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Message from our Headteacher

The start of 2023 has been pretty cold and grey. It has felt like an inauspicious start to the New Year. However, in school there has been plenty of colour and energy with a wealth of activities and events taking place. The competitions in Design Technology, IntoUniversity workshops and visits from professional artists have provided lots of opportunities for our young people to explore the person God is calling them to be.

We have also started planning for our 70th anniversary year. This is made all the more poignant with the plans coming together for our new school building. Those of you who have visited the school this term will have seen the sudden emergence of our Sports Hall. It has really taken shape in the last few weeks. We hope to be able to start using the new facility in the Summer term.

It is startling to consider that we are now at the half way point in the year. As we move into the Spring, so much of our focus will be on supporting our Year 11 and 13 students as they prepare for their public examinations. So many of our Year 13 students are receiving wonderful offers for some of the best universities in the country. Please keep our students in your prayers as they head towards examination season.

Half term marks the start of Lent with Ash Wednesday on Wednesday 22 February. However you choose to mark the start of the Lenten season, I wish you and your family a safe and happy half term and look forward to seeing everyone return to school on Monday 27 February.

God bless
Mr Billings, Headteacher

God, I pray for my prayer
life to become vibrant and
strong in this season of Lent.

I pray that Your voice, even
though a whisper, would
ring loud and true in my life.

I pray for the courage and
boldness to follow wherever
You lead me, to love and
serve whomever and
however You invite me.

Amen



Good news

Linguistical lunch

We had the budding linguists lunch earlier in the year and it was a great success. The students thoroughly enjoyed all of the food and selection of desserts.

Staff chose one student from each of their Key Stage 3 classes who had demonstrated our Ullathorne Way values in MFL lessons.

We prepared chilli con carne, rice, tortilla chips and dips (as you can see from the slow cooker photos). With freezing temperatures it was a very welcome treat!

For dessert, there was an array of French patisserie.

Student comments were as follows:

"Mrs Cabrera-Mix's chilli is the best!"

"I am going to ask my mum to buy some of these French treats next time she goes shopping."



Year 11 GCSE Spanish groups were also invited to celebrate. Students had a working lunch where they ate Mrs Cabrera-Mix's chilli con carne at their request. This was a reward for their efforts both in lessons and in regular attendance to after school sessions.



Good news

Product Design competition

Our Year 9 Product Design students have been taking part in a nationwide competition called *Design Ventura*. Run by the Design Museum in Kensington, London, students are challenged to design a product that would be suitable to be sold at the gift shop.

First, we investigated the Design Museum and the range of items sold at the gift shop. We considered the different groups of people who would visit the shop, including families and younger audiences, tourists and locals buying gifts.

After creating a range of designs individually, students then joined together as groups of 4 to 6 to decide on their final product, plan and present their 'pitch'. They had to explain how their design met the brief, the materials it would be made from and how sustainable the design was.

This year saw some excellent designs including:

"Car Wash" by Lily, Janelle, Helena, Nethu, Rebecca - a bath toy which encourages children to have a bath.

"Eco Plane" by Excellent, Kojo, Jayden, Simeon, Anay - a paper aeroplane kit that sows wildflower seeds to encourage children to plant more flowers.

"Box of Earth" by Exoucia, Vaiga, Jummy, Lynette, Joana - a kit that families could assemble together of different landmarks from different countries, educating children about the buildings and cities they are in.

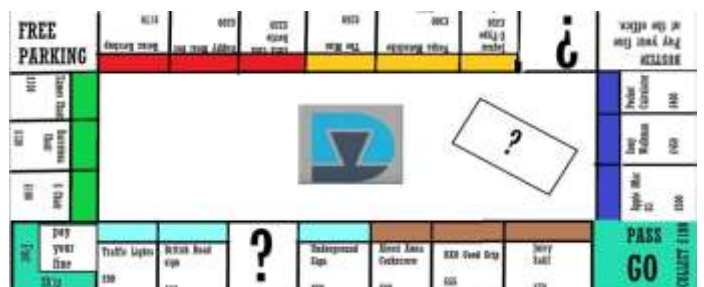
"Fun Chain" by Ann-Marie, Yui, Ruth, Emily - a keychain of activities to guide children and families around the Design Museum, engaging them with the exhibits in an interactive way.

