

Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of another fantastic term for our students, I'd like to share with you what a privilege it has been, for all of leadership, to be in and out of classrooms observing high standards of teaching and learning and behaviour.

We set ourselves the goal of visiting over 200 lessons a week, and over 1000 lessons later, are really proud of what we are seeing in the vast majority of cases.

For us, this year has been about empowering ourselves with the kind of routines and expectations that will support us in returning to more normal times, following such disruption to education and life in general. Of course, Covid is not over, and so we continue to navigate its requirements and impact throughout the community – including the use of supply staff to cover isolation absence of teachers when it has occurred – which you will also recognise as an unavoidable consequence thus far.

There is one measure of 'normality' I need to make you aware of after the Easter break, however. After evaluating it carefully, we are set to return to one single lunch for students – a measure that will allow us to minimise disruptions to the college day and increase the enrichment offerings for students, because of improved staff availability.

Therefore, the college day will return to the below timings. For new Year 7 students, who are accustomed to an early lunch, we encourage them to make sure they eat and drink at break time too, in order to get them through to the afternoon.

8.55	Students Arrive
9.00-9.20	Registration (Form time) (20 minutes)
9.20-10.20	Period 1
10.20-11.20	Period 2
11.20-11.40	Break (20 minutes)
11.40-12.40	Period 3
12.40-1.40	Period 4
1.40-2.20	Lunch (40 minutes)
2.20-3.20	Period 5

Please may I also take this opportunity to remind students and parents of normal procedure for sickness in college. Students are not permitted to use their mobile phones to contact home and ask to be collected when they feel unwell. They must, with the permission of a teacher, make their way to reception and allow us to follow our usual protocol – that is in place for several important reasons.

Finally, it is so great to see so many of our students availing themselves of our end of term rewards trip opportunities! Alton Towers, Cinema, Shopping, Go Ape, Escape Rooms and Paintballing are just some of the activities on offer. We hope our students have great fun – they have certainly earned it. This last week has also seen our amazing college production of Oliver. We couldn't be prouder of cast and crew – student and staff – and can't wait to find out what next year's show will be.

As you know, our very last day sees Bishop Milner's charity day for Ukraine fundraising efforts. We can't wait to share with you the outcomes of the day. If you are not already, please do follow us on Facebook and Twitter to see what we're up to each week.

Most importantly, I hope you have a happy, holy and restful Easter with your loved ones. Take care.



Mrs S Foster
Interim Head of School

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NUMBER DAY



The maths department celebrated Number Day 2022 in February with a charity treasure hunt for students to identify various college staff from numerical clues dotted around college.

This, combined with a cake sale for staff raised over £200 for the NSPCC and Breast Cancer awareness.

UK MATHEMATICS TRUST INTERMEDIATE CHALLENGE

In the UK Mathematics Trust Intermediate Challenge; Dawood Khan achieved a silver certificate and Best in School, Ryan Bill achieved a silver certificate and Best in Year. Geo Bijo, Aaron Jon Mara, Sean Karwal, Daanyal Khaliq, Kacper Kolodynski, Patryk Michniewski, Matthew Rogers, Lily Webber and Francesca White all achieved bronze certificates.

Dates For Your Diary

Fri 8 April	END OF SPRING TERM
Mon 25 April	Start of Summer Term
Thurs 28 April	Y9 Parents Evening
Mon 2 May	PH – May Day
Thurs 5 May	Local Elections (TBC)
Mon 23 May	SEN Coffee Morning
30 May-3 June	<u>HALF TERM</u>
Wed 22 June	Y10 Mock Interviews
Thurs 23 June	Y7 Parents Evening
Mon 27 June	SEN Coffee Morning
Thurs 30 June	Sixth Form Induction
Thurs 30 June	Y8 Parents Evening
Fri 8 July	Sports Day
Mon 18 July	Y10 Sixth Form Taster Day
Mon 18 July	SEN Coffee Morning
Thurs 21 July	END OF SUMMER TERM

STEM CLUB

Troy Tedstone and Sky-Booth Lamsdale successfully made spinning animation zootropes in STEM club.

