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Message from our Headteacher

The Spring term has been largely missing for the last two years due to obvious reasons, so it has been a delight to finally experience a full Spring term with our school community this year. The Lenten charity work was sorely missed previously so being witness to all of the creative fundraising efforts has been a real privilege. It has also been wonderful to see so many school trips and enrichment activities up and running again.

The Spring term is also a real engine house for examination preparation. Year 11 and 13 will be the first students to sit public examinations since 2019. They have been working tirelessly this term to prepare for them. To support our students' examination preparations we have run after school and lunch time revision sessions, special revision support clubs and walk and talk mock examinations. The two weeks over Easter are an opportunity to really knuckle down and dedicate time to revision. The time spent between now and the end of the examination season will pay dividends for the rest of their professional careers. As Oscar Romero said: "we plant the seeds that one day will grow." I know our Year 11 and 13 students will be dedicating themselves to their studies over the following weeks so that they can be the person that God is calling them to be.

I wish you and your families a peaceful and restful Easter.

Mr Billings, Headteacher

Dear Lord, may I realise afresh today what Your death and resurrection mean for me. Forgiveness, freedom, and the ability to walk with You through this fallen world into eternity. May I always find my satisfaction in You and Your willingness to offer Yourself to me.

In Jesus' name, Amen



Good news

Mathematics challenge

Hegarty champions for most learning hours during March were:

Year 7 - Esme Arnold

Year 8 - Mateusz Kaplon

Year 9 - Klaudia Dunal

Year 10 - Sreoshi Ahmed

Year 11 - Paige Foley

Theatre trip

120 of our Year 7, 8 and 9 students

attended a matinee

performance of Beauty and the Beast at the Birmingham Hippodrome Theatre.



The show was absolutely fantastic, from the acting and singing to the marvellous stage set. It was a truly magical experience in good old Walt Disney style.

All of our students enjoyed it and were a very receptive audience. We were very proud to be able to give our students this wonderful experience.

Geography

Our intrepid Year 12 geographers visited Dol-y-Moch between 8 and 12 March to collect data for their A Level examinations.



They focused on the sand dunes at Harlech and found that the Winter storms made for challenging conditions to collect data but our students displayed amazing resilience to keep going in the cold wind and rain with freezing conditions. They also went to the seaside town of Criccieth to analyse how the sea defences were working. The last day saw them finding out how Bleanau Ffestiniog is attempting to become the adventure capital of the UK with zip wires and underground caves. The trip was finished with star gazing around a campfire to take advantage of the lack of light pollution in Wales. Our sixth formers were a real credit to the school with their work ethic and good humour.

Spelling Bee

After a two year absence due to Covid, the hugely popular Bishop Ullathorne Spelling Bee returned this Spring. Organised by the English Department, round one began in the first week in March with every student in Years 7, 8 and 9 competing to become their Form champion. Round two took place in A Block Hall the following week and saw the Form Champions compete to decide who would be the overall winner for their year.

This part of the competition (helped by terrible weather) was extremely well attended and all of the competitors were enthusiastically supported by their friends and teachers. The Year 8 final was so packed that latecomers found that it was standing room only! After three very wonderfully entertaining lunchtimes, we had our year winners.

The Year 7 champion was Karylle Awichen, Year 8 was Dawid Zielinski and Year 9 was won by Larissa Nzeyimana.

These three superb spellers went through to the final held the following week. The final was a truly impressive spectacle of first class spelling. So good, in fact, that Mr Ward was running out of words in which to test the students! However, we finally had a winner: Larissa Nzeyimana, whose name will now be engraved on to the coveted Spelling Bee trophy.

Good news

Fish heroes

Year 9 students cooked using wild Alaska salmon as part of *The Fish in Schools Hero* programme. The programme aims to enable students to prepare, cook and eat fish before they leave school whilst also promoting awareness of sustainability and the benefits of wild fish. Students watched a demonstration video by Dhruv Baker, MasterChef winner in 2010. He used



salmon to make skewers marinated with chilli, lime and mint and also flatbreads to accompany them.

Students then replicated the recipe and tasted it. Students commented:

"It was good because we made the flatbread into a wrap and the fish and salad were the filling so we made a whole meal that was healthy and homemade."



"I've never cooked with fish



before. It was weird taking the skin off as it was slimy but it tasted really nice and I would make it again."

"I really enjoyed the session and now I know how to cook salmon and make flatbreads from scratch."



