

December 2019

Winter Newsletter



Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School

Holy Cross Catholic Multi Academy Company



Headteacher's message

'And God showed his love for us by sending his only Son into the world, so that we might have life through him.' [1 John 4:9](#)

This term has given us so many opportunities to develop our faith and truly be witnesses of love and compassion. It was humbling to see the whole school community welcoming our new Year 7 children into our family in September. In return, our new cohort of students has thrown itself into the life of the school with real enthusiasm and vigour. All are a brilliant addition to our school community.

We were also lucky to be visited twice this term by One Life Music which has introduced the whole school community to new musical ways of expressing our faith in song. Our Masses and liturgies have been enriched this term by hearing the voices of our incredible young people singing aloud.

This term's newsletter is similarly filled with tales of our young people grasping the opportunities to be the best they can be in school and our wider community. This search for excellence is what makes our school so vibrant. During this period of Advent when so many in our school are working to support others or raise funds to support the most vulnerable in our community, this becomes especially clear.

On behalf of the staff, children and Governors of Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School, I wish you a peaceful and blessed Christmas.

Chris Billings

Students return to school on Monday 6 January 2020 at 8.40am

Transition time

The move to secondary school can be daunting for some students. To ease the transition, our new Year 7 students had the school to themselves at the beginning of the Autumn term. They were able to enjoy the canteen as well as the good weather.



In their first few weeks, they also attended a Welcome Mass at school and also at St Thomas More Church with Year 6 students from our partner primary schools.



Here is what some of our Year 7 students had to say about moving to Bishop Ullathorne.

Milosz Hejnowicz 7HB—St John Vianney

I was scared about making new friends at secondary school so, during the first week, I found it easier to stick with my friends from primary school. For lessons, you are grouped in four different ways: form; teaching; carousel and PE groups. So now I have been able to make lots of new friends as well as keep my primary ones. The Year 7 Community Building Day really helped us to talk to new students and get to know each other. My confidence is growing every week.



Miriam Bwami 7SD—St Mary and St Benedict

Secondary school has been a great experience. At first I was quite worried but now I am very confident. The teachers and students are very friendly. I have also joined the choir and I am looking forward to the Christmas service. I have made lots of friends and I am excited to experience more adventures.



Reuben Kimberley 7JB—All Souls

When I started Bishop Ullathorne, I was delighted to know that there were clubs which I would enjoy joining. In the hall, there was a Freshers' Fayre with stalls for all of the clubs on offer. Due to me starting robotics and STEM club, I have made some great new friends. Everything about this school is perfect.



Siem Tesfagabr 7OA—St Anne's

Since joining Bishop Ullathorne, life for me has been really dramatic and exciting. The PE staff ran trials and selected me to represent the school. Our team has won every match so far and I have scored six goals in three matches. I am really proud of this and looking forward to our future matches.



Mary Stanton 7BD—St Thomas More

Starting at Bishop Ullathorne, I felt nervous for the big change ahead but it all turned out really well. I have met new people, teachers and students and experienced lots of new subjects. There are always teachers to go to when you need them like your Form Tutor or Head of Year. I feel really happy here.



Juliana Monterde 7OA— Our Lady of the Assumption

Before starting at Bishop Ullathorne I was nervous that I would get lost but we had a whole day where only Year 7 students were at school. This meant we were able to find our way around the school, spend time with our Form Tutor and use the canteen by ourselves. By the time the whole school started the next day, we knew what we were doing and where to go for our lessons. The Year 9 Peer Mentors helped us if we were unsure at times so it was easy to settle in.



Community Building Day

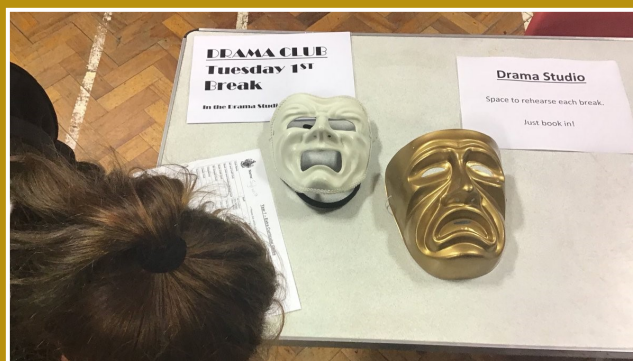
During Community Building Day, our Year 7 students worked with their Form Tutors on a range of activities to build our Bishop Ullathorne family.



