

# Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School



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## Message from our Headteacher

It's been another busy half term and after a much deserved half term break it is great to see our young people back and raring to go.

On our return from half term we have celebrated Shrove Tuesday together and marked the solemnity of Ash Wednesday as a community. This is the first period of Lent we will have been able to fully embrace together since 2019. It was wonderful to witness our chaplaincy team leading the Ash Wednesday service with such eloquence and reverence. The whole school community were respectful and prayerful. It was a great reminder of the power of our faith community when we are able to come together.

As you are no doubt aware, since the end of February all legal COVID restrictions have been lifted. We are still encouraging students to wear masks in public places around the school, although we will no longer be providing masks to students who do not bring one in from home. If you are able to complete a Lateral Flow Test and discover that your child has COVID, we are still recommending a five day period of isolation before returning to school.

As Spring approaches there will be plenty of opportunities to make the most of the lighter evenings with clubs and activities after school. Please do encourage your child to get involved in one of the wonderful activities we have after school.

Mr Billings, Headteacher



Almighty and ever living God,

You invite us deeper into Your world, Your people, Your Lent.

May this time be one of outward focus; seeking You in those we often ignore.

Help us live a Lent focused on freedom, generosity, and encounter.

Give us hearts hungry to serve You, and those who need what we have to give.

Bishop Ullathorne, pray for us.



# Good news

## Mathematics challenge

**Hegarty champions** for most learning hours during February were:

Year 7 - Darion Bagu

Year 8 - Joy Lukelo

Year 9 - Larissa Nzeyimana

Year 10 - Tracey William

Year 11 - Kimberley Nuamah

## Looking to the future

A group of 22 Year 8 students spent the day at Warwick University exploring career pathways and experiencing what life at University is really like.

After spending time asking undergraduates questions about what led them to university, they were taken on a tour of the campus to see what the facilities were like.

Later, they were given an insight into a *day in the life* of an Engineering student and then tackled a series of engineering problems that they might face if they chose a career in engineering.

Problem solving, discussion and presenting creative solutions to their group allowed our Year 8 to shine and showcase their skills.

A wonderful and thought provoking day was had by all.

## Art competition

Year 9 students have been invited to take part in our annual Art competition. The theme this year is Movies. Students need to produce a postcard sized design based on their favourite film or character and the selected winner will receive art equipment and a sketchbook. The closing date is Monday 4 April 2022.



## Rising stars

Year 13 students studying A Level Spanish took a trip to London in February to watch La Casa de



Bernarda Alba at the Cervantes Theatre. The theatre is dedicated to staging productions in both Spanish and English languages and will assist our students in their forthcoming Spanish curriculum examinations. A lovely time was had by all and they even managed to fit in dinner in London before returning home.

## Fish heroes

The catering department were the lucky recipients of four cases of wild Alaska pink salmon. The initiative is part of The Fish in Schools Hero programme that aims to ensure students get the chance to prepare, cook and eat fish before they leave school, whilst also promoting awareness of sustainability and the benefits of wild fish.

Students in Year 9 will have the opportunity to attend a free afterschool masterclass to learn about the nutritional benefits of fish, the importance of sustainability and how to prepare and cook salmon.





# Good news

## Designers

Year 9 Product Design students have all taken part in a nationwide competition called Design Ventura. Students were challenged to design a product that would be suitable to be sold at the gift shop of the Design Museum in London.



Students first considered which target groups visit the Design Museum, and then individually created a range of designs that would appeal to tourists, families and children or design enthusiasts. Then students joined together as groups of four and pitched their chosen design to the class. They had to explain the materials it would be made from and how sustainable the design is.

Only one design can be submitted to Design Ventura from each participating school. Our entry from Bishop Ullathorne is Ferris Photos by Natalia Gorecka, Emilia Latkowska, Holly Carter and Miriam Bwami. The judges will now look through all entries and put together a shortlist of eight schools. The final winning product will be manufactured and sold in the Design Museum gift shop, with all proceeds going to charity. Good luck to our team!

**Research and Initial Design Ideas:**

*this idea can also be used as a missing picture stand*

Originally we worked on our own to come up with a range of different ideas. Some of us were aiming our designs at tourists. We then got into a group of 4 and discussed our 16 ideas.

This design was originally a jewellery stand that can also be used as photo stand.

We talked about the idea and all decided that it would be better as just a photo stand.

*this idea is going to be made out of recycled cardboard. It is a ferris wheel which rotates. It is where you can hang your jewellery so it doesn't get tangled (beautiful, gold etc)*

It was going to be able to be moved by hand to show the different pictures but we thought that having a motor to rotate it at the same speed would be better.

We also discussed the materials and changed it from recycled cardboard to Smile Plastics. This is because it would be more sturdy and wouldn't break as easily. This is important because if someone spent £15 on a product they would want it to be good quality and not break after a short time.

**Target Audience:** It is mostly aimed at tourists visiting the Design Museum but can also appeal to anyone who likes photos. For tourists we have made sure it is light to carry. They only need one photo frame to hold 7 photos and it can be used with Polaroid pictures or any photo as it has clips.