"Happy Grow" by Molly, Ruby, Lisa, Felicia, Kaitlyn - a kit which includes a bamboo plant pot with seeds to plant and a paintbrush, paint and stencils so families can decorate them together.

"Designo" by Jack, Grace, Liam, Mykhail - a Monopoly board of the Design Museum which features different classic items from different areas of design including transport, packaging and technology.

Only one design can be submitted to Design Ventura from each participating school. Miss Hully now has the difficult job of deciding which one to take forward!

The judges look through all entries and put together a shortlist of 10 schools from across the country. After a pitch event at the Design Museum in London, the final winning product will be manufactured and sold in the Design Museum gift shop. All of the profits go to a charity chosen by the winning team. Good luck to our students!



Good news

World Book Day competition

We would like you to visualise a book, in any way you choose. You might decide to dress up and pose a scene, you could draw/ paint/ computer design a front cover, you could model a character or sculpt, you could recreate the book in a jar or a shoebox, you could decorate your window or a wall—or you could even bake it!

Entries can be handed in directly at the library or (for non-portable items like walls!). They can be photographed and sent to Miss K at the email address below. The deadline is midday Thursday 2 March 2023 which gives you time during half term to get creative. And grown-ups—there will be a Staff and Community prize as well, so don't let the students have all the fun! You are more than welcome to submit your entries in the same way.

Miss E Kerslake

e.kerslake@bishoppullathorne.co.uk



World Book Day digital book token

All students will receive a digital token to purchase any of the £1 World Book Day book titles for free (or for £1 off the purchase of any other book). Here are the titles that are targeted for secondary-age students.



Year 7 Form Tutor champions

We continue to recognise the achievements of our students weekly in assembly with the Form Tutor Champions. It's such a positive way to start the week, hearing about the wonderful things that the students have done.

Form	Tutor Champions
7BV	Jayla, Frannicca, Andrew, Natalia, Rachel, Ciara
7JC	Imogen, Nancy, Faith D, Jacob H, Daisy, Malachi
7JM	Layla, Ayva, Finley O'R, Ketsia, Fang Ying, Khrish
7RO	Blessing, Jannike, Kim, Oliver S, Tommy, Teagan
7RW	Nathan, Amanda, Jacob, Latifah, Raens, Patryk
7SDU	Yosstina, Jensen, Nadia, Peach, Freddie P, Nathaniel
7TG	Andy, Chidera, Eva S, Emmanuel E, Elliot, Colby

Good news

Library Book Club

With the Carnegie longlist being announced in February, the time is right for anyone thinking of joining us to get signed up before the shadowing process begins for the national, and most prestigious, book award for Young Adult fiction: the Carnegie Medal.



What do you need?

- A love of reading but the flexibility to try different genres and styles
- The ability to read sometimes complex books in a fairly short amount of time
- The maturity to deal with some difficult topics and themes
- To keep a reading journal and be able to share your opinions with others

What will you gain?

- The chance to read a wide range of literature
- Skills of reviewing, summarising and discussing
- Interaction with students from other year groups
- The opportunity to participate in local and national book award schemes, with the possibility of trips and author visits.

Tuesdays after school, 3.05p to 3.50pm, in the library. See Miss K for further details.

Super mathematicians

Sparxmaths XP points top of each year group for December and January are as follows:

Year 7: Faith Djeukam (51,417 points)
Year 8: Yafiet Tesfagabr (36,684 points)
Year 9: Asrom Daniel (11,215 points)
Year 10: Joel Robin (7,620 points)
Year 11: Alexander Quayle (7,724 points)

Coventry Inspiration Book Award

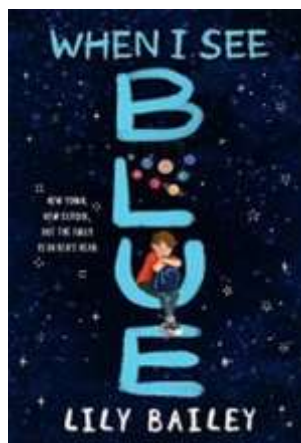
All three of the library book groups have been busy voting and reviewing their favourite titles on the Coventry Inspiration Book Awards (CIBA) shortlists this term and the students involved are looking forward to



seeing which books make the final cut. The winning titles are announced in early March and students will hopefully have the chance to attend the awards ceremony in the Summer term.