Freshers' Fayre

Year 7 students were able to sign up to some of the large number of extra curricular clubs on offer, during an event in September.

For further information on all extra curricular activities, please visit our school website.



Thinktank visit

Aforensics workshop, planetarium visit and tour of the Thinktank museum was enjoyed by our Year 7 Science enthusiasts this month.



Month of Mission

As part of the special month of Mission, Bishop Ullathorne staff and students particularly focused on reaching out to support refugees in October.

Several staff sampled the food at Arabian Bites, a community project in Coventry which is run by refugees from Syria and the Middle East.

Liturgical inset for our key stage 3 musicians was also organised with Dan Callow during October. This was followed by singing practice for the whole school to support our Masses for All Saints.



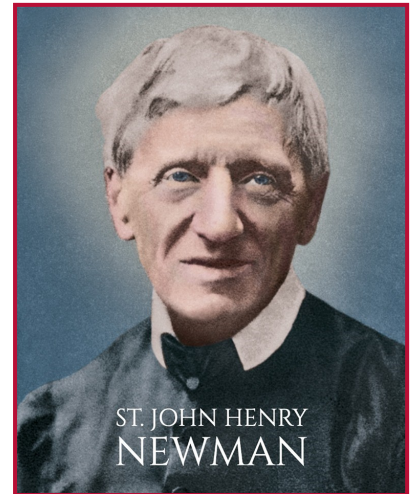
All Saints Day



They will receive blessing from the Lord
and vindication from the God
of their salvation. Psalm 24.5

Canonisation

All students were given a chocolate bar this term to celebrate the canonisation of St John Henry Newman, the first non-martyred English person to be made a Saint in 500 years. The 19th Century scholar led a movement to link



the Anglican Church with its Catholic roots.

However, his own conversion to Roman Catholicism was controversial. Despite this, he responded to his vocation: *"God has called me to some definite service that he has not given to another."* These words are reinforced in our school prayer.

Collection for Calais

During October half term, donations for refugees were delivered to a house in Calais run by the Passionists. In the house at the time, four families were in desperate need of essential items. The volunteers were overwhelmed by our school's generosity.



Chaplaincy team

Our new Chaplaincy team, with representatives from years 7 to 11, has been appointed to support the spiritual life of our school.



Advent collection

As a school community, we have collected items for the Cyrenians and food hampers for those in need.



Spiritual space

Over 400 trees have been awarded to Bishop Ullathorne to create a new wooded area in the school grounds. Once planted, members of our school community will be able to dedicate one of the trees in memory of a passed loved one. Including an edible orchard of 120 trees, each form group will be allocated trees to plant.

Cameron Burns, Teacher of Science, said: "We will be using the trees to create a spiritual space for students and staff to pray and worship. I am aware that there will be a lot of people over the years who have passed through our gates and this may be a lovely way to honour and remember them."





BISHOP ULLATHORNE

carol service 2019

THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER.

5:30PM FOR REFRESHMENTS.

6PM START.

A BLOCK HALL.

ALL WELCOME.



Pray for us

To raise the profile of Bishop William Ullathorne (1806 to 1889) in school, all prayers are now ended with:

"Bishop Ullathorne... pray for us."

Tim Lee-Mohan, Head of RE, said: "We do this because there is a community of believers in Heaven (recognised Saints and others, including loved ones who have passed away) who can also intercede (pray for us) for God's blessings in our life, just as we might pray for those around us."

