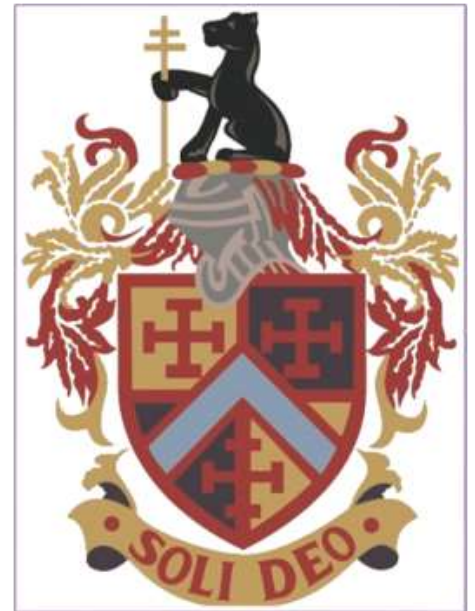


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## Message from our Headteacher

Lent is always a period of reflection and renewal. This has been brought into sharp focus this term, with visits from Ofsted and the appointment of Bishop Ullathorne's new Headteacher for September. Both of these events took up a great deal of time and energy across the whole school but gave us a great deal to celebrate.

Both of these events also provide us with an opportunity to focus on our core values, the things that make Bishop Ullathorne such a unique school. I was delighted that Ofsted was able to recognise this warm, family feel during their two days with us. I am also delighted that Mrs Sarah Boyle, current Deputy Headteacher, will be taking over as Headteacher from September 2024. I am sure you will join me in wishing her well in her new post.

Next week is Holy week, when we are asked to deeply reflect on the ultimate sacrifice that was made for us by Jesus Christ. An act of love and service for all mankind. These acts of love and service, reflected in our mission statement, have been exemplified by the fundraising and stewardship mentioned in the pages of this newsletter.

I hope that you and your family will have a restful and peaceful Easter. I look forward to seeing everyone return safe and well on Monday 8 April.

Mr Billings, Headteacher

## Prayer

Almighty Father, who sent your only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sin, show me how I can honour you and bring glory to your name, by walking in the way of Jesus. Give me grace and mercy as I try and fail, guidance when I'm not sure which way to go, and wisdom to trust you in all things.

# Good news

## Library news

### Quiz success

We are delighted to announce that our team of four selected students (Cerys in Year 9 and Beatrice, Mia and Poppy in Year 7) came third in the regional heat of the National Reading Champions Quiz. Whilst they did not progress to the national final, they did brilliantly well for their first time, and have come away with a £10 book token each.



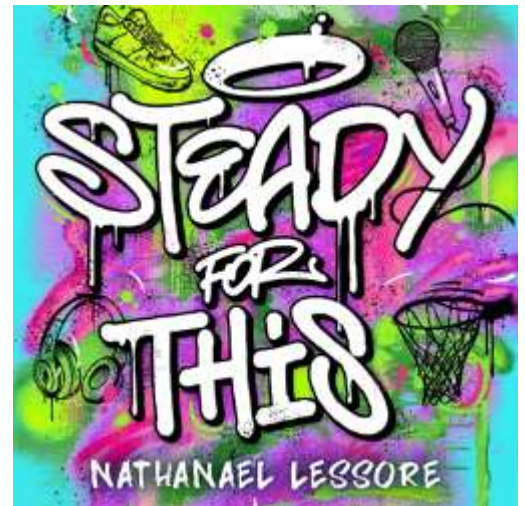
And then on World Book Day, another team of four Book Club students (Semilore, Poppy, Sophie and Meghani, all from Year 7) also came third in the Hooked on Books Quiz, as part of the Coventry Inspiration Book Awards. These students will all win signed copies of books and other goodies from the Schools Library Service.



### World Book Day

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

All students in Years 7 to 9 were treated to one chapter of an audiobook in each of their lessons. The chosen title, *Steady for This*, is a masterful tale of wordplay and comedy about a wannabe rapstar and the various calamities that befall him. Students thoroughly enjoyed the story and all three library copies have flown off the shelves as students seek to find out what happens to 'MC Growls' next! For those who can't wait for the library copies to be back in stock, the full audiobook can be found on the World Book Day website, and should remain available until the end of March. <https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/>



Year 7 students also had fun with a fantastic book quiz in their English lessons, and tutor groups in Years 7 to 9 all created new designs for a National Book Token. We will choose an in-house winner for this once we have collated all of the entries as well as sending the best designs to the national competition ending next month.



