



BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the May Half Term holiday, we are set to embark on the final stage of the academic year. We have recently been graced with some lovely weather, which mirrors my thoughts on what has been a fantastic year for Year 10 students. Year 10 are currently in the middle of their mock examinations which will finish after half term, followed by their work experience placements.

At this stage next year, students will have already completed nearly half of their public examinations, the final milestone marking the culmination of 5 years of hard work at Bishop Challoner. As Head of Year 10, I anticipate a very successful Year 11 for our students, and am excited to see what they go on to achieve. The current mock examinations have been approached with a positive and mature attitude, and I am eager to hear of the successes that have been achieved. We have encouraged an organised approach to revision and preparation for these exams – something we will look to raise the profile of further in Year 11.

Below are a few important notices that I would like to raise for your attention.

Year 10 Tutor Team

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

10BON	Shannon D., Aidan N., Christy R.
10HIL	Jude McG., Grace K.
10JEM	Olivia H., Paul H., Anna P., Anae R., Shalet S.
10LIV	Ethan C., Emily D., Lily J., Matthius M., Erin M., Thomas M., Amanda R.
10MAC	Ciaran H., Benjamin R.
10SCO	Callum H., Constance R.
10SHA	Lydia S., Joe S.

These students have been nominated for a wide variety of reasons, including but not limited to: hard work, kindness to others, assisting around the school, representing the school in productions and sporting teams, assisting with the chaplaincy team, improved or consistent punctuality, and fantastic revision. Congratulations to all of these students exemplifying the values we encourage students at Bishop Challoner to aspire towards.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all students on a fantastic Year 10 so far, and wish you and your families a safe and pleasant half term break. School will resume on **Monday 4th June**.

Kind regards,

Mr Wooler

Miss Swingler

Head of Year 10

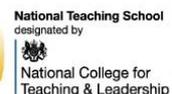
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Work Experience

Having written many times about Work Experience during the course of this year, it is nearly upon us. For your reference, the dates for work experience are **Monday 25th June until Friday 6th July**. It is pleasing to see that the majority of students in Year 10 have managed to secure a placement for these two weeks, or two separate placements covering both weeks. Students will be provided with a logbook to fill in during their placement, encouraging them to reflect on their experience. We will also cover expectations of students in the workplace in the weeks building up to their placement.

Before the start of the placement, students should contact the person responsible for them to confirm their daily start and finish time, dress code, lunch arrangements, and if there is anything else they need to bring with them. It goes without saying that the highest standards are expected of students, as they are not only representing themselves, but also the school. Positive impressions left by previous students at their placements have enabled us to keep in contact and secure further placements in the future, so the same standards of respect, commitment and effort that we expect at school should be displayed at all times while on placement. If there is an issue with arriving on time or attending any placement day, the contact at the placement must be notified.

If students are concerned about anything during their placement, they should contact the school.



I am sure you will assist us in encouraging your son/daughter to approach their work experience with a positive and mature attitude, enabling them to get a feel for the world of work, and hopefully some experience that can guide their future career aspirations.

If you have any questions or concerns in the lead up to work experience, please contact Mrs Reynolds by emailing

r.reynolds@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk,

or calling 0121 441 6144.



Looking ahead to Year 11



With only 7 weeks left of the academic year, it will not be long before our students enter Year 11. Progressing into the year group at the top of the lower school brings with it further expectations and responsibilities. Easily distinguishable by their red school ties, I will expect the students to wear this tie with pride, and to set the example to the rest of the school.

Students will be focused on the success they wish to achieve at the end of Year 11, and this may lead to students feeling the pressures of keeping on top of their academic work. It is therefore important to develop good organisational habits, arriving to school and lessons punctually, and striving for the highest attendance. Students should be completing ongoing revision of their course material by regularly reviewing what has been taught in both Year 10 and Year 11, and have a quiet place at home to complete this work, away from distractions.



Finally, Year 11 sees the introduction of after school study sessions for students. All students in Year 11 are required in after school study sessions which can last until 4.30pm, Monday to Thursday each week.

Attendance and Punctuality



The whole school attendance target is 96%, so whilst the attendance in Year 10 has increased since my last newsletter, we remain below this target. An attendance figure of 95% equates to around 40 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.



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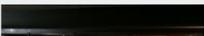
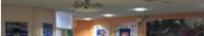
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Auditorium	Conference/Classroom	Large Meeting Room
		
		

1 We update the website daily, ensure you don't miss out on any news. Click on the Logo, then scroll down to see the latest news.

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

3 If you are looking to hire a venue, then look no further – see our wide range of facilities.

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KEY DATES

Monday 28 May – Friday 1 June	Half-Term
Monday 28 May – Friday 1 June	Y8/9/10 & 12 Lourdes Pilgrimage
Monday 4 June	School Opens
Tuesday 26 June	KS3 Sports Day
Friday 29 June	Feast of St Peter's & St Paul's - Holy Day of Obligation
Wednesday 4 & Thursday 5 July	Y6 Induction Day 1 & 2
Friday 6 July	Inset Day
Monday 9 July – Friday 13 July	St Chad's Sanctuary Collection Week. And Character Week.
Tuesday 17 July	Upper School Awards Evening
Wednesday 1 July	Lower School Awards Evening
Friday 20 July	Whole School End of Year Mass
Monday 23 July	Inset Day
Tuesday 24 July	Inset Day



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