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Lord Jesus,
Thank you for bringing us into your kingdom,
To share in your kingship.
Help us to call others into a loving relationship with
you and one another, so that the earth will be more
like your kingdom.
Amen

Friday 30th November 2018

Message from Mr Hetherton, Senior Vice Principal

As we move into the month of December we start to think of Christmas and all of the preparations that go with it. It is undoubtedly a time of great excitement and frenzied shopping, but it is also a time of great importance to Christians throughout the world. This Sunday marks the beginning of the season of Advent – a word that originates from the Latin word ‘adventus’, which literally means coming or arrival. Advent marks the beginning of our preparations for the coming or arrival of Jesus and is a reminder to Christians of the importance and significance of the feast of Christmas.

The pace of life at Bishop Challoner continues; blink and you may miss an activity or an event that involves students and staff working together beyond the boundaries of the classroom! Last week alone we had several sporting events involving:

- our Year 7 and Year 8 girls progressing to the regional stage of the EFL tournament
- our Year 11 girls winning the inaugural Rock Climbing Competition at Bordesley School
- our Year 9 boys progressing to the quarter final of the West Midlands Cup

In addition to this students, having collected over 150 shoe boxes, received notification from the charity FSCI (Foundation for Social Change and Inclusion) that the boxes are on the way to Southeast Europe to be received by some of the many vulnerable children and families in the region. This outstanding effort reminds us of their isolation and poverty and we hope that the generosity of our students will bring some happiness to those who receive a shoebox this Christmas.

Thank you to Miss Reading for organising the Year 8 visit to the Black Country Museum and to Miss Stone for organising the KS4 Maths challenge visit to Coventry. Both visits went very well and as usual our pupils were a credit to themselves and to the school. Final preparations are taking place for the Christmas by Candlelight – a Winter Celebration production on Monday 3rd December. Tickets are now on sale and we hope to see as many of you as possible to join us in an evening of music, song, dance and celebration. We also offer our congratulations and best wishes to three students in Year 13 who will be attending interviews at Cambridge University next week and to another two Year 13 students who have interviews at Oxford University.

As we move towards the end of term and the Christmas season, let us keep the students of Year 11 in our thoughts and prayers as they sit their GCSE mock examinations. May they understand the importance of rigorous preparation and for them to do the best they can to achieve results that will motivate them in the run up to summer 2019.

Thank you for your continued support.

Teaching School Update

Have you thought of teaching as a career? If so, then why not join us for a mince pie and a coffee next Tuesday evening, 4th December, at 6.00 pm. This is a free information session where you can ask plenty of questions about the School Direct route into teaching with us. We have trained teachers for many years here at Bishop Challoner TSA with our Primary and Secondary schools in and around south Birmingham. With UCAS now open and places being filled for a Sep 2019 start, now is a great time to consider if teaching is for you. Book your free place at www.bctsa.org.

St Chad's Sanctuary

Throughout December we will be having a ‘Reverse Advent Calendar’. We are collecting different items throughout the month for St Chad's Sanctuary. Please see below a list of items required.

Mon 3rd	Men's clothing
Tues 4rd	Women's clothing
Wed 5th	Childrens clothing (particular need ages 4-11)
Thurs 6th	Baby clothing
Fri 7th	Toys
Mon 10th	Shoes
Tues 11th	Underwear
Wed 12th	Suitcases/carry-alls
Thurs 13th	Bedding
Fri 14th	Crockery
Mon 17th	Pots and pans
Tues 18th	Belts
Wed 19th	Tinned food (ideally not baked beans)
Thurs 20th	Dried foods e.g. pasta/rice



BC Advent Calendar



BISHOP CHALLONER'S YEAR OF
**Health &
Wellbeing**
2018/2019



Follow our website based
Christmas Advent Calendar from
Saturday 1st December

School Fund and Match Fund

Thanks to all parents/carers for their donations to school fund. If you would like to donate, you can do this via School Comms. If your employer helps schools with Match Funding, we would also like to hear from you. Please contact g.noone@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

Sixth Form

University Application Update

The offers continue to roll in. Many of our students getting really good offers from some of the best universities in the country.

We are particularly excited this year, with a record number of Oxbridge applications, all of our applicants have been called for an interview at Oxford or Cambridge next month.

Equally exciting is that all of our medicine and dentistry applicants has been offered at least one interview.

We continue to give our full support and wish good luck to each and every one of our students!

Apprenticeship Applicants

Workshops have started to support student who are looking to go into an apprenticeship after their A Levels. This can be a very attractive proposition with some providers allowing successful applicants to work for degree level qualifications, whilst at the same time earning and learning on the job.

Bulletins

We are sending out weekly "Opportunities" bulletins to year 12, to ensure no one misses out on a masterclass, summer school, workshop or any other opportunity.

Year 13s will be receiving a bulletin detailing all the apprenticeship opportunities.

Lourdes

Last call for any Year 12 students interested in the Lourdes pilgrimage. A wonderful opportunity for personal growth and to be of service to others. Please sign up by Monday 3rd December.

Upcoming Events

Advent Services begin
Monday 3rd December

Christmas Show
Wednesday 5th December

KS3 Christmaths Day
Thursday 6th December

KS5 Student Leadership
Thursday 6th December

Year 7 Reward Trip
Year 12 H&W Day
Tuesday 11th December

Year 8 Reward Trip
Maths KS4/5 Holgate Lecture
Sixth Form Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 12th December

Year 9 Reward Trip
Thursday 13th December

Year 7/9 & 10
Parent Consultation Day
SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 14th December

Sponsored football for Year 7/8 Boys is Tuesday 18th December and for Year 9/10 on Wednesday 19th December. Parents/carers can sign and pay for their son/daughter on School Comms to secure their place.

