



# Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School



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## Message from our Headteacher

The start of the Autumn term is always such an exciting time. This was true this year more than ever, as we prayed for a return to something close to normal. Unfortunately, COVID proved it was still a reason for caution in the first few weeks of term. However, the vigilance and consideration of our whole school community means that as I write this we have no cases of COVID in the school. Thank you for supporting this achievement. Long may it continue!

This term, we have welcomed our new Year 7 students into our community. They are a delightful group of young people who have settled in to the Ullathorne Way incredibly quickly. We are all incredibly proud of them.

In the last few weeks it has been wonderful to see students really engaging with their studies, involving themselves in much missed enrichment activities and achieving some incredible sporting wins. Some of these achievements are in the following pages.

A return to 'normal' education, following a period of instability was always going to be challenging. However, I am constantly in awe of our young people who have returned to school full of energy and commitment. They would be forgiven for feeling very unsure during these times. However, their resilience and good nature is a testament to the great care and support they have received at home. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

God bless

Mr Billings, Headteacher



Grant, O Lord, that my own heart may be touched, as yours is, at the passing of all souls into eternal life.

In great confidence, I pray for all my friends and loved ones who are no longer here on this journey of faith.

When I am sad at the death of those who were close to me, may my sadness be firmly supported by my faith that life is merely changed, not ended, that those I love are still with me, though unseen.

May You, Lord Jesus Christ, welcome me and all those for whom I pray, into eternal life at the moment pleasing to You.

Bishop Ullathorne, pray for us.

# Good news

## Summer School

Year 7 students were invited over the Summer to attend one of our Summer School activity weeks. Students were treated to a range of activities both on school grounds and off. They were able to meet fellow students and get to know some of their new teachers in advance of them starting in September. The students embraced every opportunity given to them and by the end of their week were growing in confidence and demonstrating our core Ullathorne Values. Both weeks ended with a celebration of their achievements and students received prizes for their hard work and commitment.

Miss Newell, Mrs Hurley and Ms Nordone, who led the weeks, were pleased to see how many students embraced the opportunity given to them. It was so wonderful to see the students bond, grow as individuals and to see new friendships blossom.

Thank you for all staff involved who gave up their holidays to ensure that this fantastic opportunity could happen.



I enjoyed cooking with Ms Ferrari and seeing my friends and making new ones. Theora 7JR

Summer School was really fun! You got the opportunity to meet other people and make god friends. You also got to do many great activities so that you'd never get bored! Karylle 7MM

I loved making friends and finding new things that I am good at. Jack 7EE

I liked that we were able to get a preview of the school and make new friends, so that we would have those worries out of the way when we started in September. Si Ying 7SC

I thought that Summer School was a great opportunity to meet some of the staff and find your way around. I think the team building activities were brilliant and I am grateful to have been given the opportunity to attend. Louis 7MA

My favourite activity was tie dye and decorating the banners. It was fun scrunching up the fabric. Mariam 7MA

I enjoyed boxing with Miss Gill at Summer School. Daya 7MM

My favourite part was the scavenger hunt, you needed to work together to solve the clues and pop the balloons. It helped me learn where parts of the school were. Hyder 7MA

During Summer School I made new friends and felt welcome. Finlay 7MA

I enjoyed building the boat as a team and seeing if it could float. Savannah 7EE

# Good news

## Open Evening

As part of our Open Evening in September, Year 12 Drama students introduced Year 10 who had devised, rehearsed and performed a Murder Mystery Farce for visiting parents and Year 6 students. The sheer volume of parents attending meant that the students performed fifteen times to very appreciative audiences! Parents commented on how well the students worked, the excellent facilities and how pleased they were that Bishop Ullathorne is a school which supports and encourages the Arts.



## Halloween

Our Sixth Form Leadership Team held a fun-filled disco in October for our Year 7 students. Dancing, games and solo performances from some of our Year 7 students ensure that a good time was had by all. Thank you to the Sixth Form team for all of your hard work.

## Urban Geographers

In October, Year 11 Geographers completed a study of the changes happening in Coventry's urban environment. They found out how housing changed as we moved closer to the town centre and looked at the changing use of the War Memorial Park to a more recreational purpose. Students then assessed the sustainability of the changes to our city. This helped them with their studies in a practical way.

