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Message from our Headteacher

As we reach the close of another academic year, I write with gratitude and pride for all that our school community has achieved together. This has been a busy year full of learning, growth, challenge and celebration and I want to take a moment to reflect on the highlights, to thank those who have contributed so much, and to look ahead with optimism to the year to come.

First, I must acknowledge the many achievements of our students. In the classroom, I have been impressed by the dedication shown to learning: Outside the classroom, our students have distinguished themselves in sport, the arts, community service and competitions. Whether it was sporting fixtures, or charity projects, our young people have represented our school with commitment, creativity and compassion. These successes are a testament to their hard work and to the supportive culture we nurture here.

None of this would be possible without the partnership between home and school. I am deeply grateful to you, our parents, for your continued support. Your involvement whether through attending events, encouraging learning at home, volunteering, or working with staff creates the environment in which our students can thrive and flourish. Thank you for the trust you place in us and for the many ways you contribute to school life.

We also owe a special thank you to our staff. At the end of this term we will say farewell to several colleagues. They are mentioned later in this newsletter, and I want to express here my personal thanks for their dedication to our school. Their professionalism, care for students and contribution to our community will be missed, and we wish each of them every success in the next stage of their careers.

As we break for the summer, I wish every member of our community a safe, restful and happy holiday. I encourage our students to read, pursue interests and enjoy time with family and friends so they return refreshed and ready to learn.

Finally, I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, refreshed and ready for another productive year. Thank you once again for your support, your partnership and your commitment to our school.

Mrs Boyle, Headteacher

Prayer

Loving God,

As we begin our summer holidays, we thank You for all we have learned, the friendships we have shared, and the challenges we have overcome.

Bless our time of rest and fun. Keep us safe in all our travels and activities. Help us to use our gifts, show kindness to others, and remember that You are always with us.

Refresh our minds, strengthen our faith, and bring us back ready to learn, serve, and grow.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Good news

Orwell Youth Prize

Meghani S Shortlisted for the Prestigious Orwell Youth Prize

We are delighted to celebrate the outstanding achievement of Meghani Shanthakumar in Year 9, who was shortlisted for the 2026 Orwell Youth Prize, one of the UK's most prestigious and competitive writing competitions.

This year's competition attracted more than 1,300 entries from talented young writers across the world. Following an extensive judging process, only 47 entries were shortlisted across all age categories. In the Years 7, 8 and 9 category, just 20 young writers were selected for the shortlist, and Meghani was one of them. To be recognised among such an exceptional group of young writers is a remarkable achievement.

The 2026 theme, "Truth," inspired entrants to explore a wide range of personal and global issues, including identity, censorship, propaganda, justice and freedom. Meghani's writing impressed the Orwell Youth Prize readers sufficiently to earn a place on the shortlist, an achievement of which we are all immensely proud.

This year marks a particularly significant milestone for Bishop Ullathorne School. Over the past four years, we have encouraged numerous students to enter the Orwell Youth Prize, and this is the first time one of our students has been shortlisted. This success is a testament to Meghani's talent, creativity and dedication.

Although Meghani was not named among the winners this year, being shortlisted in such a highly competitive national competition is an exceptional honour and places her among the country's most promising young writers. Well done, Meghani!



Good news

National Storytelling Week – Going All In with Reading

As part of the Department for Education's Go All In strategy for the National Year of Reading 2026, our students took part in National Storytelling Week, a nationwide celebration of the joy and power of storytelling.

This year's theme, "Soundtrack Your Story," encouraged young people to explore how sound, rhythm and music can inspire creativity and bring stories to life. The event was the first national 'Go All In Together' live event, bringing schools from across the UK together to celebrate reading, writing and oracy.

Our students participated in an inspiring online creative writing workshop led by acclaimed author, broadcaster and educator Jeffrey Boakye. His engaging session encouraged students to develop their ideas with confidence, imagination and originality, while providing valuable insight into the craft of storytelling.

Following the workshop, students carefully planned, drafted, edited and refined their own stories. They demonstrated creativity, resilience and a genuine commitment to producing writing of the highest quality before submitting their final entries to the National Storytelling Week competition. With hundreds of schools from across the country taking part, the standard of entries was exceptionally high. We are therefore delighted to announce that the following students have had their stories selected for publication in the National Literacy Trust anthology:

Bishop Ullathorne's Published Authors

Jack S

Lana F

Etienne B

Joachim B

Rafaella B

Adele M

Dominic B

Princess-Tessy U

Matilda W

Ella J

Michaael P



All students will receive a certificate and a copy of the anthology which showcases their work.