Our Year 7 students have finished their introductory topic in RE which explores Bishop Ullathorne's life as a sailor, his conversion to Catholicism in Latvia, his ordination as a Benedictine Monk and Priest, his work in Australia and voice in the abolition of transportation, his ground-breaking work in Coventry and his appointment as the first Catholic Bishop of Birmingham. Some of our Year 10 students have also been supporting their studies by recording views around school about what it is to be faith-filled and prophetic.



Duke of Edinburgh

All of our students who took part in the Summer expeditions will receive their Bronze Award at Coventry Cathedral in February.

Remembrance Day

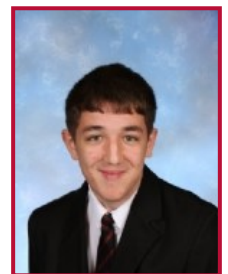
Our school community came together to remember all of those who have lost their life to war. Students and staff took time to reflect on their great sacrifice and prayed for those in our armed forces.



Luxury experience

Work experience for one of our students was not confined to the temperate streets of Coventry this Summer.

Alex Quinn (Year 11) spent time in fully air conditioned offices in Dubai discovering more about brokerage in the luxury property market.



Avoiding 50 degree temperatures in plush offices, he observed high level negotiations and learned how to develop website presence and market properties. Hoping to follow in his brother's footsteps, who has already spent six years in Dubai, he is continuing to research brokerage. Alex admits that the work experience has made him even more focused on his GCSEs and options for the future. He is keen to leave the UK and test his skills in this highly competitive area. He said: "I like the concept of dealing with money and the excitement of sealing a big deal. It is a tough business and pretty ruthless but totally engaging."

Retreats

Our Year 11 retreats focused on the theme of refugees and God's message of love for all. Students were challenged to show compassion and learn the facts about asylum seekers who have made the journey to the UK.



Our Year 8 students were equally hardworking during their retreats.

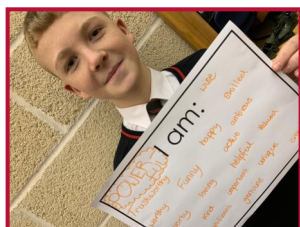
"For him you have worth; you are not insignificant. You are important to him, for you are the work of his hands." Christus Vivit, 115

The quotation from Christus Vivit became the foundation of the days. Students spent time in our chapel to reflect on their self-worth and God's plan in their lives.

Demi Williams-Toney said: "I think it was very reflective and gave us time out of our day to think about who we are and how we matter."

Ellie Dempsey said: "There were fun ways for us to think about who we are and how we are all equal."

Emmanuel Oum Ndebi said: "The retreat was important and helped me pray about God's plan for my life."



CAFOD Family Fast Day

As the CAFOD Family Fast Day coincided with our Teacher Training Day, a collection was made on the last Friday before half term.



Lend a Hand

Antibullying ambassadors

Our new Year 10 prefects have taken part in antibullying training. Students spent the day working on their communication, team building and leadership skills. Following the training, they delivered assemblies to promote being positive towards each other.



Odd Sock Day

The first event organised by our ambassadors was Odd Sock Day. This celebrated diversity and difference.



Open Evening

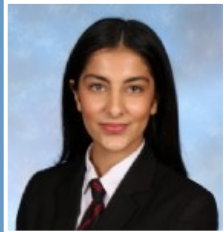
In September, our annual whole school Open Evening saw record numbers of prospective students burst through the doors.

During the evening, some of our current Year 7 and Year 9 students performed dramatic scenes which they had devised for visiting parents and students. The sheer volume of parents attending meant that the students performed several times to very appreciative audiences.



The Open Evening was primarily for prospective Year 7 students. However, some students join us after the start of Year 7 and are equally positive about their experiences.

Ariyana Delai (Year 11) joined us in February 2019 from another secondary school in the city having previously attended St Gregory's primary school. She said: "I did not take the decision to move lightly. I thoroughly researched all options. I feel at home here. Teaching is excellent and my grades have improved as a result. Teachers give a lot of time to marking and feedback and DIRT has changed everything for me. In a religious school, there is more awareness and understanding. Praying together and celebrating Mass together also makes it special."