This term we have investigated the properties of ice, made slime, carried out flame tests and more.

STEM club is open to all KS3 students on Wednesday after school in S7 with Mrs Chambers.



AMBITION CHAMPIONS

Every half term we celebrate the remarkable things our students get up to outside of college, our first amazing talent is Daisy in year 8.

Outside of her education Daisy is a talented and passionate snooker player who will hopefully one day follow in the footsteps of one of our Alumni Reanne Evans MBE who is the world's most successful female player in snooker history.

Keep up the good work Daisy.

If you know of any students who would like to be one of our Ambition Champions please email swilkins@bmilner.dudley.sch.uk



WORLD BOOK DAY



Staff across the school showed their enthusiasm for reading and joined in the college celebrations on World Book Day.

Staff dressed up in costumes based on their favourite book characters and joined in a range of other activities.

There were stories read across the day; guess the staff book 'Shelfie', and amazing classroom displays.



The Reading Ambassadors led book quizzes at lunchtime and sold badges and bookmarks created by the Art department, raising money for The Memory Project.

World Book Day created a fabulous atmosphere and everyone had lots of fun celebrating reading!



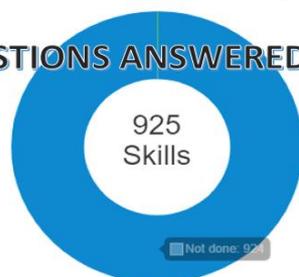
Competition RESULTS

MemRi

Skill performance summary

Fix Up 5

MOST QUESTIONS ANSWERED CORRECTLY



100% 70-99% 0-69%

Competition for this term!

- The competition for this term was to have the **MOST QUESTIONS ANSWERED CORRECTLY**.
- Only **CORRECT QUESTIONS** answered between Monday 10th January and Friday 1st April were counted.
- **CORRECT QUESTIONS** were counted from **Skills, MemRi or Fix Up 5**.

Start **KNOWING** and **REMEMBERING** more today!

Year 11 Top 5	
Liam Dowling	(4933 correct answers)
Faith Gaiser	(2964 correct answers)
Kaytlyn Fisher	(1357 correct answers)
Joshua McGovern	(1269 correct answers)
Dylan John	(1142 correct answers)

Year 10 Top 5	
Amy Ndao	(710 correct answers)
Rayne Cruz	(403 correct answers)
Muheeb Ali	(327 correct answers)
Maya Michno	(321 correct answers)
Macy O'Donoghue	(251 correct answers)

Year 9 Top 5	
Kurt Rosit	(260 correct answers)
Adrielle Toledo	(242 correct answers)
Precious Momoh	(195 correct answers)
Abbie Nicholson	(188 correct answers)
Isa Ali	(159 correct answers)

Year 8 Top 5	
Andalib Ahmed	(496 correct answers)
Blake Homer	(391 correct answers)
Simran Channa	(340 correct answers)
Elliana Ildefonso	(304 correct answers)
Kacper Mirek	(284 correct answers)

Year 7 Top 5	
Arooj Hussain	(449 correct answers)
Oliver Pirog	(446 correct answers)
Christa Oko-Agyemang	(376 correct answers)
Justin Amaechi	(368 correct answers)
Erioluwa Amore	(324 correct answers)

Most Questions Answered Correctly between Monday 10th January and Friday 1st April!

3rd Place – Kaytlyn Fisher (11S) with 1357 questions answered correctly

2nd place - Faith Gaiser (11S) with 2964 questions answered correctly

1st place – Liam Dowling (11C) with an impressive 4933 questions answered correctly!

