

# Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School



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## Message from our Headteacher

Summer definitely feels as though it is on its way. Sunshine and time spent outdoors certainly lifts the spirits of everyone in school.

It's been two years since students sat external examinations. Our Year 11 and 13 students approached this year's examinations with determination and commitment. I have been extremely proud of how they have stepped up to the challenge. They are a remarkable group of young people who have weathered a great deal. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to study and sit their examinations.

So much of the Summer term is taken up with examinations for Year 11 and 13 that it can be easy to forget all of the other wonderful things going on in the rest of our community.

The incredible achievements of our Duke of Edinburgh students and our footballers and athletes are an inspiration to so many other students in the school. This curiosity was also evident in our sixth form students who applied for leadership roles this year. Chelsea Orisa and Harry Davies are our new School Captains and they follow in a long line of students who have led our student community. I am extremely excited to see what they can achieve over the coming months.

I wish you and your family a wonderful half term. I hope that everyone enjoys the Jubilee celebrations and returns, refreshed, on Monday 6 June.

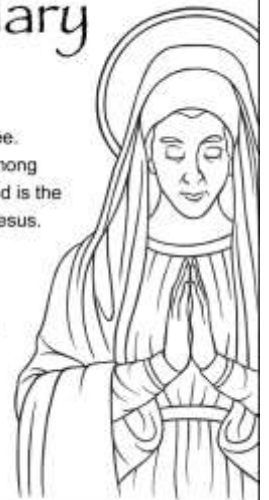
Mr Billings, Headteacher

## Hail Mary

Hail Mary,  
Full of Grace,  
The Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among  
women, and blessed is the  
fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary,  
Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners  
now, and at the  
hour of our death.

Amen.



# Good news

## Geography

In May, our Year 12 students took off on the train to East London to observe the effects of the London 2012 Olympics on Stratford and surrounding areas. They looked at what the environment was like in two contrasting areas of London and collected primary data which some students will use for their Independent Investigation. They had a brilliant day, the sun was shining and all students demonstrated



exemplary geography skills. Our Ullathorne Way values were also embodied throughout the day.

## New School Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the unique gifts and talents that overflow from our school community.

We pray that we can do wonderful things with **the power and knowledge of God's love.**

Help us to grow in compassion that we may become examples of understanding and love.

Help us to grow in eloquence so that our words can make a positive impact.

Help us to grow in attentiveness so that we can assist the needs of others.

Help us grow in wisdom and curiosity to reach our full potential.

Help us to grow in faith actively following You. You have united us as one family and as one family we will grow.

Bishop Ullathorne pray for us.

Amen

## Theatre trips

Mrs Jeremiah accompanied fourteen Year 12 students to a performance of Nothello at the Belgrade Theatre studio. The play is a modern take on Othello with the themes of diversity and gender incorporated. The actors were excellent and the play provoked meaningful discussions about the traditional play and our acceptance of its values.

Also, our Year 9 and 10 Drama students watched The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time at the Birmingham Hippodrome Theatre to support their study of Frantic Assembly and its use of physical theatre.

Joe Abercrombie in Year 9 said: "I really enjoyed my visit to the theatre. It was amazing to see the very unique set with the screens on all sides. Christopher, the main character was really good at showing how someone with autism sees the world and I really enjoyed the performance."

Maame McSam in Year 9 said: "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time was an incredible show that was written and performed in a way that allowed the audience to view the world through Christopher's eyes, making us feel a stronger connection to the character and his story. The way that the show was performed was so engaging and the switches between narration and showing the story made it even more noticeable. The use of lighting, screens and freeze-frames added much more information in a unique way. Overall, I believe that this was an enlightening experience and I will try to use some of the techniques in my own performances in drama."



# Good news

## Meet the Governors

My name is Maureen Perry, I am a retired primary Headteacher and Foundation Governor

Recently, I received an email from an ex-pupil who now lives in Canada and has qualified as a corporate lawyer. She wanted to share her memories of education in Coventry and how it had laid down a solid foundation for her future life. She explained that the encouragement and challenges she had been offered had helped to shape her future and she thanked me for the opportunities and encouragement I had given her during her years at primary school.