Liliana Acheampong (Year 11) moved to Bishop Ullathorne at a similar time. She would like to be a midwife and is grateful for the advice about pathways which she has already received. She has had an interesting journey to get here. Having spent her early years in Italy, she has also lived in Essex and Germany before finding herself in Coventry. She said: "This is the best school I have ever been at. There are lots of opportunities for support and reflection throughout the day. My Form Tutor is also excellent and always gives us his time. The waiting list for this school is very long so I feel lucky to be here."



Trip to the trenches

In September, 45 Year 11 students embarked on a mission to discover what life for soldiers was like during the Great War. It was an incredibly moving experience and allowed our students to grasp the enormity of the First World War.



Hanny Barry said: "We were taken to a number of museums where we were able to walk through trenches. As World War One is a topic I have been taught in History, I am glad that I was able to go on the trip to Ypres. It helped me gain a deeper understanding of the events and what it was like to live through them."

Eniola Olatunde said: "The trip to the trenches was fun and educational. I really enjoyed learning History in a practical way rather than from a text book. It was a once in a life time opportunity that I would recommend to the younger years."



Erin Rodgers said: "Visiting the trenches and sites of the battles was an incredible experience. It was engaging from a historical perspective as you got an insight into the backgrounds of the nations we live in today and how the wars impacted our country. From an emotional viewpoint too, it made you reflect on and appreciate all who fought and died during the Great War overall. Visiting the Menin Gate, amongst other monuments, really put into perspective the amount of people who sacrificed themselves for the cause of war. Finding people with our surnames made it feel a lot more personal and a much more vivid experience."

School Leadership Council

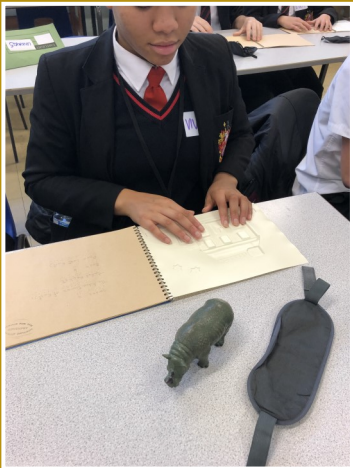
After a rigorous process of application and interview, twelve students from Year 7 to 10 were selected to join our Student Leadership Council. Anne Adegbenle (Year 10) has been chairperson this term.

Anne Adegbenle	Oren Daniel
Courtneylea Fisk	Aiden Gilks
Connie Graham	Regan Hitchcox
Owen McDermott	Grace McDonagh
Elizabeth McErlean	Grace Murphy
Poppie Payton	Aimee Timms



Product Design

Books created for visually impaired children have captured the imagination of our Year 10 Product Design students. Inspired by the Living Pictures charity, which creates *Touch to See* books, the students have been exploring three-dimensional images in picture books.



Joanne Appleton, Sensory Team Leader from Coventry SEND Support Service, delivered training to our students about what it is like living with visual impairments. A wide range of books and products which already exist for visually impaired children, were examined. Our students gained a valuable insight into the target market and are very grateful for this experience.

Warwick Sutton Scholars

Three of our Year 10 students have graduated from Warwick Sutton Scholars and will continue to benefit from a range of



inspirational events such as Summer Schools and a GCSE Boot Camp. **Lorraine Nduka**, **Alvin-Prince Kityo** and **Vivienne Egbuchulem**, have benefited from the programme so far.

Ship shape workshops

Sea cadets provided STEM workshops for our Year 8 students. Focused on marine engineering and problems faced when working at sea, students examined different ship designs. Teams then created vessels which could float and hold the most weight. The winning design held 269 marbles.



Science of Fatbergs

Guest speakers from the University of Warwick discussed the issue of fatbergs with our Year 10 and Year 12 Science students. They were then asked to investigate solutions to blocked sewers and develop advice to prevent them.



Drama Club

Our Drama Club continues to be incredibly popular with key stage 3 students and our GCSE Drama students will be attending a performance of *The Woman in Black* in January.



