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Message from our Headteacher

For the first time in three years, I am able to say, 'welcome to the end of a complete school year'. It has been wonderful to return to a full school year actually in the classroom with the students. After some tentative steps in the early part of the year, we have steadily returned to normal. Normal for Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School has always meant incredibly busy!

I am enormously grateful to our incredible staff for all of the opportunities and activities they have led this year. In the summer term, we have had over 80 students complete their Duke of Edinburgh Award, all of Year 7 have attended the Big Bang festival, we have had two drama performances, our annual showcase, a very successful trip to Paris for Year 8 and countless sporting fixtures amongst many, many other opportunities. These do not happen without the commitment of parents and families. Thank you for your ongoing support of our school community.

In the last few weeks, the Diocesan school inspectors have visited us. It was humbling to listen to the feedback from the team about our students and staff. I hope you have had an opportunity to read the report as it says such uplifting things about our children. There was lots of lovely feedback, but for me the most powerful statement was from the lead inspector who said, that every child in the school knows that they are loved. This, for me, is our best achievement this year.

I wish you and your families a wonderful summer and a relaxing break.

Mr Billings, Headteacher

Oh give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good, for his
steadfast love endures
forever!

Psalm 107:1



Good news

Library

Welcome to our new Librarian Miss Kerslake who has been very busy upgrading our library, starting with a design competition.

Joseph Duffy in Year 12 created this fabulous owl design for the library to use as a brand logo for our relaunch.

Watch this space for further details in September...



Football fan

Mary Flynn in Year 7 plays for Coventry United Under 13s and recently played a match at Aston Villa training ground. The team managed to reach the finals and sadly lost by one goal that was scored by the opposing team in the last ten seconds of the game. Managers and parents were very proud of their performance, as are we.



Royal Society of Chemistry Global Experiment

To tackle our growing climate crisis, we need to move away from fossil fuels and embrace electrification. A crucial part of this journey is bigger and better batteries; we need them to be a sustainable storage solution to ease our energy transition.

The Science department took part in a global battery experiment where students explored the science behind batteries and why they are such an important part of our bright energy future. They constructed working batteries out of household items, then measured the voltage produced.

Students shared their data with schools across the world and presented their findings via a scientific poster and presentation. As part of the project the pupils made a commitment to reduce energy, live sustainably and think innovatively.



RE inspection

Here is what the inspectors had to say about our school after their Section 48 visit in June:

"There is a strong sense of community and a calm atmosphere around the school."

"Pupils know what it means to be called by God and are joyful in responding to their calling."

"Pupils have respect for themselves; they know they are loved and created in God's image. As a result, behaviour is outstanding"

"Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School is an Outstanding Catholic school"

Good news

Drama and Theatre

After a busy year for the Drama department having been on two theatre trips, hosting and performing in the City of Culture production of *Milesians*, performing in the Jubilee Pageant in London and casting the school show *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*, we have ended the year with two amazing performance evenings in July. Our first night saw our Spotlight performance from Years 9 and 10.



The scenes on offer were from *The Woman in Black*, *Teecher's* and *DNA* and Year 10 were also being assessed for their end of year exam. The evening was sold out and the students were excellent: Zofia Kesler (Year 9) said 'It was so exciting to be performing live in school again after the break of the pandemic. It made my evening to hear the audience laugh and enjoy our work.'

The second night saw our Drama Club's first production: *Jekyll and Hyde*. The club is made up of Year 7, 8 and 9 students who have been working on Evan Placey's feminist version of the Robert Louis Stevenson classic. During their break times they were directed by drama graduate and Miss Nordone's ex-student, Lucy Metcalf. The piece was challenging and for many this was their first live performance, but the students rose to the occasion and performed to an enthralled audience. Well done!

In June, we had our first whole cast read through of our next school show *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*. It is great to be back after everything was put on hold during the pandemic and our performances will be on 30 November and 1 December. Our 30 strong cast is made up of students from current Years 7 to 12 and we will be looking to cast some Oompah Loompahs from the new Year 7 intake in September, so watch this space budding thespians!