**Packaging:** this will be a thin box made of light materials like cardboard that has already been recycled and can be recycled again. It will have a Eurohole to hang on the shelves.

**Materials and Manufacturing:** laser cutting Smile Plastics for the product with components of a motor and LED and wires and a battery clip. The packaging will be recycled card which can be laser cut or die cut. It will be folded together so no glue or staples are used.

**We like these Smile Plastics colours:**

**Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School, Coventry – Team Members: Natalia Gorecka, Emilia Latkowska, Holly Carter, Miriam Bwami**

# Good news

## Duke of Edinburgh

Year 10 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh students have started training for their summer expedition. Over the course of the Spring term they will gain an insight into a range of different skills that will assist them in the completion of their expedition unit as part of their award. They have started with map reading skills, learning about grid references and will move on to compass skills and planning their own routes. Alongside this they will also



develop the range of skills needed to complete the overnight stay including putting a tent up, cooking outdoors on a Trangia stove and planning the right nutritious foods to take with them to keep them sustained throughout the expedition.

As a school, we have over 60 students in Year 10 taking part in the scheme and we are delighted to see students putting their Ullathorne Way values into action.

Our Silver Duke of Edinburgh students in Year 12 have also started this month; they are completing their initial sections Physical, Volunteering and Skills as well as their expedition training.

Miss Newell and Mr Burns, who run the scheme, are immensely proud of the students commitment to the awards and look forward to the expeditions in the Summer. The Duke of Edinburgh scheme is renowned world wide and it will really benefit our students in the future.

## Golden Compass

We have been fortunate enough to have been offered the opportunity to hold Bushcraft and Forest School activities with our Year 7 Golden Compass club. These weekly sessions have been organised and run by Rangers from Brandon Marsh Nature Centre. Our students have thoroughly enjoyed these sessions and have learnt all about the birds who live on our school site, hedgehogs and invertebrate, building dens and making nests. Our Ullathorne Values of compassion, eloquence, being attentive, wise and curious have really shone through, as students have embraced each and every activity regardless of the weather. Miss Isabella and Ms Hurley are very proud of the commitment and enthusiasm shown by our Year 7 Golden Compass members.



# Good news

## PE Football

Year 7 boys: Currently the boys are in two competitions; the Coventry Schools Cup and the quarter finals of the West Midlands Schools' Cup. They are due to play Sandwell Academy in March.

Year 8 boys: The team remain in the Coventry Schools' Cup and are waiting to find out who their next opponents will be.

Year 9 boys: Since their defeat in the English Schools' Cup, the boys have had and are now in the quarter finals of the West Midlands Schools' Cup. They will face Coleshill School and if they win that game they will be playing Cardinal Newman in the semi-finals. They are also still in the Coventry Schools' Cup.

Year 10 and 11 boys: Both teams remain in the Coventry Schools' Cup with Year 10 waiting to find out who their next opponents will be. Year 11 are due to play Ernesford Grange.

The combined Year 10 and 11 team are at the quarter final stage of the Coventry Telegraph Cup and will play North Leamington School. This is one of the most prestigious trophies in the area for this age group with the final being held at the Coventry Building Society Arena.

Year 7 and 8 girls: The girls continue to work hard on Monday nights at their practice sessions and have made some really good progress over the past few months. The team remains in the West Midlands Schools' Cup and are due to play Aldridge School.

Year 9 and 10 girls: The girls have not played in a while but have made it to the semi-finals of the West Midlands Schools' Cup and are due to play Streetly Academy.

## Year 12 work experience

Ella Ashby: 'For two days I took part in work experience on a film set where we shot a cooking show for Barnardos. My role as a runner required me to help set up the equipment and make sure everyone had what they needed. I was taught how the audio boxes worked and how to operate a professional camera. It was a great experience and gave me a helpful insight into a possible career in the film industry.'

**Harry Davies:** 'Since September, I have been lucky enough to visit the office of Taiwo Owatemi MP (MP for Coventry North West) to undertake work experience. I have been helping with administrative work such as helping to organise public meetings. I have also been able to go out canvassing with Taiwo and others to make many connections which will hopefully help me enter this career in the future. Having this experience has made me absolutely certain that this is the career I'd like to go into.'

**Keira Burke:** 'During my work experience, I saw what it was really like to work in the healthcare industry, and was shown some of the skills that are essential for this line of work, such as empathy and understanding. I learned that making patients comfortable and calm is just as important as tending to their ailments, and that healthcare professional's roles include so much more than I expected. It was a very enlightening experience to see all of the responsibilities involved in just one aspect of the NHS. '

**Megan Quinn:** 'Since November, I have volunteered at All Souls' Catholic Primary School once a week. During my work experience, I have assisted with learning and reading which has furthered my understanding of cooperation. The time I have been there has inspired me to continue working in this field after University.'