Local Governance

Local Councillor, Becky Gittins, supported a Year 9 class with their CPSHE unit on Local and Central Governance. She took part in a question and answer session about her role as Councillor for Earlsdon.



Book Fair

Our Scholastic School Book Fair was a great success. Nearly £400 worth of discounted books and stationery was sold, which earned the school just under £100 of free books. All students will benefit from the brand new titles. The most popular books sold were *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott; *Lightning Girl – Superpowers Showdown* by Alesha Dixon and *A Good Girls Guide to Murder* by Holly Jackson.



Showcase talent

Auditions were held this term for our annual Showcase of talent. The grand final is scheduled for Thursday 5 March next year. Watch this space ...



Water lot of fun

Our Product Design team designed and created the winning entry in our annual Summer sponsored walk. Their *Cool Runnings* inspired bob sleigh and co-ordinated outfits pushed them into the lead. In addition to this, 48 of our students raised nearly £2000 between them. Having raised over £25 each, they were invited to take part in an extra water-filled games session. Students raising over £100 each were: **Damian Turner** and **Jessie McEnergy** (Year 8) and **Arjun Cheema** (Year 9).



Horsing around

A successful cake sale at the end of the Summer term enabled



members of our PALs clubs to sponsor a horse and a donkey at Redwings Horse Sanctuary.

GCSE Drama

Actress Tamla Kari, of *The Inbetweeners* fame, worked with some of our Year 11 GCSE Drama students this term. As part of the 'Texts in Practice'



component, she was able to help them rehearse their monologues, duologues and group performances.

Surya Suree said: "Working with Tamla was very helpful. She gave my group a lot of useful advice and suggestions, which really improved and contributed to shaping our performance."

Ariyana Delai said: "Tamla was incredible: she really helped me with my drama piece, especially with the setting. Without her, I would have struggled with body language too. After the lesson, I felt a lot more confident with my devising piece and her support had a very positive impact on my work."

Music results

In addition to excelling in our school music lessons, some of our students have recently passed externally assessed examinations.

Ellie Dempsey	ABRSM prep test Piano and Theory	Grade 1	Distinction
Niamh Hatfield	Theory	Grade 4	Distinction
Julia Jakabovicova	Theory	Grade 1	Distinction
Martha O'Shea	Theory	Grade 2	Distinction

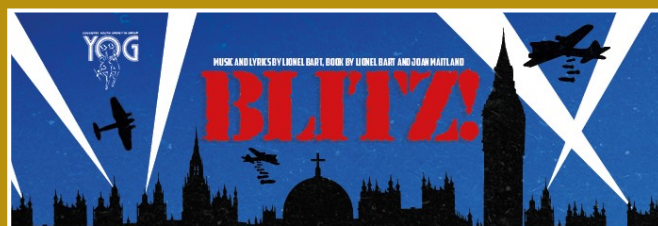
Spanish Trip

Our Year 9 students had an excellent time in Spain this term.



The Blitz

Several of our current and former students performed in the recent Youth Operatic Group (YOG) production of *The Blitz* at the Albany Theatre in November. Full of uplifting, humorous and moving melodies, the musical opened with the start of a night air raid in 1940 in London's Bank Underground Station and followed the poignant stories of two families during the war.



Amba McKenna (Year 10) has now worked on three performances with YOG and is keen to continue. She gained the theatre bug when watching *Blood Brothers* with her family for the umpteenth time. Part of the junior chorus, she enjoyed the storyline, song lyrics, costumes and even some of the dance moves. She said: "I am so passionate about performing. The finale of *The Blitz* was amazing and the response from the audience was intense and totally thrilling. I love to entertain."

Connie Graham (Year 8) also performed in the show following her previous outing on skates in *Starlight Express*. She said: "Without the wheels, it was a little easier to move around the stage but I still need to practise my dancing. I was really engaged by the context and learning about life in the war and the difficulties of being in shelters. As a young girl in the chorus, I had great fun and am missing it already. Saturday night was the biggest audience, performing to over 500 people."