The importance of teaching and the many ways in which you get to make a difference resonated with me. It probably explains why, after 50 years in education, I am still using the skills I developed as a teacher to support the development of our school. On retirement it was "payback time"; I became a GOVERNOR.

Now I attend Local Governing Board meetings each half term and am working with students in our Sixth Form. I also contribute to the running of the school on the Health and Safety Committee. There are a variety of events which I like being involved in. Highlights are being a judge on the annual Talent Competition or attending the Fashion Show and Musical evenings.

I have also trained as a verifier for the Duke of Edinburgh awards, recently. I have really enjoyed reviewing and reading the challenges the students had taken part in. They were truly inspirational!

**If you are interested in being a GOVERNOR, you don't have to be in education to fulfil the role.** Many of our schools are part of academies and urgently need contributions from people with a wide variety of experiences and an interest in education. A professional background is helpful but not essential. Parents who get involved can make a real difference, especially as you are the stakeholders. Maybe you have just retired and have some free time to fill or you, too, want a chance to "payback" or are an expert at fundraising.

EVERYONE is welcome to be part of the Local Board. Education is constantly changing to meet the demands of students and society, preparing them for the world of work. Covid has presented many unexpected challenges to the service and, as part of a Local Governing Board, you can help. Why not email the school today at [admin@bishopullathorne.co.uk](mailto:admin@bishopullathorne.co.uk) or call to arrange a visit and help support and shape education for future students.

## Product Design

Year 8 students have recently produced the fastest times on record in their boat project. Students create a boat hull from pine that they think will be the most streamlined, then vacuum form it to create a waterproof shell. In teams, students work together to organise a fair test and then calculate which boat moved along the test tank at the shortest time and the highest speed. Congratulations to 8L rotation 3. Will any class be able to beat their record this year?



# Good news

## City of Culture

Over Easter, Coventry's City of Culture celebrations came to Bishop Ullathorne! It was an incredible spectacle which was enjoyed by many of our students and staff, their families and many members of our local community.



*Turning the Tide: An Ocean Fair* was set up in a Big Top on the field and was full of different activities including virtual reality headsets, films, sound experiences, exhibitions and hands-on activities to experience the beauty, wealth and power of the ocean and discover the threats it faces.

Fabian Jalowiecki in Year 11 said: "I was involved with Imagineer Productions to create the Flow project and worked on the Active Team. We designed the games that families could play in the Turning the Tide tent. The game I personally worked on was called Wibble Wobble Wisdom. It was similar to Jenga but each block had a true or false trivia fact on it. Each fact linked to our oceans and the effects of human actions on them, as well as general knowledge about the animals that live in our oceans. It was great to see people interact with the game and many were really surprised with some of the statistics, particularly that the Mediterranean Sea is the most polluted in the world. The Canal and River Trust, which was also exhibiting, asked to use our game with the talks and schools visits that they will do in the future."



It was lovely to see the contributions from 240 Year 5 students from primary schools in our MAC, including St John Vianney, Christ the King, St Augustine's, St Elizabeth's and St Thomas More.

Turning the Tide also included two daily performances by Highly Sprung called *CastAway*. It was a stunning aerial performance that explored the impact of today's throwaway society on our waterways.

Evie Davies in Year 8 said, "The *CastAway* performance was great. It started with dancers on the floor telling the story of polluting the ocean through acting. My favourite part was the woman rising out of the pile of rubbish at the beginning of the show. I am part of the Highly Sprung launch group and we loved being in the position to use our platform and performances to try and embed a message into the audience."



# Good news

*Milesians - Coming of the Gaels* by Imagineer Productions was also set up on the tennis courts with impressive staging. The spectacle performance combined theatre, circus, aerial performance and live music while telling the story of the Coming of the Gaels to Ireland. Each evening started with a curtain opener featuring Irish dancers from different dance schools in Coventry and it was wonderful to see so many of our Bishop Ullathorne students demonstrating their gifts and talents. Then the stunning main show started with a number of our students being involved in the performance.



Mya Tucker, in Year 8, said: "During the Easter break, I signed up to be in the production named the Milesians – Coming of the Gaels. At first, I thought it would be a small production, in front of a small crowd and for a bit of fun. However, that was not the case as throughout the weeks of rehearsals, I made so many new friends and met so many talented people from all around the world as they showed me their amazing skills. On opening night, I felt as if we were one big family, and I was extremely excited to be a part of something so amazing and indescribable. I know I will never forget something like this for the rest of my life. The Milesians cast and crew inspired me to take myself out of my comfort zone more, to try new things like this and to keep discovering things I love. I know I would like to do something similar to this in the future and potentially be part of another amazing Imagineer Production."