Dovedale trip

In June, Year 10 Geographers travelled to Dovedale in the Peak District to complete their fieldwork about how much damage tourists can do to the environment. As the weather was perfect, we saw first hand how so many people walking round and enjoying the countryside can impact on the vegetation. Ice creams were enjoyed by many after a hard days investigating.



Good news

Showcase

We were treated to a wonderful night of entertainment and talent at our Showcase event in July, which included singing, dance and spoken word and a guest appearance from Mr Anstee. A huge thank you to the Sixth Form for their support on the night and to Mrs Caberera-Mix for all her hard work in organising the event and to the judges, Mrs Perry, Miss Gill, Mr Anstee and Mrs Jeremiah. Congratulations to Maame McSam in Year 9 our very worthy winner, followed in close second by Tracey and Stacey William and in third place by Zofia Kesler and Caitlin Quayle who were all given their prizes in form time the next day.



Biology

Our Year 12 Biology students took part in the International Intermediate Biology Challenge. Over 12,566 students from 608 schools worldwide took part in this year's competition.

Questions were set on topics students were likely to have covered at GCSE and in their first year of A Level. Some additional ideas were introduced requiring their problem-solving skills and understanding of core principals.

Students who took part in the Intermediate Biology Olympiad are encouraged to reference their participation in their further/ higher education applications.



Congratulations go to Kiera Burke, Joseph Smith, Benedict Burch, Ebenuella Agyemang who were all commended and to Conrad Hunt who achieved the Bronze award. Only 30% of participants achieved this award or above.

Good news

Big Bang

In June, all our Year 7 attended the Big Bang fair at NEC, Birmingham accompanied by 14 staff. The students demonstrated our Ullathorne Way values of being wise and curious and compassionate as they had an amazing experience full of various STEM related workshops and talks on food sciences, world of polymers and the design of future gadgets for home and industry. Students took part in several hands-on activities, explored the world of some creepy insects and had an insight into the world of future careers.

This is what some of our students had to say about their experience:

Karylle Awichen: "It was a fair full of Science activities and was successful in influencing young minds to see how science shapes our world today."

Louis Wooderson: "I liked the falcon project from Sheffield University the best. The scientists are building the most advanced type of drone to help in various fields of defence. I enjoyed the game which allowed us to control a drone to manoeuvre various objects."

Eirinn Langford and Milly Baird: "Slime making was the best, we enjoyed that very much."

Si Ying Guo: "I learnt about so many new things like micro plastics, dangers of radiations and plane simulator."

Archie and Dan: "We loved the Accelerator which put our speed to test against Usain Bolt's record."