Please visit the CIBA website to read more about the awards, and the shortlisted books, or see Miss K in the library for more information. Students are very welcome to join us after school on a Tuesday for the extra-curricular group, the Library Book Club, to have a chance to read and review some of the books for themselves. As soon as the awards process is complete, all 24 books will be released into library stock and students can be added to the waiting list if any of the titles have caught their eye!

If you are visiting the website, you can see comments from our readers on almost every book on the Hooked on Books, Simply the Book and Rapid Reads shortlists (the other two



shortlists are for primary schools). Nine out of the ten comments for When I See Blue, a beautiful book about a boy struggling with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, are from our school. It's a clear favourite with our students!

Good news

Debate Club

Our Year 11 debate teams took part in the ESU Public Speaking regional final at Solihull School in January. Even though our teams did not progress to the Midlands final, the judges' feedback was very complimentary.



Mr Griffiths and Mrs Brown were immensely proud of **our students' effort** and their exemplary behaviour as ambassadors for our school. Well done.

Public speaking

This term, 15 of our Year 12 students took part in a Public Speaking workshop run by the Speakers Trust. They developed their confidence and skills, were all extremely positive throughout and gained so much from the experience. The day culminated in all 15 students giving a speech on a topic they felt strongly about. Topics spoken about included 'Social media is damaging to mental health', 'Is Britain great?' and 'Homework should be embraced as it is beneficial.' During the day we were also visited by Local MP Zara Sultana who helped with the difficult decision of choosing the top 5 speeches. These were given by: Daniel Murphy; Oliwia Kmak; Samantha Mulbah; Chelsey Bapaga and Melanie Nkundwa.

These 5 students will now go on to give their speech alongside other students from schools across the Midlands in a few weeks time. From here a handful will be selected to give their speech in the House of Commons. They all did the school proud, and we wish the five successful students the best of luck for the next stage.

In the courts

In January, our Year 13 sociology students visited the Coventry Magistrates Court. The



students went through an airport-style security check, and into one of the empty court rooms, where they were given a talk by a member of the Magistrates court.

They were told of the different types of cases that are dealt with, different roles with the court, the layout of the court rooms, changes in types of crime in recent years and the effects of the pandemic.

The students were then given the opportunity to view various court cases to get a real feel of the criminal justice system. Seeing the cases unfold was fascinating and hugely rewarding as there were many links made to the crime and deviance unit.



Good news

Mathematics rocks

Our mathematics department is incredibly excited to announce that we came 4th place out of 115 secondary schools in NSPCC Rocks - a times tables competition run by the internationally renowned, award-winning app and learning platform, Times Tables Rock Stars.

NSPCC Rocks required children to correctly answer as many multiplication and division questions as possible, to give their class and school the best chance of winning.

The competition was fierce with 64,226,178 questions answered collectively by 466,721 students from more than 2,993 schools and 60,370 classes around the country!

Our school stats were astonishing too. On average our top class answered 709 questions correctly per student, with the best performing student answering an amazing 4,078 questions correctly in total. I am sure you can appreciate that those stats are out of this world!

Congratulations to Nathan Adebote, Ebubechukwu Sam Onubogu and Jack Littlewood our three highest scorers.



Holocaust memorial

Denzel Kira, Year 12, was invited by the National Race Network Board Committee to make a presentation, as a child of a survivor of the genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda, on Holocaust Memorial Day.

Denzel said: "I was invited to present a talk by the DWP Faith and Belief Champion Support Team, Shafiq Mohammed, to speak to over 500 people virtually across the country about how it is being a child of a survivor of the genocide against the Tutsi. I was able to discuss the reality of what happened and how families are still trying to rebuild and move on, but not forget, to this day. I was honoured to be able to present this as I was able to educate many people from all ages and all backgrounds on the long lasting effects of such an atrocity.