Good news

Duke of Edinburgh

Five brave and adventurous members of our Sixth Form undertook their Silver practice expedition. The students were a real credit to the school as they waded through mud inches thick and traversed fields which resembled a



bog. Throughout everything, they kept a smile on their faces and put the skills they learnt with Mr Burns over the previous weeks to good use. The practice gave students a great idea of what equipment is needed and the best way to plan meals.



They now look forward to a Silver expedition in Cornwall in July. This will be the perfect chance to see a completely different terrain and finally be awarded their silver Duke of Edinburgh award.

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh students are continuing with their expedition training. Bronze students



are learning new skills preparing them for their night away under canvas. They are planning their routes and organising their final expedition. Recently some of our Silver students have been supporting the after-school sessions to guide them through the steps. Their training is coming to an end and they look forward to their Summer expedition in the Peak District. This will see the

students put their new skills into practice and complete the two day walk to achieve their Bronze award.



Great debate

In March, two of our Year 12 students, Bartosz Zygowski and Harry Davies, represented the school at the Catenians Public Speaking competition held at Newman University in Birmingham. This is a prestigious competition with many Sixth Form students from across the Midlands competing. Bartosz and Harry both had to speak persuasively for 4 minutes on a subject of their choice. Bartosz made an excellent speech about the threat that Climate Change poses to the world. Harry argued passionately about the dangers of Capitalism in society. Although they didn't win, they did both themselves and our school proud. They were competing against 15 other students representing many well known Catholic schools. They both performed extremely well and the judges were very positive in their feedback.



Good news

PE: Netball, Athletics, Football

Year 7

Our Year 7 girls netball team has had a fantastic season! The team is Coventry Schools A League winner (undefeated)



with victories over Coundon Court, Sidney Stringer, Finham Park, President Kennedy and Cardinal Newman. They also won both Finham Derbies: 7-2 and 9-2. Well done to Amarachi Justin, Ava-Lillie Harrison and Nancy Stanton for their player of the match awards.

Year 7 Coventry Schools Tournament		
Team	Score	Player of the match
Team 1	3rd place	Amarachi Justin
Team 2	2nd place	Theora Fakehinde

Year 8

Our Year 8 girls netball team also won the Coventry Schools A League this year (undefeated) which is a truly fantastic achievement. The



team beat President Kennedy, Finham Park, Cardinal Wiseman and Cardinal Newman in the league. They also won both Finham Derbies: 6-4 and 12-2. Special mention to Rere Lawrence, Bridget Ward, Caitlin Noonan, Gloria Mamengi and Erin Naylor for their player of the match awards.

Year 8 Coventry Schools Tournament		
Team	Score	Player of the match
Team 1	2nd place	Erin O'Shea Welsh
Team 2	1st place	Gloria Mamengi

Year 9

Huge congratulations to our Year 9 netball team. Undefeated this season, the team won the Year 9 league. To top this off they also won in both Finham Derbies!



Year 10

Well done to our Year 10 netball team. The team successfully managed to win again against Finham in the Finham Derby! Big congratulations.

Finham Derby netball results

Year	Score	Player of the match
7	Won 9-2	Amarachi Justin
8	Won 12-2	Erin Naylor
9	Won 30-3	Coleen Turley
10	Won 18-6	Mia Ochieng
11	Won 15-14	Isabella Ward

Athletics



Both our Year 7 girls and boys teams and our Year 8 girls team won first place in the Sportshall Athletics event at the Xcel Centre. All are through to the County finals. Well done.

Values Football

Our girls won and our boys were joint winners with Grace Academy. Players of the tournament were Macey James and Kanye Oguamanam. All players showed great team work, respect and honesty.

Good news

PE: Football

Year 7: Sadly our Year 7 team was knocked out of the West Midlands Schools Cup by a very strong Sandwell Academy side. They progressed to the semi final of the Coventry Schools cup after beating Cardinal Newman on penalties.

Year 8: The boys lost a closely fought game with Westwood Academy 3-2 in the Coventry Schools Cup.

Year 9: The boys are now in final of West Midlands Schools Cup. The team beat Coleshill in the quarter final and Cardinal Newman in the semi-final. A strong team performance gave them a well earned victory.

Year 10 and 11:

The combined Year 10 and 11 team played in the quarter final stage of the Coventry Telegraph Cup against North Leamington School and won on penalties. They will now play Kenilworth in the semi-final with the winners progressing to the final which will be played at the CBS Arena in May.

Our Year 11 team moved to the quarter finals with a 2-1 victory over Ernesford Grange of the Coventry Telegraphy Cup. The team will play Coundon Court after Easter.