Catering club

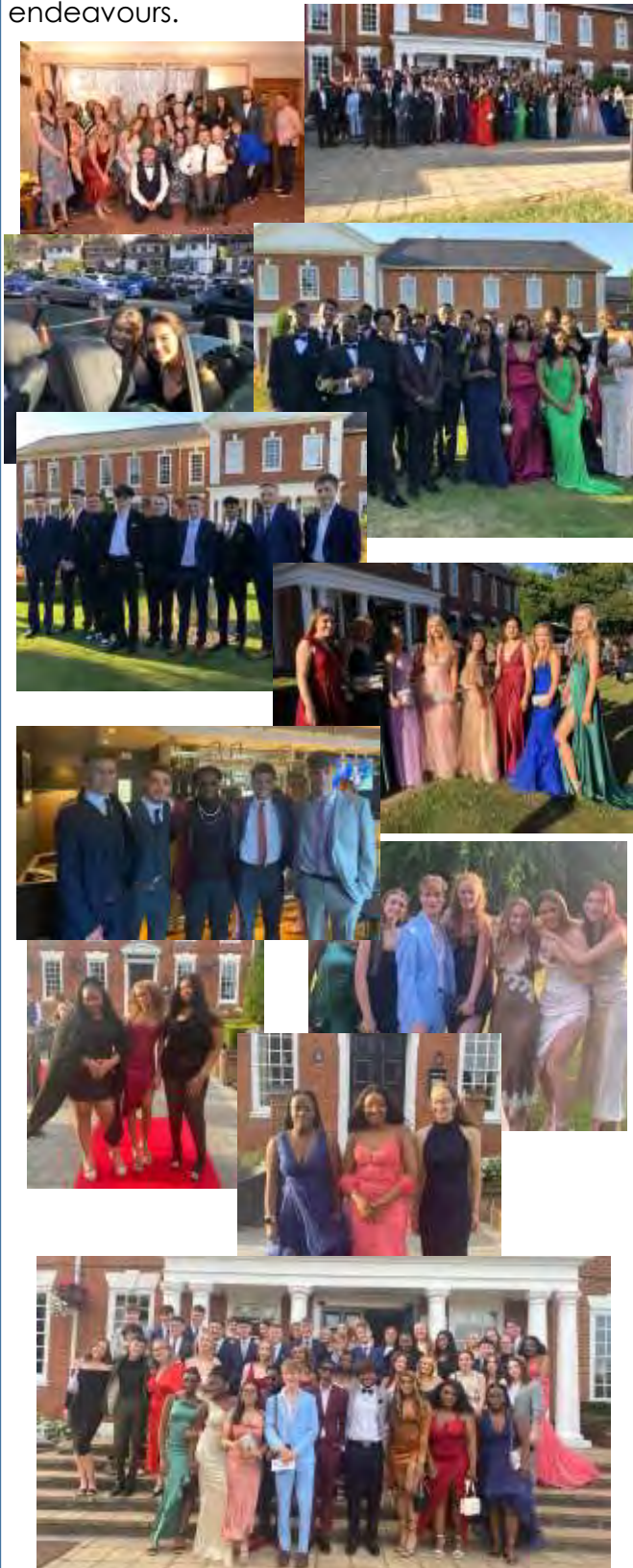
Some of our Year 8 students have been attending the 'Fakeaway' catering club on Thursdays after school. Students learned how to make their own healthier, lower cost takeaway food at home. Recipes made were spicy chicken, sizzling chicken stir fry, turkey enchiladas and vegetable samosas; these were a big hit with all!!



Good news

Year 11 and 13 Leavers

Both our Year 11 and Year 13 Leavers' Balls were held at the Manor Hotel in Meriden. Good luck to all students on their future endeavours.



Work Experience

Vivienne Egbuchulem in Year 12 said 'Recently, I was given the wonderful opportunity of taking part in 5 day work experience with Aston Martin Lagonda, in Gaydon. On this placement, I was able to visit different areas of the site to gain experience of automotive engineering in an amazing company! I was able to partake in various activities:

- seeing the production line and observing how the cars are processed
- using CAD technology to design, build and colour a car
- testing materials in the Woodlands site and finding which adhesives are more suitable for differing parts of the cars
- using CAD to understand how the cars can be designed to reduce injuries for passengers and pedestrians.

The experience allowed me to gain a broad understanding of working as an automotive engineer and has further developed my confidence in what I am planning to do in the future. I am grateful to the school and the Aston Martin supervisors for aiding me in this process, which has given me even more motivation to do well in my A Level studies.'

Martial artist

Mantaj Sidhu in Year 12 represented the UK at the Tang Soo Do World Championship 2022 in the USA. A huge congratulations to Mantaj who came 1st place in forms, 2nd place in weapons and 2nd place in sparring. This is an amazing achievement, well done.



Good news

PE: Athletics

Coventry Schools Championships: All our students below qualified for the Coventry Schools Championships and a number of them became Coventry champions.

