbon	6	6	6	6	6	0
aluminium	13	14	13	13	13	0
phosphorus	15	16	15	15	15	0
argon	18	22	18	18	18	0
potassium	19	20	19	19	19	0
xenon	54	77	54	54	54	0
osmium	76	114	76	76	76	0



Religious Education

Some brilliant examples of the variety of ways to present work submitting via Class Charts.

RE Task 20

Task A

Earth. The land, water/ the ocean and the sky (Air). Without the land, many animals wouldn't have a place to live. Without water, trees and other plants would die. Without air to breathe, all of the animals on the land would die.

Task B

The Father: The creator of heaven on Earth. The giver of Life. Creator of all things visible and invisible. Father of Jesus. Infinite and eternal without a beginning or an end. He gave Moses the Ten Commandments

The son: Jesus Christ. God's only son who he sent down to Earth so our sins could be forgiven. Was crucified and rose from the dead.

The Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit is a Spirit that guides you through life. It can be represented in many ways but often as a Dove or a flame. Infinite and eternal without a beginning or an end. The presence of God in the world.

O, Lord please guide me and my family to Strength and good health threw this tough time. Support my elders while they worry in silence and smiles. Protect my friends so when this all roles over we can be around each other again and most of all provide happy memories to come to those on the frontline either working or suffering.

Amen



Food Technology

Here are some photos of wonderful work submitted through Class Charts in Food Technology by some of our creative pupils.



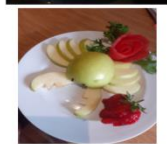
Table Setting task



Garnishing Skills Task



Presentation Skills Task



School Trip Refunds

The summer term is usually a time when many trips take place. Many trips and obviously been paid for or partially paid for. It has been a mammoth task for the Finance team to organise these refunds and they have done a brilliant job managing the trip refund process. We are now hopefully getting towards a completion date.

Parents/carers will have been receiving messages to confirm what amounts are being refunded. If a payment was made within the last six months it will be refunded direct to the bank account/card paid with via SchoolComms. If a payment was made longer than six months ago or by cash then refunds will be made by cheque which are being prepared and signed and will then be posted out. If you have a query about this, please contact school and we will pass on your contact details to the Finance Team who will call you back.

Free School Meals

If your son/daughter is eligible for free school meals the Edenred voucher scheme has been extended to cover the summer holiday period. School will have been in touch to arrange the collection of the vouchers for this period.

September Start

We are really looking forward to seeing all students in September, in line with government guidance adaptations and some practices have changed, please refer to Dr Coughlan's letter sent on Thursday 16th July regarding the arrangements for September, in summary-

- All students will return
- Full school uniform must be worn
- Full school PE kit must be worn on days your son/daughter has PE as there will be no changing facilities available
- There may be a change to the start and end time of the school day for your son/daughter
- Whilst we encourage students to arrive at school close to their designated start time, sibling groups can arrive together and we will fully support this. Students arriving early to school will be accommodated. Please note, although staff are around the school there is no direct supervision unless students are taking part in organised activities.
- All students have a responsibility to adhere to hand washing and sanitizing and following one way systems in place in school
- Your son/daughter will receive a broad and balanced curriculum still consisting of 5 periods per day
- We are committed to offering extra-curricular activities where it is safe and possible to do so

Attendance/Punctuality

All students are expected to attend school full time from September. Normal procedures should be followed if you son/daughter is unable to attend school.

Students must be on time, sanctions in line with school policy will still apply.

Form Names 2020/2021

From September the name of our form groups will change. Each form group will be represented by a Saint, some further information on each of the Saints is attached.

BON will be BER- St Bernadette

HIL will be BOS- St John Bosco

LIV will be CEC- St Cecilia

MAC will be LUK- St Luke

SCO will be SEB- St Sebastian

SHA will be TER- St Teresa of Calcutta

The change of form names is a really positive move and further reflects the distinct nature of our Catholic school.

Uniform/Standards

Expectations regarding uniform and standards of behaviour remain unchanged in September. Students should attend school prepared to learn and familiarise themselves again with the BC Basics. There has been an appendix to the school's behaviour policy, this can be found here-

https://files.schudio.com/bishop-challoner-catholic-college/files/documents/policies/POLICIES_2020/BC_009a_Appendix_to_Behaviour_Policy.pdf

Medical Information

If your son/daughter has any medical condition that the school have not been made aware of please ensure that you provide full details before the start of September by emailing- enquiry@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk.

Goodbye...

At this time of year we say goodbye and good luck to both teaching and support staff that are moving on. Ms Baker leaves to take up an Assistant Headteacher post after 15 years of outstanding service to the school. Also from the teaching staff we say farewell to Mr Wooler (Maths), Miss Leigh-Lancaster (English), Mr Bennett (Computing) and Mr Palmer (PE).

From the support staff we say goodbye to Mr Jogia (Cleaning Team), Miss O'Neill (Sports Centre/Reception), Miss Nutt (Maths Hub) and Miss Reynolds (Computing Hub).

We wish them all the very best of luck and we will continue to keep them all in our thoughts and prayers.

Have a great summer.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Hampson
Head of Year 9

Miss Barron-Richardson
Assistant Head of Year 9



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Computing:	@BishopChalComp	Performing Arts:	@BCPAMusic/@BCPAPA4
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