We would also like to give a special mention to Freya S. Although her story was not selected for the published anthology, it progressed to the Amazon's Choice judging round, where it was chosen as their winning entry; an outstanding achievement that reflects her creativity, originality and talent as a writer.

The exceptional quality of our students' work has also been recognised with a fantastic prize for the school. We have been awarded £1,000 in Amazon book vouchers, which will be used to purchase new resources for our young writers to inspire a lifelong love of reading.

Good news

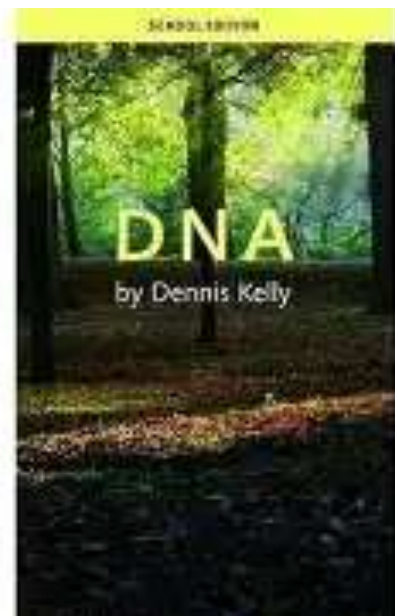
Irish Here Heard!

Students signed up for a taster drama session with Cathy Leahy in school recently. The session was open to all Irish and mixed Irish Heritage students. They are working on a community and arts group. Students have the opportunity to take part in some more taster sessions over the summer holidays.



Drama Update

Year 10 Drama students began rehearsals later this year for DNA by Dennis Kelly. We have a strong cast and dedicated crew who are keen to share their work with incoming GCSE Drama students and their family and friends in September 2026. A One Act play that explores a Broken Britain at the start of the 20th Century and Dennis Kelly invites the audience to ponder how people respond when faced with difficult situations, and how friendship, responsibility, and group dynamics can influence the choices we make.



Good news

Coventry Peace Award

Winning the Coventry Peace Award was a tremendous honour and a meaningful recognition of our commitment to promoting peace, understanding, and inclusion within the community. The award reflects the collective efforts of everyone involved in building bridges between people, supporting those in need, and fostering a more compassionate and welcoming Coventry beginning in our school. It serves as both a celebration of what has been achieved and an inspiration to continue working towards a more peaceful and connected society.

To achieve the Award we had to submit evidence across how we have shown peace at different levels:

- a school level, such as our Year 7 pastoral programme Change Makers, Odd Socks Day, Diversity Day and the Diversity Passport that Year 9 complete and our biodiversity work in our Peace Prayer Garden
- within Coventry, including our work as part of the Coventry Young Voices Project and supporting primary school students within our MAC on the Coventry Peace Trail
- our wider peace work including our Belonging in our City Creative Writing Conference with many schools all over Coventry and our pilgrimages to Lourdes and Medjugorje



We are looking forward to working with Peace Makers more in September with a group of sixth formers on the Peaceful Leadership Programme.



Good Bye

Retirement

At the end of term we have some sad farewells to make. A few members of staff are retiring and some staff are off to pastures

Mrs P Casey is retiring from Bishop Ullathorne. She has given 35 years wonderful service to our community working . Mrs Casey has worked in the Religious Education Department, been head of Year 7 and has finished her career as an Assistant Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form.
We wish her the best of luck in her retirement!



Mrs Salter is retiring from Bishop Ullathorne School. She has given 9 years of service to Bishop Ullathorne school. Mrs Salter has been an Religious Education teacher and our school SENDCo and Assistant Headteacher We thank her for all her work and support with all of our students and wish her the best of luck in her retirement!



Mrs Frenguelli is retiring from Bishop Ullathorne School after 19 years of service to our school Community. Mrs Frenguelli has worked in the Maths departments and has supported with our DofE programme. We thank her for all her hard work and support for all the students she has helped. We wish her the best of luck in her retirement!



Mrs Marston is retiring from Bishop Ullathorne School after 18 years of service to our school Community. Mrs Marston has worked as a Pastoral Support manager and part of our Safeguarding team. We thank her for all her hard work and support for all the students she has helped. We wish her the best of luck in her retirement!