Year 7 and 8: Our girls played Aldridge in the quarter finals of the West Midlands Cup and were victorious with a 3-1 win. They are still waiting to find out who their opponents will be in the semi-final.

Year 9 and 10: Our girls have reached the final of the West Midlands Schools Cup and this will be played on a date yet to be announced.

Finham Derby football results

Year	Score	Player of the match
7	Won 2-0	Lewis Maddison
8	Won 5-1	Caolan Bailey
9	Drew 0-0	Ben Flavell
10	Lost 0-1	Sam N'Dungu
11	Lost 1-2	Palmer Kaddu

Year 13 work experience

"I was lucky enough to take part in work experience in All Souls Primary School as a classroom assistant in Years 2 and 6. I gained an insight into teaching the different age ranges, while observing primary school teachers control the classroom and engage with the children. I was also able to make sure that primary teaching is what I want to do in **the future.**" Annie Sharman

"During half term, I was fortunate to be able to spend a few days gaining work experience with M&J Evans Construction Ltd. I spent time both out onsite and in the office, which was beneficial as it gave me an insight into the construction industry and the opportunity to take first hand experience into account while deciding what career path I would like **pursue.**" Jack Hicks

"I took part in work experience with a well known bank in Central London to shadow my older sister who works there as a software engineer. We worked in groups and talked about the importance and necessity of internet banking, data protection and also how data science works in the modern world, **with people who studied at the likes of UCL.**" Kupakwashe Rabvukwa

"I shadowed a clinical psychologist who was providing supervision for teachers and teaching assistants working with children with social, emotional and mental health needs. This gave me the opportunity to experience professional challenges, exploring complex needs and strategies to support those working in the role." Bridie Gardner

Further information regarding work experience and enrichment activities can be found on the [Sixth Form section of our website:](#)

www.bishopullathorne.co.uk/6thenrichment

Year 7 Update

Ms Maxwell, Head of Year 7

It is hard to believe that Year 7 have finished their second term with us and I find myself turning to preparing for the new Year 7 students who will be starting with us in September.

As we move from the Winter to the Summer sporting season, it is a time to look back and reflect as Year 7 have been continuing to show their prowess in team and individual sports this term.

The girls' netball squad have had a fantastic season, under the caring guidance of Miss Gill. Special mentions go to Amarachi Justin, Ava-Lillie Harrison and Nancy Stanton for their player of the match awards and our congratulations go to all of the players for their commitment, dedication and team effort to earn such a fabulous set of results. I was pleased to go and congratulate the whole squad when they were having their well-deserved team reward.

Our Year 7 football team also played incredibly well too, winning several matches, and managing to reach not only the quarter final in the West Midlands Cup but also the semi-final of the Coventry Cup. We wish them all the best for the semi-final match soon. In the penultimate week of term, in the Finham Derbies, the boys played amazingly well and beat Finham 2-0. An amazing result and special congratulations go to Yafiet Tesfagabr for scoring both goals. There has been tight competition for places in matches this year as there is a wealth of talent to choose from. There is always a buzz of excitement finding out who has been selected for the team for each match. Congratulations go to the whole squad on their achievements so far and our thanks go to Mr Dillow and Mr Astley for managing them so well in their debut season as team managers!

On an individual level, Cerys Brennan has been busy competing in several trampolining events. She took part in the schools' trampolining competition in Brentwood, Essex and was placed 12th in a very close result and narrowly missing out on the final. Having seen the video of one of her routines, I can say just how well she performed her routine and how brave she was to execute some of those moves! She also competed in the regional qualifier recently with new elements added to her routine and was placed 11th overall. She is competing again in May and we wish her the best of luck for this.

In our final 'sporting' mention we also had our first inter-form pancake race at the start of Lent. Every form member took part – speed-walking down the track and back, with a flip of the pancake at the half way point. Great fun was had by all and it was funny to see some of the pancakes reduce in size as the race went on after being dropped several times along the way! Our congratulations go to 7SC for being the form winners and to Mr Anstee for being the winning form tutor. Thanks go to Mrs Boyle for organising this.

On the theme of Lent, well done to Harvey Arengath and Cassandra Chinyama who distributed Ashes as Eucharistic ministers during our Ash Wednesday services to the Key Stage 4 and 5 students and staff. Thank you to Lauren for leading the training to allow our students to do this.

We have been asking students to focus on charity during Lent and the forms have been bringing in 20 pence pieces to fill empty Smarties' tubes. This was run as an inter-form competition and the first form to fill theirs was 7BSM – well done to them for this achievement. A special thanks goes to Jacob Peters who managed to fill a tube from home, raising £10.40. We look forward to doing a total count at the end of term to see how much money has been raised for charity by the whole of Year 7.