Student	Event	Award
Year 7 boys		
Dan Gallen	600m and 4 x 100m relay	Silver Medal
Montreal Motassi	150m	Coventry Champion
	4 x 100m relay	Silver Medal
Harry Bailey	Javelin	Coventry Champion
Kupa Nhira	4 x 100m relay	Silver Medal
Iyinoluwa Lawal	Long Jump	Coventry Champion
	75m and 4 x 100m relay	Silver Medal
Bob Hines	Shot put	Bronze Medal
Year 7 girls		
Hollie Shakespeare	Javelin	Silver Medal
	1000m	Bronze medal
Ava Harrison	Discus	Coventry Champion
Theora Fakehinde	150m	Silver medal
	4 x 100m relay	Coventry Champion
Victory Nwanekwu	Shot Put and 4 x 100m relay	Coventry Champion
	75m	Bronze Medal
Maisie Abercrombie	600m	Bronze Medal
Elise Lourenco	4 x 100m relay	Coventry Champion
Esther Tosin	4 x 100m relay	Coventry Champion
Year 8 girls		
Elizabeth Oyedale	800m	Coventry Champion

Coventry and Warwickshire School Games: Super 6 Athletics

Our Year 8 and 9 Super 6 teams also took part in the Coventry and Warwickshire School games. Our Year 9 team qualified for the finals that were held in Nuneaton. The boys team finished third overall and the girls fourth overall.



Pole vaulting

Ella Wilkinson in Year 9 won the West Midlands school pole vault competition, resulting in her being selected for the inter-county Mason trophy, where she won a gold medal. Ella was then asked to represent West Midlands schools at national level and will be competing in Manchester in July.

Good luck Ella.



Good news

Sports Day

Following Sports Day we now have new school records. Overall form winners will be announced on the last day of term.

Event	Student/Form	Time/ Distant	Record last set
Year 7			
Boys Shot Put	Shawn Aikhionbare	9.89m	2003
Boys 100m	Montreal Motassi	12.70 sec	2019
Boys Relay	7MA	56.83 sec	2005
Girls Javelin	Hollie Shakespeare	16.28m	2021
Girls Shot Put	Monique Otite	7.15m	2021
Girls 100m	Sevreen Wilson Griffin	12.88 sec	2013
Girls 300m	Hollie Shakespeare	50.22 sec	2017
Girls Relay	7SC	60.02 sec	2003
Year 8			
Boys 200m	Ray Quaye	25.48 sec	2017
Boys Relay	8GH	55.27 sec	2021
Girls 200m	Rere Lawrence	29.33 sec	2014
Year 9			
Boys Relay	9GG	52.01 sec	2002
Year 10			
Boys Relay	10ED	52.53 sec	2017
Girls 200m	Odunayo Esther Lawal	25.57 sec	2002

Football: West Midlands Schools Cup:

Girls U13s

What a performance and thoroughly deserved. The girls are West Midlands School Champions after beating Summerhill School 5-1 in the final. Goals from Bridget Ward, Hollie Shakespeare, Erin Naylor, Josie Ward and Julita Cybulska rounded off a fantastic team performance. Mr Cox and Mr Anstee are so proud of what they have achieved throughout the year and their efforts fully deserved to finish with a trophy.



Boys U14s

The Year 9 boys have done us so proud this season. They didn't quite manage to win the final but were beaten by a very good opposition. Having led 3-1 at half time they were pegged back to 3-3 and eventually lost on penalties.

Every game this season they have represented the school impeccably and have been perfect ambassadors for the school.



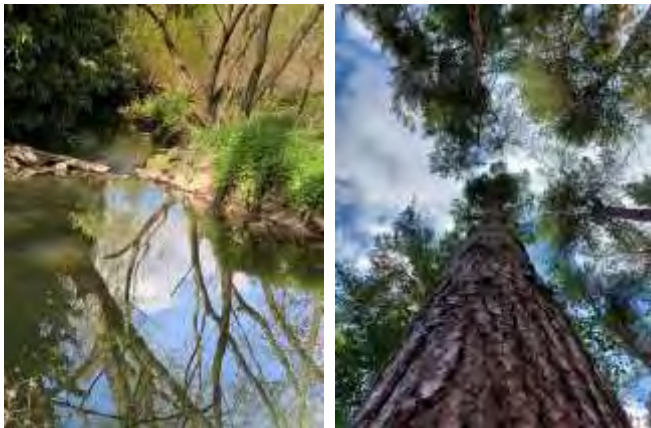
Good news

Geography photography competition

Congratulations to this year's Geography photography competition winners. First place was awarded Jack Brown in Year 8 and runners up were Joe Symons from Year 7 and Bartosz Zygowski in Year 12.



