

BC14

Heavenly Father, I pray that I may live in truth; and without fear of life or death live content in the faith of eternal life. Amen.

Message from Mr Hetherton, Senior Vice Principal Friday 8th November 2019

Welcome to the first edition of BC14 this half term – a half term of shorter days and longer nights.

November is a month of remembrance and a time that we can give thanks to God our Father for all of our loved ones who have gone before us. The month of November falls during the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time – a season represented by the liturgical colour green. In this context green represents a symbol of hope and the colour of the sprouting seed which arouses in the faithful hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven and the hope of a glorious resurrection. Although November can bring with it a sense of real sadness, in remembering the past, we can also be encouraged to embrace the present and, similar to the sprouting seed, look forward to the future with a renewed sense of hope, optimism and faith. As we prepare for what will undoubtedly be an extremely busy and active half term, let's hope that we all experience renewal in our lives.

As is always the case, the calendar of events at Bishop Challoner remains packed with activities that are wide ranging in their appeal and reflect the truly dynamic nature of our community. This week alone we have a number of sporting fixtures which not only involve some of our own pupils but some students in Years 5 and 6! On Wednesday we were delighted to welcome Catherine Johnson, an author and screenwriter. During the day Catherine spoke to Year 8 students about her most recent book, Freedom; a book for which Catherine won the 2019 Little Rebels Award for radical children's fiction. I am sure those pupils involved found the day fascinating and very informative. Next Wednesday 13th November we have

our 6th Form Open Evening and we are very excited at the prospect of celebrating the successes of our 6th form both to our own Year 11 students and Year 11 students from other schools. The evening promises to be a great success and I would like to thank the 6th form team for their tremendous work in organising the evening.

Just before the half term break pupils and staff visited St Chad's Sanctuary to deliver a host of essential clothing items, collected at the school over the preceding few weeks, for less fortunate members of our community. The staff at St Chad's were overwhelmed by the generosity demonstrated by pupils and staff alike and thanked us wholeheartedly for our contribution in attempting to improve the lives of the vulnerable. Friday marks the deadline for the school's Shoebox collection with boxes piling high as I write! This is another wonderful demonstration of the sense of community and support that students and staff at Bishop Challoner are able to offer families in need and makes me feel proud to work in such an inclusive and caring environment.

Finally, I'm sure many of us were anticipating great things last Saturday morning as the rugby WC final began. Although there is a great sense of disappointment at the result, one cannot help but be inspired by the South African captain, Siya Kolisi, and his journey from the townships of South Africa to the podium in Yokohama. Let us hope that South Africa's success can inspire their nation and build a unifying bond between all members of society. In this context green certainly can represent a symbol of hope.

Year 11 Science GCSE Revision Information

Year 11 parents/carers are reminded to have a look on the school website for the letter giving advice about science revision.

<https://www.bishopchalloner.org.uk/news/2019-11-06-science-gcse-revision-information>

Years 7 and 8 who have bought revision guides on Schoolcomms need to see Mrs Shore to collect their books

Teaching School Update

We are now accepting applications via UCAS for our School Direct / PGCE route into teaching for a September 2020 start. We will be working with 3 local Universities - Warwick, BCU and Newman, so why not see if one of our programmes is suitable for you. See www.bctsa.org or call us on 0121 441 6175 if you or someone you know may be thinking of becoming a teacher (Primary or Secondary).



We hope that you found last week's tech tip useful! This week the tip is all about getting to the desktop as fast as you can. We've all been there, lots of windows open, all of which have lots of tabs within them, the only feasible option is to go back to the desktop and start again.

You could go to each window and press minimise in each one – a time consuming process if you have lots open. Even better and far simpler than this is the Windows shortcut. By pressing the "Windows" button and the "D" key together, the desktop will show immediately. Nothing has been closed or deleted, just minimised for you, allowing you to select which windows you want to make your focus.