Grace Murphy, in Year 9, said, "The Milesians was an amazing experience. I met new people and formed closer friendships through it. Rehearsals took place over the course of many weeks but the best part was performing it each night. Working with Circolombia, Rebel Manifesto and Imagineer Productions has inspired me to try new things like aerial classes. Overall, it was a wonderful experience that I am incredibly grateful for."

Caitlin Quayle, in Year 10, said, "Milesians is an experience I will never forget. It is an opportunity I'm glad I took; everyone was friendly and welcoming and the thrill of being on stage is a feeling you don't get every day. It's amazing to know you're part of something that people have enjoyed and to be part of something with your friends too. Even if it was tough, I was doing something I enjoyed and that's what made it so amazing, not only for the audience but for the people on stage. It's not as scary as you think when you're doing something that you enjoy, even when people are watching. The performance helped me find out what I love doing and experience the thrill of being in a show. I'm glad that I had the opportunity."

Zofia Kesler, in Year 9, said, "In the beginning I was quite shy not knowing what was going to happen but Milesians made me a whole new person. I loved all of it: the show, the people there, the crowd, dancing, the stories. Milesians was an amazing experience, not only because it helped me with drama but I also began to feel more confident with myself and my personality. It was the thrill of being on stage and looking at the crowd, while representing the school, which made me feel so good about myself. It was all so much fun. I loved it.



# Good news

## World Book Day

In March, we held a week of celebrations to mark World Book Day's 25th anniversary. Alongside themed lessons in English, we had a virtual bookshop tour and book browsing event hosted by Warwick Books, issued World Book Day tokens and offered competitions for all students (and staff). Here are the results for each of the competitions which took place over our week-long celebration of World Book Day.

### Staff competition

Departments were invited to choose a theme and students were tasked with trying to work out which themes each department had chosen based on clues discreetly placed in classrooms. There were wonderful efforts across all department. Themes included Harry Potter, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, The Life of Pi and Shakespeare.



This year's prize went to the combined efforts of the Technology and Drama department which fully embraced the fun and dressed as characters from the Mr Men series of books. The runner up prize went to our SEND team with its Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

### Inter-form book day competitions

Many members of staff shared a 'shelfie' and students were invited to guess which member of staff each shelfie belonged to. Reassuringly, it seems our students know their teachers well.

The winners were 11SN and 11RW who correctly guessed 10 out of the 16 shelfies.



Students across all year groups decorated their classroom door to represent a book cover. Entries ranged from Malorie Blackman's 'Noughts and Crosses' and E.B White's 'Charlotte's Web' to Charles Darwin's 'The Origin of Species'. Our winning entry had to be William Shakespeare's 'Macbeth', the thoughtful and creative effort by Mrs Davies' form group, 10ED.



# Good news

## *Book in a box/jar*

Students were also challenged to embrace their creativity and recreate a key moment or setting from their favourite books. We had many wonderful entries, incorporating lights, water, candles, Lego and moving parts.

Here are this year's winners:

1st place: Esme Arnold's representation of Alice in Wonderland.

2nd place: Olivia Varga's depiction of a key moment from 'The Demon Dentist.'

3rd place: Gracelin James' wonderful recreation of the 'Resurrection' from the Bible.



## *Environmental action in English*

This term, Key Stage 3 students have been working on non-fiction and speaking and listening skills in their English lessons. This unit invites students to use the skills they learn in English to make a difference in the real world. This year, our focus was on Environmental action and the world around us. Students were encouraged to: write speeches, letters, essays, leaflets and information articles. The purpose of this unit was to allow students the freedom of choice to follow lines of enquiry which interested them. 9A, in particular, worked incredibly hard and here is what they achieved in just a matter of weeks:

Letter Writing: Sent a letter to the Bee Keepers' Association and successfully arranged a talk to see how we can encourage bees and other pollinators to live with us at Bishop Ullathorne; wrote a letter to the council regarding more recycling bins for school and two more bins were delivered this term; wrote a letter to a container company to see if they would supply us with an IBC container to collect rain water for our new trees (this will be delivered over the next couple of weeks) and wrote to wildflower companies asking if they could contribute seeds towards are wildflower area.