Mrs Nordone is retiring from Bishop Ullathorne School after 8 years of service to our school Community. Mrs Nordone has worked as head of Drama . We thank her for all her hard work and support for all the students she has helped. We keep Mrs Nordone in our prayers



Staff Moving on to Pastures New

We say good bye to a few members of staff who are moving onto pastures new for promotion or to try a new career path. We say goodbye to Mr lee Mohan who is our Senior Assistant headteacher and head of RE, Mrs Francome who is an Associate Assistant headteacher and Head of Maths, Mr Fermoy teacher of Maths, Mrs Hondo Teacher of RE, Mrs Evans teacher of Geography. We wish them well in their new roles and career paths and thank them all for their dedication and support to our school community.



Governors

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Ridley who has been a governor at Bishop Ullathorne for many years. Mr Ridley has been a great servant to our school, always placing the students and staff at the heart of all decisions that have been made. As a past student Bishop Ullathorne holds a special place in his heart. We are so grateful for all you have done for our school community over the years. Thank you!



Library News



The Carnegie Medals for Writing and Illustration

After two years, and two hundred and fifty books, our librarian, Miss K, has finally reached the end of her tenure as a Carnegie Judge this summer. It is a position that can only be held once in a lifetime, and although she will miss it, she is very pleased to be able to read her own choice of books for a change! Miss K had the absolute honour of supporting shortlisted (and previous double-Carnegie medal-winning) author Patrick Ness (Lizard Nobody) at the ceremony, and along with her son and the entire panel of 2026 judges, had a wonderful time seeing the winners announced for both the Medal for Writing (Beth O'Brien, Wolf Siren) and the Medal for Illustration (Kate Rolfe, Wiggling Words).



Nathanael Lessore Visit

Back in May, we were absolutely honoured to host multi-award-winning author Nathanael Lessore at Bishop Ullathorne. He came and spent the morning speaking to our Year 7 and Year 8 students about his life, about his writing, and about how many of the hilarious incidents in some of his book's stem from his own experiences as a young man growing up in south-east London. The students were fully engaged and asked an incredible array of questions.

As well as posing for photos with Book Club members and student librarians, Nate was kind enough to sign for every single student who purchased a book, writing many personalised inscriptions, and we are so grateful to him, and to the organisers and book Suppliers, Warwick Books, for offering us this amazing opportunity.



Library book Club

The Library Book Club have had a very busy year of reading books on the Coventry Inspiration Book Awards and the Warwickshire Schools Book Awards shortlists, as well as shadowing the Carnegie Medals. They have read all the books, kept journals with their thoughts and shared their ideas, and have also submitted beautiful writing and artwork for various competitions. We had a wonderful time at the awards ceremony for the WSBA's, meeting all four of the authors who attended (Jenny Pearson, Anne Fine, Dan Smith and Liz Hyder) and Miss K continued her six-year streak of having a student win one of the three competitions, with Adele taking home a goody bag of prizes for this stunning visual piece inspired by Liz Hyder's book, *The Twelve*.



We rounded off the year with a fantastic celebration event, with sweets, treats and lots of amazing home-made food. We thank all the parents for their generosity in providing such a fantastic spread!



Quiz Winners

As announced in the Spring newsletter, we have had another year of quiz success, with placings in both the Hooked on Books Quiz, and the National Reading Champions Quiz. The



students were very pleased this term to receive their prizes, with the NRCQ winners taking home a £20 book token each, and the Hooked on Books winners choosing from a selection of brand-new books for their efforts.



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Good news

Wilder Schools Update - Year 1 Complete!

Through this exciting programme, our Wilder Schools students have been learning about local biodiversity, exploring habitats around our school site and developing plans to make our grounds more wildlife-friendly with help from Jen at the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust.

Throughout the year we have taken part in a range of practical activities to improve habitats, including creating seed bombs, planting daffodils, building bug hotels named after Sir David Attenborough, planting flowers and vegetables and making bird feeders both in the Peace Prayer Garden and the Eco Area where 50 trees were planted a few years ago.

The project has also encouraged us to develop our environmental knowledge while making a positive difference to our school community. We have learnt about the different types of trees on our site, and really enjoyed bug netting this time where Jen was able to tell about all the different types of bugs we collected. We learnt more about the flora on our site as we did cyanotype printing with a range of flowers, coniferous and deciduous trees.

Thank you again to Jen for all her advice and suggestions to further improve our wonderful school community.



Bishop Ullathorne achieves Green Flag with Distinction again!