"The responses back were so great, many being: 'I can't believe he is only 17' or one that I appreciated highly was that of 'Thank you Denzel, such an articulate and moving presentation' and another reading 'Thanks Denzel - your mother is truly a Queen to have dealt with so much. Truly inspirational'.

"These were so great to hear and I am really grateful to my mum for educating me and for the opportunity."

Drama



Our GCSE Drama students were treated to a live theatre performance in London's West End of a dramatic and terrifying production of *The Woman in Black*. This amazing production is closing after 35 years at the Fortune Theatre and, as always, had the students on the edge of their seats throughout.

"The play was amazing and really frightening. I can't believe how much I screamed and jumped!"

"The play was excellent and as it was a two-hander where the actors used multi-role to play nine different characters. We learnt so much about characterisation. This will give us plenty to write about in the examination next year."



Good news

Art

In January, Year 9 Art groups took part in 'We Explore Drawing' workshops led by working artist Paul Brandford. He introduced the students to ideas about portraiture (their current theme in Art) using chalk, charcoal and collage. This was an excellent opportunity for students to adopt strategies of instinct and risk to improve both observation and visual language.



Students responded in a positive way and produced some fantastic work.



PE

Coventry Schools Cup (Boys): Currently all boys' teams are still in the Coventry Schools Cup and will play their next fixtures after half term.

West Midlands Schools County Cup (Boys): The Year 8 boys have recently progressed into the quarter final of the competition after beating Windsor High School 7-1 in the previous round. They will now play Summerhill School in the next round.

West Midlands Schools County Cup (Girls): All our girls' teams are still in the competition. The Year 7/8 team had an impressive 8-1 victory over Sandwell in the last round and will now play Q3 Academy in the semi-final after half term. Year 8/9 team continued their defence of the trophy with an emphatic 11-0 win over St Michaels High School. They will now play either Sandwell Academy or Walsall Academy in the semi-final. The Year 10/11 girls are through to the semi-final and will play Phoenix Collegiate for a place in the final.

Good news

Art Textiles

In January 2023, 50 Art Textiles students from Years 9, 11 and 12 headed to the Tate Modern in London. This was an excellent opportunity for the students to experience contemporary artwork first hand and help them contextualise their own textile work in a modern forum. Students were able to see a range of work and were fascinated by the work of Cecelia Vicuna a textile installation artist who combined sculpture, sound, music and video. These large pieces dominated the Turbine Hall. They hung from the ceiling like large rainforest trees.



Students were free to explore the vast gallery and develop an understanding of what artwork they liked and disliked. Miss Newell said that it was a great day where several conversations about what art is? where art fits into the world and why people create art were had. The

students found it very useful and it is nice to see the influence of the trip in their sketchbooks and art textiles lessons.

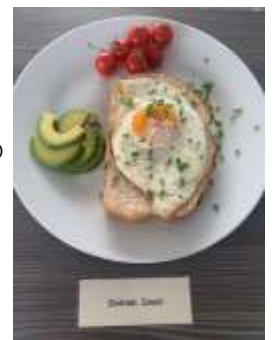
A huge thank you to all of the staff who made this trip possible and to our driver from Ridley's coaches who gave us a free sight seeing tour of London on our way home.



Catering



Year 9 Catering students have been competing in the "Egg and Bread Challenge" which is a food styling challenge where students had to produce a visually interesting dish using a maximum of two eggs and two slices of bread. They could choose between sweet or savoury and were allowed to use any garnish or decoration that would suit the dish.



We had an incredible range of dishes, from mini quiches to eggs benedict, from cloud eggs to French toast! All entries were judged with each class being awarded five highly commended students and one overall winner. Congratulations to Cedric Jerald, Dawid Zielinski, Ruth Ndung'u and Pheobe Bolton for your culinary delights!



