



# BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Year 10 October Half Term Newsletter 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been an extremely positive start to the 2018/19 academic year in Year 10. After the huge commitment students showed last year to the school's Year of service, it has been pleasing to see students involve themselves in this year's Year of Health and Wellbeing with the same enthusiasm. Students have been immersing themselves into their new learning including their chosen GCSE options. Next half term will be an exciting one as we commit further to the year of Health and Wellbeing with our 12 days of Wellbeing in December. There is also a rewards trip for the Year 10 form with the best punctuality this half term, which was 10HIL, well done to them!

## Health and Wellbeing

This year is the year of Health and Wellbeing at Bishop Challoner. Year 10 will be involved in activities throughout the year to improve their health and wellbeing. This began at the beginning of the year by making individual pledges in their form room of how they were going to improve their own health and wellbeing throughout the year.

## Mental Health Awareness Day

We marked Mental Health Awareness day on October 10<sup>th</sup> with a number of activities ran by the year 10 form groups. These included leaflets produced by some of the students and distributed across the school, a positivity Tree activity where students wrote 5 things that make them happy and pebble painting with positive messages for our peace garden. Students also sold milkshakes to raise money for the school charity. An excellent effort and enjoyable afternoon for all involved!



## Tutee of the Term

Well done to the following students who have been nominated for tutee of the term from their form tutors. Well done to all on an excellent start to year 10!

- 10BON-** Ellie- Ellie has kept on top of the school council feedback and sold the milkshakes for the school council!
- 10HIL-** Connor- Connor has volunteered to lead on the year groups scream challenge, well done!  
Summer- Summer produced the leaflets for Mental Health Awareness days and has been a valuable member of the school council.  
Bradley- Bradley has improved his behaviour in form and his organisational skills have improved massively throughout the term
- 10LIV-** Abby- Abby has received many achievement logs for her excellent commitment.  
Alice- Alice has volunteered to be part of the school council continuing to show huge commitment to all areas of school life.
- 10MAC-** Niamh- Niamh is always organised and prepared for the school day and volunteers to help in form time.



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Ciaran- Ciaran is part of the school council and volunteered to help with running activities on mental health awareness day.

**10SCO-** Isaac- Isaacs's behaviour is exemplary in form time.

Dillon- Dillon's behaviour is exemplary in form time.

**10SHA-** Eoin- Eoin always volunteers first to help with anything in form.

Preah- Preah is never late to school, always has equipment and is a polite and courteous student.

### **Year 10 Options**

This term Year 10 have had an opportunity to change their GCSE option choices at the beginning of this term once they had experienced studying the subject. We were able to facilitate number of changes however now tis window has closed.

### **Duke of Edinburgh**

The Duke of Edinburgh Award has successfully been running at Bishop Challoner for the past 5 years. It is a scheme that aims to have a positive impact in developing young people's skills for life and work. Since it began in 1956, the aim of the D of E award has helped young people to plan and undertake their own programme of activities to develop mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually. This fantastic opportunity has been advertised to all Year 10 pupils during PE lessons. Letters have been handed out to those interested with finer details and how to sign up via school comms, places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Ellis or Miss Beall.

### **Football**

The Year 10 boy's football team have played phenomenally in the early start to the season. They won 2 – 0 in extra time against Kings Norton to progress to the second round of the Birmingham Cup. Their league start has been excellent too, as they have won all the games so far including beating Wheelers lane 6-0. Their next fixture is against Kings Heath boys on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November. Good luck to all those involved!

### **Netball**

The Year 10 netball girls have had a fantastic start to the season playing 5 games already! The girls have won four out of their five games against local schools Batley Green, Selly Park girls, Bournville and Colmers! The girls have been a credit to not only themselves but to the school, they have showed great determination and resilience throughout their games! After half term, the girls have two games remaining! We wish you the best of luck!



### **Soli House**

Some of our students took part in a trip to Soli House. This was a spiritual trip where students took part in mass and self-reflection such as meditation. The students also took part in team building activities such as Zorbing and an escape room. The students had a great time and represented the form really well.

### **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](http://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.

### **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.

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.

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

- Year 10- 95%

Congratulations to the following students who were successful in the '100 Club' draw and all won a £10 voucher- Fiona B, Patrick B, Oonagh D, Emma H, Davy H

- Whole school- 96%

This is very pleasing and is in line with the school attendance target. We hope that this level of attendance can continue throughout the remainder of the year.

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 needs to be handed in to their form tutor, 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 hope that all students and their families can enjoy a relaxing half term before their return on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November**.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Clarke  
**Head of Year 10**

Miss Williams  
**Assistant Head of Year 10**

### **Key Dates**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November-**  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November-  
**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November-**  
**Day**  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November-  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November-  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November-  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November-  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November-  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December-  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December-  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December-  
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December-**  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December-  
  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December-  
  
**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December-**

### **School Open**

All Saints Mass (Holy Day of Obligation)  
**Early Closure, 1.10pm- Year 11 Parent Consultation**  
  
Canteen- Italian Day  
Sixth Form Open Evening  
Shoebboxes Collected  
Y10 National Videogame Arcade Trip  
National Youth Sunday  
Advent Services Start  
Christmas Show  
St Chad's Sanctuary Collection begins  
**School Closed- Year 7/9/10 Parent Consultation Day**  
Canteen- Student Christmas Lunch  
Year 9 and 10 Sponsored Football  
Whole School Mass  
Non uniform Christmas Jumper day  
**School Closed- Inset Day**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January-**

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