

# Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School



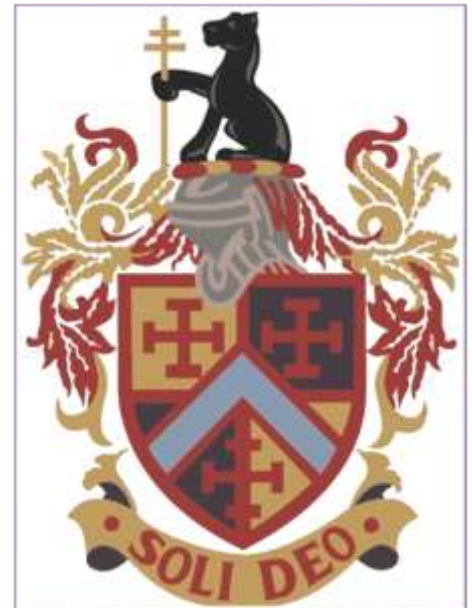
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## Message from our Headteacher

As we approach the end of another bustling term, I find myself reflecting on the remarkable journey we've shared. Our school has been a hive of activity, with students and staff alike rising to the challenges set before them. I am immensely proud of the way our community has embodied our Catholic social teaching, bringing it to life through both words and actions.

The coming week holds special significance as we enter Holy Week. This is a time for deep reflection on the ultimate sacrifice made by Jesus Christ – an act of love and service for all mankind. It's heartening to see how our school community has mirrored this spirit of love and service, as reflected in our mission statement. Our Lenten journey has been particularly meaningful this year, guided by our dedicated chaplaincy representatives and clergy. Students have had the opportunity to participate in reconciliation services within the school, fostering spiritual growth and reflection.

The commitment to service and community has been evident in the wonderful array of fundraising activities that have taken place. From the Big Sleep Out to lively bingo, from tempting cake sales to exciting golf competitions and race nights, our school community has come together in remarkable ways. These events not only raise funds for worthy causes but also strengthen the bonds within our school family.

As we look ahead to the Easter season, I wish to extend my heartfelt wishes to you and your families for a happy and holy Easter holiday. Upon our return, our Year 11 and Year 13 students will be facing their exams. I know that the entire school community joins me in offering them our full support and encouragement during this crucial time. Their hard work and dedication throughout the year will undoubtedly serve them well.

May the spirit of Easter bring you peace, joy, and renewed purpose. I look forward to seeing you all in the new term, ready to embrace the opportunities and challenges that await us

Mrs Boyle, Headteacher

## Prayer

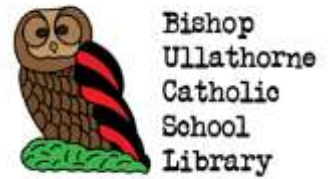
Loving God, as we journey through this Lenten season, guide us to a deeper understanding of your love and mercy. Help us to renew our spirits and hearts, and to walk more closely with you. Amen



# Good news

## Library news

### Quiz Success



We are delighted to announce that our team of four selected students (Beatrice, Aditto, Poppy and Zuzanna in Year 8) came second in the regional heat of the National Reading Champions Quiz – one place up on last year! Whilst they did not progress to the national final, they did brilliantly well, and have come away with a £20 book token each.

Credit should also be given to the team of four Book Club students (Beatrice and Poppy in Y8, and Evie and Chloe in Y7), who took part in the *Hooked on Books* Quiz, as part of the Coventry Inspiration Book Awards. The team narrowly missed out, coming in just two-and-a-half points shy of a prize-winning place.

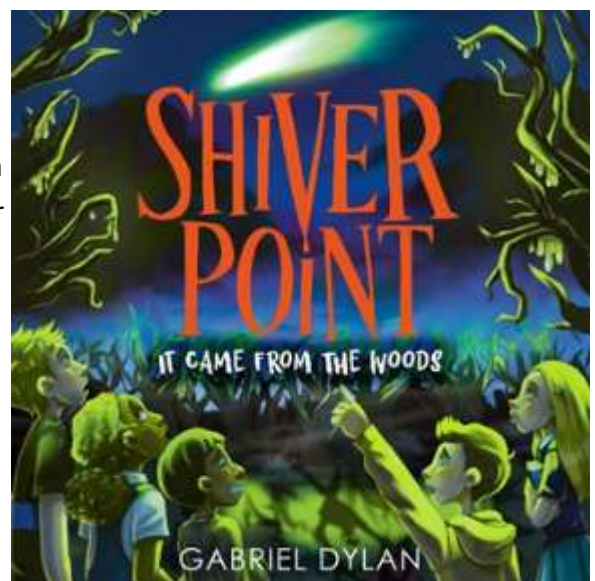


### World Book Day

We celebrated World Book Day this term with another fantastic range of events!

All students in years 7-9 were treated to one chapter of an audiobook in each of their lessons. The chosen title, *Shiver Point*, is a deliciously creepy tale about friendship – and body snatchers! The full audiobook can be found on the World Book Day website, and should remain available until early April.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/>



# Good news



The big event of the day was of course the staff dress-up, with almost fifty staff donning costume and props for the day. We had Vikings and brides, witches and wizards; we had the *entire* cast of Bad Dad by David Walliams; PE classes were treated to the terrifying Trunchbull, and English were jump-scared by Lord Voldemort himself; we had extra limbs from the amazing Ursula the sea witch *and* Sebastian the crab from The Little Mermaid; Gangsta Granny caused mayhem in the playground; as befitting a Catholic school, we had four encyclicals, who were fiendishly hard to guess on the character hunt; and even the sixth formers got involved too, with everything from A-level literature-themed Macbeth characters, to a bright-orange (and inflatable) Lorax!