## Ikon Gallery and Sea Life Centre

Art Textiles students visited the Ikon Gallery and the Sea Life Centre to enrich their studies. The Year 10 trip in October



allowed students to engage with historical and modern art work and research opportunities for their first GCSE project. It enriched their contextual learning, developed their investigations and understanding of their examination projects.

Students viewed current art work exhibited in the gallery and engaged in discussions about the relevance of art, what makes something art and how they could apply what they had seen to their own work.

They also carried out primary research at the Sea Life Centre for their first GCSE project.

We were pleased with how well the students embraced the day.





# Good news

## CPSHE

World Restart a Heart Day was acknowledged in school in October with quick CPR training offered to students during break times. Over 150 students took part, led by our Sixth Formers.



Our School Leadership Council representatives met to discuss issues. A whole school team of 12 students will now be selected to action these points.

A joint initiative involving looking at climate change in science and CPSHE lessons took place in November to mark the Climate Change Conference in Glasgow. Students created a School Climate Promise for us to action.

Our Careers' Adviser, Mrs Bellingham, has been working closely with the Year 11 team to help our students prepare for the future. They looked at CVs, applications and Post-16 routes including apprenticeships.

## Mathematics challenge

**Hegarty champions** for most learning hours during September and October were:

- Year 7 - Lena Drozdek
- Year 8 - Andre Nhariwa
- Year 9 - Sami Iqbal
- Year 10 - Chloe Zengeya
- Year 11 - Samantha Mulbah

## Remembrance

The school community came together in November to pray for all those effected by war, both those in the armed services and those innocently caught up in conflict.

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them."



## Dog retired

Sadly, Rosie, our school dog, had to retire through ill health before half term. She has been a huge asset to the SEND department and will be sorely missed. The value of pet 'therapy' is widely accepted as a powerful aid to stimulation and communication and Rosie has played her part. She was a very perceptive dog and has been able to calm children down who are distressed or anxious. She has also done a good job of making the Learning Support Unit an enjoyable and welcoming place to be for new Year 7 students. Staff will miss her as much as students!



# Good news

## PE update

### Finham Derby

Having missed last year's Finham Derby, it was great to see the buzz around school leading up to this term's competition. Having lost to Finham last time, we were keen to win the shield. We thought that it was going to be close, with the netball and football games difficult to call. However, it turned out to be a fantastic afternoon for Bishop Ullathorne, winning by 8.5 points to 1.5 points. The girls performed amazingly and won all five of their matches, something that has never been achieved by us before. The boys managed to win 3.5 points. The winning margin is the biggest since the trophy began and now means that we have won 14 times to Finham's seven.

Girls' Netball		
Year	Score	Player of the match
7	7-2 win	Amarachi Justin
8	6-4 win	Bridget Ward
9	18-6 win	Favour Jibunoh
10	17-10 win	Lacey McMillan
11	16-11 win	Millie Macdonald
Boys' Football		
7	10-1 win	Lloyd Yeboah
8	12-1 win	George Hicks
9	7-0 win	Joshua Lake
10	5-0 win	Mark Kintu
11	1-1 draw	Cohen Cosgrove



Football: English Schools Cup			
Year	School	Score	Player of the match
Boys			
7	Lutterworth	3-1 win	Amari Lammy
7	Ashlawn	Lost 1-4	Junior Taylor
8	RSA Academy	9-0 win	George Mckelvie
8	Brookvale Groby	12-1 win	Darias Kanyerere
9	Kineton	9-2 win	Jaivonte Suffo
9	Thomas Estley	7-0 win	Noah Thomas
9	North Birmingham	Birmingham conceded	
10	St Peters	Lost 5-6	Corey Fowler
11	Madani Boys	7-2 win	Regan Hitchcox
11	Coleshill	Lost 2-3	Cohen Cosgrove
Girls			
7/8	Thomas Telford	Telford conceded	
7/8	Finham	7-1 win	Hollie Shakespeare
7/8	Robert Smyth	3-0 win	Erin Naylor
9/10	Ashlawn	7-0 win	Mya Tucker
Football West Midlands Schools Cup - Boys			
7	Barrs Hill	7-3 win	Montreal Motassi



Coventry Schools Cross Country Championships were held at Finham with Savannah Flemming finishing third overall. The relay race resulted in our Year 7 team finishing third and Year 8 finishing fourth.