Best Year	Best Class	Best in Year
11 (31255 correct answers)	11-5 (10677 correct answers)	Liam Dowling (4933 correct answers)
7 (16284 correct answers)	7C (4346 correct answers)	Arooj Hussain (449 correct answers)
8 (13755 correct answers)	8R (3316 correct answers)	Andalib Ahmed (496 correct answers)
9 (9860 correct answers)	9CF2 (3522 correct answers)	Kurt Rosit (260 correct answers)
10 (9138 correct answers)	10-4 (2896 correct answers)	Amy Ndao (710 correct answers)

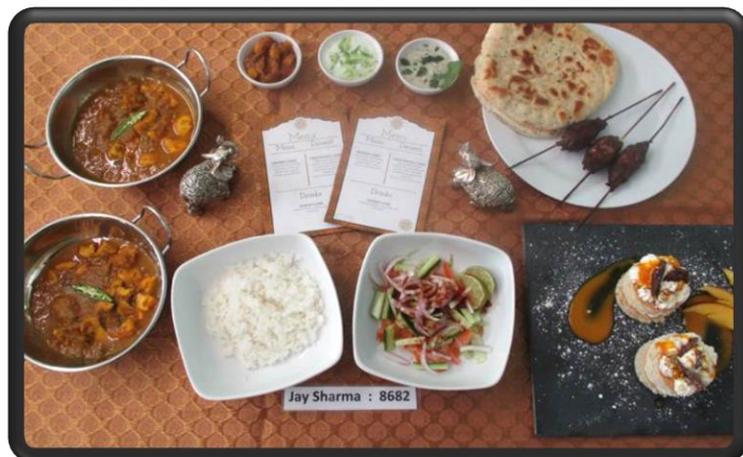
Y11 FINAL COOKING ASSESSMENT

The Year 11 DT Food students did their final cooking assessment on Tuesday 22 March 2022.

They demonstrated much enthusiasm and resilience as they executed a wide range of technical cooking skills to an excellent standard.

Members of staff who viewed their final display were elated and complimentary on the quality of work produced.

An impressive performance that must be celebrated!! We wish them all the best in their final written exam.



U16 BASKETBALL



Our U16s boys are the black country champions

After winning all of their games at the black country tournament, the U16s managed to reclaim the title which they won in 2020.



YEAR 7 FOOTBALL



The Year 7 football team are defeating everybody that comes in their way!

Incredibly, Mr Foster says he could put out TWO teams that would defeat other schools, such is the depth of talent in the Year group. KEEP IT UP!!!

YEAR 7 NETBALL

The Year 7 Netball squad are being put through their paces by Mrs John ready for the Dudley Tournament.

Lots of potential, lots of talent, and lots and lots of enthusiasm





Year 7 have continued to raise money for Against Breast Cancer through a range of Inter-house activities.



7B were winners in Part 2 of the Family Fortunes Quiz, as a different set of 20 students competed.

Splitting the quiz into 2 parts proved a great overall success and even more participation!

Another Inter-house competition we staged was the Girls Football.

An amazing event, full of enthusiasm, won by 7J



YEAR 7 ECO MONITORS SAVE THE DAY

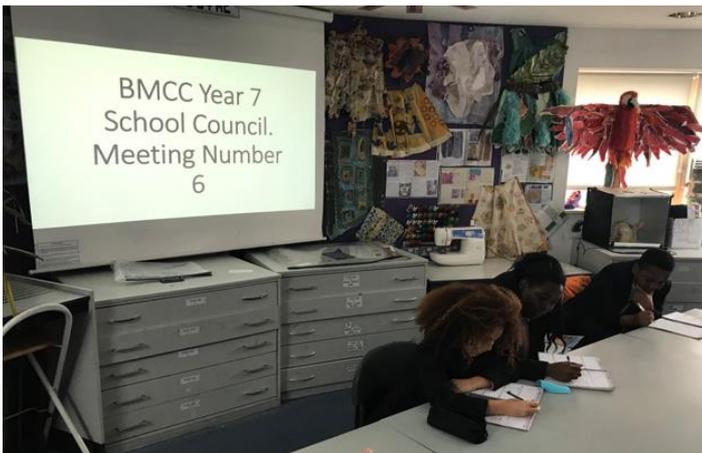
After being an idea raised at students council, the Year 7 Eco Monitors saved the day when we were in need of a little help on campus.

