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Lord Jesus may your light shine our way, as once it guided the steps of the magi: that we too may be led into your presence and worship you, the Child of Mary, the Word of the Father, the King of nations, the Saviour of mankind; to whom be glory for ever. Amen

Message from Mr Shore, Senior Vice Principal

Friday 6th January

Happy New Year!

It is time for me to start my new resolution and this time I am determined that I will not fail. Unfortunately, my resolution is always the same – lose weight!

It's rather easy preparing for a diet during the Christmas holiday; "yes I will have some more Cheeselets". And that's because I'm only focussing on the success and not the discomfort that will endure – it's why I failed last year! Thankfully, if I fail, I can have another go next year.

This is similar to the test faced by our Year 11 students. Just like a diet it is easy to talk and read about revision but much tougher to do and, unlike my diet, they only get one chance to get it right.

I'd struggle to offer advice on how to diet but one phrase seems valid to dieting and revision and that is "it's a lifestyle change". Thankfully for Year 11 it is only for a few months but those few months can have such an impact on their future that it's a sacrifice well worth making.

Good luck to Year 11 and good luck to anyone joining me on the New Year diet.

Proclaim

On the first Saturday evening of each month Proclaim the youth group for (14+) will be hosting youth masses. First Youth Mass starts **Saturday 7th January at St. Dunstan's Church, 5.30pm**. Followed by a cake sale after mass raising money for mission work in Brazil.

Proclaim youth group nights returns this **Friday 6th January, 5-6.30pm in St. Dunstan's Conference room**. Contact Tommy on t.rowan@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk for more information.

Music Lessons

There are currently spaces available for an immediate start on woodwind or drums. Please contact Mrs Choudhury for details on prices and to book lessons for your child.

Science Award

The Science Department at Bishop Challoner has been awarded the Platinum Science Mark by STEM Learning. This award celebrates the excellent work undertaken by the department over the last few years. Science Mark is a new quality-standard award scheme designed to recognise and celebrate outstanding practice in secondary science departments.

It enables secondary schools across the UK to evaluate, strengthen and celebrate their science provision. Schools can achieve silver, gold or platinum awards. At its heart is a set of criteria which examines three areas of the department's work: curriculum; leadership and management; and learning and teaching. The award is not intended to be something that all or even most schools would be capable of achieving in the short term.

It is designed to be aspirational; it is a mark of excellence, sets a high standard and is approached accordingly. To gain the mark the department had a visit from an assessor on December 12th. She described what she saw on the day as "very impressive". Mr Catto would like to thank the science department for their hard work and determination for pupils to succeed at science and their commitment to providing enrichment and extra-curricular opportunities for them. A thank you also goes to the staff and pupils who met the assessor on the day of the visit.

Sports Updates

A new extra-curricular sports timetable has now started. You can see this timetable in the sports centre and on the plasma in the foyer and on the website. Alternatively you can collect your own timetable from the PE office or ask your PE teacher. Take a look and see if you can find one to get involved in!

As you will already know there are many extra-curricular clubs that your child may attend both before and after school across a variety of subject areas which we would strongly encourage pupils to attend. The PE department would like to reward and thank pupils for their attendance and commitment to PE clubs. Therefore, pupils can collect a "Reward Card" from either their PE or club teacher, then simply collect a signature off their club teacher each time they attend. At the end of the half term pupils are to take their card to Miss Beall in the PE office to collect their prize.

Football fixtures will be continuing and basketball fixtures are beginning, for both boys and girls of all years, with an intra-basketball competition coming up at the end of January- so get yourself involved!

The U15 girls football team move into round 6 of the English Schools National Cup! They travelled to Leicester to beat Thomas Eastly 4-3 on penalties.



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Light up a Life

In December, on the last day of term, St Mary's Hospice were hosting a 'Light up a Life' event, involving musicians from Birmingham Conservatoire and the Hospice Choir, and students from Bishop Challoner were kindly invited to perform. The evening was to remember loved ones and to 'keep their memories shining bright', and involved families connected with the Hospice and local schools in festive performances and switching on the lights on the 'tree of life'.

Daniel, Cheriah, Olivia, Georgie and Amy reprised some of their numbers from the BC Christmas Show, performing 'What Christmas Means to Me' and 'Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas'. After a brief soundcheck, they sang beautifully on the outdoor stage for the Hospice families and friends, ending the term on a poignant and reflective note.



Sixth Form

Welcome Back

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Healy from maternity leave. She resumes her role as Post 16 Senior Tutor with responsibility for Year 12.

Mock Examinations

Our Year 12 and Year 13 students have been revising hard for their Mock Examinations which start this Monday 9th January. We wish them well.

UCAS

The remaining few university applications are being finished off in time to meet the deadline of 15th January. The offers continue to arrive, including some unconditional offers from prestigious universities, such as University of Birmingham and Nottingham University.

Deloitte Micro Tyco

We would like to congratulate Megan, Mollie, William, Luca and Daniel on securing work experience placements on the Deloitte Aspire Work Experience Programme. This is as a result of taking part in the WildHearts Micro-Tyco challenge where the students had to fundraise and use their entrepreneurial skills to raise money for the WildHearts charity.

They worked with representatives from Deloitte to complete diaries of their experiences and were selected from over 200 schools in the country. It is a fantastic achievement and they will be attending a celebration event at the Deloitte offices.



PROBLEM OF THE WEEK



Packing Boxes

Harry, Christine and Betty are packing 36 boxes of chocolates. Harry and Christine would take 2 hours to pack the boxes; Harry and Betty would take 3 hours; Christine and Betty would take 4 hours. How many boxes does Christine pack in one hour?



For the solution to last week's problem, follow us @BCMathsDept



Upcoming Events

National Obesity Awareness Week
Monday 9th January-Friday 13th January