Leaflets and articles (information texts): 9A produced a range of writing on topics of their choice. These included: Infographics on Earth Hour and Precious Pollinators, Leaflets/information on wormeries and how they work and bird box design and purpose. Harry's group is working on making its wormery a reality and Kelsey designed and made a bird box for us to put up on site. We will put the wildlife camera on a tree near the bird box and keep you updated on what takes up residency in Kelsey's bird box.

Many students completed research on the importance of trees and their habitats. Working alongside the Tree Council, we received and planted six new trees in our peace garden.

Essay writing: All students across Year 9 wrote an essay for the national George Orwell 'Coming up for Air Competition'.

Year 7 and 8 worked on their public speaking skills and demonstrated their skills of eloquence in the first round of our Speaker of the Year competition.

# Good news

## Speaking up for Trees

As part of the Young Tree Champion Programme, we were joined by Jenny from the Speakers Trust who delivered a full-day outdoor workshop for our Key Stage 3 students on the theme of 'Speaking up for trees and nature'.



30 Key Stage 3 students, who successfully completed round one, were chosen to participate in the

workshop. The workshop formed round two of our school competition to find our 'Bishop Ullathorne Speaker of the Year'.

By the end of the day, students were challenged to present a 90 second speech on a topic relating to trees and nature which they felt passionately about. The standards were incredibly high and our students delivered outstanding performances which were both confident and eloquent. Six students scored highly against strict judging criteria and will now move through to round three. Congratulations to: Lexi Monsanto, Karylle Awichen, Mateusz Kaplon, Jack Brown, Hilary Djeukam and Laycie Stokes.

These students will work with the English Department before delivering their speeches to a larger audience where one student will be awarded this year's title. Our winner will move forward to a National Competition where they will compete against other schools at the Force for Nature Festival in June.

We are incredibly proud of all of our students who participated in the workshop and have since received an email from Jenny reminding us that our students are brilliant. She was especially impressed by the way in which they supported each other throughout the day.



## Golden Compass club

This term, our Golden Compass Club has had a wonderful time at their weekly Forest School sessions run by rangers from Brandon Marsh Nature Reserve. Students learned all about:

- The 17 species of bats found in Britain and explored their diet and habitat
- Birds and how we can help them in our gardens
- Den building and survival in the wild.
- Hedgehogs, including why they are endangered and how we can help
- Making campfires complete with hot chocolate, s'mores and marshmallows.

Each week, our students made us proud by demonstrating their ability to work solidly as a team, be attentive and communicate eloquently.





# Good news

## PE

Our Year 9 boys have done so well this season. They didn't quite manage to win the West Midlands Schools Cup final and were beaten by very good opposition.

Having led 3-1 at half time, they were pegged back to 3-3 and eventually lost on penalties. During every game this season, they have represented the school impeccably and have been perfect ambassadors. Mr Cox and Mr Anstee are very proud of them. To celebrate their massive effort, Mr Billings invited them to a Pizza Party at school to congratulate them on their efforts.



Filip Opiela, in Year 8, and his football team, Rugby Borough, won the MJPL U12s season 20/21 and U13s season 21/22. The team is now the new Champions of ESF 2022 U13s. They played their winning game in Skegness over the May Bank Holiday weekend. The next step for Filip and his team is the Champion of Champions Grand Finale game, which will take place at St George's Park in June. Then the ACES Nationals 2022 in Nottingham.



Ella Wilkinson, Year 9, was awarded first place in the girls under 15s Warwickshire County Championship. Well done Ella.

Coundon Court under 13s had amazing success this season. Bishop Ullathorne students Poppy Reilly, Josie Ward, Bridget Ward, Annie Webb, Erin Naylor and their team mates are now Top of the League in the Central Warwickshire Girls Football League for 2021/22. We are all feeling extremely proud of them.