The four judges, Mr Billings, Mr Challis, Miss Dodd and Miss Greenhalgh were absolutely delighted with the vast number of entries received. They were all an excellent display of both physical and human geography, showing us the exceptional skills and talents of Bishop Ullathorne students, which made it very hard to judge. Well done to all who participated and again, congratulations to the winners.



Biology Challenge

Biology Challenge is a national competition open to students aged 13 to 15. 200 students were entered from Bishop Ullathorne.

Questions were set on the school curriculum, but the competition also rewarded those students whose knowledge of the subject has been increased by reading books and magazines, watching natural history programmes, taking notice of the news media for items of biological interest, and are generally aware of our natural flora and fauna.

Forty of our students were commended or highly commended upon their knowledge and efforts.

In addition, ten students gained the highest awards nationally: in Year 9, Aupurbo Rahman and Danyal Hasmi and in Year 10, Harry Bromwich, Filip Jurczak, Klaudia Bogacka, Midese Bechinze were all awarded the bronze award; in Year 10 Kesel Bipin was awarded the silver award and Lemuel Sakyi – Dadzie, Andrew Gane and Sophia Dore were awarded gold. A great achievement for all.



Good news

Duke of Edinburgh

July has been a busy month for our Duke of Edinburgh students. Both our Silver and Bronze groups have been out on expedition.

Our silver students travelled down to Newquay, Cornwall at the start of July to complete their planned walks as part of their expedition. After a weekend packed with rain, wind, and sun we were very pleased to say that our wonderful group of Year 12 and 13 students, completed their Silver Expedition section as part of their award.

Over 60 students from Year 10 and 11 took part in their assessment Bronze expedition at Hulme End in the Peak District. Over the course of four days, 2 set of students embarked on planned routes. From howling winds to sweltering heat, the students epitomised our Ullathorne Way values.

The staff who took part in both the Silver and Bronze expeditions are extremely proud of what our students achieved. The Duke of Edinburgh Award shows commitment and resilience and is well recognised at Universities and with employers. Students can demonstrate so many employability skills by achieving it; problem solving, effective communication and team work to name but a few.

Miss Newell and Mr Burns would like to thank everyone who gave up time and weekends to allow this to happen. Huge thanks goes to Mr Atherley, Mr Challis, Miss Frenguelli, Miss Smith, Miss Gill, Mrs Frenguelli and our Duke of Edinburgh Assessors who came with us. Of course, a huge thank you to both Mr Burns and Miss Newell our Duke of Edinburgh managers who without which this could not happen.

Year 9 are currently being enrolled into the programme and will start on their Bronze Award over the summer holidays, we look forward to seeing what they can achieve this time next year. Silver will once again be offered to our Year 12 students and will be launched when they start in September.



Good news

Sponsored Walk

Our Sixth Form Leadership Team organised a fantastic afternoon of fun filled activities which included 'sponge a teacher', 5 aside football and inflatables. We raised nearly £500 for the Student Leadership School Fund and a contribution towards a great opportunity for our students to attend the International Scout Jamboree in South Korea next year.



Art competition

Students were asked to produce a piece of art work based on their favourite film, and the winners were: Kate Bradford, Marika Petrucci, Grace Murphy, Belinda Chihuri, and Grace-Mae Bunn.



