



BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

This newsletter comes at a time when the winter months and dark nights are drawing to a close, and brightness and freshness of spring is just around the corner. As we approach the February half term holidays, we are reaching some important milestones in the year and our journey through Key Stage 4. At this stage, students in Year 10 have now completed half of this academic year, with over 500 hours of learning taking place since September. At this point in 2019, students will be making their final preparations for the summer public examinations. Finally, this week saw us enter the period of Lent, and important time in the calendar of the Catholic Church.

Many people will give up something during Lent, but it is becoming more and more common for Catholics to add something to their lives. This ties in nicely with our Year of Service in school. Over the half-term break and in the build-up to Easter, I would like all students in Year 10 to think about how they can contribute to our Year of Service, and the service they could provide to our community.

Year 10 Tutor Team - The Year 10 tutors have been particularly impressed with the following students this half term:

- 10BON **Grace Stewart** – punctual, high attendance, and always willing to get involved.
Alex Turbill – punctual and always focused and respectful in form time
- 10HIL **Rio Sanders** – great attitude to learning and always polite and respectful.
Jessica Kameni-Lansi – always has the right attitude to learning, using form time to revise, and always willing to help out in form.
- 10JEM **Lydia Hatfield** – regularly represents the school for sporting activities, participated in the school show and sang in the choir at Mass.
Bébé-Fleur Nightingale – always enthusiastic and willing to help out, like giving a reading in the Ash Wednesday service.
- 10LIV **Fintan Coyle** – for putting himself forward to represent the form on the School Council.
Emily-Jane Dalton – for putting herself forward to represent the form on the School Council.
- 10MAC **Fiona Foye** – always attentive and quick to follow instructions.
Ciaran Harper – great attitude and always helpful in form time.
- 10SCO **Rebecca Dean** – a model student for our Year of Service, an active member of School Council, always coming up with new and interesting ways of improving school life.
Thomas Pinchbeck – an excellent academic year so far, being focused and dedicated towards his studies.
- 10SHA **Collette Bing** – outstanding work ethic
William Melia – outstanding work ethic

Congratulations to all these students for your fantastic attitudes to learning, and commitment to the traits we value in our students.

Kind regards,

Mr Wooler (Head of Year 10)

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Work Experience

It now seems like ages since we launched Work Experience with Year 10 back in October. In the intervening months, it has been great to hear of many students contacting friends, family members and companies directly to secure a placement. The deadline for handing back medical consent forms was Friday 16th February, so if you have not done so already, regardless of whether a placement has been secured or not, please return the form to Mrs Reynolds as soon as possible. **The deadline for securing a placement and bringing in the completed paperwork is Friday 30th March.** For your reference, the dates for work experience are Monday 25th June until Friday 6th July. Finally, we are still keen to hear from parents, carers or family members who for companies or organisations that take on Work Experience students. If you or someone you know is in this position, please contact Mrs Reynolds by emailing r.reynolds@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk, or calling 0121 441 6144.

Notices from Departments

Mathematics

Students in 10M1 sat the Intermediate Maths Challenge this half term. Congratulations to **Lewis Solarin** for achieving a Gold Award. Silver Awards were achieved by **Kieran Lenehan, Joseph Brooks, Liam Moorhouse, Ian Kelly, Arwena Rytlewska, Jacob Ingram, and Sean McGrath.** **Danny Aspinall, Tascha Ward, Rio Sanders, Ellie Waide, Aedan Tehan, Osin Reel, and Bruck Amanuel** all achieved a Bronze Award. Well done to these students on this fantastic achievement!

After the half-term holiday, Year 10 will sit their mid-year mock exams in maths. Students will have been informed by their teachers about these exams, with Paper 1 on Tuesday 27th February, and Paper 2 on Wednesday 28th February. Revision lists can be found on the school website via this link (<https://www.bishopchalloner.org.uk/news/latest/2018-02-05-year-10-maths-revision-lists>).

Finally, the latest Mathematician of the Fortnight is **Paul Hawkins** in Year 10. Well done Paul for your continued hard work in maths!



Food Studies

Four students from Bishop Challoner recently took part in the Great Catholic School Bake Off competition at Cardinal Newman Catholic School in Coventry, including **Ellessia Glen** from Year 10. Mrs Lynch commended Ellessia on her resilient spirit, never giving up throughout the competition. Well done to Ellessia and all those who represented the school for their fantastic culinary efforts!





Geography

Students studying Geography should now begin producing revision material for the first unit of work they have completed, "The Living World". Revision guides are available to buy in school at a cost of £6.80. Please see Mr Mullins to place your order. Finally, the Year 10 Geography trips will soon be announced for later this year so please look out for the trip letters and give consent on School Comms as soon as possible.

Sporting News

The Year 10 Boys Football Team match this week was unfortunately cancelled, but on the back of a successful league campaign the boys are through to the quarter finals of the League Cup. We look forward to them bringing home the trophy! Congratulations also go to **Chyna Dalrymple** who is 'Player of the Match' for this week's Year 10 Girls Basketball fixture.

A special mention goes to **Jamal Graham**, who has recently completed his training to become a qualified instructor of kickboxing and karate. This is an incredible individual effort, and we are immensely proud of this achievement.