# Good news

## Duke of Edinburgh

Our new bronze Duke of Edinburgh students have now completed their expedition training and have shown a real commitment to achieving their award. Students have been learning a range of skills to prepare them for their night away under canvas. In recent weeks, they have worked in groups to plan their route with the help of Mr Challis. Mrs Frenguelli and Miss Frenguelli gave students the opportunity to practise putting tents up, albeit inside. This was fun and certainly gave everyone a giggle. Mr Burns taught all groups how to cook using the Trangia stoves and students used this experience to plan their meals. The students will now finish their preparations with Miss Newell before they head off on their Summer expedition. Two of our current Silver DofE students, Bartosz Zygowski and Ebbie Agyemang, have been supporting our students every week with their training sessions and we would like to thank them for their help.

On Friday 20 May, Miss Newell and Mrs Boyle were proud to present our Year 11 Duke of Edinburgh students with their official bronze awards. To achieve a bronze award, students must complete four sections: volunteering, skill, physical, and expedition. The expedition must include at least six hours of walking. This is a huge commitment; it demonstrates all of our Ullathorne Way values, especially perseverance and resilience.

When we think back to October when they set off on their expedition, the sun was shining but the students were nervous with anticipation about the day ahead. They all survived the first day without getting too lost. Over night and day two were not so good. It was cold and the second day was very wet. However, they all survived and showed that if you put your mind to something you can achieve it.

Congratulations to the following Year 11 students: Angelle Agyemang, Yaye Bah, James Bannister, Faye Beasley, Annie Brown, Jessica Bull, Maria Cosgriff, Regina Crame, Liam Cunningham, Tomasz Cwiek, Ewan Grant, Ava Jarvis, Grace Keane, Rafaela Kolomvou, Caroline Kuate, Millie MacDonald, Angela Mathimannarajah, Natalie McCann, Grace McDonagh, Sydney Mosley, Samantha Mulbah, Max Parham, Nieel Parmar, Anima Rahman, Maddie Sadler, Chantel Sharp, Maya Swales, Nardos Tesfagabr, Niamh Walsh, Isabella Ward, Grace Wilding.



# Good news

## Teacake challenge

Catering students in Year 9 took part in the 'Tunnock's Teacake Challenge'. This year's theme was 'The Natural World'.

Students needed to present a stunning dish using creativity and a variety of skills and the idea needed to embrace diversity, sustainability and healthy eating.

The students rose to the challenge!

Well done to Evannie Fleming and Lily Wilding whose entries have been entered into the competition.



# Year 7 Update

Ms Maxwell, Head of Year 7

Year 7 students have had a wonderful half term!

Straight after Easter, we held our second Rewards Assembly. This time, we were able to hold the event in person, rather than online. This gave students the opportunity to be awarded their certificates in front of the whole year group and all of our Year 7 Pastoral staff. Cue some very proud Form Tutors! Students were awarded with certificates for several categories, including academic progress or effort, demonstrating our Ullathorne Way values and 100% Attendance for the term. Awards were also given by Pastoral staff for going 'above and beyond' in some way. A special congratulations goes to Harvey for winning the accolade of 'Highest number of Ace points and no Behaviour points', both this time around and last. Not an easy category!

Following on from 7SC's wonderful assembly at the end of last term on Racism, 7MA and 7EE have led assemblies this half term on Resilience and What God Means To Us.

The whole form group contributes in some way as the students plan and deliver these assemblies themselves and they have all done a wonderful job with the concept, creation and delivery. Highlights include highly impressive PowerPoints, personal prayers and a Drama scene.

While the football season came to a close recently, the Year 7 team did themselves proud by reaching the Semi Final of the Coventry Cup. They were sadly unable to progress to the final, succumbing 3-1 to a very strong side. Our thanks go to Mr Dillow and Mr Astley for their managing debut! The sporting success continued for Cerys with her trampolining, coming 3rd in the Coventry West School Games. Well done! Our congratulations also go to both the girls and boys as both teams played football at the AT7 Centre recently. They played amazingly well and **were joint winners with Grace Academy. The girls' team was:** Hollie Shakespeare, Macey James, Mary Flynn, Lola Green, Savannah Fleming, Ava-Lille Harrison and Kiret Ghatora. **The boys' team was:** Iyinoluwa Lawal, Aden Groom, Archie Galdins, Lucas Goodman, Daniel Tutty and Kanye Oguamanam. Players of their matches were Macey and Kanye. Miss Gill was particularly impressed by all of the players' teamwork, respect and honesty. Thank you to Miss Gill for organising this.

