

# Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School



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## Message from our Headteacher

As we approach May half term, it is beginning to feel as if the world is returning to some form of new normal. A little bit of sunshine would certainly add to the tentative optimism in school.

However, we have plenty to be grateful for. Our incredibly resilient Year 11 and 13 students have worked hard over the last few weeks to complete assessments and gather evidence for their centre assessed grades. As a school we recognise that they have not had the experience over the last year they deserve. Teachers are therefore working tirelessly to provide opportunities for our young people to be the best person they can be. They are a testament to your support and love in the home across a very difficult year.

We wish our Year 11s the very best for the Summer and look forward to seeing many of them back with us in September. For our Year 13s, we know that they have left a footprint here in our community, I hope that they will take a piece of Bishop Ullathorne with them as they move on through their lives.

I have written to everyone separately this week to outline some changes to school entrances and exits from Monday 7 June. The letter also includes exciting news about our uniform updates from September 2021.

I wish you all a blessed and restful half term.

God bless,

Chris Billings



Hail, Holy Queen,  
Mother of Mercy,  
our Life, our Sweetness,  
and our Hope.

To Thee do we cry,  
poor banished children of Eve.

To Thee do we send up  
our sighs mourning and weeping  
in this valley of tears. Turn then,  
most gracious Advocate, Thine Eyes  
of Mercy toward us, and after this our  
exile show unto us the Blessed Fruit  
of thy Womb, Jesus.  
O clement, O loving,  
O sweet Virgin Mary.  
Pray for us O Holy Mother of God;  
That we may be made worthy of  
the promises of Christ.

# Good news

## Dyson

Year 10 Product Design students have been learning more about manufacturing and polymers by using the Engineering Box from the James Dyson Foundation. The first activity was to disassemble



a DC39 vacuum cleaner, to understand how parts are put together and why materials have been chosen for different sections. Then



students worked in pairs to disassemble the

Carbon Fibre Turbine Head, and the Tangle Free Turbine Head, to compare how they solve different problems. The resources provided by the JDF also enabled students to discover more about careers in design and manufacturing and the different jobs that are available at Dyson.

## Making a difference

**Congratulations** to Tracey and Stacey William in Year 9. They sang with Gareth Malone at Coventry Cathedral last year for Children in Need and also took part in a short interview with Little Mix on BBC Radio 1. Follow the link for more details: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c\\_Vy9lshR-Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c_Vy9lshR-Y)

## Mathematics challenge

**Hegarty champions** for most learning hours during April are:

Year 7 - Dawid Zielinski

Year 8 - Roderick Kabuye and Noel Robin

Year 9 - Emmanuel Oum Ndebi

Year 10 - Natnael Kifle

Year 11 - Rebecca Cortese

## Dramarama

Year 8 students have been working on Comedy this term in Drama. As part of the work, they have had to adapt a basic script to include costume, slapstick and funny lines. To develop their creative and collaborative skills, the students designed a crazy comedy costume from their own uniform and then took part in a comedy fashion show. They have all risen to the task admirably and here are some highlights below:

## Library Book Clubs

We are now running two book clubs in the library for all book lovers in Years 7 and 8. These are informal groups where students chat about the books which they are currently reading, books they love and hate and make recommendations to each other about the next books to read.

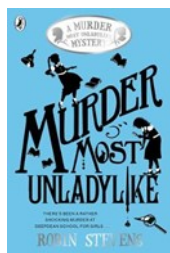
Year 7: Monday second break

Year 8: Tuesday second break



# Good news

## Brand new books in the library!



- Crime-solving meets boarding school fun! We now have the whole of this hugely popular series ready to borrow from your school library.

- For all manga fans this series will be a welcome addition to the library – we now stock volumes I-VI

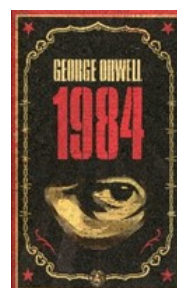


- We are also expanding our graphic novel range to include comic books. Our stock now features both DC and Marvel characters including Batman, Spiderman, X-Men, Suicide Squad and more.

- This much loved fantasy series is just about to air on Netflix and all three books of the trilogy are now available in the library to borrow.

- There are some fabulous new novels out this year and we have many of the top new releases in our library for you to really keep your finger on the pulse with your reading.

- And let's not forget our ever-growing collection of classics to aid English Literature studies or to expand their reading.



## Mathematics competition

Year 10 - Team 1	Year 10 - Team 2	Year 12
Maria Cosgriff	Angela Mathimannarajah	Vittoria Launchbury
Max Parham	Thomas Wilkinson	Lorcan Lenehan
Callum Sweeney	Anima Rahman	Kupakwashe Rabvukwa
Regina Crame	Maya Swales	Alex Tekle
	Noah Agakiza	Yuel Tesfagabr

Congratulations to our three teams which competed in the International Naboj Online Maths competition in April. Our teams had 120 minutes to work collaboratively, trying to solve as many given problems as possible. Naboj's questions encourage students to apply their mathematical knowledge to unusual and complex questions, requiring a certain amount of inventiveness and ingenuity.

Our Year 12 team came 32nd for UK teams within the Senior category and our two Year 10 teams were placed 12th and 13th within the UK's Junior category.

Well done to all students involved. We were very impressed with their teamwork and resilience.



# Year 7 Update

## Ms Maxwell, Head of Year 7

What a wonderful start to the Summer term our Year 7 students have made!