# Good news

## Library news - continued

The big event of the day was of course the staff dress-up, with more than forty staff donning costume and props for the day. We had the casts of *Alice in Wonderland* and *101 Dalmatians*, several ghastly villains, a selection of animals and even a range of inanimate objects including the wardrobe from Narnia and a two-staff stone tablets proclaiming The Ten Commandments! There were some spectacular outfits, and the final vote came down to a tie between Mrs Boyle's imperious Queen of Hearts and Mrs McBride's evil-pink Dolores Umbridge from Harry Potter, with Mrs Davis' adorable Winnie the Pooh coming third by just one point, but winning the overall student vote!



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 winners were actually Megan, Valerie and Winnie from Year 12, who have all won a new book.

We also had three other activities in the library on the day, with Cerys in Year 9 winning the Book Bonanza Quiz, Sera in Year 7 winning the famous authors matching activity and Mercy D, also from Year 7, winning the Cryptic Quiz. These students have also won a new book, as well as other book-related goodies!



Of course, our big WBD competition was the 'Visualise a Book' competition, with three entries (all from Year 7) being so fabulous that we went for a joint first place instead of a first, second and third placing. Evie P crafted a vibrant new cover for the Louis Sachar book *Holes*, Fiona wrote and illustrated a beautiful poem inspired by *The Wall Between Us*, about the building of the Berlin Wall, and Isimenmen drew a beautiful set of characters from Philip Pullman's masterpiece, *The*

*Northern Lights*. All three students were gifted a book token to spend at the Scholastic Book Fair last week, and here they are with the books which they chose.



# Good news

## Library news - continued

### Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair was a roaring success, with students and staff choosing from an amazing selection of books and stationery items. Students were keen to use their £1 World Book Day tokens to get a pound off any of the books (although if tokens still haven't been spent, they will be accepted in bookshops and other retailers up to 31 March) and sales were so high that the school reached the second level of rewards and has been able to claim more than £175 in free books for the library!

For anyone who missed out on the fair, there is still the opportunity to purchase great value books (and earn rewards for the school library) by ordering from the Scholastic magazine, which will come out before the end of term. All Year 7 students will receive a copy, and all other students can collect one from their Form Tutor or from the library.



### Library Book Club

Our thriving Library Book Club is coming to the end of both the Coventry Inspiration Book Awards, with the winners being announced shortly, and the Warwickshire Secondary Book Awards. Students travelled to the ceremony at King's High in Warwick to see the winners of the WSBA 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 is held Tuesdays after school, from 3.05pm to 3.50pm, in the library and students should see Miss K for further details.





# Good news

## Eco schools

Our students have completed the Environmental Review and have created our Action Plan. This year we have decided to focus on:

- reducing the amount of energy used in school
- reducing the amount of litter on our school site and the impact it has on wildlife
- creating our Peace Garden and continuing to work on biodiversity on our school grounds

Some of our Year 8 students took part in the RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch around our school grounds to help provide data about how birds are doing in schools around the UK. Our final count included: 1 raven, 1 great tit, 2 blue tits, 2 blackbirds, 2 feral pigeons, 2 starlings, 4 robins, 6 wood pigeons, 7 magpies, 27 black headed gulls and 62 carrion crows!

This clothes recycling bin is inside our main gates and can be used by our local community as well as members of our school, with proceeds going to the Children's Air Ambulance. If you have any clothes, towels, sheets, blankets, curtains or paired shoes you no longer want please support this great cause.



## Sparx Maths

The top scorers for February and March are as follows:

Year 7 Jesse Hayes 12,220 points

Year 8 Mariyam Aryn 19,599 points

Year 9 Gianna Lam 6110 points

Year 10 Rebecca Chatland 4739 points

Year 11 Dima Dawit 9020 points

## La Casa de Bernarda Alba.

During February half term, the Spanish A Level group went to London. All students were given a task to navigate parts of the underground routes and help prepare for the day.

They started their day with a visit to the Natural history museum in South Kensington followed by a short stop to a Chilean café in Holborn where they sampled some Chilean food.