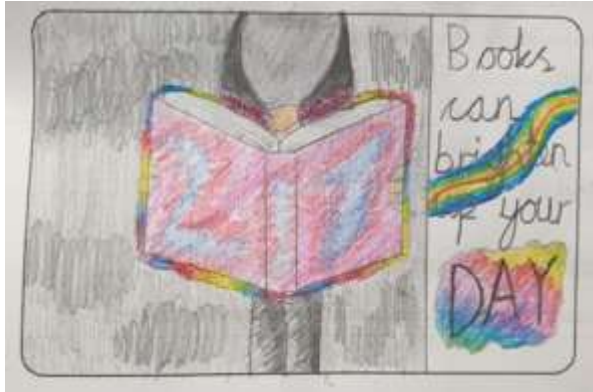
There were some spectacular outfits, and the final vote came down to a tie between Mrs Davis' Shakespearean Queen of the Fairies, Titania, and Dr Koutsou's epic hero, Odysseus , the King of Ithaca. They thoroughly deserved the win – Mrs Davis had to paint her face green, and Dr Koutsou had his arms *and* legs bared (as befits a Greek warrior) on a rather chilly day

The students had a brilliant time matching the clues in the Character Hunt, and investigating all corners of the school to find the relevant staff members. And this excitement was not limited to our younger years either – our winner was actually Evian from Year 9 who has won a £10 book token!



# Good news

As well as the character hunt, we had further opportunities to get involved in the fun. Year 7 students all designed a Book Token in form time, and we were so hard-pushed to choose a single best entry, we decided to award first place to both Olga and Niya.



We also had three other activities in the library on the day, with Bea winning the Book Bonanza Quiz, Poppy winning the famous-authors matching activity and Mercy D (all from Y8) winning the Cryptic Quiz. These five students have all won a new book, as well as other book-related goodies!



# Good news

## Library Book Club

Our thriving Book Club has been privileged to receive eight copies of *Finding Bear*, by Hannah Gold, this term, in exchange for writing reviews for the publisher. These will of course be available in the library as soon as Book Club have finished with them.



In terms of our regular reading, Book Club is currently coming to the end of the Warwickshire Secondary Book Awards, with the students travelling to the ceremony at King's High in Warwick this week to see the winners announced, and to meet some of the shortlisted authors. Look out for the write-up in our next newsletter!

With the Carnegie shortlist also being announced recently, the time is right for anyone thinking of joining us to get signed up for the shadowing process for the national, and most prestigious, book award for Young Adult fiction, the Carnegie Medal. Book Club will be beginning these titles after Easter.

**Book Club is held Tuesdays after school, 3.05-3.50pm, in the library and students should see Miss K for further details.**





# Good news

## Library Book Club

The library book club were privileged to be able to attend the ceremony for the Warwickshire Secondary Book Awards last week, at Kings High School in Warwick. They got to hear four of the six shortlisted authors speak about their work in person, as well as watch a video and hear a written message from the two authors who were not able to attend. After the authors spoke, there was a really interesting question and answer session – finding out all sorts of inside-information such as what snacks the authors like to have whilst writing (cheese was a surprising answer from one), and what their favourite books were growing up. We are delighted to announce that Mia in Year 8 also won one of the three competitions with her alternate ending to *Bringing Back Kay-Kay*, a mystery story set in India with a girl searching for her missing brother. She took home a certificate and a bag of goodies for her fantastic writing.

After the ceremony, the students met all four of the authors attending: Carnegie longlisted authors Alistair Chisolm and Tom Percival, horror-writer S. J. Wills, and debut-novelist Dev Kothari. They got to chat with the authors, have copies of books and reading journals signed, and even take photos.



# Good news

## Sedbergh Trip

Two of our Year 8 students, Beatrice and Poppy, had a very exciting trip to Cumbria this term, with a visit to Sedbergh Town's 'Carnegie Takeover' event. This fantastic reward (for completing 100 books on the library's Owl Reading scheme) saw the girls travel with Miss K the librarian, into the Yorkshire Dales National Park, to the beautiful setting of Sedbergh School. The stunning scenery, in the glorious sunshine, was worth the trip alone!

Upon arrival, our students had an extra special treat, courtesy of Miss K's role as a Carnegie judge this year. The Awards Executive, Jake, brought each author in turn to introduce them to Miss K, so Bea and Poppy ended up with their very own private audience with all three of the authors attending. They were able to chat with the authors, get their reading journals signed, and have photographs taken. The girls were so mature, and asked some really discerning questions.

The event itself saw last year's Carnegie Medal winner (and former Children's Laureate) Joseph Coelho host a talk with the three authors, all longlisted for this year's Carnegie Medal for writing; Margaret McDonald for 'Glasgow Boys', Danielle Jawondo for 'If My Words Had Wings' and C. G. Moore for 'Trigger'. It was a fascinating afternoon, with real insight into the books, the authors, and the writing process. And to top it off, our students also got to meet host Joseph Coelho at the end! It was an inspiring and exciting day, and a well-deserved reward for such incredible achievements in reading this year.

If students are interested in reading any of these three books, or *any* of the Carnegie longlisted titles, please see Miss K in the library - there is something on the longlist for everyone, and Miss K is looking forward to taking part in the final judging soon!



# Good news

## Year 12 Geography Trip

The year 12 Geographers had a very successful trip to North Wales, staying at Dol-y-Moch. They were collecting data on Sand Dune ecosystems, Coastal management and how to regenerate a town in decline.