Jubilee Picnic

On Wednesday 13 July, we were finally able to hold our whole school picnic to celebrate her Majesty's Jubilee. Form groups sat together on the fields and enjoyed refreshments and entertainment. There was a wonderful atmosphere and even some dancing thanks to Lauren's motivating playlist!



End of Year Mass

To celebrate our last day of term, we were able to hold our whole school Mass outside in the warm weather. A huge thank you to Fr Peter who helped to remind us to 'see' the little things and not take life for granted. A wonderful way to finish our academic year filled with God's blessings.



Good news

Trips day

Thursday 14 July was our annual trips day. Year 7 enjoyed the sights and sounds of West Midlands Safari Park and Year 8, 9 and 10 visited the



thrills and spills of Drayton Manor. The students had a great day. A huge thank you to all the staff who helped to plan, support and supervise the trips.

Hello and goodbye

This year we say a fond farewell to some of our colleagues. We wish the very best of luck and safe travels to:

Mr Burns – Science teacher

Mrs Revell – Catering teacher

Mr Sandhu – Teaching Assistant

Mr Maycock – Mathematics teacher

Mr Dillow – Spanish teacher.

We are very excited to welcome some new staff to our school next academic year.

Mr Dallman is our new Head of Music and will be moving into our new Music Suite in September. Mr Dallman will also be taking over Mr Burns' form group.

Mrs Marano will be joining the Religious Education team, as well as looking after Mrs Revell's form group.

Mr Hussain has already made a wonderful start in Science; Miss Deudon will be joining our Modern Foreign Language department. We also welcome Mr McGough and Dr Jafri who will be supporting our SEND team. Mrs Richardson is changing roles next year and will become a pastoral support manager in Key Stage 4, alongside Mrs Marston.

French trip

In July, 84 students and 11 staff embarked on a trip to Paris. They travelled by coach and the drivers soon become part of our Ullathorne family! After catching the ferry from Dover to Calais and heading towards Paris they stopped for dinner en route.

On day two they started their Adventure Quest at the Louvre museum and then walked through the gardens and parks which led to the foot of the Eiffel tower. After lunch, a fantastic river boat cruise on the Seine was enjoyed by all.

On day three, Euro Disney was the next stop in the schedule and the students had an amazing and unforgettable experience.

After packing up and re-boarding the coaches, everyone arrived safely back in Coventry after a magnificent trip.

A massive thank you to Mrs Cabrera-Mix for organising the trip and all the staff that kept the children safe during their travels.





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Year 7 Update

Ms Maxwell, Head of Year 7

It's hard to believe that Year 7 have successfully completed their first year with us. If the students cast their minds back to their first day in September, they will realise just how much they have learned and progressed since then. They will not remember much, if anything, about when they started Primary school so this was the biggest and most momentous change in their lives so far and they have all managed that change very well. It has been a privilege to get to know them and their characters have shone through as they year has gone on. My thanks go to the wonderful Year 7 Tutors who have guided their tutees through this crucial year.

Looking ahead, Ms Greenway and I will be welcoming the new Year 7 cohort in September but I know the current Year 7s will be in very safe hands for the next two years under the guidance of Mrs Jeremiah, Head of Years 8 and 9 and Miss Howe, Pupil Support Manager.



Year 7 key date
12 September 2022 –
return to school into Year 8.

There have been so many events this term that it's nigh on impossible to list them all here! Suffice to say that there have been numerous sporting achievements from several teams and individuals. The athletics season has revealed some very talented athletes in various disciplines. Sports Day also provided the opportunity for students to represent their forms and also watch the staff taking part in some highly 'prestigious' events, revealing the competitive nature of certain individuals!

Year 7 talents did not stop at sporting events - some of the year group took part in the recent Showcase performance wowing the audience with their talents. It takes courage to perform and hours of practice to perfect a routine so well done to all those who took part; we are proud of you all!

Many of the students have been working hard on organising various projects to be able to gain the Gold Award in the Character Passport. It has been interesting to hear about all the different ideas that the students have had and to see them rise to the challenge of working independently to organise their events. I look forward to seeing how many in the year group can attain Gold before the end of term.