Students then enjoyed a visit to the Cervantes theatre in Southwark where they watched a play by Lorca called *La Casa de Bernarda Alba* in Spanish, which forms part of their writing exam in Year 13. The play was a brilliant performance enjoyed by all.



# Good news

## Drama Club

Our Year 8 group continues to meet twice a week developing their fantastic Performing Arts skills. They are currently working on a mixture of Musical Theatre songs and scenes from their favourite musicals. Titles include: *Matilda*, *Mean Girls*, *Six* and *The Little Mermaid*. Further details will be available about the performance in the Summer term.

## The Woman in Black



Our Year 10 drama students took a trip to the Alexandra Theatre to see *The Woman in Black* in February. The students were exceptional and truly appreciated the craft of the actors and production team. In addition to being inspired into the performing arts, they began to analyse and evaluate the play for their Component 3 written examination in Summer 2025.



## GCSE Drama

Our Year 11 thespians enjoyed a trip to the Belgrade Theatre to see *Metamorphosis* earlier this year. Students were captivated by the expertise of Frantic Assembly's influence of this classic Franz Kafka, adapted by Lemn Sissay. It was a wonderful spectacle that inspired our students in their Component 2 performance examination.



## GCSE Drama assessment

In addition to their theatre trip, our Year 11s had a visiting examiner assess their Component 2 (Performance Text) in February. All students took a card to instil confidence and in turn performed amazingly. Their text choices included some difficult extracts, including: *The Taming of the Shrew*, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, *Blood Brothers* and *Top Girls*. Miss Moloney is super proud of them all.



# Good news

## Languages through football

This month, the MFL department had a visit from Steve Eadon. Steve runs a company called Mingalaba and promotes the importance of studying languages through the medium of football.



All students in Year 9 had the opportunity to listen to Steve talk about his experiences of language learning and the opportunities this gave him, particularly as a community outreach worker for Arsenal football club.

Some students then had an opportunity to spend a lesson with Steve. Students learnt vocabulary about football and match situations in French and Spanish through a range of engaging activities.

For the final session of the day the rain had finally stopped and some students took part in a practical session outside and did some warm ups and drills in Spanish.

Steve is a passionate advocate for the study of languages and inspired and enthused many students during the day.

## Crochet club

Students in our Crochet Club decided they wanted to use their skills to support our Catholic ethos. They decided on a wall hanging for Lent and have worked hard to create this beautiful piece. Made up of 65 different purple squares, students have used a range of knitting and crochet stitches. A huge thank you to Ms Ferrari who took on the mammoth job of joining each square together.



## STEM club

Our students in Year 7 have had a long-term dedication to attending STEM club every Wednesday since the start of the year.



The club is organised by our very able, enthusiastic Sixth Form students who have selected, planned and executed various hands-on activities related to Science, Engineering and Technology such as making slime, bath bombs, a marshmallow catapult, lava lamp, invisible ink and balloon rocket cars to name a few.

Sadly STEM club will be holding its final session on Wednesday 20 March for this year. We would like to thank all of our students who attended and hopefully had a wonderful experience not forgetting our Sixth Formers for their time and efforts.

## UK Intermediate Mathematics Challenge

110 of our Year 9, 10 and 11 students competed in the UK

Intermediate Mathematics challenge this year.



5 students were awarded the Gold certificate, 10 were awarded Silver and a further 21 achieved Bronze.

Congratulations to all who took part and a



special mention to Rere Lawrence, Hebe Shing and Rayan Mohammed who all qualified for the follow-on rounds.



# Good news

## Pi Day Celebrations

In March, our mathematics team celebrated Pi Day with our students. Pi is an irrational number that never repeats and never ends. It is used in the calculations involving circles and trigonometry. Bishop Ullathorne students participated in various activities that celebrated Pi and learning mathematics. As a community, we created a paper chain with each student representing a digit of Pi. It was a fantastic experience to visualise hundreds of digits of an irrational number together as a school.



## IntoUniversity

Some Year 8 students had an inspirational day at the University of Warwick with IntoUniversity. After a tour of the campus in lecture theatres and halls of residence, students attended a Language and Culture Workshop. What an opportunity to experience what university life would be like!