Amazingly, for Wales, the weather stayed dry and bright although it was cold on the coast but ice creams were still enjoyed by some hardy students. The students got a lot out of it and worked really well as a team to further their Geographical knowledge.

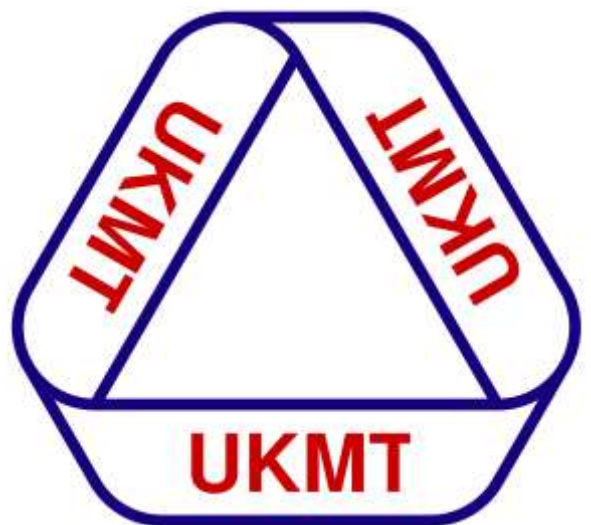


## UK Intermediate Maths Challenge

110 of our Year 9, 10 & 11 students competed in the UK Intermediate Maths challenge this year. 3 students were awarded the gold certificate, 12 were awarded silver and a further 28 achieved Bronze.

Congratulations to all who took part and a special mention to Jenson (Year 9), Luke (Year 10) and Jack (Year 11) who each scored highest in their year group.

Well done to Jack and Hebe who were invited to compete in the Pink Kangaroo, a follow-on round.





# Good news

## Maths Feast

On 5th March, four of Bishop Ullathorne's finest mathematicians, Kai, Luke, Papa and Yafiet, competed in the annual AMSP Year 10 Maths Feast at Cardinal Newman. Their problem-solving and teamwork skills were put to the test over four contrasting rounds, requiring an array of strategies. The pupils enjoyed a successful morning and particularly enjoyed the final relay round where they had sets of 8 minutes to solve 2 problems each in pairs - but all four problems had to be solved in order and required the answer from the previous problem to progress to the next, alternating between each pair. Impressively they won the second round, which organisers stated was the most challenging round. Overall they finished 7th place out of 16 local schools (including several private schools).



## A Night at the Musicals

The fabulous sixth form team have directed and led a plethora of musicals for A Night at the Musicals on 26 March. Miss Moloney wanted to utilise the Arts to fundraise for the Lourdes trip in May and showcase some of the talent we have at Bishop Ullathorne.

Caitlin directed Year 7 with some fantastic songs from *Matilda*. Year 8 worked on *Annie* with Grace and enjoyed their experience. *Mean Girls* was directed by Mya and Eadie with Year 9 featuring some strong performances.

Maame worked tirelessly on *The Lion King* with Year 10, even designed and created the masks for the performers. Year 11 were directed by Zofia on *Little Shop of Horrors* with some of the iconic numbers.



The night concluded with Cellblock Tango from Chicago by our sixth form cast.

A huge well done to everyone involved. We are so proud of every single one of you.

# Careers Update

Ms Kalu, Careers Adviser



### Key Stage 3

Our Year 8 students participated in an engaging online roadshow, exploring various career options and gaining valuable insights into different professions.

All Year 9 students attended an informative assembly hosted by Coventry College. The session covered various pathways available after GCSEs, including apprenticeships, college courses, and A-levels, helping students make informed decisions about their future.

Year 9 students also participated in a careers CPSHE session, where they explored their options and received an introduction to JED (Job Explorer Database), a valuable tool for career planning.

During form time, all Year 7 and 8 students took part in "Job of the Week" sessions. These sessions provided an opportunity to learn about different careers and consider potential future job roles.



Students in Years 7, 8, and 9 participated in sessions focused on skills in the workplace. They explored various subject areas and learned about apprenticeships, gaining a better understanding of the skills required in different industries.

Ms. Kalu has been available to offer advice and guidance to Year 9 students on their option choices, ensuring they make well-informed decisions about their academic and career paths.

## Key Stage 4

All Year 11 students attended an informative assembly hosted by the National Apprenticeship Service. The session provided valuable insights into apprenticeship opportunities and the benefits of pursuing this pathway.

Every Year 11 student has participated in an interview session with a career adviser, either one-on-one or in a group setting. These sessions are designed to help students explore their career options and receive personalised guidance.



A select group of Year 10 students attended a business focus trip organised by Into University, in partnership with Forvis Mazars. The trip provided students with an opportunity to learn about the business world and gain insights into various career paths.

Ms. Kalu has begun following up with all Year 11 students to ensure they have offers for sixth form or college. Students applying for apprenticeships will receive ongoing help and support and are encouraged to have a backup plan to ensure their future success.



## Key Stage 5

Year 12 students attended a highly successful *Meet with Industry* event at school. This event was supported by professionals from a wide variety of sectors, including alumni and parent volunteers. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our guests who contributed to this event. Our students benefited enormously from the conversations and advice, gaining valuable insights into various career paths.

Year 13 students attended the Apprenticeship Show at the CBS Arena. This event provided them with the opportunity to explore a range of apprenticeship options and connect with potential employers.

Year 13 students participated in an informative talk on student finance, delivered by Warwick University. The session covered essential information about funding higher education, helping students make informed financial decisions for their future studies.

Selected Year 12 students had the opportunity to visit Cambridge University as part of the HE+ program. This trip allowed them to experience university life and engage with current students and faculty members.