I am so proud that **nearly 60 students** have shown hard work and commitment and have gained their **Silver Character Passport Award**! It is really impressive that so many students have used their free time to work hard to achieve this. These students can now go on to aim for **Gold** this term by focusing on a project of their choice, which will enhance the school community. Students will be expected to work in a group, which will develop the skill of collaboration. The students who achieve Gold will have the opportunity to present their project in a celebration event at the end of term; we will invite parents of those students who have achieved Gold to this event.

Congratulations to all of these students on their achievement and my thanks go to Mrs Brown for organising this and to our Year 7 Form Tutors for supporting the students to help them meet the criteria.

With the easing of restrictions, we have been able to start to offer a range of break time and after school clubs and it has been lovely to see the interest and enthusiasm of Year 7 in wanting to take part and join in. There is a wide variety of clubs on offer including Writing Club, Book Club, Ceramics, Spanish Fantasy Football, Chess, Maths and Mindfulness Meditation. There is also a wide array of sporting activities! There's something for everyone so please encourage your child to sign up if they haven't done so already.

If you also have a child in Year 6 who will be joining our Bishop Ullathorne family in September, please be aware that we will be holding two Summer Schools this year. We are also pleased to be able to offer a more normal transition experience this year. We will be gathering relevant information from primary schools shortly and visiting students in June.



## 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

Well done to **Year 8** on a very positive start to our Summer term! I am so proud that 21 students have shown hard work and commitment and have gained their Gold Character Passport Award! These students can now decide this term to focus on a project of their choice, which will enhance the school community. Students will be expected to work in a group, which will develop the skill of collaboration. The students who achieve Gold will have the opportunity to present their project in a celebration event at the end of term; we will invite parents of those students who have achieved Gold to this event.

I would like to remind you as always of our high standards regarding uniform. Year 8 students overall have been good with meeting our standards. Keep this up!

I want to take this opportunity to wish our **Year 9** students a happy and safe half term holiday. I hope that your child has settled back into their school routine and are content to be back at school. They have one more half term before they enter in to their GCSE years so they need to continue to work hard and prepare fully.

We are aware that for some of our students, returning to school has been difficult and we are very proud that they are overcoming the obstacles that have been in their way. We are also conscious that being out of education after Christmas has had an impact on some of our students. To this end we would ask that if you have any concerns about your child's mental health or behaviour, please do contact us so that we can offer support.

The vast majority of Year 9 students in particular have returned to us with a very positive attitude and a maturity that clearly developed over the lockdown period. I am very grateful for this and hope this continues for the remainder of this academic year.

Year 9 have chosen their GCSE options now. Overall this went very smoothly which again is a credit to them all.

Finally I would like to thank you for your continued support with your child and our standards and values.

I hope that you all have a lovely half term break and that the sun shines on us all. God Bless and stay safe.



## 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.

Monday 14 June 2021

4-6pm Parents' Evening





# Year 10 and 11 Update

## Miss Durkan, Head of Year 10 and 11

**Year 10** students have continued to make progress in settling back into our school routines. Over the past few weeks, in tutor time, students have been preparing and thinking about their end of year examinations. They have been discussing different revision techniques and how to use revision timetables. It is very important that Year 10 students are revising at home to ensure that they achieve their best. We advise that they try to complete 4 blocks of 25 minutes every evening; this could include mindmapping, creating flash cards, and most importantly, answering examination questions.

Year 10 students are doing very well; however, some do need to make improvements to their uniform - trainers are not to be worn in place of shoes, blazers are compulsory and nose rings are not allowed. Full details of our uniform expectations can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

**Year 11** students have been brilliant this term; there has been a steely determination in their preparation for their end of year assessments and they have been a credit to the school. Whilst there cannot be the usual end of year celebrations, they should be proud of all they have achieved and the resilience and strength of character that they have shown. We will ensure that their leavers' assembly on Thursday 27 May will be something that they enjoy and can look back on with fond memories.

As Year 11 students move forward to their post-16 choices we hope that they remember the teachings of Christ "to love one another as I have loved you" and that they never forget that Christ will be with us always, "until the end of time".

And finally, as a collective, key stage 4 students raised £273.93 in their Lenten loose change collection for our Foodbank Appeal. This is an incredible amount and will have made a huge difference to so many families in our city. I am very proud of both year groups.

## Year 10 key dates

10 June 2021

4-6pm Parents' Evening

14 June 2021

End of year examinations commence for three weeks.

## Year 11 key dates

12 July 2021

Sixth Form induction and subject taster day

12 August 2021

GCSE results collection and Sixth Form enrolment



# Sixth Form Update

## Mrs Casey, Head of Sixth Form

Our **Year 13** students have shown great maturity as they sit their final assessments during this month. We are so proud of their efforts and attitude and wish them every success.

Our Year 13 Leavers' Assembly and buffet celebration took place during the afternoon of **Friday 21 May**.

All Year 12 students are in the process of having a one-to-one meeting to discuss their enrichment experiences and initial planning for their future pathway.

As always, the A Level VESPA Mindset programme is intrinsic in motivating students to achieve at the highest level.

All Year 12 students have participated in subject VIVAs, discussing individually with their subject teacher their learning strategies to enable them to be their very best.

As we are unable to have the usual Parents' Evening, all subject teachers of Year 12 will be emailing or phoning parents/ carers over the next weeks regarding progress.

## 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

### 10 August 2021

A Level results collection





# Term dates 2020-2021

## Summer

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 Friday 18 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

**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

## Entrance and Exit

Students must now 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 new system. These changes are being made to support the safety of our students

## 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.

## New school skirt

From September 2021, we are introducing a new school skirt. The skirt was chosen by staff and students in a poll and looks extremely smart. All students in Year 7 to 10 who wish to wear a skirt to school must wear the new skirt from September. Year 11 students are able to keep wearing the current black pleated skirt or wear our new style skirt.