## AMSP Coventry Mathematics Feast

We were delighted to send eight Year 10 students to a day of challenging and rewarding mathematics. They participated in a competition with students from across Coventry at Cardinal Newman School. It was held by the Advanced Mathematics Support Programme and served to give students access to difficult problem solving tasks while also advocating for higher level mathematics education. The attentiveness, wisdom and curiosity shown by our students was a



testament to the Ullathorne Way and resulted in a resilient performance in the face of challenge. We are very proud of them.

## Year 12 achievements

Congratulations to Alexandra Abell in Year 12 who won the Gold medal in the recent regional Gymnastics Championships for tumbling. She will now compete in the English and British Championships.

Good news for Year 12 students, Lola Roberts, Eleanor Bracey and Alexandra Abell, who are finalists in the prestigious Northeastern University London Psychology essay competition.

Our Year 12 Debating team was in the MACE Regional Final held in Birmingham where it just missed out on reaching the National final in London. We are so proud of their excellent team work and dedication to the research involved in preparing for the event.



# Year 7 Update

Ms Maxwell, Head of Year 7

It has been a short half term but there has been a lot going on. During this season of Lent there have been a plethora of events taking place and several students have been working hard to raise money for Charity.

The students have worked for their Silver Character Passport this term. Those who hadn't quite met the Bronze requirements last term have worked on Silver as well and those who hadn't started have also been able to go for Bronze this term. We are looking forward to seeing how many students have managed to reach Silver and/or Bronze after Easter.

We have been privileged to have our assemblies led by two more of our tutor groups this half term. 7IC led us on the topical theme of Lent just after half term and then, this week, 7SS led us with the theme of Identity and Belonging to a Community. Well done to both form groups for their hard work in researching lovely assemblies. The rest of the form groups will deliver their assemblies in the Summer term.

After the Easter break, Year 7 will be having their first Retreat Day. This special day will be organised by our Lay Chaplain, Lauren and will take place on Tuesday 30 April.

As you will know, our Year 7s have nearly ended their second term with us and are about to start their final term and some of the extra support that we put in place to help them settle in will be reduced to help them prepare for Year 8. From the first day in September, the Year 7 students have always had Miss Greenway or myself available on the playground before school and at both break times. This will continue until the end of the year. We have also collected any left bags and coats from the playground and taken them to the Year 7 Pastoral offices. However, from the start of the Summer term, students will need to ensure that, just like moving from lesson to lesson, they need to check they have all their belongings with them when they move from the playground to classes.

We continue to recognise the achievements of our Year 7 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 listed here:

Form	Tutor Champions
7ED	Phoebe, Fiona, Adetokunbo
7EM	Oihane, Jamie, Martin, Aiden, Shiancy
7IC	Paris, Chizram, Caitlin, Paddy Bartek, Wunnam
7IK	Elliott, Conor, Kyla, Sadie, Jude
7JR	Evie C, Alicia, Mercy E, Athalia, Kymani
7KB	Maryana, Noah, Michael, Joshua S, Nahom,
7SS	Adekunkle, Lincoln, Eryk, Sara, Meghani

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:

	Attendance	Form Award
Week 1	7ED	7IC
Week 2	7JR	7IK
Week 3	7EM, 7JR & 7SS	7IC
Week 4	7JR & 7SS	7IK
Week 5	7IC	7ED

Well done to Year 7 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 7 key dates

30 April 2024

Retreat Day

10 June 2024

End of Year examinations start

July 2024

End of year progress report

# Year 8 and 9 Update

Mrs Jeremiah, Head of Year 8 and 9

It has been a very busy half term again with lots of positive things happening such as the Character Passport, the Diversity Passport and the Silver Reading Award for Year 8 and 9. All of these initiatives help towards a personal profile for our students for when they move through the school.

Our students have also been busily raising money for our local charities and the school trip to Lourdes.

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

This week we also celebrated Ullathorne Day as our school has been running for 70 years, which is phenomenal. All of our Key Stage 3 students took part in special one-off lessons to commemorate this.

Thank you to all of our parents who attended the highly successfully Parents and Options evenings. It was lovely to meet so many parents and see such positivity amongst our Year 9 students. Thank you also for getting your completed forms in so promptly. Good luck to all of Year 9 with their choices.

Finally, a massive well done to all of our students who have achieved a certificate for achieving over 25 ACE points or who have received an email or postcard home.

I wish all of you a very happy and peaceful Easter holiday. God Bless.