As part of the Sixth Form Higher Education programme, Year 12 students visited the University of Warwick. They participated in workshops in the lecture hall and toured the campus with student ambassadors. We extend our gratitude to the University of Warwick staff for hosting us and providing an enriching experience for our students.

[All students have access to one-on-one career sessions with Ms. Kalu.](#)





# Good news

## GCSE DRAMA Warhorse Theatre Trip

Our Year 10 GCSE Drama students were treated to a live theatre performance at the Wolverhampton Grand Theatre in preparation for their exam next year. The dramatic and moving production of Warhorse had the students on the edge of their seats throughout.

"The play was amazing and I really loved how the horse Joey was brought to life by the puppeteers."

"The play was excellent and gave us an insight into World War One and the animals that fought and died alongside the soldiers on the battlefields. The effects were brilliant and will give us plenty to write about in the exam."



## Netball Trip

Year 7 and Year 12 students went to the BP Pulse Arena to watch the Birmingham Panthers v Manchester Thunder in the Netball Super league.

What a brilliant evening, Birmingham didn't win but we didn't let them dampen our spirits. With the introduction of the Super shot, it was a super exciting match. We all learnt lots about how to develop our game and we even got to meet one of the players!



# Good news

## Stem Club

The STEM CLUB has been running successfully since the start of this academic year where the year 7 students have been getting hands on experience in different activities involving use of chemicals and equipment under supervision. Some of the highlights were making 'invisible ink', Balloon cars, Rockets and elephants' toothpaste.



The sixth form Scientists are leading these and demonstrating leadership and excellent communication skills to engage and enthuse our young students to enjoy all different Sciences.



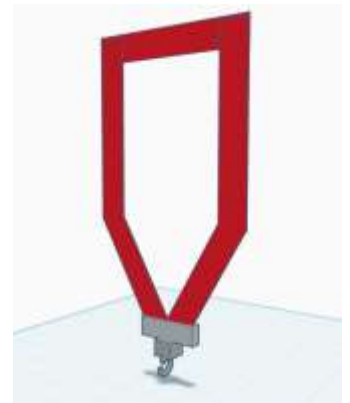
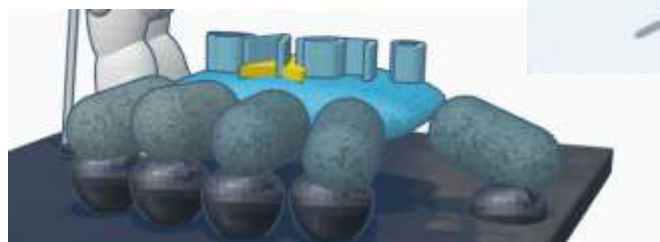
The Club continues every Wednesday in lab 3 until the May Half term and so if you have not managed to join in yet, you still stand a chance !!!!!

Come and have a chance to learn science the fun way.

If interested please contact Mrs Shah in lab 10

## Product Design

Year 9 Product Designers have been working on Printlab's Make:able Challenge where they find out more about the needs of Make:able Champions with different disabilities and what their needs are. We have found out more about Valerie, Bev, Cath, Garry and Michelle and what challenges they face in their daily lives. Students have been using their empathy skills to create ideas to solve problems using Tinker CAD and we are proud of how compassionate their ideas have been.



# Eco Reps!

## RSPB Birdwatch

On the 28th January we Eco Reps took part in the RSPB Birdwatch. Not only did we find our incredible ducks all around the site, we also found a very vast range of different species. The most common bird spotted on site was the black headed gull and common gull with over 100 seen! Our next most popular were 13 carrion crows, 12 rooks, 6 magpies. We have added our data onto the RSPB website so it can be counted into the final total.



## Energy Saving

Taking part in Switch Off Fortnight saw us reduce our energy use. To help with this, the Eco Reps:

- Placed red and green stickers on light switches to show people which lights are necessary to be on and which ones aren't.
- Placed stickers to remind people to switch off lights and electronic devices like computers and screens when not in use.

They have also been collating ideas to help reduce energy at home as well as at school. So why is saving energy important?

"By reducing the amount of energy we use, we can make a positive contribution to the environment by reducing the amount of harmful greenhouse gases produced to create electricity. Saving energy also means saving money. By reducing the amount of energy we use, we can also reduce the amount we pay for our energy bills. We believe every member of our Bishop Ullathorne community have the power to make a difference!"

## Energy Saving Tips at Home

- Turn off unused appliances, e.g. washing machine, dishwasher, microwave, kettle.
- Turn off TVs, consoles and devices that are connected to electricity when they aren't being used, including on standby.
- Switch off lights in rooms that have no people in them.
- Turn off lights during the daytime and open curtains instead.
- Swap your bath for a shower
- Avoid the tumble dryer





# Eco Reps!

## New Recycling Rules

We have had recycling bags in classrooms and offices for years. Recycling bins are popping up in the canteen and playgrounds and we hope all students will help us in our journey to reduce our waste and increase recycling rates under the new UK recycling rules.



Our Eco Reps thought it would be a good opportunity to remind everyone what can and can't be recycled!



 Recycle	✓ Paper, cardboard ✓ Drinks cans ✓ Tin foil
 Recycle	✓ Plastic bottles ✓ Juice cartons ✓ Newspapers and magazines
× Food × Plastic film / bags × Sweet wrappers × Crisp packets (put them in the box in the canteen)	 Don't Recycle  Don't Recycle

## Litter Free

Our Year 8 students are taking part in the Great British Schools Clean where they will use litter pickers around our site. We are all called to be stewards for God's planet and we hope to make our beautiful school site litter free for all the animals that we share it with.