I encourage you to sign up your child for the two trips currently on offer to Year 7 students: the Big Bang Science Fair in June and the End of Year trip to West Midlands Safari Park on Thursday 14 July. A further letter regarding the trip to the Safari Park will be sent out towards the end of June.

As the half term break nears, we have several Platinum Jubilee activities to look forward to which will be undertaken within Form Time this week.

On behalf of all the Year 7 Pastoral staff we wish you and your families a lovely half term break.



## Year 7 key dates

13 June 2022

End of Year exams commence

# Year 8 and 9 Update

Mrs Jeremiah, Head of Year 8 and 9

Hello everyone. We are approaching May half term and up to now have been blessed with some good weather. Let us hope that this continues into the holiday.

The Awards assembly held after the Easter break was a lovely occasion enabling us to celebrate all of our students who have worked hard and followed our Ullathorne Way values. Well done to all of our students who received an award.

We also have two more fabulous form assemblies to look forward at the end of May with more to come in June and July.

8TF will be delivering an Assembly on the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, a wonderful occasion which we will be marking in school.

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.

A particular mention goes to our Year 9 boys who reached the West Midlands school cup final and lost on penalties. We are very proud of them all. I always say the best team does not always win!

Charity fund raising: We are very proud of a selection of our Year 8 boys who have shaved their heads in support of a young man who is being treated for leukemia. They have raised over £400 in school alone! These boys embody our Ullathorne Way values in every way.

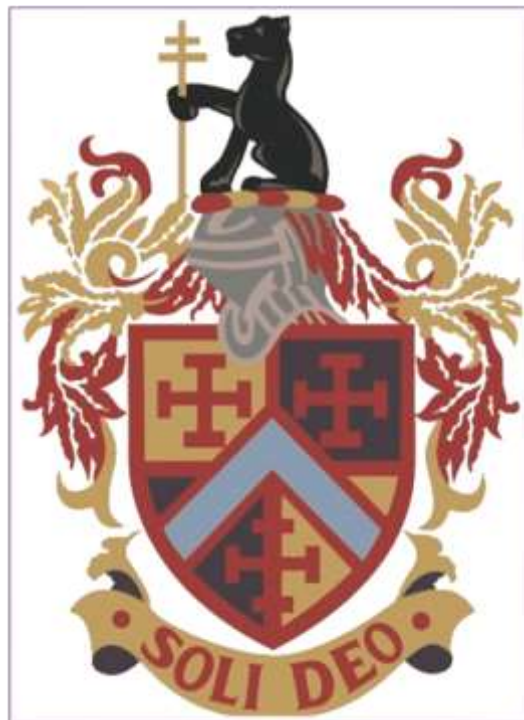
Trips/ visitors: We have a wonderful trip to Drayton Manor to look forward to in July.

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

Special mention also goes to the following students for achieving the highest amount of Ace points in their year group: Elizabeth Oyedele - 244 Ace points and Maame McSam - 219 Ace points. Very well done to you both!

That just leaves me to say have a wonderful half term break and stay safe.

God bless.



## Year 8 key dates

13 June 2022

End of Year exams commence

## Year 9 key dates

13 June 2022

End of Year exams commence

12 July 2022

Vaccinations

## Year 10 key dates

w/b 27 June 2022

End of Year examinations  
commence

## Year 11 key dates

11 & 12 July 2022

Sixth Form induction

# Year 10 and 11 Update

Miss Durkan, Head of Year 10 and 11

What an incredibly busy term it has been, with so much to celebrate across both year groups:

To Year 11, before the start of their examinations they began some of the annual leavers' traditions. Firstly there was the Year 11 Awards, by Year 11 for Year 11, every year some kind and some humorous awards are shared among the year

group and this year was no different; from most fearless, to most likely to headline at Glastonbury - only time will tell. After the assembly fun, there was shirt signing which stretched across two break times. With spirits high and a genuine desire to wish each other well, Year 11 students successfully turned their once crisp white shirts into a memento of their time at Bishop Ullathorne. The following day, Fr Chris Yule arrived from Alton to celebrate Leavers' Mass with staff, students and parents. After two years of restrictions, it was truly beautiful to share such a lovely day with everyone. It was brilliant to hear hymns being sung after such a long time of silence by our Key Stage 3 choir and to hear the words of encouragement and belief shared by Fr Chris - and not to forget his last minute tip - to pray to St Joseph of Cupertino for your examinations. After Mass, our celebrations continued with the awarding of the Roman Matuszak Memorial Cup - our very worthy winner of 2022 being the wonderful Sydney Mosley. This was swiftly followed by the lovely words of each of our form tutors (many of whom have been with their groups since Year 7). To finish off the lovely afternoon, Denzel Kira gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the year group in spoken word style.