May I take this opportunity to wish all students and their families a Happy and holy Easter.



Year 8 and 9 Update

Mrs Jeremiah, Head of Year 8 and 9

Hello everyone and a happy and peaceful Easter to you all.

There will be a full awards assembly after the Easter break to celebrate all of our students who have worked hard and followed our Ullathorne Way values. We have also watched two more fabulous form assemblies online with more to come in April and May. 8JB and 9BD both delivered powerful assemblies based on Autism and the true meaning of Easter. The students led and prepared the assemblies themselves.

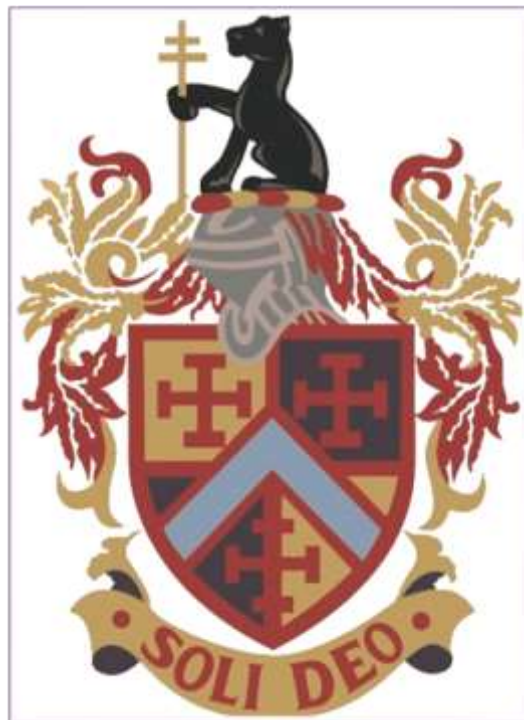
Lenten fund raising: There have also been some fabulous fund-raising activities over the last few weeks. I particularly enjoyed the 'Sponge the Teacher' competition which was organised by Chelsea and Jummy in 8JB. Thank you to all of the staff who agreed to take part. There have also been sweet and cake sales, raffles, inter-form netball and football challenges and this week we have the Crossbar challenge to look forward to. Well done to everyone involved! Our students really are wonderful at raising money for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Sporting events: We have had some great sporting achievements from our football and netball teams so well done to everyone involved in those teams. We are so very proud of our Year 9 boys' football team and the Year 8 and 9 netball teams, which have surpassed themselves this year so far. The PE staff have commented on the skill set of these teams alongside their brilliant team work and camaraderie.

Trips/ visitors: We have had a wonderful trip to see Beauty and the Beast in March and we are looking forward to welcoming an ex-pupil and playwright, Jamie McCough, in to school in April to run a series of workshops with various members of Year 9. Jamie has written a play called 'Fighting Irish', which is being performed at The Belgrade Studio Theatre now.

Attendance: Well done to 9BD and 8JB for winning Form Attendance. Both forms will have a Friday treat decided by the form and their Tutors.

That just leaves me to say have a wonderful, peaceful and safe Easter break and may God Bless you all.



Year 8 key dates

8 April 2022

Progress reports

28 April 2022

Vaccinations

12 May 2022

Option choices deadline

13 June 2022

End of Year exams commence

Year 9 key dates

8 April 2022

Progress reports

13 June 2022

End of Year exams commence

12 July 2022

Vaccinations

Year 10 key dates

w/b 13 June 2022

End of Year examinations
commence

Year 11 key dates

w/b 16 May 2022

GCSE examinations commence

11 & 12 July 2022

Sixth Form induction



Year 10 and 11 Update

Miss Durkan, Head of Year 10 and 11

What a busy month it has been. We have had so much going on across both year groups.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate Year 11 students on their brilliant behaviour during their final mock examinations. They have shown great maturity and hopefully are now fully prepared for the examination season ahead. I hope that they are pleased with their results and that they stand them in good stead for the Summer. A reminder to all examination students: mobile phones must be switched off and not on their person and watches of any description cannot be worn.

While we know that the examination season is daunting, Year 11 do have their prom to look forward to. Payment for this event is on ParentPay and must be paid by the end of April. In addition to this, payment can also be made by ParentPay for the Yearbook and hoodie. Again, last payment for these items is the end of April. We have given away six free hoodies this term for students with 100% attendance each week and there will be another free prom ticket at the end of this term for a lucky student who has had 100% for this half term.