## MAC Eco Heroes

Three different Eco Reps have been attending out termly meetings with all seven schools across our Holy Cross Catholic MAC. So far we have learnt more about recycling, created birdboxes and planned our next steps on our eco journey. This time we are planning how we will celebrate Earth Day in April.



# Good news

## Netball Success

What a fantastic end to a great netball season.

Back to back wins for the Year 9s. We travelled to Blue Coat. With Ola and Babyllon in defence not allowing any balls to get past them. Solid 15-1 win POTM Ruby T for great drives down the court. We played against President Kennedy. With a great duo of Lottie and Faith in the circle scoring we secured our 2nd win. 16-5 to us and Ruby T got POTM again for her fabulous feeds into the circle. Well done girls!!



## Year 10 Netball Tournament at Cardinal Newman

Our team really enjoyed the Tournament with comfortable victories over Cardinal Newman, Finham Park, Bluecoat and Eden Girls, finishing in 3rd place (behind Bablake and King Henrys). Staff from other schools complimented our high standard of Netball. Well done girls, another great tournament to add to your history! Miss Gill's players of the tournament go to Maisie for her agility and elevation and to Eva for supporting the attacks and always offering recycle option on the line.

## Years 9 & 11 Netball Matches vs Ernesford Grange

Year 9 won 11-1 (player of the match Lottie for her movement in the circle and great shooting). Year 11 won 3-1 (player of the match Erin for her outstanding interceptions and quick drives into space). Well done girls!



# Good news

## Year 7 Football

The team has grown in confidence and strength this term and have produced some excellent performances. In the Coventry Schools Cup they beat Meadow Park 2-1 to reach the semi-finals. A last minute goal against Ernesford Grange took the game to penalties which they eventually won 5-3. They now play President Kennedy in the final



## Year 8 Football

After early defeats in 2 competitions, the year 8s focused on the Coventry Schools Cup. After beating Grace Academy 4-2 they then went on to play Coundon court in the semi- finals. A late goal gave them a 1-0 victory and will now play Meadow Park in the final.



## Year 8/9 Girls Football

The girls have worked extremely hard together this year and have been rewarded with a place in the West Midlands Schools Cup Final on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April. After a long journey to Summerhill School in the semi final, the girls produced their best performance to date to win the game 1-0 against a strong opposition. They will play Aldridge School in the final.



## Year 11 Football

Defeat in the Coventry Cup to Cardinal Wiseman left the boys with only the Telegraph Cup to play for. In the quarter finals they played Westwood and a fine all round performance from the boys saw them eventually win the game 3-1. Well done to you all.





# Good news

## Year 10/11 Girls Football

Sadly the girls were unable to defend their title as West Midlands Schools Champions after losing 5-4 after extra time to Our Lady and St Chads. That said over the years they have managed to win the trophy in year 8 and 10 showing how strong a team they were. We have travelled with the girls all over the Midlands in the past 5 years and it was a sad day when the semi final was our last journey with this group. The team have been a pleasure to coach and Mr Anstee and myself have enjoyed every minute of sharing that journey with them. They have been excellent ambassadors for our school.



## Ski Trip

40 students and 6 members of staff travelled to Saalbach in Austria for the school ski trip. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the trip and all made excellent progress over the 6 days of skiing. As well as the skiing and the fantastic weather, the students also enjoyed a ski show and the Ullathorne Triathlon which included a quiz, games night and skittles night. It was a fantastic week, the group were a pleasure to be with and they represented the school perfectly whilst they were away.



# Good news

## Year 8 Football Champions!



Congratulations to the year 8 football team who are Coventry Schools Champions. Losing 2-0 at half time, the boys took on board the advice and battled hard

to end up winning 4-2. 2 goals each for Tom and Ashish. It was a strong performance from all the boys involved.



## Change Maker Programme

Year 12 Students at Bishop Ullathorne have been leading the Change makers programme in school for Year 7 Students. Three of the Year 12 students were invited to speak at the Council house about the programme. They spoke with passion and were very eloquent about their roles that they have been invited to join there group of community change makers in the city. The group are determined to work with more students in order to create a tomorrow worth fighting for.



## West Midland Champions!!!!!!

The Year 8 and 9 Girls football Team are West Midland Champions beating Streetly Academy 4-2.

A hat trick from Rebecca and a goal from Erin rounded off an excellent all round performance. The girls have been outstanding this year a thoroughly deserved what they have achieved.





## Year 7 Football Final

We are so proud of our Year 7 football team who have improved so much this season. Sadly they couldn't quite finish off with a win in the Coventry Schools Cup. They lost 2-1 to a very strong President Kennedy team and were obviously very disappointed. They gave everything they could as they have done all year.



## Thank you



A Huge thank you to the Parish of St Thomas More who have kindly donated their old Stations of the Cross to the school. The parish have recently had new stations commissioned by a parishioner.

The stations will be placed inside school so that we are able to carry out the Stations of the Cross during Lent.

## Lenten Charity Total

A massive thank you to all of our students and families for their kind generosity over this Lent period in giving to charity. We have currently raised £3,194.76 which is a wonderful amount and will make a difference to so many people locally, nationally and globally.