Maths Problem Dwarves

The Seven Dwarves were born on the same day, in seven consecutive years. The ages of the youngest three add up to 42 years. What do the ages of the oldest 3 add up to?

For the solution to the last problem, follow us @BCMathsDept

Sports Updates

Fixtures and results

Year 10 Basketball team played in a round robin tournament at King Edward Camp Hill boys school last week. Out of the 4 games they played they won 2 and lost 2. A huge well done to all boys involved in particular Ethan J D for being star player.

Year 7 and 8 girls participated in an Under 13s girls tournament at West Hills. A huge well done to all girls involved as they battled against other school to win the competition! Their team work and determination was incredible! Well done girls!

Year 8 girls basketball team played their first game against Bartley Green and won 32 - 2 win! Well done to all those involved!

Extra-curricular

The continued number of students attending extra-curricular this half term is outstanding! New additions to timetable include Thursday after school basketball club for Year 7 and 8 with Mr Moreira. As well as this, a selected 25 students have been picked to attend a cricket club after school with a Warwickshire County Cricket coach for 4 weeks with Miss Hunter and Mr Moreira. Fantastic opportunities for our students to get involved with!

Intra school competition

Our next intra school competition is trampolining on Monday 10th December after school 3:30-4:30pm. If you are interested in signing up please see Miss Hunter! Good luck to all those involved!

Inter Milan school trip

Inter Milan trip - Please continue to ensure that payments are kept up to date and all passports, EHC cards & U18 consent forms are in by Thursday 20th December at the latest.

Livestreaming is becoming a very popular way for people to broadcast themselves on apps and sites such as Instagram Live, Facebook Live, Periscope, Twitch and YouTube Live.

Livestreaming plays a positive role on the internet, be it someone live streaming a game they are playing or an individual live streaming a breaking news story from the scene. However, because it is live, content is not censored prior to

broadcast meaning that children can be exposed to foul language, inappropriate behaviour and other unsavoury things. We advise that you talk to your child about livestreaming and enquire as to what it is, if anything, they are watching.

For more information on this topic please visit the following link:
<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics/livestreaming>



How can your family stay fit this winter?

Are you considering how to stay healthy and happy as a family this winter? If so, here are a few activities in the local area you may want to look into...

Attendance

Year 7- 97%
Year 8- 96%
Year 9- 95%
Year 10- 95%
Year 11- 95%
Whole School- 96%

Cannon Hill Park Run

Ages 4 – 14 Every Sunday at 9am, Junior Parkrun is open for juniors aged 4 to 14 years old. The run is 2k is aimed at giving young people the opportunity to develop their health as well as have fun. The run is completely free and parents can participate with their children too. To find out more information please see

<http://www.parkrun.org.uk/cannon-hill-juniors/>

For older children and adult, every Saturday at 9am a 5k Parkrun takes place at Cannon Hill. Once registered you can enjoy your free place by taking your registration barcode that will allow you to time your run, but just like all Parkruns the focus is on enjoying yourself, so if you feel a little full from all the Christmas chocolate head to Cannon Hill park this weekend! For more information

<http://www.parkrun.org.uk/cannon-hill/>

12 Days of Fitmas

In school this year our PE department will be launching 12 days of Fitmas to encourage students to get or stay fit and active. If you are enthused by your son/daughter's engagement, or what to encourage them to get involved by getting active yourself you may consider a great offer on at many local leisure centres including Cocks Moors Woods. For just £12 new customers are able to visit 12 times. Visitors can make use of their swimming pool, gym and fitness classes. For more information please see

<https://12daysweb.pgtb.me/t26tdk>

Advertising with Bishop Challoner

No need to pay the High Street prices for billboard advertising. You could advertise to 2000 people a day through Bishop Challoner for a fraction of the price.

We are delighted to offer advertising space in our community areas, including our sports hall, function room and gym.

This opportunity is available for £30 per month. Please contact G.Noone on 0121 4444161 or email: g.noone@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

Facilities Hire for Parties and Events

For more info call Laura on 0121 441 6103



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Year of Health & Wellbeing: Staff Wellness Tip #5

Miss Dyer's top tip to maintain good wellbeing is to dedicate at least one regular night a week a night to spend with loved ones. Every Thursday night Miss Dyer swears by forgetting all stresses the week may entail and committing to focusing on quality time with someone special. Activities she suggests include: making a new recipe together; going for a walk; playing board games; or taking a trip to the cinema.

Spending time with positive people doing the things you enjoy on a regular basis can increase one's life expectancy according to some research. On the 1st of August 2018, The Independent reported research conducted by Dan Buettner, author and fellow of National Geographic. Mr Buettner's study demonstrated a commonality between regions of the world where people live longer and regions of the world where people prioritise healthy, strong friendships. After exploring this correlation he was led to conclude that friends can encourage healthy behaviours that support one's social, emotional and even financial side leading to less stressful lives. So consider when and how you make time for your loved ones and the benefits of prioritising time with others.

Christmas shopping list

You could help us raise over £30 in free funds with your Christmas shopping

	Cost	Retailer	Donation
Gift for him	£50	MenKind	4% = £2
Gift for her	£50	HOT ON THE HIGH STREET	4.5% = £2.25
Gifts for kids	£120	#Entertainer	1.5% = £1.80
Christmas day groceries	£80	WAITROSE & PARTNERS	£20
Boxing day buffet	£20	ocado	£3
Christmas party outfit	£50	ASOS	3% = £1.50
Christmas tree	£55	very	3.5% = £1.93
Decorations	£40	wilko	1% = 40p
Stocking fillers	£30	prezzybox.com	5% = £1.50
Total =			£34.38
20 supporters =			£687.60

Donation rates correct as of 24th October 2018.

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