



# BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE



Year 10 February Half Term Newsletter 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

This term has been another busy time for Year 10 students at Bishop Challoner. Students have been working hard in lessons and have completed a number of different assessments in their option subjects. Intervention has been running Tuesday and Thursdays for students who are off track in some of their subjects and this will continue next half term if you would like your son/daughter to catch up on any work in school. The school charity has been selected and this year is The British Heart Foundation. As a year group we have already completed a number of charity activities including a charity badminton event and a milkshake sale. Over the next half term we will be running more fundraising events in order to support the school charity and as always your support with any events is very much appreciated.

## 12 Days of Wellbeing

Just before Christmas, Year 10 completed a 12 days of wellbeing, where each day there was a new activity focusing on their health and wellbeing. Activities included helping relatives, creating positivity cards about each other and a large number of students and myself participated in a badminton challenge raising money for charity. One day was the alternative advent card where students brought in tins of food for a local foodbank. We thank you so much for your generosity in giving these donations. At the beginning of this term these were collected by a local food bank who were so grateful for your generosity.



## Inter-form sports competition

In recent weeks year 10 held an inter form basketball tournament between the 6 form groups in Year 10. Students volunteered to represent their form, showing pride in the group they belong to. In the final BON beat SCO 4-0. Well done to all who represented BON. On February 14<sup>th</sup> an inter form volleyball tournament will happen where 6 volunteers from each form will face off on the volley ball court; we'll keep you updated on the score. Over the next term we will be organising more sports competitions to foster the pride in each form.



It has been an excellent end to term for Year 10 with regard to teamwork. As part of our Inter-form competition each form competed in a volleyball competition where excellent team work was demonstrated by each form group. Well done to 10SHA for winning overall!



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### Boys football

The year 10 boy's football team beat Arthur Terry school in the quarter finals of the West Midlands Cup, well done boys. They will compete in the semi-finals next half-term.

### Girls Maths Enrichment

Nine girls from Year 10 attended an event at the University of Wolverhampton, informing them of potential careers and opportunities in the field of mathematics. It was an inspiring day for all involved.



### Maths Feast

Eight Year 10 students took part in a Maths Feast at Fairfax school where they were awarded the teamwork award for working well together.

### Performing Arts

The year 10 performing arts group went on a trip to the Birmingham Rep Theatre to see a performance of the Wizard of Oz. A great day enjoyed by all.

### Rewards Trip

Just before Christmas the tutor group with the best punctuality for the term had the opportunity to go ice skating. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all even in the cold. This term the form with the best attendance will also receive a reward so please keep on being as punctual as possible to lessons and school.



### Tutees of the term

Congratulations to the following students who have been nominated by their form tutors for their excellence this half term:

- 10BON- Oliver K- Oliver has volunteered for both the form basketball and volleyball teams as part of the inter-form sports competition  
Jacob M- Jacob has volunteered for both the form basketball and volleyball teams as part of the inter-form sports competition
- 10HIL- Annalise H- Annalise has taken a leading role in organising the form's fundraising activities  
Michael M- Michael is an extremely polite member of the form group who is always helping out in form
- 10LIV- Rachel M- Rachel has been proactive in looking for and sorting out her work experience  
Joshua TF- Joshua sent a polite and detailed email enquiring about work experience
- 10MAC- Emilia S- Emilia is extremely helpful and has been the form recycling monitor for this half term  
Alex S- Alex always has a polite and helpful attitude in form
- 10SCO- Owen F- Owen has shown an improved behaviour and focus in form time  
Dylan E- for helping to organise the form team for the inter-sports competitions
- 10SHA- Adam B- Adam is always on time with the correct equipment and came close to beating Mr Clarke in the school charity badminton competition  
Freya H- Freya has been extremely helpful in form in displaying the problems of the week for students to solve and has the most achievement points in the year.

A huge congratulations to all students.

### 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 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.

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/Smart Watches**

Mobile phones and smart watches are not allowed to be used in school. Students are only permitted to use their mobile phone or smart watch from 3.10pm onwards once on the playground/exit gates. Students found with a mobile phone/smart watch 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.

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

- Year 10- 95%
- Whole school- 95%

The whole school attendance target is an aspirational 97% and we would hope that we can work towards achieving this as a year group by the end of the academic year.

Congratulations to the following students who were successful in the '100 Club' draw and all won a £10 voucher-

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 subsequent day 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.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Clarke  
**Head of Year 10**

Miss Williams  
**Assistant Head of Year 10**

## Key Dates

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February-

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February-

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March-

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March-

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March-

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March-Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March-

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March-

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April-

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April-

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April-

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April-

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April-

### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April-

## School Open

Year 8-13 Careers Fair

Canteen- Pancake Day

Ash Wednesday, whole school service

KS3 & KS4 Student Voice

BGT Event

Year 10 Theatre Trip- History

Canteen- International School Meals Day

St Chad's Sanctuary Collection Begins

### Early Finish 1.10pm

Year 8 Parents Consultation Afternoon (2-4.30pm)

Year 10 Bronze DofE Practice Expedition

KS3 Football Development Quiz Night

Year 9/10 Sponsored Football

Whole School Easter Mass

Non Uniform Day for Lourdes

### School Closed- Inset Day

### School Open



Remember – follow our many twitter feeds for updates on what is happening at BC!

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Computing:	@BishopChalComp	Science Learning Partnership:	@CentralMidSLP
Chaplaincy:	@BC_Chaplaincy	Social Science:	@BCSocSciDept
Biology:	@BCCbio	School Games:	@BCSGO
English:	@BC_EnglishDept	Sixth Form:	@BCCSix
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