



Dear Parents/Carers

Besides a brief introduction to the end of term newsletter, this is my last but one communication with parents/carers and as such, I once more would like to offer my sincere thanks for your support during my time here at Bishop Milner Catholic College. It has been a privilege to serve as Headteacher/Principal and as stated before, my role has been aided in so many ways by the fact we have such brilliant students, who are a credit to their families along with such fantastic staff.

Please recall that at the start of this half term (6 and 7 June), we had two inspectors in from the Diocese to carry out what is known as a Section 48 Inspection. It is pleasing to report that the outcome of that inspection is as follows; Catholic Life is deemed to be good with outstanding features, Collective Worship is good and the Teaching of RE is also good. We are pleased with the outcome, as it clearly affirms as to why Bishop Milner is one of the best secondary schools within the Birmingham Diocese. The final report will be available via our website as soon as we receive it from the Diocesan Education Service.

Please be reminded that the end of term for all of our students is next Thursday 20 July and the finish time will be 1.20pm.

In the remainder of this letter there is a range of important pieces of information appertaining to next week along with your sons/daughters return in September and therefore, I would encourage you to read all of it.

End of the Academic Year

Next week will be non-uniform for all students - however, please be reminded that they must follow the normal dress code which we operate for all non-uniform days i.e. (no fancy dress, no cropped or strappy tops, if shorts are worn, they must be $\frac{3}{4}$ length), hairstyles (no hair colouring) and footwear must meet the College expectations and must be fit for the purpose for lessons throughout the day. **In addition, please note in the table below where the wearing of *PE kit is required.**

Monday 17 - Friday 21 July	Approximately 35 Y 12 students will completing their Work Experience
Monday 17 July	Y 10 Geography students will be participating in Urban Data Collection Dudley. Y 7-9 & remaining Y10 and Y12, will partake in a variety of activities and due to their nature, all college based students are to attend in their *PE kit
Tuesday 18 July	All Y 10 & Y12 BTEC Science Students on fieldwork visit to Carding Mill Valley. Approximately 200 Y7-9 students to Bowling and Cinema Remaining Students - activities departmentally based in the English, Maths and Science areas of the college
Wednesday 19 July	Sports Day and all students are to attend college in their *PE kit
Thursday 20 July	Last Day of term - Students will be dismissed for the summer break at 1.20pm

Highlights of the Summer Term

The exam season was extremely busy and all of our students who sat BTEC, GCSE and A Level exams were well supported in their preparation, thanks to staff giving of their time both during and beyond the college day. We wish all of our students who sat external exams the success they so richly deserve.

The all-important results are available as follows:

- A2 Levels BTEC Nationals on Thursday 17 August 2017 from 8.30 am onwards in the Sixth Form Centre
- GCSE / BTEC on Thursday 24 August 2017 from 8.30 am onwards in the Sixth Form Centre

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The opportunity to mark the end of their studies for both our GCSE and sixth form students, was made all the richer thanks to our Chaplain, Father Stephen leading a Celebration Mass for Year 11 and a leaver's service for our Year 13. The excellent Year 11 Prom was at The Ramada Hotel, Wolverhampton, whilst some Y13 went to Alton Towers.

Other successful events during the term have included: The Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions, Year 10 Mock Interview Day, Year 10 Art/Science Day, Year 9 Enterprise Day, a Musical Performance Evening and all of the great activities that took place during Sports week. Other events were a great success and enjoyed by both students and staff alike.

Whilst all of these and many other activities took place during this term, most importantly teaching and learning continued to provide academic rigour so that our students continue to develop the skills to face the challenge of the examination system and the needs of future employers. In addition, the lifelong spiritual, moral and cultural development of our young people continues to be of real quality.

September return dates

The new academic year starts for staff on Monday 4 September when college is closed to students. As can be seen below there is phased return for all Year Groups.

Tuesday 5 September Y7 & Y13 return/start and Y12 will be participating in The Edge Teambuilding
Wednesday 6 September Y8-12 students return/start

New College Ties

Upon their return all students will be issued with a new tie (at no cost), this will encompass not only the present colours but a subtle addition to represent the colour of the House Group your son or daughter is in. These new ties are 'clip-on' and therefore it is essential that the top button of your child's shirt or blouse can be fastened comfortably around their neck. Please note that no student will be allowed to wear one of the old ties from this day on and additional ties will only be available to purchase from the College reception.

SchoolComms- Bishop Milner's online reporting system

We still have a number of parents who have not signed up to our new online reporting system. It is simple and easy to use and allows you instant access to your child's attendance, achievements and progress reports as well as allowing you to make payments online. All college notifications, newsletters and parental circulars will be sent through this system including text messages. **If you require any help or support in accessing the new system, please do not hesitate to contact the college.**

New College Telephone Number

From September the college will be changing its telephone system and moving from the traditional Dudley MBC telephone numbers beginning with 81. **Our new college number from 1 September 2017 will be 01384 889422.**

Staff Leavers and Starters

Colleagues who are also leaving at the end of this academic year: Mrs H Cardy, Mrs D Mandair, Mrs N Lamond, Miss L Paskin, Miss C Shaw, Miss R Marsh and Miss S Jones.

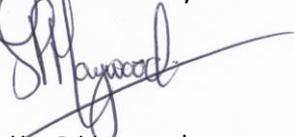
Their combined service and commitment has touched the lives of so many students at Bishop Milner and as a consequence, they are all the richer for having spent time in their care both in and out of the classroom and I trust you will join me in wishing them all the very best for the future.

New staff wef 1 September 2017

Mrs E Aston	Teacher of English
Miss J Bashford	Teacher of RE
Mrs M Bowen	SENCO
Miss R Mulqueen	Teacher of RE
Mrs V Olugunde	Teacher of French

Last but not least, on behalf of everyone at Bishop Milner I wish you and your children a happy, healthy and safe summer break along with my very best wishes for the future.

Yours sincerely



Mr S Haywood
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