# Good news

## Art/ Photography/ Graphics

A Level Art, Photography and Graphic Design have been popular courses over the last few years. The examples below show some of the creative talent at Bishop Ullathorne.

Students in Year 12 Art have been creating Art Journals on a different topic each week.

Photographers have produced a digital portfolio of work around the theme of 'Senses'. They have explored how we see, feel, taste, hear and touch to create powerful photographs.

Graphic designers have been looking at the power of Typography to communicate. Through Adobe Cloud software (Photoshop), they have created posters, logos, editorial images and layouts to empower our views and perceptions on sport, culture, wildlife and visual communication concepts.

Year 13 students have been investigating their own themes. Artists: architecture and Pop Art. Photographers: interesting viewpoints and angles. Graphic Design students: music, logo branding, culture and packaging.



## Martial artist

In November, Mantaj Sidhu in Year 12 competed in the National Championships for the Korean martial art Tang Soo Do.

He came third which is a fantastic achievement and it also means he has gained automatic qualification into the World Championships which will be held in America in June 2022.

Congratulations Mantaj.



# Good news

## Long service award

This term, several Bishop Ullathorne staff were presented with Long Service Awards. The ceremony at Cardinal Newman Catholic School was organised by our Holy Cross Multi Academy Company.



## Great debaters

Three of our Year 12 students were involved in a national debating competition run by the ESU this term.

Harry Davies, Bartosz Zygowski and Reme Liddle represented the school by arguing the proposition that: This house would require fathers to take paternity leave.

Against a team from Solihull Senior School, they gave a very good account of themselves and received some constructive feedback.





# COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN AGED 12-15

**NHS**

**Coventry and  
Warwickshire Partnership  
NHS Trust**

## COVID-19 vaccination clinics are now available for children aged 12-15 who have not had their first dose.

Please note, if your young person has had a positive COVID-19 test, they need to wait 12 weeks before attending a vaccination clinic. The 12 weeks start from the date they had their PCR test. Please pre-book their vaccination via the links below at your preferred location. They will be given one dose of the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine.

COVID-19 vaccination resources for children and young people are available on the government website in a variety of languages, Braille and Easy Read. These [resources](#) are to help children, young people and their parents or guardians make an informed decision about whether to take up the offer of the COVID-19 vaccination.

Vaccinating children can help stop the spread of COVID-19 to other people, including within schools. COVID-19 is usually mild in most children, but it can make some children unwell. One dose of a COVID-19 vaccine gives good protection against your child getting seriously ill.



### COVID-19 Vaccination clinics

#### Northgate House - Warwick

**When:** Every Saturday and Sunday

**Location:** Cape Rd, Northgate South Side, Warwick CV34 4JH

**Times:** First Appointment: 10:00, Last Appointment: 15:55

**How to Book:** <https://www.swiftqueue.co.uk> - Northgate House

#### Coventry Central Library

**When:** Every Wednesday & Saturday

**Location:** Smithford Way, Coventry, CV1 1FY

**Times:** Wednesday: 15:30 to 17:55, Saturday: 10:00 to 15:55

**How to Book:** <https://www.swiftqueue.co.uk> - Coventry Central Library

#### Bedworth Civic Hall

**When:** Daily

**Location:** Civic Hall High Street, Bedworth, CV12 8N

**Times:** Monday to Friday 16:00 to 19:30,

Saturday and Sunday 08:30 to 19:30

**How to Book:** [National Booking - Covid Vaccination Link](#)

The coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccines are safe and effective. If you have any questions, please speak to a clinician at the vaccination centre.