Harry Davies (Year 10), who helps to lead our school Drama Club, went along to support other members of the school community. He is currently working with Highly Sprung on a physical theatre piece inspired by *Swan Lake*. He said: "It is brilliant being part of this sort of enrichment. Our school performances help to build students' confidence and prepare us for other opportunities. Drama is good for mental health and collaboration with others. Everyone from our school was excellent and the solos across the board were incredible."

Sports Day 2019

Students and staff enjoyed Sports Day at the end of last term and a large number of students represented their forms throughout the day in a number of athletic and fun events. The form winners for each year group (from last year) were:

7RG



8RW



9EH



10JB



School records broken on Sports Day

7	Girls Javelin	Blessing Mkhwananzi	13.20m
8	Girls Javelin	Lara Edwards	14.75m
9	Girls Javelin	Mia Marsdon	18.50m
7	Girls Shot	Julia Jakabovicova	7.00m
9	Girls Shot	Vivienne Egbuchulem	8.92m
10	Girls Long Jump	Katie Troccoli	4.08m
7	Boys 100m	Kevin Vallayil	12.95s
7	Girls 200m	Atinuke Awobamise	28.95s
9	Boys 100m	Axel Edie	11.6s

We are the Champions!

In July, our Year 8 boys football team was crowned West Midlands Champions after beating Wordsley School 5v3 in the West



Midlands Schools final. The team quickly went 2v0 down but showed great resilience to fight back to take control of the game and come out deserved winners.

Football

Finham Derby		
Year	Score	Player of the match
7	Won 3-1	Caine Barrett
8	Drew 2-2	Oliver Kavanagh-Bowell
9	Won 3-1	Samuel Mulbah
10	Lost 3-2	Dylan Vine
11	Lost 2-1	Jack Hicks

West Midlands Cup			
Year	School	Score	Player of the match
10	Aldridge	Won 3-0	Thomas Weatherall
10	Caludon Castle	Lost 3-1	Amaani Dixon Emerode Lukelo

English Schools Cup			
Year	School	Score	Player of the match
7	Walkwood	Won 2-1	Siem Tesfagabr
7	Kenilworth	Won 3-2	Siem Tesfagabr
8	Caludon Castle	Won 6-1	Oliver Kavanagh-Bowell
8	President Kennedy	Lost 3-2	Michel Nya-Njeimen
9	Moat	Won 10-1	Cohen Cosgrove

Netball

Yr	School	Score	Player of the match
7	Coundon Court	Won 8-0	Antonia Wamala
7	West Coventry	Won 19-0	Antonia Wamala
8	Blue Coat	Won 10-3	Mia Ochieng Azaelle Ngakam
8	Cardinal Wiseman	Won 12-4	Aila Doogue-Johnson Lacey McMillan
9	Cardinal Wiseman	Won 8-3	Kacey Hehir
9	West Coventry	Won 10-2	Millie Macdonald Grace Wilding
10	Coundon Court	Won 9-6	Vivienne Egbuchulem
11	Blue Coat	Drew 15-15	Caitlin Winterton
11	Coundon Court	Won 17-4	Grace Brennan

Most improved netballers for Autumn 2019

Lily Mae Watts (Year 8)

Casey Parkes (Year 9)

Annie Brown (Year 9)

Cross Country

Four of our students achieved top 10 finishes in cross country races this term: **Lorcan Walsh** (Year 7), **Liam Shaughnessy** (Year 7) and **Antonia Wamala** (Year 7), **Niamh Walsh** (Year 9).

WASPS visit

Our Year 7 netball squad spent an afternoon at the Ricoh Arena taking part in a Wasps Netball Community Day. They had a tour, tested their fitness and met some of the players.



Spotlight on...

Saffia Del Torre joined us as a PE teacher in September. She said: "I had a long career in catering before I started teaching. Then I worked in local primary schools before moving in to secondary. I have always loved PE and I am a keen athlete. I take part in multi events on the track during the Summer and run all year round. In fact, I have completed two ultra marathons (54 miles), seven marathons and about 15 half marathons.

