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Dear Parents/Carers

WELCOME BACK!

I do hope that you enjoyed the Summer break and that your child has returned to school ready for the busy new school year and I warmly welcome those of you who are new parents/carers to the Bishop Challoner community.

Staff Changes

New staff changes this year include Ms Chalgar (RE Teacher), Ms Stevens (Geography Teacher), Mr Yu (History), Ms Smith (Deputy Head of Year) and Ms Bibila (SENDCo) - we wish them a long and happy career with us.

Exam Results

I am also thrilled to announce another amazing set of A-level and BTEC results. These results are a testament to the exceptional efforts of our students, the unwavering support of their families, and the dedication of our talented teaching staff.

Achieving ALPS 2 for A Levels places us in the top 10% nationally, while our ALPS 1 rating for BTEC places our vocational provision in the top 1% nationally. These are exceptional achievements and demonstrate the breadth and quality of education we provide.

Results were strong across the board; however, standout results were posted by the Biology Department, with 100% achieving A*-A grades, the Chemistry Department, with 80% achieving A*-B grades, and the Sociology Department, with 92% achieving A*-B grades. Vocational subjects also performed exceptionally well, with an impressive 92% of students attaining D*D*D*-DDD grades in BTEC Business. Vocational subjects also performed exceptionally well, with an impressive 90% of students attaining D*D*D*-DDD grades in BTEC Health and Social Care. 75% of students achieved Grade 4 or above in English and 68% achieved Grade 4 or above in Mathematics. Overall, 63% of the cohort secured Grade 4 or above in both English and Mathematics, with 40% achieving Grade 5 or above in both subjects. The school's provisional Attainment 8 score is 43.4.

There were particular strengths at the higher grades, with a quarter of students securing Grade 7 or above in English. Separate Sciences and Computer Science also produced some very strong outcomes.

A number of students achieved exceptional individual results. Mohammed Ismail achieved ten GCSEs, including seven Grade 9s, while Neil Turakalov achieved ten GCSEs, including six Grade 9s. Tolulope Johnson achieved nine GCSEs, all at Grade 8 or above.

School Day/Term Dates

As we start the new year, can I remind students and parents/carers of the new timings of our school day (see overleaf). I ask parents to remind their children that all Bishop Challoner students should leave site at the end of the day and make their way **straight home** after school to change out of uniform and that they are respectful to those in our local community. I should also remind parents/carers that our October half term is for two weeks (weeks commencing 19th & 26th October), returning to school on Monday 2nd November 2026. There will be lessons running for selected students in Years 11 & 13, please note you will be written to separately regarding this nearer the time.

PERIOD	TIMINGS
Prep	8.30am-9am
Period 1	9am-10am
Period 2	10am-11am
Break	11am-11.20am
Period 3	11.20am-12.20pm
Period 4	12.20pm-1.20pm
Lunch	1.20pm-2.10pm
Period 5	1.20pm-3.10pm
Period 6	2.10pm-3.10pm

Parent Evenings/Meetings.

Please see a list below of all our parental engagement evenings this academic year. Please ensure you these dates are in your diary/calendar as attendance to these meetings are an essential part of ensuring success for your child.

Parents' Evenings/Meetings			
Year Group	Parent Information Meeting	Date of Parents' Evening	Critical Parents' Meetings
Year 7	15-Sep-26	3-Mar-27	
Year 8	6-Oct-26	3-Mar-27	
Year 9	29-Sep-26	3-Feb-27	
Year 10	22-Sep-26	27-Jan-27	
Year 11		30-Sept-26 9-Dec-26 10-Mar-27	17-Sept-26 2-Dec-26 10-Mar-26
Year 12	17-Sep-26	20-Jan-27	
Year 13	1-Oct-26	14-Oct-26 2-Dec-26 17-Mar-27	10-Mar-26

Parent Forum

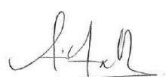
Please note that Mr Hall and Ms Pabila will be holding our first in person Headteachers' Parent Forum this year on Friday 2nd October 2026 at 10am. It is an opportunity for you to learn more about Bishop Challoner and the events/activities that are coming up, provide feedback to the Headteachers and raise questions on whole school policy and practice. Please note that individual student concerns cannot be raised at this meeting, these should be discussed with your child's Head of Year in a separate meeting.

Open Evening/Early Close & Late Start

Whilst writing, I should inform parents/carers that the school will be closing early on Thursday 24th September at 1pm in preparation for our Open Evening. Students will be offered lunch during an extended breaktime. The parents/carers of the students who are assisting with our Open Evening and required to stay behind have been written to separately.

I wish you and your child every success this year at Bishop Challoner and I look forward meeting with you at our up-and-coming events/Parents' Evenings.

Yours in service,



Mr A Hall
EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER



Ms R Pabila
HEAD OF SCHOOL