Green Flag 2026

**Bishop Ullathorne
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Award Level:
Distinction

This is our fifth year running where we have achieved the Eco Schools Green Flag with Distinction- a phenomenal achievement and a down to the hard work of our Eco staff, our Eco Reps and every member of our school community coming together to make tiny positive actions which all come together to have a massive impact.

Our feedback includes:

One of your greatest achievements this year has been the continued improvement of your school grounds and the consequent boost in biodiversity over the last 5 years as a brilliant Eco-School ambassador. It is wonderful to read that this year your team has been able to plant even more, create more houses for bugs and birds to be placed across the school site. It is clear that because of your work, biodiversity has flourished and wellbeing across the school community is also improving which is something that everyone should be incredibly proud of!

Water Safety

Water Safety Awareness Message from West Midlands Fire Service

During the hot spell over the late May Bank Holiday weekend and half-term holiday, there were a number of tragic incidents around the country, many involving young people. The forecast over the coming weeks is for temperatures to rise again.

To keep yourself and your loved ones safe around water please be aware of the following:

Of all drownings in 2025, 57% took place in inland water – canals, rivers, lakes, ponds – the type of bodies of water we have lots of in the West Midlands.

Even if the weather is warm the water may be cold, causing your body to go into cold water shock.

If you fall into water Float to Live – put your head back, float on your back and keep yourself stable by using small movements of your hands.

Once you are stable you may call for help or swim to the bank if it is feasible.

Do not go into the water to save people or pets. Call 999 and ask for the Fire Service.

For more information about staying safe around water please visit the West Midlands Fire Service water safety page (<https://www.wmfs.net/safety/water-safety/>) or the RNLI Education Resources page (<https://rnli.org/youth-education/education-resources>).



Coventry SEND Offer

What is the SEND Local Offer?

The Children and Families Act of 2014, requires Coventry Local Authority to publish information about services they expect to be available for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities. This is called the "SEND Local Offer" and should include (amongst other things!) information about:

special educational, health care and social care provision;

other educational provision;

training provision;

provision to assist in preparing children and young people for adulthood and independent living (such as finding employment or obtaining accommodation);

arrangements for children and young people to travel to schools or post-16 education (including further education colleges, sixth form colleges, independent specialist providers and training providers) and;

providers of relevant early years education.

Further information regarding Coventry's [Digital Local Offer](#).



Good news

Creative Writing Workshop

Talented Key Stage 3 students produced and delivered some wonderful poetry at our annual Creative Writing Conference. Featuring workshops led by Dr John Bernard, Coventry's former poet laureate, and Letitia George, former student and The Voice contestant, as well as Ms Isabella and Miss Hurley, students were led on a creative journey of discovery. Students explored magic, connection and the power of their own voices.



Paris Trip 2025

Our Year 8 Students had a wonderful time in Paris this term. They travelled by coach and ferry. While in Paris they had a jam packed itinerary with sight seeing in Paris, A visit to Euro Disney as well as some time to shop.



School Captains

Our new Student Leadership team for 2026-2027 have been appointed. Our two school captains are Thomas B and Scarlet D-S in year 12. They have a great team around them to support them in their events and work over the coming year.



Thomas and Scarlet
School Captains



Jacob



Felicia



Sophia



Seana



Year 11 Leavers assembly and Thanksgiving Mass

Year 11 had a wonderful send off this summer with a jam packed leavers assembly with awards and a beautiful thanksgiving mass attended by so many of our families. It was so lovely to hear from each of the tutors sharing what their tutor group meant to them. We wish them the best as they head towards results day. We look forward to welcoming back students joining us in September and wish those moving onto pastures new a successful future



Year 13 Leavers Thanksgiving Mass

It is hard to believe that time has gone so quickly, Our year 13 students are off to pastures new. It is a very exciting time for them all. We wish them the best for their new adventures and know that whatever they decide to do they will be successful. Remember you will always be a part of the Bishop Ullathorne Family.



Severn Trent about the Science of Sewage

All of Year 9 students had a talk this term from Severn Trent about the Science of Sewage. We found out about what Severn Trent do to treat water so we get clean water in our homes every day, and how we can each play our part to look after our sewers by finding out more about what can and can't be flushed and what we should always put in the bin. We learnt that 3 Ps are allowed - pee, poo and toilet paper, and that wet wipes, cleaning wipes, sanitary products, toys, left over ketchup on our plates should all go in the bin.



Thank you Siobhan for her advice and gross pictures!



Year 10 Geography Fieldtrip to Dovedale.