Good news

Spotlight on SEND

We have been very fortunate to have some of our sixth formers giving up their spare time to help us in the Learning Support Unit. Several have chosen something that links with what they would like to do in the future. Orla and Aruna, who study Psychology, have run 'Confident Me' and 'I am Awesome' girls' groups, which are about raising self-esteem. Lego therapy is used to build communication skills and Paige has been working with a group of Year 7 boys. Also Madeline is an aspiring speech and language therapist and has been doing some fantastic work with a Year 7 boy using resources provided by the NHS team. This year, a number of sixth formers have been involved in the catch-up reading scheme and one of our dyslexic students in our Sixth Form is mentoring a younger pupil. All of our students have taken their interventions very seriously and have made a real difference and setting a great example to others.



Meet the Governor—Leanne Ward

Our school Local Governing Body is responsible for the stability and ongoing success of our wonderful school. They comprise a committed group of local people who meet regularly to support the progress of all students and staff at Bishop Ullathorne.

Leanne Ward has been a foundation Governor since 2020. She currently works for Barclays Bank and also within the NHS, managing a range of patient facing services, and has specific interests in Safeguarding and Health and Safety in school.

What drew you to the role of school Governor?

The opportunity to work with young people and the whole school community to drive continuous success across the entire school. To allow me to give back to a school that also provided me with so much opportunity and support.

What parts of the role do you enjoy the most?

Working with the students and getting to meet them and hear about their experiences with the school and listen to them and understand their aspirations.

What is the best piece of advice you've ever been given?

Hard work and determination pays off.

Where would you like to see Bishop Ullathorne school in five years?

In its new home and enjoying even more success.

If you are interested in becoming a Governor at Bishop Ullathorne Catholic school and joining our wonderful Local Governing Body, contact the school on admin@bishoppullathorne.co.uk.

Alternatively you can apply directly by following this link:

http://www.bdes.org.uk/uploads/7/2/8/5/72851667/foundation_governor_application_form.pdf

Year 7 Update

Ms Maxwell, Head of Year 7

Congratulations go to the 125 Year 7 students who achieved their Bronze Character Passport Awards and received their certificates last week in assembly. They will receive their accompanying bronze star pin badges for the lapels of their blazers shortly and they should wear them with pride as these reflect the hard work that they put into this. There were a few students who narrowly missed meeting the criteria and so we look forward to them completing it this term instead. For any students who have not yet started on the Bronze Award, this is still available.

For those who have achieved their Bronze Award already, the Silver Character Passport now beckons! Mrs Boyle introduced this in the assembly and form tutors went over the requirements later in the week in form time. Students could use the half term break to get ahead with this if they are at a loose end!

We have welcomed several new students this term and are delighted with the way that they have settled in and how our students have welcomed them to our Year 7 family.

We have been privileged to have our assemblies led by two of our tutor groups already this term. 7JM kicked us off with their assembly on the theme of Community and this week 7SDU led us using the theme of Love to tie in with Valentine's Day. The form assemblies are a whole form contribution with students taking different roles in the preparation and/ or the delivery. Well done to both forms for their lovely assemblies. The other form groups will lead us in their assemblies either in the second half of this half term or during the Summer term.

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 in the table:

A reminder of the letter that was sent last week about Year 7 being eligible for after school detentions. Any detentions will be set on Class Charts so please ensure that you check. Ideally there will be no need for any Year 7s to be given after school detentions anyway!

I wish all of our Year 7 students and their families a lovely half term break.



Year 7 key dates

12 June 2023

End of year examinations
commence

	Attendance	Form Award
Week 1	7SDU	7JC
Week 2	7RO	7TG
Week 3	7JM	7RO
Week 4	7RO, 7SDU & 7TG	7RW
Week 5	7RW	7JM
Week 6	7RW	7SDU

Year 8 and 9 Update

Mrs Jeremiah, Head of Year 8 and 9

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

We have had some great sporting achievements from our football, netball and athletics teams so well done to everyone involved in those teams. We are so very proud of you all.

A massive WELL DONE to all of those students who achieved a certificate or Tutor Champion award last week. We are proud of you all. Unfortunately we cannot award every student therefore many of our students will have an opportunity for recognition in our Awards Assembly after Easter and through a termly letter of praise from me to acknowledge their hard work and commitment to our school.