Year 10 has so many wonderful students and our weekly "sweet treat" for the student with the most achievement (ACE) points has shown just how brilliant the cohort is. This half term Sofia Monsanto has achieved the most ACE points. Her commitment to learning and always being the best version of herself is truly commendable; well done Sofia.

Year 10 students have also committed in large numbers to completing their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award, demonstrating how focused and determined they are; the teachers who lead the DofE are so complimentary of the group - I really am proud.

Covid has, as we would expect, impacted attendance in both year groups. However a plea to all: every day missed is five hours of examination content - it is of vital importance that Key Stage 4 students are in school and learning. Please do not allow 'random' days off when your child has no symptoms or think that taking a holiday during term time is appropriate; we do not want your child to miss out on subject content.

We are very much looking forward to the Summer term; the warmer weather and longer evenings. I hope that we can all work together to ensure success for our young people. A huge thank you to our tutor teams and Mrs Marston for their continued hard work and to you at home for your support.

Have a wonderful Easter break and enjoy the celebration of the Resurrection.

Sixth Form Update

Mrs Casey, Head of Sixth Form

Our Year 13 students who have applied to University are in the process of making their firm and insurance choices through UCAS. Some of the students seeking higher level apprenticeship have been attending assessment days and interviews.

All of Year 12 took part in our *Meet with Industry* day where they networked in small groups with professionals from a range of sectors including, Law, Health Care, Business and Finance, Politics, Cyber Security and Engineering. The students were praised by our visitors for their candid questions and enthusiasm.

We were delighted to arrange a tour of the University of Warwick library to support students with their independent study as they approach the examination season. This is the first time that students in Coventry have been able to access the excellent resources since the first lockdown.

Thirteen Year 12 students attended the University of Warwick in March for a discovery day. Students attended lectures and seminars, also saw how different subjects linked to each other and discovered some of the **University's more niche subject areas**.

As ever, the VESPA A Level Mindset Programme is at the heart of all that we do to support our students to achieve their very best.

All Year 12 are now researching work experience opportunities and will find our support booklet on the school website.

On Friday 25 March, all Year 12 students spent the day at Birmingham University where they were able to explore the campus, take part in a lecture and talk to student ambassadors.

Year 12 key dates

Every morning

Form Time with Form Tutors for a bespoke VESPA A Level Mindset programme

Fortnightly

Enrichment and work experience opportunities emailed to students

w/b 6 June 2022

End of Year examinations commence

Year 13 key dates

Every morning

Form Time students are looking at health, well-being and independent living, along with VESPA strategies

Fortnightly

Enrichment and work experience opportunities emailed to students

w/b 23 May 2022

A Level examinations commence

27 May 2022

Deadline for Student Finance applications for students applying to University

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Careers Update

Mrs Bellingham, Careers Adviser

Key Stage 3

- Mrs Bellingham is available to offer advice and guidance to Year 9 students on option choices. Please remember the completed option choice form needs to be handed to your Form Tutor by Wednesday 6 April.

Key Stage 4

- 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 sessions were delivered by two of our parents, a specialist care nurse and a paramedic. Both sessions were very well attended and thank you to all our parents who have volunteered to support the school's career programme.
- 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 Birmingham University as part of the Sixth Form Higher Education programme. They attended workshops in the lecture hall and toured the campus with student ambassadors. Thank you to University of Birmingham staff for hosting us.
- All Year 12 and 13 students are emailed a careers newsletter every 2 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.

[There are resources for all year groups in the Careers Section of our website.](#)

Term dates 2021-2022

Summer

Monday 25 April to Friday 27 May 2022

Half Term

Monday 6 June to Thursday 21 July 2021

Term dates 2022-2023

Autumn

Tuesday 6 September to Friday 21 October 2022

Half Term

Monday 31 October to Friday 16 December 2022

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

Examinations

GCSE examinations commence on Monday 16 May and A Level examinations commence on Monday 23 May, until Wednesday 29 June. All students will be given an individual examination timetable by Friday 6 May 2022.

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.

Teacher Training Days

2021/2022

Friday 24 June 2022

Teacher Training Days

2022/2023

Monday 5 September 2022

Friday 30 September 2022

Friday 23 June 2023

Whole school events

9 June 2022

Showcase performance

14 July 2022

Trips Day

15 July 2022

Sports Day

21 July 2022

Last day of term, 12.30pm finish

Year 7 and 8 Carousel

Carousel subjects change on the following date:

23 May 2022

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.