# Sixth Form Update

Mrs Casey, Head of Sixth Form

Year 13 students continue to receive excellent University offers and are motivated to achieve their goal and secure the best grades possible. Student Finance England applications open at the end of February; it is important that students register as soon as possible to ensure funding is processed in a timely manner.

Those students in Year 13 looking towards gaining an apprenticeship are being supported by Mrs Bellingham.

The Year 12 students who were accepted on to the Realising Opportunities programme spent a morning at Warwick University as part of their induction programme.

Additionally, all Year 12 students will focus on their enrichment opportunities and develop their independent learning this term. Well done to all those students in Year 12 who have undertaken voluntary work in the community. Thank you to the four students who shared their work experiences opportunities in our good news section.

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, and will underpin Year 13 as they prepare for mock examinations in March.

God we are marked with ashes,  
Symbols of repentant hearts,  
And contrite spirits.  
We want to be transformed,  
To be made new,  
To learn the freedom,  
Of serving no other master but you.  
Let us heed your call,  
And walk with Christ,  
Into the wilderness.  
Help us to see beneath the surface,  
Not denial and sacrifice,  
Not sin and death,  
But transformation,  
New life in Christ.  
Let us seek to be changed,  
Let us seek to be so transfigured  
by your power and glory,  
That we desire above all else  
To become worthy citizens,  
Of your new world of peace and justice.  
Amen.



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## 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

### March 2022

Warwick Scholars applications open

### 25 March 2022

Trip to Birmingham University

Mock examinations commence

### 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 28 March 2022

Mock examinations commence

### w/b 23 May 2022

A Level examinations commence



# Careers Update

Mrs Bellingham, Careers Adviser



## Key Stage 3

- Job of the Week has been launched to Year 7 and 8 students and they will be watching short video clips on a variety of exciting occupations and discussing them with their Form Tutor.
- Careers sessions delivered by Mrs Bellingham to all Year 9 tutor groups has been completed. Students took 'The Buzz Test' on icould.com to learn about different personality types and were introduced to JED (Job Explorer Database), our careers guidance programme which all students have access to in school and at home. All Year 9 students were given our individual signing in information to use the programme at home if they wish to.

## Key Stage 4

- Individual careers guidance interviews are continuing with Year 11. Mrs Bellingham will be following up all Year 11 students to check on college and apprenticeship applications.
- Two Apprenticeship Workshops took place in school and students were able to book on to these sessions. Students received advice and guidance on applying for apprenticeships and were introduced to useful websites to find apprenticeship opportunities.
- Career Bite sessions continued during registration time and students enjoyed presentations from the Police and Engineering Apprenticeship providers. Planned sessions for early March are the Healthcare Sector, a Specialist Care Nurse and a Paramedic.
- 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

- 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.
- A *Meet with Industry* event is planned for March for Year 12 students.

There are resources for all year groups in the Careers Section of our website.



# Spotlight on SEND



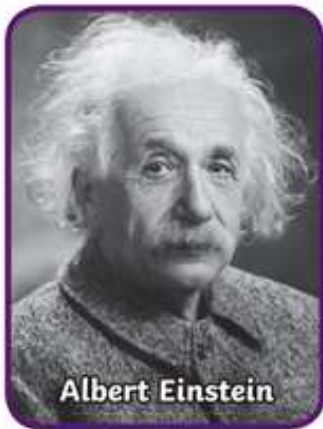
Mrs Salter, Special Educational Needs and Disability Co-ordinator

Dyslexia: a learning difficulty that affects the skills involved in accurate and fluent word reading and spelling. It can also affect the speed of processing information, include poor organisational skills and give people visual disturbance. Dyslexia occurs across the range of intellectual abilities.

Recently, we raised the profile of dyslexia in school, by getting involved in Dyslexia Awareness week. Some of our dyslexic students in Year 8 created a PowerPoint for tutors to show in form time. The students wanted their peers to understand what dyslexia is. Around the school were pictures of people with dyslexia who have overcome their difficulties, to become successful in their chosen field.

Our dyslexia champion in school is Ms Rattigan, who is available for advice and support to students with a diagnosis. She has time for mentoring and runs a Year 7 and 8 spelling group. Together, we also advise teachers on different ways to approach teaching and learning for students with dyslexia.

Our department is determined to help everyone make progress in their learning. Over the next few editions we will be sharing some of our ideas to help to break down barriers to learning.



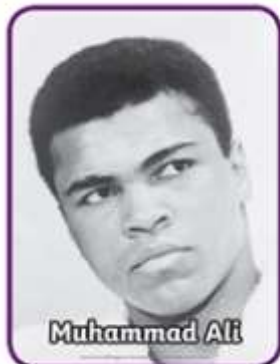
**Albert Einstein**



**Chris Robshaw**



**Holly Willoughby**



**Muhammad Ali**



**Maggie Aderin-Pocock**





# Term dates 2021-2022

Monday 28 February to Friday 8 April 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

## 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.

## Teacher Training Days 2021/2022

Monday 21 March 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

### 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 dates:

14 March 2022

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.