We have been very fortunate that many of our Year 8s were given the opportunity to visit the University of Warwick and take part in workshops as part of the Into University group.

The trip to the university was particularly successful with many of our students excelling themselves in their presentation and delivery.

Year 9 have also had a series of career talks led by our on site Careers Adviser, Mrs Bellingham. She was able to report excellent behaviour and responses from all Year 9 students. Very well done to all.

Some of our lovely Year 9 girls sold cakes for Valentine's Day to raise money for our school. We are very proud of their initiative and willingness to give up their free time. The red velvet cake was particularly tasty.

We also have some of our students in Years 8 and 9 running and attending a Bible Club once a week and we look forward to an Assembly about this next term.

We also have Form Assemblies to look forward to in March as well as our preparations for Easter.

I wish you all a very peaceful and happy half term holiday and I thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

God Bless.



Year 8 key dates

27 March 2023

Vaccinations

26 April 2023

Options assembly

12 June 2023

End of year exams commence

23 June 2023

Retreat day

Year 9 key dates

9 March 2023

Parents evening and options assembly

23 March 2023

Options evening

28 March 2023

Vaccinations

6 June 2023

Vaccinations

12 June 2023

End of year exams commence

Year 10 key dates

10 March 2023

Residential Retreat

26 June 2023

End of year exams commence

Year 11 key dates

27 February 2023

Mock exams commence

2 March 2023

Revision support evening

15 May 2023

GCSE exams commence

29 June 2023

Prom

Year 10 and 11 Update

Miss Durkan, Head of Year 10 and 11

Another busy half term for Key Stage 4.

For Year 11, we are inching ever closer to the summer examination season. It is the time of year when there is a noticeable change in focus and determination. On the back of their mock examinations in November, there is renewed energy and vigour and we are hopeful that moving into their final mock series after half term, Year 11 will be exactly where they need to be to continue their success in the summer.

During this very busy time, a number of our Year 11 have participated in public speaking competition over at Solihull School coming second; a huge well done to them on such an achievement. In addition to this, we have Abby, Sophia and Ela preparing to go to World Youth Day which meant they had a busy and eventful weekend at Alton Castle with the Diocesan team.

Well done to our Year 11 who are really beginning to shine - they are diamonds.

Prom Notice - we are very excited to be returning to the Manor in Meriden to celebrate our wonderful Year 11 students at the end of their examinations. It will be a wonderful night.

Please be aware that: poor behaviour, consistent uniform violation, poor punctuality and/ or attendance will impact on whether your child is allowed to the prom. This was made clear at the Year 11 Information Evening in September and to Year 11 throughout the course of the year.

Year 10 have made a great start to the new term with clear focus on the task ahead. In the coming weeks more focus will be directed towards revision in tutor time as we gear them towards their end of year examinations. These are very important markers for where they currently are and what we can expect from them next year. Therefore, starting revision now is of real importance.

A huge well done to the Year 10 students who are taking their Duke of Edinburgh award so seriously. It will be brilliant to see them go off on their expedition in July knowing that they are so close to achieving their bronze award.

The compassion of the two year groups know no bounds, and I know that our appeal for Syria and Turkey will be well received by Year 10 and Year 11. I thank you in advance of not knowing how much we have raised, but I know that your generosity will be well received by all those in need at this time. We keep those people in our thoughts and minds.

To our Year 10 and 11 skiers who will be heading to the Alps this half term, we hope you have an amazing time. To our Year 10 and 11 tutors, we hope you have a wonderful break and thank you for your continued hard work. And to you, the parents and carers of our young people, we wish you a lovely break and time with your family and friends.

Take care and God Bless.

Sixth Form Update

Mrs Casey, Head of Sixth Form

The Spring term for our Sixth Form has brought an exciting and busy start to 2023.

The New Year began with the Sixth Form mock examinations. Progress reports were sent home in **February**; if you have not received your child's report please contact a member of the Sixth Form team.

UCAS applications have all been submitted and students continue to receive superb offers from across the country. A presentation by the University of Warwick Finance Team introduced the students to how Student Finance England will process the funding for their degree and the loans available. Students will need to register with SFE in March 2023. Funding packs have been given to Year 13 students. Students were reminded to submit their application early to be sure that they budget wisely.