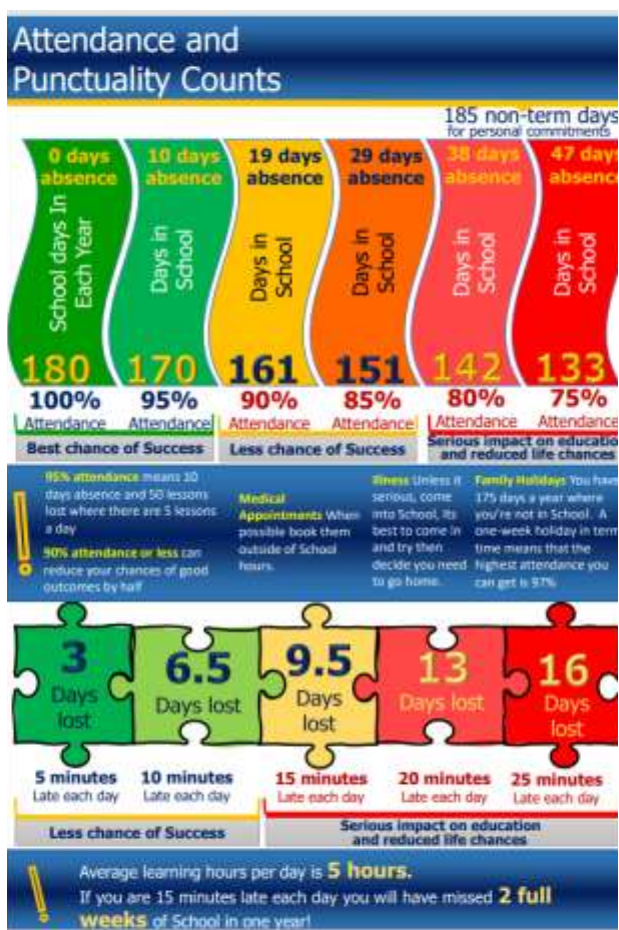


## Attendance Matters

School attendance is important for equipping your child with skills for life and we are proud to have the second best attendance in the city. However where 95% would be an incredible score on an exam, for attendance this means 10 days over a school year missed! This equates to 50 hours of learning missed, as well as time spent with friends and doing extracurricular activities. Lessons build on what children already know and missing one may make the next lesson more difficult for them.

It can be hard to know whether your child is too ill to attend school. NHS guidance says that it's fine to send them in with a minor cough or common cold, provided they don't have a temperature. We also know that parents and carers worry about their children's mental health. Rather than keeping your child off school, let us know about your concerns. We can then work together on supporting your child.

Attending school every day can help your child to achieve their aspirations, and the aspirations you have for them. You can see your child's attendance on the Class Charts app - every day counts. Please contact school if you need the parent code.



## Peace Prayer Garden

The remembrance bulbs that our students planted in November are starting to come into bloom – so far we have seen our crocus and daffodils and look forward to tulips appearing



later in spring. Our Peace Pole is proudly standing in the centre of our Peace Prayer Garden along with our memorial bench.



## Supporting Mathematics at home

Are you keen to support your child's mathematical learning at home but unsure where to begin?

Try exploring the videos using the link below. There are a mix of tasks, puzzles, challenges and games; selected to support and enrich mathematics taught at school.

Many videos can be accessed by very young children, with a little bit of adult support, and all are relevant to pupils across the school age range. There's hardly ever a single right answer and there are many ways of working on tasks. The videos are designed to entice and to focus on working in the ways mathematicians do; such as exploring situations, looking for patterns and rules, asking questions and seeking answers, and trying out and testing ideas.

[Maths Teaching Resources](#)



## Big Sleep Out

57 students from Year 10 to 13 took part in the Big Sleep Out. It was a great experience planned and led by our Sixth Form Leadership Team. Thank you to the staff who supported. The students raised over £1263 for homeless charities.







## International Cross of Nails Schools

We are delighted to announce that the school application to become an International Cross of Nails School (ICON School) has been received and approved by Coventry Cathedral. International representatives of the Community of the Cross of Nails from the United States of America, South Africa, Asia, Canada and Europe have all had the opportunity to scrutinise our application, and have given it their seal of approval too. We look forward to the Award service where we will receive our Cross of Nails.



### Rock for Refugee's

There was amazing talent on show at the Rock for Refugee's Concert. The audience was treated to four bands, Red Falcons (Year 7/8) Crisis 7 (Year 9) Versatile (Year 10) and Inferno (Year 11). The concert was to raise money for Aid to the Church in Need which is a very worthy cause. Thank you to Mr Ingram for working with the bands in preparation of the evening.



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# Junior Rangers

## Conservation, nature and fun!

For 11-18 year olds.



Based in Lake View Park, our new Junior Rangers sessions offer young people the chance to get truly hands-on! Learn about the wildlife and help us improve the habitats on site.

**Earn awards & have fun outdoors!**

### Sessions for summer term 2025:

- Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June
- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July

All sessions run between 10:00am-12:30pm

£3.50 per session, refreshments included!

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**Book here!**



# Year 7 Update

Ms Maxwell, Head of Year 7

Year 7 started 2025 in successful fashion and after the Transition focus of last term, this term focussed on experiencing first time experiences of events that are central to the development of our students that they are continued and developed further in older year groups also.

Rewards Assembly: At the start of this term Year 7 students celebrated their first Rewards assembly. This termly event coincided on this occasion with Epiphany. In the same way that the Magi brought gifts for the baby Jesus, we offer our 'gifts' and award many of the students with certificates for their hard work that they displayed in the Autumn term. There are several different categories including Outstanding Effort and Progress in their lessons, Attendance, being a Student Ambassador and of course Our Ullathorne Way values, which are the bedrock of everything that we do- Compassion, Faith-Filled and Prophetic, Attentive, Eloquent, Wise and Curious and Grateful. If your child was awarded a certificate or maybe more than one, I am sure they will have brought these home proudly to show you. Our next Rewards Assembly will be taking place after Easter.



