



BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Year 7 May Half Term Newsletter 2019



Dear Parent/Carer,

It seems hardly possible, but the final half term is about to start, after such a short half term. As ever, at Bishop Challoner, there has been a lot happening and we look forward to a busy final half term.

P2 Assessments

P2 assessments have been the focus in the last two weeks. Many Year 7 students have been preparing well for these assessments which will highlight the enormous amount of progress that many students will have made. Secondary school is about growing from childhood into young adulthood. It is always important to remember, and we do keep reminding the students, that working well throughout the year means that there is no need to become anxious over assessments. We are of course measuring attainment, but reports will reflect the effort and commitment made throughout their studies. We must all remember that it is everything that students become involved in at school that will allow your sons and daughters to develop into well-rounded adults. Extra-curricular clubs, student helpers, charity events, Masses and the Commit to Character reward scheme are all things that help your sons and daughters to grow.

Whole School Charity: The British Heart Foundation

The Charity fundraising is now underway and Year 7 forms are organising activities to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. 7SCO held a 'Name the Teddy' event before Easter and 7LIV organised a cake sale this week. Over £100 was raised from these two events alone. Well done! This has set the benchmark for the remaining form groups in the last half term. Alongside their own form activities, some Year 7 students have been participating in other fundraisers. The 'Battle of the Bands' organised by Mr Tsintas' Year 10 form was a great success and amongst the 8 or 9 acts participating, there was only one band which did not have a member of Year 7 in it! A fantastic effort for Year 7 students.

Bishop's Got Talent

Bishop's Got Talent events regularly take place at breaktimes in the library, and Year 7s are almost always involved in these events. This week, it was the turn of the talented Year 7 dancers:



Assemblies

Assemblies recently have covered a range of topics such as Knife Crime Awareness and Social Media topics. These are both very serious issues that it is important to discuss in school. Students are reminded that if they have any worries or concerns over these topics, they should speak to either parents, carers or an adult in school. Social Media problems continue to crop up in school and we are continually reminding students of the need to keep themselves safe online. Sharing images without the permission of the people involved is something that the school will take very seriously and appropriate sanctions will be enforced.

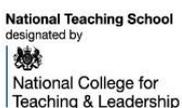


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McEvoy's Mega Mix

The launch of 'McEvoy's Mega Mix' Raffle has really captured the imagination of Year 7 students. Rewards for attendance, great work and effort, kindness and respect, participation in the wider school life are being offered this term as raffle ticket into a prize draw. Students can choose the prize category they wish to enter: £50 JD voucher, MAC make-up voucher, Beats headphones, Amazon Echo or a mystery prize. I have spent an enormous amount of time issuing raffle tickets to Year 7 students. I can foresee there being a real buzz of excitement in our final assembly this year, when the draw will take place.

Careers

In the Summer term, Year 7 students will be taking part in a Careers project which will involve researching and creating presentations about less well known Career Options. This follows on from a survey completed at the beginning of the year, where students were asked about different jobs. It is important that, even at the age of 11 and 12, students have a full picture of what is available in the world of work and what is required to enter that career. I am looking forward to seeing the presentations and we will be putting a selection of this work on the school website.

Junior Maths Challenge

At the end of April, students in Year 7 sat the "Junior Maths Challenge". This is run by the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust (UKMT) and is designed to test students with challenging mathematical problems. Our students did really well, and we are delighted to congratulate the following students on their achievements: Joe B and Daniel M on their gold certificates! 7% of competitors achieve a gold award so this is particularly brilliant. Joe will be competing in the next round of the competition. Congratulations also to Callum Bing, Ciaran Greaney and Niamh C on their silver certificates, as well as Mathias D, Stephen M, Bilal A and Alibbas M on their bronze certificates

Sport

As the Summer term gets underway, we have had a busy start with football fixtures. The Year 7 and 8 girls played two fixtures against Archbishop Illsely and Bartley Green School. They won both games and, as it stands, they are top of the league! Well done to all involved! The Year 9 boys played the semi-final of the South Birmingham Cup this week and had a fantastic win! Mr Wilson is extremely proud of all the boys involved as they have reached the final of three cups! Further information to follow about the finals! Good luck boys! Moving on, Year 8 boys played in the Birmingham League final against Shenley academy. The boys battled well in a tough game but unfortunately lost 1-0. Well done to all the boys involved!

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

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 7- 96%

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.

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.

I hope all students will have an enjoyable and restful half term break before starting back on Monday 3rd June 2019.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs H McGowan
Head of Year 7

Mr S Moreira
Assistant Head of Year 7

Key Dates

Monday 3rd June-

Tuesday 4th June-

Saturday 15th June-Sunday 23rd June-

Tuesday 18th June-

Tuesday 25th June-Thursday 27th June

Monday 1st July-

Wednesday 3rd July-

Friday 5th July-

Monday 8th July-

Monday 8th July-Friday 12th July-

Thursday 11th July-

Friday 12th July-

Monday 15th July-

Tuesday 16th July-

Wednesday 17th July-

Friday 19th July-

Monday 22nd July-

School Open

Canteen- Allergen Awareness Day

KS3/4 Ball Crew

Canteen- Teenage Cancer Trust

Year 7 Rewards Trips

Sports Day

School Closed for Year 8 Only

Year 6 Induction Day 1

School Closed-Inset Day

St Chad's Sanctuary Begins

KS3 & KS4 Character Week

Drayton Manor

School Closed

Year 7, 9 and 10 Parent Consultation Day

Year 8 Retreat Day and Mass

KS3 and KS4 Student Voice

Year 7 and 8 Sponsored Football

Awards Assemblies

Whole School End of Year Mass

School Closed- Inset Day



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

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Teaching School:	@teaching_school	Performing Arts:	@BCPAmusic/@BCPAPA4
School Games:	@BCSGO	History:	@history_GCSEBC
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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