All year 10 Geographers studied Dovedale to investigate the human impact on this spectacular landscape with our days out on 3 and 4 June. We might be experiencing a heatwave but back in June we experienced rain, however students show the Ullathorne value of Resilience to work hard and collect meaningful data. Ice creams and coffees were welcome on our return back to the main visitor area.



Good news

England Team!

Congratulations to Phoebe in Year 7 who has been selected to represent England in Portugal in October for gymnastics and will remain on team England foundation squad for the next year. She has also qualified for English Championships and British championships. We are very proud of you!



Sports Day Winners

Congratulations to our sports day winning tutor groups. These are the most desired trophies of the year. We had a number of record breakers this year. Well done to anyone who broke a school record or retained their record. Thank you to our Chair of Governors Mrs Napier for awarding the trophies

Our winning tutor groups are 7RG, 8TH, 9IC and 10TG!!!!!!



7RG



8TH



9IC



10TG

100% Attendance

Congratulations to all of our students who achieved 100% attendance for this academic year. We held a draw for two bikes on the last day. The names of all students who have reached this goal were added and the two winners were:

Ilaria G 7VS and Ketsia Y 10JM! Congratulations to them both



Diversity Day



Good news

Thanksgiving Mass

On the last day of term we held our Thanksgiving Mass outside. This was a wonderful celebration of Mass and a time for our school to come together in pray to give thanks for all that we have achieved this year and all that we are grateful. Thank you to Fr Simon for all of your support this year in our school.



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Good news

Athletics Results

We had lots of pupils represent the school at the recent Coventry Schools Athletics Championships. We had some outstanding performances with several Coventry champions

Year 8 Girls relay – Coventry Champions

Evie G, Aicha M, Elizabeth F, Jaselen I



Year 7 Boys relay – Coventry Champions

Jay B, Ehimen A, Samuel D, Moreira, Michael-Kennedy



Ehimen A

Coventry Champion in 75m and Shot



Bethany U

Coventry Champion in High jump



Henry T

Coventry Champion 100m



Millie W

Coventry Champion 75m

Athletics Results



Niamh W
3rd Long Jump



Mateusz Z
3rd Shot and 3rd 150m



Naomi E-I 3rd Hurdles
Orlagh F 3rd 800m



Percy B 2nd Long Jump
Harvey S 3rd 100m



Princess T U 2nd Shot
Precious Solomon 2nd Hurdles



Louis B
3rd 300m

Athletics Results



Year 8 Boys Relay

2nd



Year 7 Girls Relay

2nd



Michael KN

3rd 75m



Yr 7 and 8 Gaelic

The boys have continued to work hard this year and have competed in two tournaments. There has been a visible improvement from last year and the boys have competed well. Their most recent competition was the ABC tournament near London in which they were knocked out in the quarter finals.



Condover 2026!

Students in Years 8, 9 & 10 enjoyed another great weekend at Condover this year, filled with sport and outdoor adventurous activities! Our Year 10 Football team finished 2nd overall & our Year 10 Netball team were awarded the Sportsmanship medals by MK DONS (U16's regional team & tournament winners). Thank you to our students for being such a pleasure, we are so proud of you and thank you to the staff for giving up their weekend to make it happen. We look forward to seeing you again next year, Condover!



