

# Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School



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## Message from our Headteacher

*"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."* John 8:12

This Spring term has probably been the most unusual school term I have ever experienced. I am sure that is the same for most of my colleagues and many of you at home. The sudden move to online learning, followed by the return to school, by way of lateral flow testing, has been unprecedented.

However, what has remained true throughout has been the resilience, compassion and attentiveness of our incredible young people. Although the school community has not been together through this Lenten journey, we have all been working incredibly hard.



The messages of Lent: rejuvenation, rebirth and sacrifice - are incredibly relevant at the moment. We have been in a very dark place. However, there are genuine signs of recovery. Having the students back in school has been evidence of that. Hopefully, as restrictions start to lift over the Easter period, we will all start to feel like life is beginning to return to normal. The children will be bringing home another pack of lateral flow tests for the Easter period. By taking the test twice a week it will help to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 even further.

As we move through this dark period and into a more hopeful Summer, may I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very happy and blessed Easter. God Bless.

Chris Billings



Part of the Holy  
Cross Catholic  
MAC

Friday 28 May 2021

Additional Teacher Training Day



Chaplaincy representatives and team members led our Penitential Services in tutor time. It was a very calm, prayerful and peaceful way to start the morning and Holy Week.

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.

In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things.

I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.

Our saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.

In his name, my God, have mercy.

Bishop Ullathorne, Pray for us.

# Star students

Last month's subject superstars are as follows:

Subject	Superstar	Yr
Art	Gabriela Galczyńska	7
Art	Liam Sargent	7
Art	Joseph Honey	8
Art	Susan Tosin	8
Art	Phoebe Montemayor	9
Art	Faye Beasley	10
Art	Dylan Vine	11
Art Textiles	Cedric Jerald	7
Art Textiles	Gracie-Mae Bunn	8
Art Textiles	Ellie Dempsey	9
Art Textiles	Martha O'Shea	10
Art Textiles	Georgie Swindle	11
Business Studies	Jonida Murrizi	10
Business Studies	Ewan Grant	10
Business Studies	Louis Davenport	11
Business Studies	Mollie Radford	11
Business Studies	Harry Shore-Marston	12
Business Studies	Ella McKinney	12
Business Studies	Conor McPherson	13
Catering	Ethan Krol	7
Catering	Caitlin Ward	8
Catering	Cate Stewart-Winters	9
Catering	Kadie Hallinan	10
Catering	Bethany Caven	11
Computer Science	Niamh Brennan	7
Computer Science	Jack Littlewood	8
Computer Science	Libby Foley	9
Computer Science	Austin Fernandes	10
Computer Science	Osarobo Egbe	11
CPSHE	Roxy Swietlik	7
CPSHE	Aupurbo Rahman	8
CPSHE	Eleanor Bracey	9
CPSHE	Megan Gee	10
Drama	Layton Corden	7
Drama	Caitlin Anderson	7
Drama	Aupurbo Rahman	8
Drama	Mardochee Mongani	9
Drama	Megan Honey	10
Drama	Phoebe Marriott	11
English	Samuel Vallayil	7
English	Connor Hamill	7
English	Prudence Ejimkonye	8
English	Hilary Djeukam	8
English	Valerie Mbah	9



English	Ryan Timlin	10
English	Ebbie A. Nwemang	11
English	Hana Hussain	11
English	Lilybet Perry	11
Geography	Adam Abel	8
Geography	Ella Wilkinson	8
Geography	Esther Asamoah	9
Health & Social Care	Madeline Sadler	10
History	Terry Kasongo	7
History	Belinda Chihuri	8
History	Ewan Grant	10
History	Benedict Burch	11
History	Orla O'Shea	12
Mathematics	Phoebe Bolton	7
Mathematics	Asrom Daniel	7
Mathematics	Malgorzata Radecka	7
Mathematics	Eadie McElvenney	8
Mathematics	Cian Lodge	9
Mathematics	Klaudia Bogacka	9
Mathematics	Melanie Nkundwa	10
Mathematics	Ewan Grant	10
Mathematics	Dilane Cheumengacha	11
Mathematics	Reid Bolton	11
Media Studies	Aisha Chaudhry	12
Music	Liam Gavin	7
Music	Essey Petros	8
Music	Sharon Osamor	9
Music	Austin Fernandes	10
Music	Kiera Burke	11
PE	George Hicks	7
PE	Terry Kasongo	7
PE	Ava Mullally	8
PE	Niamh Walsh	10
Product Design	Noah Wiles	7
Product Design	Ella Wilkinson	8
Product Design	Kesel Bipin	9
Product Design	Maria Cosgriff	10
Product Design	Dylan Vine	11
RE	Lynette Chihuri	7
RE	Ketsia Kado	7
RE	Jason Mukwama	8
RE	Ella Wilkinson	8
RE	Damian Turner	9
RE	Patrycja Kmak	9
RE	Tasian Whelan	10
RE	James Carpenter	10
RE	Hana Hussain	11