Year 13 students applying for Apprenticeships had the opportunity to discuss the different RAF pathways when one of their personnel came into school for a Career Bite session.

The Realising Opportunities Programme, an innovative national programme which introduces talented students to some of the country's leading research intensive universities, invited 10 Year 12 students to their launch event. Over the next year they will attend a structured, interactive programme that will help them to develop their academic skills.

Year 12 and 13 Philosophy students attended Coventry Cathedral on Monday 6 February to listen to one of the country's leading philosophers: **Peter Vardy**.

Year 12 Enrichment: students are encouraged to use some of their study time to volunteer in the wider community. Some are already on placements in the Health and Care sector, primary schools and sports related areas.

Chelsey Bapbaga attended the Tally Ho Youth summit at the Police Headquarters in Birmingham. She represented Bishop Ullathorne and contributed to the debate on strategies used by the police to prevent violent crimes in the West Midlands.



Year 12 key dates

Every morning

Bespoke VESPA A Level mindset with Form Tutors

5 June 2023

End of Year exams commence

Year 13 key dates

Every morning

With Form tutors health and well-being, independent living along with UCAS and apprenticeship applications

15 May 2023

Public examinations commence



Careers Update

Mrs Bellingham, Careers Adviser

Key Stage 3

- Job of the Week has started for Year 7 and 8 students and they will be watching short video clips on a variety of exciting occupations and discussing them with their tutor.
- Mrs Bellingham has delivered a careers session to all Year 9 students. Students have learnt how to use careers research to help them with their options choices and future career ideas by using [icould.com](https://www.icould.com) and the school's careers guidance programme, JED. All students received details on how to access JED at home as well as at school.

Key Stage 4

- Individual careers guidance interviews are in progress with Year 11s.
- An apprenticeship workshop will be taking place shortly to offer support and guidance to Year 11 students who are applying for apprenticeships.
- Career Bite presentations have been delivered by the RAF on the variety of careers available and Rolls Royce launching their engineering apprenticeships at Ansty. All Year 11 students had the opportunity to attend these early morning sessions in the library.
- A regular careers update is included in the school bulletin highlighting college and employer open events, apprenticeship opportunities and workshops.

Key Stage 5

- All Year 12 and 13 students are emailed a careers newsletter every two weeks highlighting live and virtual work experience opportunities, higher and degree apprenticeship events and invitations to career talks.
- Year 12 and 13 students can book an appointment with Mrs Bellingham if they require careers advice and guidance.
- Advance Notice: A Meet with Industry event is planned for Thursday 16 March for Year 12 students followed by a visit to University of Warwick on Monday 20 March.

Website information

The latest issue of Careermag for parents is on our website in the Careers Section. Get lots of tips for post 16 and 18 options, UCAS application key dates, talking careers with your children and more! Check out the 2023 entry UCAS presentation for parents on our website.

Term dates 2022-2023

Spring

Tuesday 3 January to Friday 17 February 2023

Half Term

Monday 27 February to Friday 31 March 2023

Summer

Monday 17 April to Friday 26 May 2023

Half Term

Monday 5 June to Friday 21 July 2023—students finish school at 12.30pm on the last day

Teacher Training Days 2022/2023

Friday 30 June 2023

Whole school events

6 March 2023

National Careers Week

31 March 2023

Lenten Services

8 June 2023

Showcase performances

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. Many thanks for your continued support with this matter.



Year 7 and 8 Carousel

The following dates are when the carousel subjects change:

20 March 2023

22 May 2023

Extra curricular activities

Bishop Ullathorne Clubs and Activities - Spring Term 2023					
	Chess	Monday 10.30am - 12.00pm	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7
	Gardening	Tuesday 10.30am - 12.00pm	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7
	Sports	Wednesday 10.30am - 12.00pm	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7
	Art	Thursday 10.30am - 12.00pm	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7
	Music	Friday 10.30am - 12.00pm	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7

Our range of break time and after school clubs can be found on our website under the student section.

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.