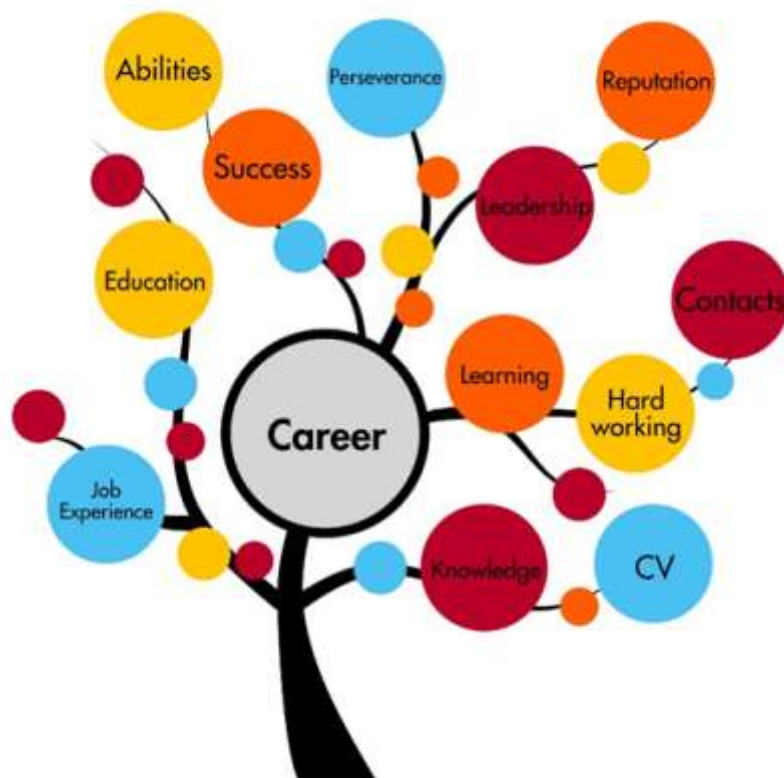
Careers Update

This term has been packed with exciting careers-related activities across year groups:

- The monthly Parent and Carers Careers Newsletter for Years 7–11 continues to run.
- Year 12 students attended a STAR Technique assembly focused on developing interview skills. They learned how to structure effective responses using the STAR framework (Situation, Task, Action, Result) and participated in practical activities, including practising answers to common interview questions in mock interview scenarios.
- Year 12 students took part in a UCAS assembly and have commenced their UCAS applications in preparation for the next academic year.
- Year 10 students took part in an assembly to learn about post-16 options, including college, sixth form and apprenticeships and have begun developing key employability skills, such as creating CVs, completing application forms and practising interview techniques.
- Year 11 students who applied to our sixth form attended their induction programme in July, helping them prepare for the transition.
- A selected group of Year 9 students participated in an in-school workshop delivered by IntoUniversity, where they developed key employability skills, took part in interactive business challenges, and created their own CVs.
- A selected group of Year 9 students took part in a school-based workshop delivered by IntoUniversity, gaining valuable insight into a range of career pathways through sessions led by industry professionals. The programme included Exploring Careers and Roche (Day One), Forvis Mazars and the University of Warwick (Day Two), and a Careers Relay alongside a Politics Taster session (Day Three).
- Students in years 10, 11 and 12 have had mop up careers meeting to explore all options.



- Year 10 students attended an assembly delivered by the University of Warwick, where student ambassadors shared their personal educational journeys and university experiences, encouraging students to explore higher education opportunities and consider their future pathways.
- This summer, we have delivered a series of Career Bite workshops for students in Years 9, 10 and 12. Professionals from the Civil Service, Rolls-Royce and Borrás Construction joined us to share their career journeys, provide valuable industry insights, and lead interactive activities designed to inspire students and broaden their understanding of different career pathways.
- Three Year 8 students received certificates in recognition of their participation in the “If You Were an Engineer, What Would You Do?” competition and were invited to attend a special awards ceremony at Coventry University to celebrate their achievement.
- Year 10 students attended an assembly delivered by Severn Trent, where they learned about the science and processes involved in sewage treatment.
- During National Volunteering Week, Year 10 students attended an assembly led by a guest speaker from George Eliot Hospital, encouraging them to explore a range of opportunities for gaining valuable work experience.
- A group of Year 9 students visited the Birmingham NEC to learn about careers in the transport and logistics sector.





Dear Parents and Carers, Upcoming Changes to Free School Meals and Universal Credit Eligibility

We are writing to inform you about important national changes to **Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility** that will come into effect from the start of the 2026/27 school year.



The UK Government has confirmed that, from **September 2026**, all children in England whose households receive **Universal Credit** will be entitled to **Free School Meals**, regardless of their overall household income.



What is Changing?

Under current rules, families must earn below £7,400 per year (after tax and not including benefits) to qualify for Free School Meals. From September 2026, this earnings threshold will no longer apply; any family receiving Universal Credit will be eligible. This change is expected to support over half a million additional pupils across England.

What This Means for Your Family



No income cap: if your household receives Universal Credit, your child will be eligible.



Financial savings: families could save up to £495 per child, per year on school lunches.



Support for wellbeing: access to a nutritious daily meal has been shown to improve children's health, concentration and learning outcomes.



Do Parents Need to Apply?

Yes – although eligibility will cover all families on **Universal Credit**, parents will still need to apply for Free School Meals so that we can process and confirm your entitlement. Unfortunately, schools cannot automatically enrol pupils for Free School Meals.