Science	Maame McSam	7
Science	Amber Cooper	8
Science	Eleanor Bracey	9
Science	Beryl Essel	10
Science	Kevin Vallayil	10
Science	Tasian Whelan	10
Science	Arjun Ravel	11
Science	Laura Nicol	11
Science	Michelle Ncube	11
Sociology	Hanny Barry	12
Sociology	Alexandra Danellakis	13
Spanish	Edie Graham	7
Spanish	Tony Luong	7
Spanish	Liam Gavin	7
Spanish	Ethan Ward	13
Spanish	Aleksandra Statchura	13
Spanish	Avery De Vera	13
Spanish	Tracey Writer	13



# Good news

## Poetry competition

**Congratulations** to Amba McKenna (Year 11) who won third place in the Perfect Pets Animal Antics Poetry Competition. This is a wonderful achievement from so many entries. Well done Amba. We are very proud of you.

## Not Just a Dog

Your glistening eyes staring into my soul  
At that moment in time I knew I had to take  
you home

Your luscious fawn coat where my fingers like  
to run down

Because you my darling, you deserve to  
take the crown

Your cheeky smile melts my heart  
Those pearly white teeth are a work of art

People say you're just a dog, to me you're  
so much more

You're the little boy I fell in love with whom I'll  
forever love and adore

You will never know this, but you are my  
saviour

Protecting me from perplexing thoughts  
which lead to danger

I promise to never leave your side  
Boy, I'm here for you until the end of time

## Public speaking

**Congratulations** to Year 11 students, Harry Davies, Bartosz Zygowski, and Benjamin Cooper, who competed in the English Speaking Union Regional Final.

The boys performed brilliantly amidst excellent competition from seven other teams. The standard in this region was incredibly high as noted by the judges and we were informed that it was a very close call to choose a winning team.

Although the team was not chosen to proceed to the National Final we are so proud of the achievement and for how they represented Bishop Ullathorne so well.

## Mathematics challenge

**Hegarty champions** for most learning hours during February and March are:

Year 7 - Kojo Antwi-Nuamah

Year 8 - Roderick Kabuye

Year 9 - Jessie Shabani

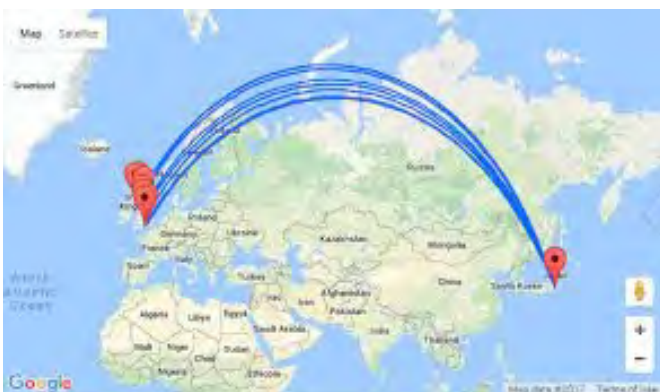
Year 10 - Hilary Amoah

Year 11 - Hana Hussain

## Road to Tokyo

The PE department is running (quite literally) a new challenge. Students, staff, and parents/carers are completing as many miles as possible each week. Our aim is to reach Tokyo, the home of the next Olympics, before July. We need to cover 6984 miles either walking, running, or cycling. We have 373 people taking part and we have travelled 2925 miles at time of publication.