## Year 8 key dates

12 April 2024

Careers session

24 April 2024

Options assembly

10 June 2024

End of Year examinations start

21 June 2024

Retreat day

## Year 9 key dates

9/10 May 2024

Vaccinations

10 May 2024

Soli House trip

13/14/15 May 2024

IntoUniversity workshops

22 May 2024

Retreat Day

10 June 2024

End of Year examinations start

26 June 2024

Medical mavericks



# Year 10 and 11 Update

Miss Durkan, Head of Year 10 and 11

What an incredibly fast half term this has been and a huge congratulations to students in both year groups who have kept their focus and worked well.

Year 11 students are making strides in achieving their very **best in next term's GCSE examinations**. They have completed their final set of mock examinations and are now on the final stretch before the 'real' examinations begin. Of course, before the written examinations begin in May, students will be completing practical examinations in PE, Art, Catering, Art Textiles and Drama. We wish them every success. It really is a very busy time for them all.

The end of the year is very close for Year 11, so please remember that all payments for prom, hoodies and yearbooks must be made by the end of April. As a celebration of hard work, invitations to prom are contingent on behaviour and attendance. I have asked students who need some support to earn a prom invitation to speak to me as soon as possible so that a plan could be put in place to help them secure an invitation.

So many Year 11 students have been working with enthusiasm. We hope that over the Easter break they recharge their batteries and return in April ready for the last push to success. I would, however, encourage students to maintain some revision during their Easter holidays. There are only five school weeks until the start of the full examinations sessions. Students who revise for two hours a day add the equivalent of four school weeks of academic effort.

Year 10 students continue to work with effort. Their end of year examinations are approaching and we hope that after Easter they will be focusing on their revision. In Year 10 we have been taking on the mind-set that Year 11 starts in June. By the end of June, Year 10 students will be less than one calendar year away from finishing their GCSEs while only having two academic terms of learning left. By beginning to focus now, rather than in September, Year 10 students can end the year in a good position. This can make a huge difference to their overall attainment.

## Year 10 key dates

18 April 2024

Parents' Evening

25 April 2024

IntoUniversity trip

2 July 2024

Employability skills workshop

## Year 11 key dates

9 April 2024

Art Textiles practical exams

16 April 2024

Art practical exams

23 April 2024

MfL speaking exams

3 May 2024

Leavers Mass

9 May 2024

Public exams commence

8-9 June 2024

Year 12 induction events

27 June 2024

Prom night





## Year 10 and 11 Update

Miss Durkan, Head of Year 10 and 11 - continued

It has been lovely to see Year 10 students and prefects supporting parents' evenings, options evenings and other school events. It has also been fantastic to see the efforts of our various sports teams. Their growth in maturity and their community mindedness is a wonderful thing to see.

I would like to finish with saying how proud I am of our Key Stage 4 efforts to raise money for our Lenten Charities. A massive thank you and well done to all who have contributed and to our tutors for facilitating the events.

I would also like to thank Mrs Marston and Mrs Richardson for their tireless work in supporting our Key Stage 4 students' wellbeing. We are all grateful for their efforts.

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful Easter.

## Year 11 and 13 Public Examinations Reminder

The public examination season will commence on Thursday 9 May 2024 for our Year 11 and Year 13 students. All students will be issued with their exam timetables with room and seat allocations after the Easter break.

With this in mind, we would like to remind students of the importance of full attendance during the examination period. Any unauthorised absence from examinations will result in the entry fee being re-charged to the candidate, in line with our Candidate Absence Policy (Exams) which is available on the school website.

In addition to their timetabled examinations, candidates should also ensure that they are available to take examinations on the JCQ designated contingency days: Thursday 06 June – afternoon, Thursday 13 June – afternoon, Wednesday 26 June – all day.

All examinations start at 9am and 1pm and students must be in school and ready in the examination room at least 10 minutes before these times. Coming to examinations late causes unnecessary anxiety and means that students miss vital instructions and information regarding the examination which they are sitting.

All students will need to bring their own equipment to every examination. This should include a black biro (not gel pens), pencils, ruler, geometry set (not in a tin) and a calculator (without the lid). This equipment should be in a clear, non-coloured, pencil case.

Water bottles must be see through, without any colour, writing or patterns, and contain water only. They must not have a large lid.

Mobile phones and wrist watches of any description are not allowed in the examination room.