Just three days after this celebration, our Year 11 students were lining up on the playground ready to go into their first examination, and although the examination season is not over yet - we can all say in full sincerity that they have managed themselves brilliantly and have been a credit to both us at school and to parents and carers at home.

Year 11 students have set a great example for our Year 10 students and we hope that they will be able to meet that high expectation. We had a lovely Year 10 Awards assembly at the start of the term - it was brilliant to be in a position to celebrate the many amazing characters that make up this group of young people and who have so much potential. So much progress and effort has been made by so many. I hope that they are proud of these achievements.

During tutor time this term, Year 10 students have been learning about and discussing the importance of revision; they have their end of year examinations in the week beginning Monday 27 June so we hope that they are beginning to revise at home to consolidate their Year 10 learning. This will be very important to ensure that everyone achieves their very best.

Year 10 students also have their end of year trip to Drayton Manor to look forward to in the coming half term. This will hopefully be a great opportunity for them to enjoy a day away from learning and celebrate their successes.

We wish both year groups every success in their examinations and hope that they have a restful half term.

Take care and God Bless.

# Sixth Form Update

Mrs Casey, Head of Sixth Form

Our Year 13 students are gearing up for their A level examinations, which run until Friday 24 June. Our Year 13s have shown great resilience over the last two years and have been working incredibly hard during difficult and changing circumstances. We would like to take this opportunity to wish them all the very best of luck.

Our Year 12 students will be taking their end of year examinations from Monday 6 June. This will give them an opportunity to shine and demonstrate all that they have learnt so far. We would like to wish all of our Year 12 students a successful experience.

A number of our Year 13 students have pursued Level 6 Apprenticeships, attending assessment days and subsequently being called for interview. Congratulations to the three students who so far have been offered apprenticeships in Nursing, Quantity Surveying and Project Management. A great achievement.

Sixteen students in Year 12 and 13 attended an IntoUniversity session on supporting Mental Health and Well-being. The session gave students coping strategies and advice and guidance on how to juggle all of the complex elements of everyday life while remaining calm and in control. Students said the session was really useful and that they felt that they could take the things they had learnt and apply them in their everyday lives.

This half term, 19 Year 12 students applied to be part of our Student Leadership Team. Their applications were outstanding and the Senior Leadership Team selected 10 students to be interviewed by Mr Billings and Mrs Casey. All students who were interviewed will have a role within our Student Leadership Team and we would like to say a huge congratulations to them all.

## 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

### 28 June 2022

Higher Education workshop

## Year 13 key dates

### Fortnightly

Enrichment and work experience opportunities emailed to students

### 27 May 2022

Deadline for Student Finance applications for students applying to University

### 27 May 2022

Leavers' Mass at 12.15pm in A Block Hall, parents and carers welcome

### 8 July 2022

Leavers' Ball at The Manor Hotel

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# Careers Update

Mrs Bellingham, Careers Adviser

## Key Stage 3

- Year 8 students played the 'What's my Line' game with invited professionals representing healthcare, politics, science, finance and IT. After asking prepared questions to try to guess the occupation, students listened to a presentation to find out about career pathways in these sectors. Thank you to all of our guests who contributed to this event.

## Key Stage 4

- Mrs Bellingham will continue to offer help and support to all Year 11 students as required and can be contacted via email or telephone.
- Mrs Bellingham will deliver an options presentation to Year 10 students in CPSHE in June to inform them of career pathways available to them after Year 11 and explain entry requirements and how to apply.
- 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

- Advanced Notice: Year 12s will be taking part in a speed interview workshop in June to help them to continue to develop their employability skills.
- 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.

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 2022

# 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.

# 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.