"In April, I am running the London Marathon for Bowel Cancer UK as a friend of mine has been recently diagnosed and I would like to raise money to support him.

"I hope to start a running club at Bishop Ullathorne in the future."



Skiing

Our ski trip students have been practising their moves at Ackers Adventure in Birmingham before taking to the slopes in Saalbach, Austria next February.

Karate kid

One of our sixth form students is taking the karate world by storm. Since September, **Niamh Cosgrove** (Year 12) has competed in Luxembourg, Germany, Chile and Venice with great success. She is currently double English karate champion in two weight categories for her age group. For 16 to 17-year-olds, she is English champion for females weighing less than 53kg and also, incredibly, champion in the open weight category.



This success does not come without huge commitment. In a typical week, Niamh trains five or six times, before and after school, at Baginton Village Hall. On Mondays, she also builds her stamina by road running with her coach for one and a half hours. Additionally, she shares her love of the sport with younger athletes. She teaches primary age children twice a week before starting her own training in Baginton and delivers a session at Manor Park Primary School every Wednesday.



During a short weekend in Luxembourg she gained a bronze medal in a knockout competition and, in Berlin, she again gained the bronze in her own category and silver medal as part of a team of three. In the World Karate Championships in Chile, she represented the English national team for the second time. Travelling with the team on an athlete-only flight and staying in a hotel with only her team mates was an incredible experience. She was able to visit the Chilean Olympic stadium and see fencing and weightlifting Olympians as well as competitors from hundreds of countries. Despite losing to the current European champion, she was not happy about returning from Chile without a medal.

Niamh said: "I am a terrible loser. However, it was a really good fight and both of us were scoring quickly in a very intense competition. Karate is a disciplined sport, which requires ultimate concentration. It provides routine and focus in other areas of life."

Sixth Form Open Evening

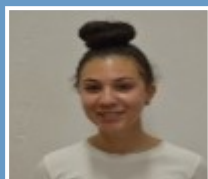
Our Year 11 students and their families had a great deal to discuss at our Sixth Form Open Evening this term. Current Year 12 and 13 students were also on hand to provide expert advice.



Here is what our Sixth Form students said about studying at Bishop Ullathorne.

Isabella Monsanto (Year 12) said:

"Before transitioning into Sixth Form I was nervous to take on both an increased workload and greater responsibility for my own education. Fortunately the Sixth Form team guided me, helping me to learn how to manage the pressures of A Level study whilst setting my own independent work. They further assisted me to expand the breadth of knowledge required for higher education by involving me in the HE+ programme run by the University of Cambridge. This equipped me with the skills and support with which to deepen my academic proficiency."



Mateusz Furtak (Year 12) said: In October, I successfully applied for a place on the Pathway to Banking and Finance. The programme is facilitated by the University of



Warwick and will give me a real insight into the financial sector of banking. This pathway provides great work experience opportunities such as being a shadow worker at a high street bank, solving workforce related problems and managing people. This pathway will sustain me with more knowledge and experiences that will help me with my university studies in 2021 when I will hopefully be studying accountancy and finance at the University of Warwick."

Manjot Chhokar (Year 12) said:

"My transition into A Levels has not been simple, yet with the guidance and support from my teachers it has allowed me to adapt to the increased workload. The Sixth Form team has encouraged me to benefit from new opportunities like the Pathways to Law programme which will widen experiences for a career in Law."



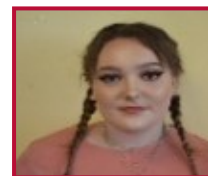
Jessica Burch (Year 13) said: "I am

very excited to study Geography at university and I received all five offers. At the moment, my ambition is to go to the University of St Andrew's and achieve the best grades possible. The support from the Sixth Form team throughout the whole UCAS process has been amazing and writing my personal statement was made much easier due to the continuous support and advice."



Georgia Hogg (Year 13) said: "I am overjoyed to

have gained the opportunity to study midwifery. Due to the highly competitive nature of the course, I had to undergo interviews. I would not have been successful if it was not for the continuous support of the Sixth Form team. The team guided me with my personal statement and gave me a mock interview too."