## Character Passport:

Our congratulations also went to the 121 Year 7 students who were awarded their Bronze Character Passport certificates and received their certificates along with their Bishop Ullathorne Crest pin badges for the lapels of their blazers, which they rightly wear with pride! There were a few students who narrowly missed meeting the criteria and so we look forward to them completing it this term instead. There were also some students who regretted not completing theirs and made the decision to work on that this term instead.

Shortly after these were awarded, the Silver Character Passport was launched by our Form Tutors and we are looking forward to seeing how many students have managed to reach Silver and/or Bronze after Easter!

## Retreat:

We are blessed that each year group is able to experience annual Retreat days and Year 7's first ever Retreat day took place on Wednesday 22 January.

The retreats are opportunities for students to think about how we can make a difference in the world as well as thinking about their communities and role they play in them. The theme of the Year 7 retreat was 'Our World' and the students attended a variety of different sessions run by the Year 7 Form tutors, Ms Maxwell and Lauren, exploring what it means to be a humanitarian. Thank you to Lauren for organising this special day and to the Year 7s for engaging so well.

# Year 7 Update

## Form Assemblies:

Each year, all of the form groups lead their year group in assembly by researching and creating their own assemblies. We have been privileged to have our assemblies led by three of our tutor groups this term. 7AA kicked us off by delivering an assembly on the ever-important topic of the Holocaust. 7SD followed by launching Lent, focussing on the theme of Charity in all its meaning, followed by 7NN, also in Lent, with the theme of Identity and Belonging. Well done to all three form groups for their hard working in researching, preparing and delivering such impactful assemblies for their peers. The Lent assemblies have spear-headed some special cooking (7NN) and baking (7SD) to raise money for Charity. More details below!

## Lent:

As just mentioned, we have been remembering Christ's fasting in the wild by using the time to focus on others and raise money for our school-wide Charity, namely Father Hudson's Charity. Each form group has been asked to raise £40 or more. Congratulations go to our students for coming up with different ways to raise that money from selling food items or through running competitions and daily collections. Congratulations to all the forms for their efforts. A special shout-out to 7SD who were the first form in the whole school to hit the £40 target!

Form	Tutor Champions
7AA	Finn, Junior, Alexandru, Clara, Regan, Marcelino, Percy
7KG	Terrelle, Etinosa, Eva, Max, Zachary, Jessica, Lacey, Martin, Ethan
7KW	Ethan, Olga, Hudson, Evie, Archie, Lizzie, Olisa, Benijah
7NN	Ivy, Shaurya, Naomi, Tianna, Beta, David N, Esinam, Rosie
7SD	Samuel, Lyan, Lesley, Lena, Eva, Harry O, Lola, Rochelle
7TH	Zachary, Fergus, Sophie, Reegan, Annabelle, Fabian, Angel, Harvey, Arthur

## Student Achievements:

We continue to recognise the achievements of our Year7 students weekly in assembly with the Form Tutor Champions. We always start our assemblies with this and it's such a positive way to start the week for us all, hearing about the wonderful things that the students have done. The winners for this half term are as listed below:

	Attendance	Form Award
Week 1	7AA	7SD
Week 2	7KG	7TH
Week 3	7KG	7KG
Week 4	7KW	7AA
Week 5	7NN	7NN
Week 6	7KW	7TH
HALF TERM		



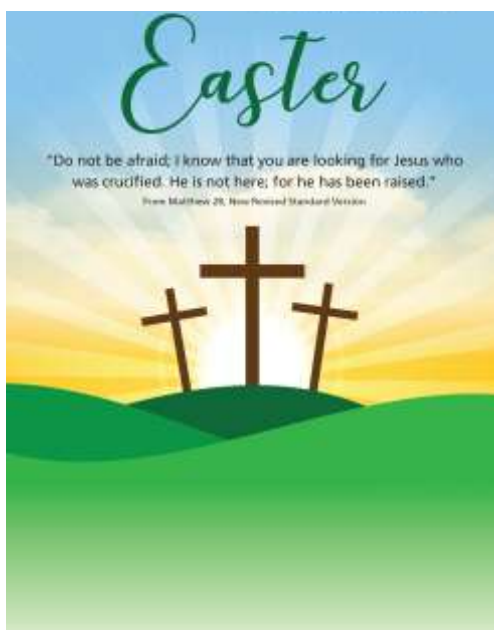
## Form Competitions:

Additionally, our weekly inter form competitions have continued apace for the best attending form and the form which has achieved the highest number of Ace points. A raffle will be drawn for both categories after half term. The form winners for this half term are as follows:

<b>Week 1</b>	7SD	7TH
<b>Week 2</b>	7AA	7NN
<b>Week 3</b>	7SD	7TH
<b>Week 4</b>	7KG	7TH
<b>Week 5</b>	7KG	7KW
<b>Week 6</b>	7TH	7SD

Congratulations go to 7NN & 7KW for winning the Christmas attendance and Form award raffle draws respectively and to 7KG and 7KW (again!) for winning the Spring half term raffles. All the forms have won a sweet treat for the form! The next draw for this half term will take place after Easter.

Well done to Year 7 for their achievements and for participating in so many activities this half term! I wish all of our Year 7 students and their families a peaceful, Holy Easter.



# Year 8 and 9 Update

Mrs Jeremiah, Head of Year 8 and 9

Hello everyone and well done for getting through this very busy and long half-term.

It has been a very busy half-term again with lots of positive things happening such as the Character Passport, Tutor champions, reading awards and very generous Lenten collections



We have also had our very successful and popular mentoring sessions that run each week for both Year 8 and 9.

A massive well done to all of our students who have achieved a certificate for achieving over 25 Ace points or who have received a letter or postcard home. We are very proud of you all.