Having not been able to go on school trips for several years it has been a pleasure to be able to get out to different places again. In June the whole year group went to the Big Bang Fair in Birmingham. Students were able to look around the numerous, varied exhibits and get hands on with many different tasks and try out new things. Slime-making was certainly a popular event!

I would like to wish all our parents and students a lovely summer holiday and I look forward to seeing the year group as Year 8 in September!

Year 8 and 9 Update

Mrs Jeremiah, Head of Year 8 and 9

Hello everyone and a happy summer holiday to you all.

Sadly due to extreme heat we had further restrictions this month so we were unable to celebrate our awards as we would like. A massive WELL DONE to all of those students who achieved a certificate and a reward. Unfortunately we cannot award every student therefore many other students received a letter of praise from me to acknowledge their hard work and commitment to our school.

We have also watched four more fabulous form assemblies this term where our students showed us just how skilled and talented they truly are. The students led and prepared the assemblies themselves.

We have had some great sporting achievements from our football, netball and athletics teams, so well done to everyone involved in those events. We are so very proud of you all.

We have had fabulous days out at Drayton Manor and a wonderful trip to Paris, where all of our students were great ambassadors for our school.

I was so very proud of Year 8 in particular on the French Trip with their ability to stay calm and cool literally and to follow the instructions given by staff. A wonderful time was had by all. Thank you to Ms Cabrera-Mix for organising this trip so efficiently.

I would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to Year 9 and wish them the very best of luck as they move into Year 10 and their GCSE years. They have been a wonderful year group and I shall miss them all.

Year 8 are now going into Year 9 and will be at the top of the Key Stage, so standards need to remain high. I am confident they will be great role models for Year 7 and 8.

Have a wonderful summer holiday everyone stay safe and God Bless.



Year 8 key date

Monday 12 September –
return to school into Year 9.

Year 9 key date

Monday 12 September –
return to school into Year 10.



Year 10 and 11 Update

Miss Durkan, Head of Year 10 and 11

Firstly, to our Year 10. Year 10 have had a busy term - we started the term with our retreat, an active day which, we hope, will have helped to enrich and deepen our Year 10s faith. It was a fabulous day, thank you to Lauren for organising it.

Year 10 really stepped up to the mark during their end of year examinations. The way they approached their examinations and the maturity they showed in lining up and going into each exam was commendable. Our invigilators, who are not full-time staff at our school were really impressed with our students - so a huge well done to all. It is also really good practice for next year!

Our Jubilee Picnic celebration was delightful, in true British fashion, Year 10 were treated to scones, jam and clotted cream. Behaviour was impeccable and it was wonderful to see them enjoying their afternoon social. This was swiftly followed by our trip to Drayton Manor, again a great day - with students enjoying the freedom of the park.

Year 11 key date

25 August 2022 -

GCSE results collection from 9am to 11am in A Block Hall and Year 12 enrolment.

Before the end of term there will be a special celebration for a number of our year group who have worked with exceptional effort and demonstrated superb conduct over the course of the year. It will be brilliant to celebrate these exceptional young people.

There has been so much success to celebrate - a special well done to our Drama students who were brilliant in their recorded performances - all so talented and full of wonder. Those who have achieved or exceeded their target grades in their EOY examinations, those who have diligently done all that has been expected of them over the course of the year.

On the whole Year 10 should be very proud of their success over the year, they have made a great start to their GCSE learning and know that they can look forward to Year 11 with so much hard work already completed.

Now to our Year 11, like Year 10, they approached the examination season with clear determination and maturity. It was wonderful to see them so happy as they reached 23 June and their last exam - the relief on their faces was there for all to see - they have worked so hard against the backdrop of the pandemic - we hope their results in August are a true reflection their focus and commitment.