If you would like to join in, download the Strava app and search for Bishop Ullathorne.



# Good news

Year 9 Catering students have been taking part in a challenge using a Tunnock's Tea Cake. Tunnock's runs an annual competition to encourage students to think about food styling and create an interesting presentation that fulfils a theme. The theme for 2021 was 'Tea Cake Travels Around the World'. Students had to focus on elements of decoration, added features and eye-catching presentation. We were very impressed with the range and originality of ideas. The top 5 students in each group were as follows:

9A	9B	9C	9D
Rhiannon Williams	Jenny Jaison	Abby Middleton	Cate Stewart-Winters
Alexander Groves	Lola-Rose Roberts	Olivia Kruk	Ciaran Richards
Prudence Ejimkonye	Ela Kirkwood	Joshua Turley	Sofia Monsanto
Holly Lewis	Katrina St John	Ciaran Lodge	Sreoshi Ahmed
Darcie Hitchcox	Sarah Fox	Patrycja Kmak	Alexander Quayle



The Art department have received an amazing amount of Artwork since the start of January and it is with immense pleasure, pride, and gratitude that we can showcase some of the wonderful work. Below is just some of the fantastic amount of skill and techniques on show. We are in awe of what has been created.

Year 7: Digital manipulations created on the tablet around the theory of colour

Year 8: Hand observational studies turned into dream-like creations

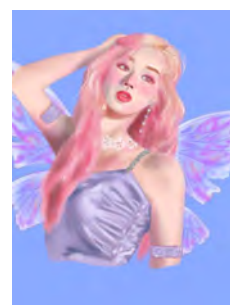
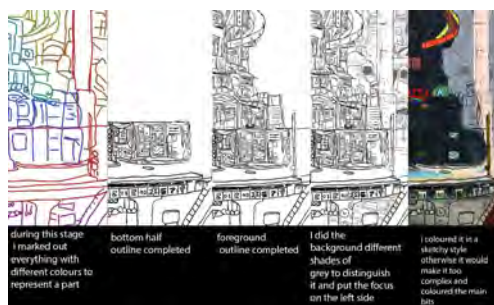
Year 9: Perspective of a room turned into Surreal worlds

Year 10: Digital tablet drawings and hand drawn futurist landscapes

Year 11: Development work around the themes of Disguise, Fragment, Hands and Personal Collection

Year 12: Art, Graphics, and Photography work showcasing work around the themes of Natural Form, Contrast, and Viewpoints

Year 13: Personal Investigation work around their own themes of Illusion and Identity



# Year 7 Update

Ms Maxwell, Head of Year 7

It was truly an exciting moment to be able to welcome Year 7 back to school after the latest lockdown. Our students have had so many changes to adapt to throughout their time with us and each time they manage to rise to the challenge; we are very proud of them!

It was lovely to see them all together again and hearing their excited chatter, to see them hard at work in their lessons and having fun participating in their usual group games at break times or just catching up.

As we approach the Easter holidays, we are looking forward to being able to present several of the students with the Silver Character Passport. We are delighted that they were self-motivated enough to do this from home and thank parents for their support with this. In order to embark on the Gold Award in the Summer term, students do need to have completed their Silver Award first. We do appreciate that some will have struggled to do this from home without staff support and do not wish this to prevent them from getting the Gold Award. Therefore, we are offering a final deadline extension of Friday 30 April for any student who wishes to achieve the Silver Award.

The Summer term can then be devoted to the next achievement, which is a highly recognised award showing excellent leadership. Congratulations to all of those who have achieved the Bronze and Silver Award this term.



## Year 7 key dates

Monday 14 June 2021

End of year examinations commence for three weeks.



# Year 8 and 9 Update

Mrs Jeremiah, Head of Year 8 and 9

It is so lovely to have all of our students back in school for face-to-face learning. So many of our students continue to be grateful for the education they continue to receive and they are enjoying being back in the classroom and interacting with their peers. It has been a very busy time for Year 8 and 9 students as we have settled back into the reality of school life and continued our Lenten journey together.