We also have a rewards afternoon this Friday for all of our students who are following our Ullathorne Values on a daily basis. We truly appreciate the commitment that they show to our school.

Mr Anstee will be arranging sporting activities and treats and hopefully the sun will be shining also.

We look forward to continuing with our form group Assemblies next term which will run throughout the Academic Year. We have had the pleasure of watching some very good form Assemblies so far this term with themes such as : Mother's day, Lenten Charities, diversity, Eloquence to name but a few. Thank you all for that.

This is a great opportunity for all of our students to organise and participate in an Assembly to share with the rest of the Year group. It also covers one of their Character Passport targets.

I am very proud of all of our students who took part in the ' Night at the Musicals and the Lenten services, showing their true Ullathorne values. We have so many talented students in this school and it is fabulous to see them shares the gifts they have been given.

I wish all of you a very happy and peaceful Easter holidays and may God be with you all as you continue your Lenten journey at home.

God Bless.



# Year 10 and 11 Update

Miss Newell, Head of Year 10 and 11



Having taken over from Miss Durkan at the start of March, I am honoured to be Key Stage 4 Leader and intend on building on the strong foundation that she has established for both year groups. Following a demanding half term, I am delighted to congratulate all students in both year groups for their dedication and hard work.

## Year 10 key dates

16 June 2025

End of Year Exams begin

Wednesday 4 June  
2025

DofE  
or

Friday 6 June 2025

DofE

Wednesday 14 June  
2025

Retreat Day

Year 11 students have been working hard to get ready for their GCSE exams. They've made it through their last set of mock exams and are now in the final stretch before the real ones begin. Alongside the written exams in May, they'll also be doing practical assessments in PE, Art, and Art Textiles. They've already completed exams in Drama, Catering, and Food Preparation and Nutrition. We wish them all the best during this busy time! I suggest students keep up with some revision over the holidays since there are only five school weeks left before exams start. Just two hours of revision a day can add up to the same as an extra week of schoolwork!

As the school year draws to a close for Year 11, please note that the payment window for prom, hoodies, and yearbooks has now closed.

Year 10 also had a successful trip to Saalbach in Austria back in February, which was a wonderful experience for all involved. A huge thank you to the staff who gave up their half term to take them; it was a successful trip for everyone.

## Year 11 key dates

Friday 2 May

Leavers Assembly

20 June 2025

Prom

Thursday 8 May 2025

Public Exams Start

Wednesday 25 June  
2025

After Easter, Year 10 will be focusing on revision for the end-of-year exams. Starting revision now, rather than waiting, will help them finish the year strong and make a big difference in their overall progress.







**Ages 7-12**

# CBGC EASTER HAF Camp 2025

**Sports**

**Dance**

**Music**

**Baking**

**Boxing**

**Fitness**



Breakfast,  
Lunch, Snacks  
& Drinks  
Provided.



**WEEK 1:**

**Mon 14th April** (9:00am - 3:00pm)  
**Tue 15th April** (9:00am - 3:00pm)  
**Wed 16th April** (9:00am - 3:00pm)

**WEEK 2:**

**Tue 22nd April** (9:00am - 3:00pm)  
**Wed 23rd April** (9:00am - 3:00pm)  
**Fri 25th April** (4:30pm - 7:30pm)

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**Ages 13-17**

# CBGC EASTER HAF Camp 2025

**Fitness**

**Music**

**Baking**

**Boxing**

**Art**

**Sports**

## WEEK 1:

**Mon 14th April (4:30pm – 6:30pm)**

**Wed 16th April (5:00pm – 7:00pm)**

**Thu 17th April (6:00pm – 8:00pm)**

## WEEK 2:

**Wed 23rd April (5:00pm – 7:00pm)**

**Thu 24th April (6:00pm – 8:00pm)**

All Camp dates are completely **FREE**

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# Term dates 2024-2025

## Summer

Monday 28 April to Friday 23 May 2025

## Half Term

Monday 2 June to Friday 18 July 2025

Teacher Training Day: Friday 27 June 2025



## Mobile phones

Bishop Ullathorne operates a no mobile phone policy. This is to ensure the safety of our young people and to ensure our staff can teach and support the children without distraction. As a reminder, if a mobile phone is seen or heard in school, it will be confiscated for 24 hours.

If a student needs to call home, they should speak to their pastoral staff who will be able to support them.



## Medical appointments

If your child has a dentist or hospital appointment that you are unable to arrange outside of school hours, please inform the school at least 24 hours prior to the appointment. This can be done either by emailing [admin@bishopullathorne.co.uk](mailto:admin@bishopullathorne.co.uk) with your request or by sending in a handwritten or typed note for your child to give to their Form Tutor. Whichever method is used, your request should include your child's name and Form Group, a copy of the appointment letter, if appropriate, with the day and time you are to collect your child and the person who will collect them.



## Uniform

### Blazer and jumper:

A plain black blazer with Bishop Ullathorne badge and a jumper with red v neck.

### Shirt:

White, worn with the school clip-on tie.

### Trousers:

Tailored black, not skinny or tight fitting.

### Skirt:

Tartan knee length.

### Shoes:

Smart, sensible and conventional, plain black outdoor shoes. NO TRAINERS.

If you have any spare uniform that is no longer needed, we would be grateful for donations to the school.

## Entrance and exit

Students must enter our school site via Gate 2 (the gate by the Drama Studio) and leave school via Gate 1 (the Gatehouse). No student should enter school via Gate 1 and no student should leave school via Gate 2. Staff will be on duty to help students to remember this system to ensure the safety of our students.