- ✓ We strongly encourage all families receiving **Universal Credit** to **apply**, even if you are unsure about whether you qualify.
- ✓ Some families currently receiving Free School Meals may need to **reconfirm** their eligibility – we recommend **submitting a new application** to ensure that your child continues to receive support.
- ✓ **Applications have already opened** before the start of the 2026 school year and require your **National Insurance number** and **Universal Credit Reference number**.



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Year 7 Update

It is hard to believe that another academic year has passed and Year 7 have successfully completed their first, transitional year with us. If the students think back to their first day in September, they will realise just how much they have learned and progressed since then. They probably remember very little of their time when they started Primary school so this was the biggest and most momentous change in their lives so far and they have negotiated that change very well. My thanks go to the amazing Year 7 Tutors- Ms Hurley, Mr Bath, Ms Gill, Ms Boote-Powell, Ms Gosling, Mr Fermoy, Ms Smith and Mr Dallman, who have guided their tutees through this crucial year. My thanks also go to Mrs Brown and Ms Greenway for their wonderful support. Sadly we are losing Mr Fermoy at the end of the year and we wish him well in his next adventures. 7TF will be in the safe hands of Mr Coulson, Head of Art, as their new Form Tutor next year.

In September, Mrs Brown, Miss Greenway and I will be remaining as Year 7 staff to welcome the new Year 7 cohort and so the current Year 7s will be guided through the next two years under the leadership of Mrs Jeremiah, Head of Years 8 & 9 and Mr Anstee, Assistant Head of Years 8 & 9.

Our congratulations go to the 33 students who have worked incredibly hard to gain their Gold Award for the Character Passport- this is an incredible achievement- well done! There have been many special events this term from Athletic competitions, Wilder Schools' projects, fundraising and plenty of healthy inter-form competitions! The last couple of weeks of term have been filled special events. We were also treated to three more form-led assemblies from 7VS, 7RG & 7WD. This week we have had our final Rewards Assembly with a high number of individuals being rewarded with subject award certificates, for being ambassadors of our Ullathorne Way, for having 100% Attendance this term and we even had 19 students who have managed 100% attendance for the whole year- a remarkable achievement! This week we celebrated Diversity Day with our Unity walk and some fun & games! After all the recent incredibly hot weather, the forecast is looking less certain for the rest of the week, but the hope is that on Thursday, we have our whole school Sports Day and our outdoor End of Year Mass on Friday: this is always an incredibly special way to end the school year.

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

Mrs Maxwell



Year 8 and 9 Update

Mrs Jeremiah, Head of Year 8 and 9

Hello everyone and well done for getting through this very busy half-term and to the end of this school year.

We have endured the heatwaves and look forward to more sunshine this week as well as some fabulous football.

Come on England!!!

It has been a very busy half-term again with the last of our fabulous Form assemblies. They have been very informative and entertaining this year.

It has been so interesting to hear about the different cultures and backgrounds of so many of our students and their views on crime, the environment and much more. We have also watched some fabulous Irish and Indian dancing and listened to lots of different music.

The students led and prepared the assemblies themselves.

This Academic Year has also seen year 8/9 go off on trips to Spain and France, where all of our students were not only great ambassadors for our school but also had a fabulous time.

We are very grateful to the staff who organise these trips and give up their own family time so that our students can have a cultural and residential experience.

Year 8/9 have completed the Character Passport and some Year 9 students have also completed a Diversity Passport to add to their extra- curricular files.

This has linked in nicely with our wonderfully diverse diversity day.

A massive WELL DONE to all of those students who achieved a certificate at our lovely awards Assemblies. We are proud of you all. Unfortunately, we cannot award every student therefore many of our students will have an opportunity for recognition through a letter of praise from me to acknowledge their hard work and commitment to our school. This will be sent home at the end of term.

Finally, Good luck and Farewell to Year 9 as they transition into Year 10 and their GCSE years. I do hope that they continue to progress and mature to become the best people that they can be, following our Ullathorne values on a daily basis.

They have been a wonderful Year group overall and I will miss them all.

I wish you all a very peaceful and happy Summer holiday where I hope the sun will continue to shine for us and I thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

God Bless.

Eileen Jeremiah.





Year 10 and 11 Update

Miss Newell, Head of Year 10 and 11

What a term it's been for Year 10 and 11!

For Year 11, the term started with a beautiful Leavers' Mass, celebrated by Fr Simon. It was a really special moment, calm, reflective, and just the right way to mark the start of what can be a stressful few weeks. Then came the shirt signing, with some genuinely brilliant (and quite artistic!) creations that I know will be treasured for years to come.