Year 8 have been working hard on their Silver Passport awards and Year 9 have had the very important job of choosing their Options. I have been impressed with how sensible and efficient Year 9 have been throughout this process.

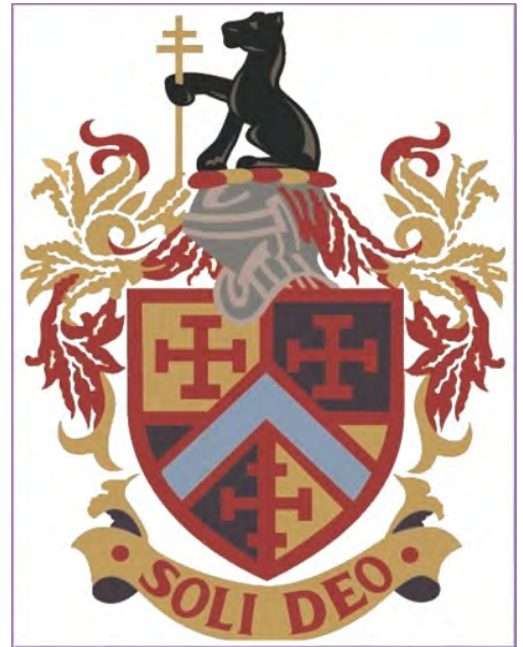
Year 8 are also top of the table in our Strava run to Tokyo, a great way to stay fit and healthy together. Well done! I know that I have done my bit to add to this target.

The majority of our students are coping admirably with the new challenges, showing resilience and continuing to follow our Ullathorne Way values.

Assemblies continue to be delivered on line. I look forward to a time when students can again start leading the Assemblies themselves.

Numerous activities have been taking place and awards given out over the last few weeks. I would like to take this opportunity to also thank all of our students for their massive contribution to our Easter Egg appeal for the needy and homeless in our school and wider community. I know that this was a resounding success and reflects the generosity and compassion which our students have.

As always, we encourage our high standards regarding behaviour and ask that our students are 'kind always'. Have a very happy, holy and peaceful Easter holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school for the Summer term.



## Year 8 key dates

Monday 14 June 2021

End of year examinations  
commence for three weeks.

## Year 9 key dates

Monday 14 June 2021

End of year examinations  
commence for three weeks.





# Year 10 and 11 Update

Miss Durkan, Head of Year 10 and 11

What a return to school we have had in Key Stage 4 - a term like no other! After the first two days it felt, for most, like we had never been away. By the end of the second week there were a lot of tired looking students who were happy to know that we only had nine more academic get ups to go! It may have taken us a couple of weeks to get back into the full swing of things and to remember to adhere to all of the rules and expectations - but we are back now in a great place; Year 10 learning is going well and Year 11 students have coped admirably with all of the changes that have befallen their whole year group. For Year 11, their journey has been very disjointed and with formal examinations cancelled again this year, they could easily feel 'hard done by.' However, I would encourage Year 11 and Year 10 students to focus on their successes and the skills that they have gained during this pandemic period.

Since our return, both year groups have successfully readjusted to face-to-face learning and they have demonstrated their resilience and dedication to schoolwork. Every teacher can regale the names of students who have impressed them and I can honestly say that for staff there is a tangible relief to have our students back in class with us. I hope that all of our students are proud of their efforts so far. As already mentioned in this newsletter, our Key Stage 4 team is exceptionally proud of Anne and Amba for their literary success; we hope that their passion for literacy and the arts continue to flourish in the years to come.

## Year 10 key dates

14 June 2021

End of year examinations  
commence for three weeks.

## Year 11 key dates

4 May 2021

Assessments commence for  
three weeks.



As part of our Lenten journey of prayer, fast and charity, our students have been brilliant in their generosity. Between both year groups they have donated over 60 Easter Eggs and, to date, their loose change collection has raised over £165 for our Coventry Foodbank Fundraising efforts. It is great to see our young people accepting that they can play a part, no matter how small, in helping those in our city who are less fortunate than themselves.

I wish our students a Happy and Holy Easter and look forward to their return in April.