Spiritual Life

School Charity

This half term, students at Bishop Challoner has suggested charities and causes that they would like to support as a school in 2018. This resulted in a whole school vote where **St. Basils** was chosen as our school charity for 2018. St. Basils works with young people aged between 16 and 25 who are either homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless. The charity helps over 5000 young people each year across the West Midlands. We aim to once again raise over £7000 to donate to this extremely worthy cause, but also to assist in raising awareness of homelessness among young people.

Diana Award

Several students across the school, including in Year 10, are completing the Diana Award this year. This fantastic award seeks to develop students' confidence and employability skills, specifically with the chance to gain experience by working on a social action project chosen by the students themselves. The students chose to work on a social action project on homelessness, which ties in perfectly with our choice of school charity, St. Basils. Already this term, the Diana Award students have organised a cake sale and a non-uniform day to raise funds to support St. Basils. After half-term, they are involved in coordinating 'TV Tuesdays' during Key Stage 3 lunchtimes, and a Year 8 disco. Well done to **Grace Chatterly, Aoife Cullen, Tullulah Grant, Ellessia Glen, Joe Nolan, and Grace Stewart.**





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Ash Wednesday

This week, each year group had an Ash Wednesday service in the Auditorium. Many thanks go to **Bébé-Fleur Nightingale**, **Sam Hughes**, and **Courtney Rogers** for giving readings at the Year 10 service.

Soup Week

The Diana Award students have announced the two weeks after half-term, 26th February until 9th March, as Soup Week. We are asking students and families for donations of tins of soup throughout this fortnight. The donations will be sent to St. Basils to support homeless young people in the West Midlands. Your support is very much appreciated.

Summer Mock Examinations

Well planned revision and preparation are vital to achieving in examinations. Dates and arrangements for the summer mock examinations for Year 10 will be circulated nearer the time, but students should begin their preparations at this stage so they are confident with the content of their subject. Revision planning and skills will be a focus as we move towards the summer term, but ensuring your son/daughter has a quiet place to study away from distractions, has good routines of regularly reviewing lesson content, and is testing themselves on this content to identify areas to develop understanding will set them in good stead for success in their mock examinations.

Attendance and Punctuality

- Year 10 – 93.5%
- Whole school – 94.1%

The whole school attendance target is 96%, so at this stage of the year, we are below this target. Please be aware that 95% attendance at this point in the year equates to around 25 hours of missed lessons. It is imperative that students should always strive for 100% attendance, as every lesson of every day in every week plays an important part in the study and preparation for their examinations at the end of Year 11. While illness and other unexpected circumstances can affect attendance, it is important that your child makes every effort to attend school, and is only absent if absolutely necessary.

If your child is absent from school, a notification phone call needs to be made to the school on the first day of the absence and every further day that they are absent too. Upon return to school, a written note should be handed to the pastoral office, stating the reason for absence. Please encourage your child to be at school by 8.30am to instil the important life skill of good punctuality.

I would like to wish all students and their families a safe and pleasant half term break, and look forward to welcoming students back to school on **Monday 26th February**.

Mr Wooler

(Head of Year 10)



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Schoolcomms

As you are aware we operate a cashless catering system and Schoolcomms is the only system to make payments for your child's school dinners and school trips. There is now only one money loading machine in operation in the school so it is imperative that Schoolcomms is used. For further information please visit our website www.bishopchalloner.org.uk

Uniform and Appearance

Students are required to wear the standard uniform of blazer, tie, white/blue shirt with black straight leg school trousers (not skinny or boot cut) or girls can wear a knee length black school skirt. Girls are also reminded that if they choose to wear a skirt, then they should wear plain, black, opaque tights. 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. There are a number of styles, particularly for girls, currently in fashion with wood style soles. These are not suitable for school. School shoes should also be leather and not patent. In order to complement the smart school uniform we insist that students' hair is smart in appearance and that students do not have shaved/razored hair styles or lines/patterns shaved into the hair. Extreme changes of hair colour are also not permitted. 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 gold stud earrings which may be worn by girls. I know that you will, as always, support us in maintaining the smart appearance of your children and high standards of discipline, so that our focus in school can be on educational achievement.

Mobile Phones

With most students in school now owning mobile phones for use to and from school, it is important that they are also not a distraction to study. All students should hand mobile phones into the pastoral office for safe keeping and can collect them at the end of the school day. Students found with mobile phones during lessons and around the school will have them confiscated and they will be returned at the discretion of senior staff/Heads of Year. In more persistent cases, phones may only be returned to parents/carers.

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KEY DATES

Monday 26th February	School Open
Thursday 8th March	Y9 Options Evening (6-8)
Thursday 15th March	Canteen – St Patricks Day
Thursday 22nd March	Y8 PCA (2-4.30pm)
Thursday 22nd March	Y12 PCA (4-6pm)
Wednesday 28th March	Y13 PCA (4-6pm)
Thursday 29th March	Whole School Easter Mass Non Uniform for Lourdes
Friday 30th March	School Closed – Good Friday
Monday 16th April	School Open



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We have so much to share with you why not go through each menu on the website. Looking for Key dates? Select Catholic College on the top menu bar then select About Us and then select Calendar.

There are lots of extra-curricular clubs for students to get involved with. These range from Dance club to debate mate to cookery club and can all be accessed on the school website.

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