UCAS applications

Current Year 13 students have been very busy applying to university and researching Higher Apprenticeship opportunities. Students have taken Oxbridge entrance exams as well as BioMedical Admissions Test (BMAT) and Law National Aptitude Test (LNAT) assessment papers this term. Already offers and feedback has delighted our students. Similar to last year, we have students making international applications to countries including Canada and Ireland.

Nuffield Foundation Programme

During the Summer holiday four students undertook a four-week placement on scientific research at the University of Warwick. Their experience has inspired their UCAS applications.

Certificates

Afternoon tea was taken with our 2019 leavers when they received their A Level certificates. It was a great way to catch up on all of their news.

Enrichment

All Sixth Form students continue to broaden their experiences by contributing to service in the community. They can be seen supporting younger students in class as well as in the early morning reading scheme. They have volunteered in hospitals and care homes and organised a Christmas party for the elderly. Some have visited Law Courts and taken bespoke Dentistry and Law placements during half term.

Macmillan morning

Our Sixth Form Leadership team hosted the annual Macmillan Coffee morning and raised over a £100.

British Science Festival

Our Year 12 Biology students attended the British Science Festival at the University of Warwick. During the day, they took part in workshops with HS2 and Jaguar Land Rover and attended award-winning lectures on deep ocean exploration and smart monitoring of diseases.



Climate Change

A symposium on creating a green future was attended by our Sixth Form Biology students. The forum at the University of Warwick focused on transport, plastics and food. Students were able to address industry experts and decision makers with their questions and concerns.



Special sunflowers

Art students in Year 12 and 13 were able to observe contemporary and famous art work during a visit to London this term. During the combined visit to Tate Modern, Tate Britain and the National Gallery, students were especially drawn to Vincent van Gogh's Sunflowers. The students kept a journal during the visit which documented key information, images and drawings.



Jumping for joy

Our Sixth Form students were in festive spirits this term. They wore Christmas jumpers for the day and gave a donation to the Sixth Form fund.



Holiday dates

We close for the holidays on

Friday 20 December 2019 at 12.30pm

The new term starts on

Monday 6 January 2020 at 8.40am

Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School
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Change of details

If you have moved house or would like to update any of your personal details, for instance emergency contacts, please email the changes to: rollrequest@bishoppullathorne.co.uk

School Governance

Are you passionate about education? Do you want to be involved in school life? Then become a Parent Governor. Email admin@bishoppullathorne.co.uk to request an application pack.

Alumni

Callum Whelan (pictured with Rory Whelan, Teacher of Science) left Bishop Ullathorne in 2014. He recently graduated from Coventry University with a BA in International Business Management and is now working for the National Grid.



Holy Cross

A celebration Mass was held this term to bring together all seven schools in the Holy Cross Catholic Multi Academy Company.



Dates for your diary

Year 8	Thursday 2 April 2020 – Parents' Evening
Year 9	Thursday 12 March 2020 – Options' Evening Thursday 14 May 2020 – Parents' Evening
Year 10	Thursday 13 February 2020 – Parents' Evening Thursday 19 March 2020 – Careers' Evening
Year 11	Thursday 16 January 2020 – English and Mathematics, identified students only Thursday 25 June 2020 – Year 11 Leavers' Ball Monday 13 July 2020 – Year 11 into Year 12 Induction begins (two days)
Sixth Form	Thursday 20 February 2020 – Parents' Evening Monday 13 July 2020 – Year 12 Work Experience week Friday 19 June 2020 – Year 13 Leavers' Ball
General	Thursday 5 March 2020 – Showcase Wednesday 1 July 2020 – Transition Day Friday 3 July 2020 – Sponsored Walk Thursday 9 July 2020 – Art Show Tuesday 14 July 2020 – Sports Day Tuesday 14 and Wednesday 15 July 2020 – School Production Thursday 16 July 2020 – Trips Day

A full list of events can be found on our website and can be accessed via the calendar button.