# Year 7 Update

Ms Maxwell, Head of Year 7

Year 7 students have done themselves proud! The 'step up' required from primary school to secondary school cannot be underestimated. It can be daunting to leave the familiarity of primary school and take the necessary leap of faith to start the next step in their journey. However, within just a couple weeks, our Year 7 students were showing what confidence they had and they took to Secondary School life like ducks to water! They quickly learned the new skills of independent school travel, self-organisation, reading a timetable, finding their way around a large site, having lots of new teachers for many different subjects as well as making many new friends! The two successful Summer Schools definitely supported them with this transition process but, nonetheless, there was still a lot to take on board and they managed this very quickly.

We firmly believe in Year 7 being a family group and we all aspire to live out our Mission statement and our school prayer each and every day at school and at home. Each of us is an equally important 'link in a chain' and our Year 7 paper chain that we made and asked God's blessing on at our Year 7 Welcome Mass represents that.

Our team of Year 7 Form Tutors has been pivotal in helping students settle in and has led to a plethora of different tasks and activities to build up their tutor-student bonds. In form time, the students have learned new skills regarding their Emotional Intelligence and they have embarked on their Bronze Character Passport. They have also embraced the weekly inter-form Attendance and Form Award competitions, along with the form-based weekly 'Tutor Champion' and Bee's Knees winners. Whilst in lessons they have adapted to the demands of a varied secondary school curriculum. On top of that, they have got to grips with a more digital approach to learning, learning how to navigate Office 365 and subject-specific online platforms, as well as using the Class Charts App to manage their homework and monitor their Ace points.

We would like to thank you as parents for all of the support which you have given to your children during this first term with us. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and we wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas. Well done, Year 7!



## Year 7 key dates

7 December 2021

Year 7 Christmas Dinner

6 July 2022

Retreat



# Year 8 and 9 Update

Mrs Jeremiah, Head of Year 8 and 9

Well done to Years 8 and 9 on a successful return to full school life this term.

It has been so rewarding to see all of our activities taking place and students being able to come together in celebrations, assemblies and extra-curricular activities.

The uniform has been very good overall and many of our students look very smart in the new school skirt.

Students have been very good at following the Covid guidelines still in place and respecting our high standards and Ullathorne Way values.

We have had some great sports achievements from our football and netball teams. So well done to everyone involved.

We have also watched two fabulous form assemblies so far, with more to come in December.

Our students are now starting to collect Advent calendars and provisions for the Christmas Hampers for the less fortunate in our community. I know that they will engage fully with this and show their generosity once again as they do every year.

Year 9 have an exciting theatre trip to look forward to in March 2022 to see Beauty and the Beast at the Birmingham Hippodrome.

Many of our Year 8 students will be off to France in July for a weekend of French culture with a few treats thrown in also.

We look forward to a fabulous Christmas holiday and a healthy and positive start to 2022.

To quote Charles Dickens' infamous character Tiny Tim... 'God Bless us everyone'.



## Year 8 key dates

15 March 2022

Retreat

## Year 9 key dates

16 February 2022

Retreat

24 March 2022

Options Evening





## Year 10 key dates

w/b 13 June 2022

End of Year examinations  
commence

## Year 11 key dates

13 December 2021

Sixth Form Transition Day

20 January 2022

English and mathematics  
Parents' Evening

w/b 31 January 2022

Mock examinations commence

3 March 2022

Revision Parents' Evening

w/b 14 March 2022

Core mock examinations  
commence

w/b 16 May 2022

GCSE examinations commence

11 & 12 July 2022

Sixth Form induction

# Year 10 and 11 Update

Miss Durkan, Head of Year 10 and 11

Key Stage 4 students have made a great start to the year - we are very proud of them all.

Year 10 students have started their GCSE learning with great maturity and determination. They have had a tough two years, so to come into Year 10 and demonstrate such positivity and focus, has been brilliant to see. Our online Parents' Evening was a success and hopefully a great opportunity for parents to hear about the wonderful learning that has already happened.

In a similar way, Year 11 students have continued to shine. They have started the year showing their determination to succeed. Already having assessments in both English and mathematics in early October and then their mock examinations at the end of November and beginning of December, they have shown great resilience and, most importantly, evidence of those incremental steps towards real progress. Our face-to-face Parents' Evening was a lovely occasion. It was great to see so many parents and carers supporting their children in this important year.