Attendance

Year 7 - 97%
Year 8- 95%
Year 9- 95%
Year 10- 96%
Year 11- 95%

Whole School- 96%



It was recently revealed that YouTube is the most popular destination for children online, and that they are preferring this method of entertainment to traditional TV. The reasons for this vary but it is widely accepted that it is in part, due to the sheer volume of content that is on the platform, content that covers everything from football; make up tutorials; did you know videos and daily vlogs. Whilst inappropriate content is not permitted on the site, this does not include foul language, extreme views, conspiracy theories, discussion of adult topics and content that could be deemed as inappropriate to young viewers. Used correctly YouTube can be a great place for both entertainment and education. However, there are some steps that we recommend you take with children, especially young ones, to ensure that their experience of the platform is positive. These are:

- To be aware of what your child is watching on the platform – this can be done through asking them to show you their viewing history.
- Setting up parental controls on the platform – this can be done by placing the platform into 'restrictive mode', which filters content deemed inappropriate.

Parental controls guide: <https://www.lifewire.com/youtube-parental-controls-2487977>

Original news article: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/47029765>

SENCO Surgery at BC

Mrs Breen (SENCO) and Mrs Warhurst (Assistant SENCO) will be available to discuss any queries or concerns you have about your child's special educational needs. Appointments are available between 3.30-6pm. Please telephone on 0121 444 4161 or email:

e.breen@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk/
s.warhurst@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

These will be held in PE1 on:

Thursday 21st November, 2019
Thursday 5th March, 2020

Thursday 16th January, 2020
Thursday 7th May, 2020

Parent and Carer Online Toolkit (Childnet)

Childnet have updated their parent and carer toolkit that will help parents have conversations about online safety. Their booklet 'Let's talk about life online' includes ten key messages that should be shared with children:

- "You can always come to me if you need help."
- "What would you do if this happened...?"
- "Remember that not everyone is who they say they are online."
- "Keep your personal information safe, and other people's too."
- "Be respectful to others online."
- "Think before you post."
- "Remember to ask if it's okay."
- "Remember not everything is true online."
- "The things other people post online might not always show what their life is really like."
- "Recognise how going online makes you feel and take a break when you need to."

The Parent and Carer Toolkit can be found here:
<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/parent-and-carer-toolkit>

Venue Hire For more information call: 0121 441 6103



Christmas Show

The BC Christmas Show will take place on Monday 2nd December. Tickets will be on sale from Monday 11th November at break time in the foyer. (Please check your text messages over the next few days for more information)

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.

School Fund and Match Fund

Please visit the school website for more information on School Fund contributions and Match Fund through your employer.

Billboard Advertising

No need to pay the High Street prices for billboard advertising.

You could advertise to 2000 people a day at Bishop Challoner for a fraction of the price.

We are delighted to offer advertising space in our community areas, including our sports hall, function room and gym.

This opportunity is available for £40 per month. Please contact Laura on 0121 441 6103 or email: sportscentre@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

Sixth Form

Sixth Form Open evening

Wednesday 13th November 2019, 6pm-8.30pm

An opportunity to find out about all that we have to offer. we look forward to seeing you.

Student finance evening- on 20th November

On Wednesday 20th November 6-7pm we will be holding a Student Finance Information Evening for the parents of Year 12 and 13 students. Students are encouraged to come along to this as well.

Understanding the financial implications of going to university can be challenging. A colleague from a local university will therefore present an overview of what Student Finance consists of, what the process entails and dispel any myths about university costs. The Sixth Form team would also like to take the opportunity to talk to you about all of the Post 18 Options available to your son/daughter, including apprenticeships. The team will be available for any questions at the end of the evening.



Sports Updates

Fixtures

There were various after school competitions across a range of sports before the half term break. The Year 7, 8 and 9 boys competed in their first rugby fixture of the season, playing against Park Hall and winning 8 tries to 1. A massive well done to all who competed in this fixture. The Year 7, 8 and 9 boys also played a second rugby fixture against Yardley's School, which we unfortunately lost but the result was extremely close so well done to the team for their continued hard work.

The Year 11 boys competed in the second round of the Birmingham Cup and narrowly missed out on progressing

through to the next round, with a score of 2-1 to Plantsbrook School. Well done to the Year 11 team on a great football competition.

A huge good luck to the Year 9 football team who have progressed into the second round of the Birmingham Cup and will play against Arden School this week.

Extra-Curricular

There is a new Physical Education extra-curricular timetable that is out now for this half term. Please see the website for any changes to clubs or come to the PE office and collect a new timetable.