# Sixth Form Update

Mrs Casey, Head of Sixth Form

We were delighted to welcome our Sixth Form students back for their A Level lessons. They have a mature approach to developing their study skills. We are ensuring that the VESPA A Level Mindset programme is intrinsic in motivating students to achieve their very best.

Year 12 students are being reminded to continue their enrichment activities and record their reflections in their log book.

The Gresham College has an amazing wealth of lectures, which would benefit all of our students. Likewise, Speakers for Schools [library section](#) is a valuable resource.

This term, we have confirmation of students participating in Realising Opportunities, the Sutton Trust Summer School and a Cambridge University Masterclass.

Weekly emails to students highlight virtual work experience, which has resulted in placements during the Easter holiday.

Most of our Year 13 students are now confirming their firm and insurance UCAS choices. Student Finance England is now processing loan applications. Students seeking apprenticeships receive the latest opportunities via our Careers Adviser.

While we cannot underestimate the challenge our students have faced with the disruption this year, their resilience, enthusiasm and hard work will enable them to reach their goals. We are very proud of them all.



## Year 12 key dates

### Every morning

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

### Every Thursday

Virtual enrichment opportunities emailed to students

### Summer Term

Focus on Higher Education research

### End of year exams

Week beginning Monday 14 June

## Year 13 key dates

### Every Morning

Form Time with Form Tutors for bespoke skills and enrichment programme

### Every Thursday

Virtual enrichment opportunities emailed to students

### Student Finance England (SFE)

<https://www.gov.uk/contact-student-finance-england>

### Assessments

Week beginning Monday 26 April

# Term dates 2020-2021

## Summer

Monday 19 April to Friday 28 May 2021

## Half Term

Monday 7 June to Wednesday 21 July 2021

# Term dates 2021-2022

## Autumn

Friday 3 September 2021—Year 7 and 12 Students ONLY

Monday 6 September to Friday 22 October 2021

## Half Term

Tuesday 2 November to Friday 17 December 2021

## Spring

Tuesday 4 January to Thursday 17 February 2022

## Half Term

Monday 28 February to Friday 8 April 2022

## Summer

Monday 25 April to Friday 27 May 2022

## Half Term

Monday 6 June to Friday 22 July 2021

## Whole school events

Friday 28 May 2021

Additional Teacher Training Day

Monday 21 June 2021

Teacher Training Day

## Teacher Training Days 2021/2022

Thursday 2 September 2021

Friday 1 October 2021

Monday 1 November 2021

Monday 21 March 2022

Friday 24 June 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

Black knee length. A Trutex black pleated skirt is recommended.

### Shoes

Smart, sensible and conventional, plain black outdoor shoes. NO TRAINERS.

Easter Services 2021	
<b>All Souls</b>	
Good Friday –	9.30am (Office of Readings and Morning Prayer)
	3.00pm – Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
	7.00pm – Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday –	9.30am (Office of Readings and Morning Prayer)
	8.30pm – Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	9.30am & 11.15am Mass
<b>St Anne's</b>	
Palm Sunday –	9.00am
Holy Monday	NO MASS
Easter Sunday –	9.00am
<b>Our Lady of the Assumption</b>	
Good Friday –	3.00pm Passion, 6.00pm – Stations of the Cross (Livestreamed)
Holy Saturday –	10.00am (Office of Readings and Morning Prayer (Livestreamed)
Easter Vigil –	5.00pm
Easter Sunday –	11.00am
<b>St John Vianney</b>	
Good Friday	3.00pm Passion, 6.00pm – Stations of the Cross. (Livestreamed)
Holy Saturday –	10.00am (Office of Readings and Morning Prayer). Livestreamed)
Easter Vigil –	7.00pm
Easter Sunday –	9.30am
<b>St Mary And Benedict</b>	
Good Friday	10.00am – Stations of the cross in the morning . (No Booking)
	3.00pm the Passion of the Lord (Booking)
Holy Saturday	7.00pm – Easter Vigil (Booking)
Easter Sunday	9.30am & 11.30am (Booking at both Masses)
<b>St Thomas More's</b>	
Holy Thursday	Mass 7.30pm
Good Friday	Liturgy 3.00pm
Easter Sunday	7.30pm (Vigil Mass) and 9.00am