# Sixth Form Update

Mrs Casey, Head of Sixth Form

Our Parents Evening gave staff the opportunity to discuss student progress, following mock examinations in January, and how students can consolidate their revision. Year 13 have further mock examinations in April in preparation for A Level examinations which begin in May.

Year 13 students are considering their UCAS offers and deciding on their Firm and Insurance choices. Following on from a talk from the University of Warwick on Finance, Student Finance England has opened the funding applications for 2024. Students are encouraged to register as soon as possible. Likewise, some universities have released their accommodation availability and so students can now consider their preferred living arrangements.

Students who have made Apprenticeship applications have participated in interviews and are considering placements available.

Year 12 students participated in a day visit to the University of Warwick and met with student ambassadors to gain an insight of the academic environment of a Russell Group University.

Our *Meet with Industry* day this week was a wonderful session for our Year 12 students to develop networking skills and talk to a range of employers about their career pathway and research work experience opportunities. We were delighted to see so many of our alumni students sharing their professional expertise.

Our students continue to give generously of their time to the school community. A group gave presentations to younger pupils on the theme of Diversity to deepen understanding of today's rich cultural society. **We are appreciative of how** our students contributed to the recent Ofsted visit. Year 12 and 13 students met with an Inspector who had oversight of the Sixth Form and were praised for their involvement in the wider community.

Part-time work for students is an invaluable way for Sixth Form students to develop employability and organisational skills. A reminder though that research findings illustrate that the total of hours should be no more than 10 hours a week, as more reduces final A Level grades.

Happy Easter.



## Year 12 key dates

### Every morning

Bespoke VESPA A Level mindset with Form Tutors

19 March 2024

Meet with Industry event

7 May 2024

VIVA week

3-14 June 2024

End of Year exams

19 June 2024

Mock interviews

25 June 2024

UCAS workshop

## Year 13 key dates

### Every morning

During Form Time, health, well-being and independent living along with preparation for UCAS and apprenticeship applications

8-19 April 2024

Mock exams

8-10 May 2024

Art Textiles practical exam

9 May 2024

Public exams commence

24 May 2024

Leavers Mass

# Careers Update

Mrs Bellingham, Careers Adviser

## Key Stage 3

- Coventry College delivered a presentation to all Year 9 students on technical qualifications.
- Mrs Bellingham is available to offer advice and guidance to Year 9 students on option choices.

## Key Stage 4

- Mrs Bellingham held an apprenticeship workshop for students interested in this pathway where they created accounts on the government apprenticeship website and received support to compile their CVs.
- Mrs Bellingham has started to follow up all Year 11 students to ensure they have offers for sixth form or college. Any student applying for apprenticeships will be offered ongoing help and support and encouraged to have a back-up plan as well.
- Career Bite – Police was well attended by Year 10, 11 and some Sixth Form students interested in finding out more about this career pathway.
- Every two weeks, a careers update is included in the school bulletin highlighting college and employer open events, apprenticeship opportunities and workshops.

## Key Stage 5

- Year 12 students attended a *Meet with Industry* event in school which was very successfully supported by professionals from a wide variety of sectors, which included alumni and parent volunteers. Thank you to all our guests who contributed to this event, our students benefitted enormously from the conversations and advice.
- Year 12 students visited the University of Warwick as part of the Sixth Form Higher Education programme. They took part in workshops in the lecture hall and toured the campus with student ambassadors. Thank you to the University of Warwick staff for hosting us.
- 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.

## Advanced notice

On Friday 12 April, Year 8 students will be taking part in a Live Virtual Careers Roadshow finding out about Apprenticeships, College, Sixth Form and University.



## Term dates 2023-2024

### Summer

Monday 8 April to Friday 24 May 2024

### Half Term

Teacher Training Day: Friday 28 June 2024

Monday 3 June to Friday 19 July 2024 at 12.30pm on the last day

## Term dates 2024-2025

### Autumn

Teacher Training Day: Monday 2 September 2024

Year 7 and 12 students start on Tuesday 3 September 2024

All other year groups return on Wednesday 4 September 2024 to Friday 25 October 2024

### Half Term

Monday 4 November to Friday 20 December 2024

Further Teacher training days to be confirmed

## Carousel date changes

Changes in subjects for Year 7 and 8 students are on the following dates:

Monday 20 May 2024

## Extra curricular activities

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

## 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 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.