And then, of course, the exams. The maturity, focus and resilience you showed throughout was exceptional. We're so proud of you, and we really hope your results in August reflect all the hard work you've put in. You've been such a big part of the school community, and you will be truly missed.

Year 10 have had a busy time too. Sitting exams in every subject was no small feat, and now that results are coming back, it's time to reflect. As we talked about in assembly: don't settle for "good enough." Ask yourself, did you revise properly? Were you just lucky this time? Did you bring the right equipment? And most importantly, what will you do differently in Year 11? The choices you make now will shape where you are this time next year.

Well done too to our GCSE Geographers, who headed off to Dovedale to complete their fieldwork. A big effort, but one that will definitely pay off when it comes to exam time.

We'll round off this term with Sports Day and Diversity Day, a perfect way to finish the year, celebrating effort, success, and our community.

I can't wait to see Year 11 again on results day in B Block Hall, and I'm really looking forward to welcoming Year 10 back as our new Year 11 in September.

Take care, and God bless.

Miss Newell

Key Stage 4 key dates

GCSE RESULTS DAY Thursday 20 August 2026 – 9am

YEAR 10 INFORMATION EVENING Thursday 15 October 2026

YEAR 11 INFORMATION EVENING Thursday 28 September 2026

YEAR 11 RETREAT Friday 22 September 2026

YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMS START Monday 19 October 2026





Sixth Form Update

Mrs Casey, Assistant Headteacher and head of Sixth Form

The summer term saw our Year 13 students sit their A level exams with great resilience during the very warm days. Fr Simon celebrated their leavers mass and acknowledged their contribution to the Bishop Ullathorne community. They have exciting pathways ahead with university offers, higher apprenticeships or planned gap years. Grace Murphy organised a magnificent Prom at Nailcote Hall which was a very enjoyable evening.

We look forward to seeing the students on A level Results day, 13 August 2026.

Year 12 students have registered on UCAS and are researching the resources on the website and arranging University Open Day visits. They are receiving help from the Sixth Form

Tutors in crafting their personal statement which is also important for those seeking Apprenticeships. Work experience, voluntary work and Summer Schools are helping students to develop and use the skills necessary to be successful in the future.



All Year 12 have sat their end of year exams, again coping with the unusual summer weather. Reports will be sent home during the last week of term.

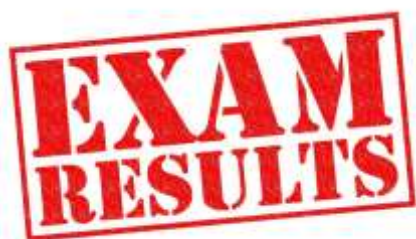
Induction day for the year 11 students hoping to join the Sixth form in September enabled one hundred students to attend taster lessons and discuss Post 16 opportunities. We look forward to enrolling Y11 students into sixth form on 20 August 2026 - GCSE results day.

Our students continue to be an example to younger students, and we are proud of the new Sixth Form Leadership Team led by School Captains, Thomas Burch and Scarlett Dsouza. Their initiative to raise money for charity through a World Cup Football scenario was much appreciated.

Key dates

A Level Results B Block Hall : 9am 13th August 2026

GCSE Results and Sixth Form Enrolment: B Block Hall 9am 20 August 2026



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Sky Blue day!!!!

We had a wonderful day celebrating Coventry City being promoted to the Premier league. Students were given the opportunity to have their photo taken with Frank Lampard at break time. From flags, shirts, blue sweets, cakes and a quiz at tutor time it was a great day of celebrating!



Term dates 2026-2027

Autumn

Tuesday 1 September to Friday 18 December 2026

Half Term

Monday 26 To Friday 30 October 2026



Mobile phones

Bishop Ullathorne operates a no mobile phone policy. This is to ensure the safety of our young people and to ensure our staff can teach and support the children without distraction. As a reminder, if a mobile phone is seen or heard in school, it will be confiscated for 24 hours.

If a student needs to call home, they should speak to their pastoral staff who will be able to support them.



Medical appointments

If your child has a dentist or hospital appointment that you are unable to arrange outside of school hours, please inform the school at least 24 hours prior to the appointment. This can be done either by emailing admin@bishopullathorne.co.uk with your request or by sending in a handwritten or typed note for your child to give to their Form Tutor. Whichever method is used, your request should include your child's name and Form Group, a copy of the appointment letter, if appropriate, with the day and time you are to collect your child and the person who will collect them.



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.

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