Year 11 then had a week to prepare for their Year 11 Leavers' Ball and what an incredible evening it was; the sun was shining and all in attendance were stunning; boys and girls alike were all looking beautiful - the photographs highlight this. We wish our Year 11 all the very best in their future endeavours.

To our Year 10 and 11 students and families - wishing you all a restful summer; time to enjoy the company of family and friends and recharge the batteries.

Take care and God Bless.

Sixth Form Update

Mrs Casey, Head of Sixth Form

Year 13 students completed their A Level examinations on Friday 24 June and celebrated their time together at Bishop Ullathorne with a wonderful Ball at the Manor Hotel in Meriden. Many thanks go to the Sixth Form Leadership team who created a very special evening to remember.

An excellent Into Industry session organised by Mrs Bellingham included an invaluable workshop on interview techniques and each Year 12 student had a one to one interview with an employer. We were extremely grateful to our visitors for giving the time to support the students. Our UCAS planning workshop saw all Year 12 students register for UCAS and receive an in-depth session on writing personal statements, with a range of resources.

Following the Year 12 mock examinations, the students have demonstrated their leadership and organisational skills with specific school events. The PE staff were delighted to see the students organise and referee an afternoon Netball Tournament for our feeder schools.

The talent Showcase evening, saw a team of Year 12 students working with the lighting crew and others selling refreshments. Likewise, the end of year school Sponsored Walk was reinstated by their enthusiasm to celebrate the community spirit which has helped us all through the last two years. A very positive way to end the summer term.

The Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award expedition to Cornwall was a highlight for seven intrepid students. Camping in Newquay, they undertook the challenge to walk and navigate themselves around the coastal paths. Many thanks to the staff who accompanied the group.

Congratulations also go to the students who have successfully completed enrichment programmes. Vittoria Launchbury has been accepted onto the Warwick Scholars Programme and Weronika Pawelec successfully completed Warwick University Pathways to Banking and Finance Programme. It is great credit to both to have shown resilience and commitment to balance extra-curricular activities with their studies

Looking ahead to our next academic year, our two day Sixth Form Induction gave seventy Year 11 students an opportunity to sample A level lessons and a visit to De Montfort University in Leicester.

Have a restful summer break and we look forward to welcoming back our Year 12 students to Year 13 on Friday 9 September and our new cohort into Year 12.

Year 12 key date

Friday 9 September -
Return to school into Year 13.

Year 13 key date

Thursday 18 August -
A Level results collection from
9am to 11am in A Block Hall.



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 delivered a presentation to all Year 10 students in CPSHE in June, to inform them of career pathways after Year 11 and to explain entry requirements and how to apply. Students will now complete a What Next questionnaire to help with the preparation for their career guidance interview.
- 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

- Year 12 students recently took part in a speed interview workshop to help them to continue to develop their employability skills. They had a one to one 15 minute interview with invited visitors and received feedback on their performance. Students had to prepare for this session by learning how to use STAR (Situation, Task, Action, Result) technique to answer competency based interview questions. All the students that took part in the session benefitted from the experience and a big thank you to all our visitors and staff that supported this successful event.
- All Year 12 and 13 students are emailed a careers newsletter every 2 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.

Careers Roadshow

There is a Future Careers Roadshow being held in Coventry at The Metropolis Restaurant, Earl Street on 30 July 2022, between 9.30 and 11.30 am for Years 10 to 12 students and parents/carers. There will be workshops on apprenticeships, Further and Higher Education.

Term dates 2022-2023

We are staggering the start for students to return in September:

Year 7: Wednesday 7 September 2022

Year 12: Thursday 8 September 2022

Year 13: Friday 9 September 2022

Year 8, 9, 10 and 11: Monday 12 September 2022

Autumn

Wednesday 7 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

Teacher Training Days 2022/2023

Monday 5 September 2022

Tuesday 6 September 2022

Friday 30 September 2022

Friday 30 June 2023



Year 7 and 8 Carousel

The following dates are when the carousel subjects change:

14 November 2022

23 January 2023

20 March 2023

22 May 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.

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.