A big thank you to all parents who watched our Year 10 Information Evening online or attended the Year 11 Examination Preparation Evening; these are really important events in ensuring that we are a team working towards the same end goal.

Both year groups were brilliant in their respective Retreat Days and we hope that it has helped to deepen their faith and spirituality.

I am especially proud of the charitable giving of both year groups. This term we have collected for Carriers of Hope, Coventry Comfort Carers, the Food Bank (Year 10 and 11) and Sista Sista (Year 11). It brings great comfort, especially at this time of year, to know that our young people care about the most vulnerable in our society. I know that this does not happen on its own and am very thankful to you as parents and carers for your support too. I am also thankful and aware that the daily guidance, love, and support from our Key Stage 4 pastoral team helps to nurture our young people as they move forward in their journey towards adulthood.

I hope that all members of our Key Stage 4 community, have a very happy and holy Christmas and that they come back refreshed and ready to learn in January.



# Sixth Form Update

Mrs Casey, Head of Sixth Form

Our Year 12 students have settled into Sixth Form life extremely well and are embracing the many opportunities offered to them. It is wonderful that face to face opportunities can happen again as this has been greatly missed.

Almost all of the year group is working in a subject department, supporting students in Key Stages 3 and 4. A number of Year 12 students have attended a session led by an external training provider from the Local Authority on being an effective Teaching Assistant in the classroom.

Other initiatives students have applied for this term include the HE+ with Cambridge University, Realising Opportunities and Pathways to Engineering.

Many students have been proactive with work experience, such as working in the constituency office of our local MP and supporting in primary schools. Others are on monthly work experience tracking health care professionals

Our Year 13 students have been focused on UCAS applications this term with offers for university places already being received.

It has been a busy, yet exciting term. Students have led STEM workshops and students interested in the Degree Apprenticeship route visited a site being developed by McAleer and Rushe. All of our students took part in a KOOTH mental health assembly.

Our Sixth Form Leadership Team has been busy with fund-raising as well as organising and running a disco for Year 7 students.

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.

We wish our students a happy and holy Christmas.



## 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 10 January 2022

Mock examinations commence

17 February 2022

Parents' Evening

25 March 2022

Trip to Birmingham University

w/b 28 March 2022

Mock examinations commence

w/b 16 May 2022

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 building confidence and resilience, along with VESPA strategies

### Fortnightly

Enrichment and work experience opportunities emailed to students

w/b 10 January 2022

Mock examinations commence

17 February 2022

Parents' Evening

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

- Year 7 students will be introduced to the JED (Job Explorer Database), our careers guidance programme which will help raise aspirations by showing many jobs they can aspire to, and where those jobs can lead.
- 'Job of the Week' is soon to be launched and students will be watching short video clips on a variety of exciting occupations.

## Key Stage 4

- Individual careers guidance interviews have commenced with Year 11 students
- Small group sessions are taking place in the library to support students who are considering choosing A Levels.
- All students will receive an Action Plan to support their career decisions with advice on how to move forward.
- The Apprenticeship Service will be delivering a workshop to Year 11 students who are thinking about applying for an apprenticeship.
- Career Bite sessions are returning with invited speakers delivering short presentations to Year 10 and 11 students during form time. Planned sessions this month include Sport, Engineering and the Police.
- 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.
- Students interested in civil engineering and project management recently visited the site being developed by McAleer and Rushe at the Cannon Park Shopping Centre. They listened to a presentation and took part in a detailed tour of the site. It was an exciting opportunity and students enjoyed the live experience.
- The Apprenticeship Service will be delivering a workshop to Year 13 students on Degree Apprenticeships in November and will follow this up with a session on Employer Mock Assessments.



# Term dates 2021-2022

## Autumn

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 Thursday 21 July 2021

## 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.

## 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. Thank you.

## 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

## Whole school events

### 9 December 2021

Advent Services

### 16 December 2021

Carol Service

### 17 December 2021

Last day of Autumn term, 12.30pm finish

### 23 March 2022

SEND Parents Coffee Morning

### 10 May 2022

SEND Parents Coffee Morning

### 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:

8 November 2021

17 January 2022

14 March 2022

23 May 2022