BC Christmas Cards now on Sale

Our Artist in Residence, Lucy Wilson, has produced this year's Christmas image for our Christmas cards. Cards come in packs of 10 for £5. These are available to purchase via Schoolcomms and then collected at reception. Cards will be available to collect from Monday 18th November.



Mental Health and Wellbeing Support

- Feeling worried about something?
- Do you need to talk to someone?
- Do you need a quiet place to just sit and think or not think?
- Why not 'DROP IN' to one of our wellbeing sessions where you can talk to a mental health champion or just chill in a quiet safe place.

When and where?

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

Time

8am-8.40am

Location

KS3/KS4- Student Support Coordinator Office
KS5- Sixth Form Office

KS3/KS4 Lunch

Student Support Coordinator Office

KS5 Lunch

Sixth Form Office

Autumn 2 Extra-Curricular Sports Timetable.

Also available to download online at:

<https://www.bishopchalloner.org.uk/news/2019-11-08-autumn-2-extra-curricular-timetables>

		Times:	Sports Hall:	Dojo:	Fitness Suite:	Off-Site/Other:	Study Session/s:
MONDAY	745-830		<u>Football</u> Year 7 boys Mr Noone	<u>COD: Dodgeball</u> Mixed- All years Week 1- Mr Moon Week 2- Mr Wilson			
	310-430		<u>Girls Football</u> All years Miss Crump & Miss Hunter				BTEC Sport Mr Wilson Week1- PE1
	430-530						
TUESDAY	745-830		<u>Volleyball</u> Mixed- All years Miss Morrison		<u>Fitness Club</u> Mixed- All years Mr Palmer		
	310-430		<u>Basketball</u> Mixed- All years Mr Moreira			<u>Rugby</u> Mixed- All years Mr Palmer and Mr Noone	BTEC Sport Mrs Moon Week 1 - C4
	430-530						
WEDNESDAY	745-830		<u>Netball</u> All years Miss Beall, Miss Hunter & Miss Shirley				
	310-430		<u>Tennis</u> Year 7 and 8 (maximum 12) Mrs Moon		<u>Fitness Club</u> Mxed- All years Connor and Alex	<u>Duke of Edinburgh</u> Year 10- Week 2 Miss Beall	GCSE Mr O'Connor/ Mr Moon Week 1 - PE1
	430-530						BTEC Dance Miss Beall 3.10-4.30 Week 1 - PA4
THURSDAY	745-830		<u>Badminton</u> Mixed- All years Mr Moon				
	310-430		<u>Football</u> Boys- Year 7-9 Mr Moreira	<u>Benchball</u> Mixed- All years Miss Morrison			
	430-530						
FRIDAY	745-830		<u>Tchoukball</u> Mixed- All years Mr Wilson	<u>Netball</u> Years 9 & 10 Miss Hunter & Miss Shirley	<u>Boxing</u> Mixed- All years Paddy Benson		
	N/A						
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Newsletter sponsorship

If you kindly sponsor us, we will make sure that we advertise your business in our 3 termly newsletters at Christmas, Easter and Summer for a total of £150. As an added bonus, we will also put your advert in our BC14 2 weekly additions.

Use promo code (BC14) and we will put your advert for FREE in our fortnightly newsletter BC14 as a thank you for supporting our school.

We only require your advert to be sent by email to us and we will do the rest.

We gladly accept BACS payment or Cheque depending on which is convenient for you and we will issue a receipt along with your copy of our Newsletter.

Our Christmas newsletter deadline is Monday 2nd December 2019

Please email Gerald Noone:-

g.noone@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

Tel:- 0121 4444161.



Don't take word for it – check out the website stats and see the exposure your advert will receive. (figures quoted 1st Feb – 10th March 2019.)

- 46,167 page views to our website in one month!
- 2,330 actual views on newsletters!
- 11,500 tweet impressions

Upcoming Events

**Sixth Form Open Evening/
Early Closure 1.10pm**
Wednesday 13th November

Canteen - Brazillian Day
Tuesday 12th November

**Year 11 French Speaking
Mocks**
Tuesday 19th November-
Wednesday 20th November

Y8 Black Country Museum
Thursday 21st November