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Monday 16th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Arrangements for Eid al-Fitr

I am writing to inform you that Bishop Challoner Catholic School will operate a reduced onsite provision on the day that Eid al-Fitr is observed this week.

As the exact date of Eid depends on the sighting of the moon, it is expected to fall on Thursday 19th or Friday 20th March. The arrangements outlined below will apply on whichever day Eid is confirmed.

Due to the number of staff celebrating Eid, the school will be operating with reduced staffing capacity. We understand that most secondary schools in Tower Hamlets will be closed on this day, and Bishop Challoner is therefore likely to be the only secondary school in the borough open to students.

In order to maintain safe supervision and prioritise students approaching public examinations, the school will be open onsite for **Years 7, 10, 11 and 13 only**. Students in Years 8, 9 and 12 will be set work by their teachers to complete at home.

If your child is considered vulnerable, or if you are a key worker and require your child to attend, supervised provision will be available. If you would like your child to attend school on this day, please complete the form using the link below by Wednesday 18th March.

If you are likely to experience difficulties with childcare as a result of these arrangements, please also complete the form and the school will seek to support you where possible.

[Fill in form](#)

Once the date of Eid has been confirmed, a message will be sent to all parents and carers via email and SMS on the evening of Wednesday 18th March, and the information will also be published on the school website.

Arrangements for students attending onsite

Students in Years 7, 10, 11 and 13 should attend school as normal.

Year 7

- Students should arrive at the normal time of 8:30am
- Lessons will follow the normal timetable
- Students will be dismissed at 3:10pm

Year 10

- Students should arrive at the normal time of 8:30am
- Lessons will follow the normal GCSE timetable
- Students will be dismissed at 3:10pm

Year 11

- Students should arrive at the normal time of 8:30am
- Lessons will follow the normal GCSE timetable
- Students will be dismissed at 3:10pm

Year 13

- Students should arrive at the normal time of 8:30am
- Lessons will follow the normal A-Level/BTEC timetable
- Students will be dismissed at 3:10pm

We appreciate your understanding and support as we balance our responsibility to continue providing education for our students while also supporting those in our community who will be celebrating Eid al-Fitr.

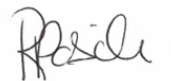
Yours Sincerely,



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