They worked tirelessly through various period 5 sessions to kept the campus clean and tidy!

Well done Lads!



YEAR 7 STUDENT COUNCIL



One of the successes of the Year has been student council for Year 7.

Next term will see them stage their 7th meeting – with issues such as eco-monitors, badges, lunch clubs, charity events and more always being sensibly discussed.

Maybe we have some future politicians

NCS WORKSHOPS

Years 12 and 13 took part in 2 workshops this half term.

Firstly, a workshop designed at resilience and strengthening mental help- exploring strategies to support yourself and others when things can become overwhelming.

Secondly a workshop on Independent Living. This was designed to inform and educate students on life outside of college considering jobs, applications, and expectations as well as budgeting and financial planning!

Feedback was great, with students saying how valuable, fun and engaging the sessions were and a great reminder about looking after our mental health.



YEAR 10 MATHS FEAST

Maths Feast is a fun educational challenge for Year 10 students which tests problem-solving and teamwork skills. Two teams of four students tested their maths skills with an all-you-can-eat feast of problems!

There were several rounds requiring different skills and strategies for success. The event took over 2 hours and awards were given for good teamwork and for the winning team of each round.

Bishop Milner was represented by Ryan Bill, Jaynil Patel, Joe Male, Dashty Soren, Dastan Soren, Lily Webber, Maya Michno and Edie Royle in two teams. All students were a credit to the college but, unfortunately, we did not win any prizes. The students enjoyed themselves, especially having the opportunity to work in a team and some friendly competition with other schools.

A special thank you to Cormac Vance (Year 12) who came along as an assistant to mark the work for one of the teams.



Here is a sample question taken from one of the rounds:

Maria has a five sided spinner numbered 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

What is the probability that the spinner will land on a prime number?



YEAR 7 HELPING YEAR 6

The students of 7H proved a great help to the Year 6 students working on transition from St Josephs to BMCC when Year 6 students joined them for a Numeracy "Bingo" Game.

Year 7 also chatted with them about life in Year 7 @BMCC and it proved an amazing success.

Special thanks to Mrs Warby





UKRAINE APPEAL

Sixth Formers have formed a Peace Committee to respond to a range of crises across the globe.

As a school we have focused on the current invasion of Ukraine and created a range of fundraising activities.

These have included creating and selling pledge ribbons, staff vs student sports, appeal for donated items including baby care products, toiletries and first aid to be donated to a local church and refugee centre.



We have also organised a sponsored row-a-thon for students to row the distance of Ukraine from East to West!

Wearing Blue and Yellow on Friday and more staff vs student sports.

Staff have also order a range of homemade Asian Treats making donations to the cause!

We would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your support over the past half term!



WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK



This year we saw over 70 students gaining a work experience placement.

In the current climate this is an amazing feat, Industry's such as Dentistry, Care Homes, Pharmacies, Vets and the West Midlands Police were just a few that our students gained placements with.



The remaining students experienced Careers within the curriculum with tailored lessons geared around how their subjects link with Careers. They also took part in the Esport Digital Challenge ran by "The Inspirational Learning Group" working in teams to look at all aspects of creating, designing and launching a new computer games concept. We followed this up with launching a brand new careers platform "Launch your Career" where the students explored various companies and jobs and also got to use VR head sets in a fully immersive VR environment.

On Friday we took a group of year 10s on a taster session to Dudley College where they were able to take part in a textiles and fabrications lesson.



CATENIANS PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION.

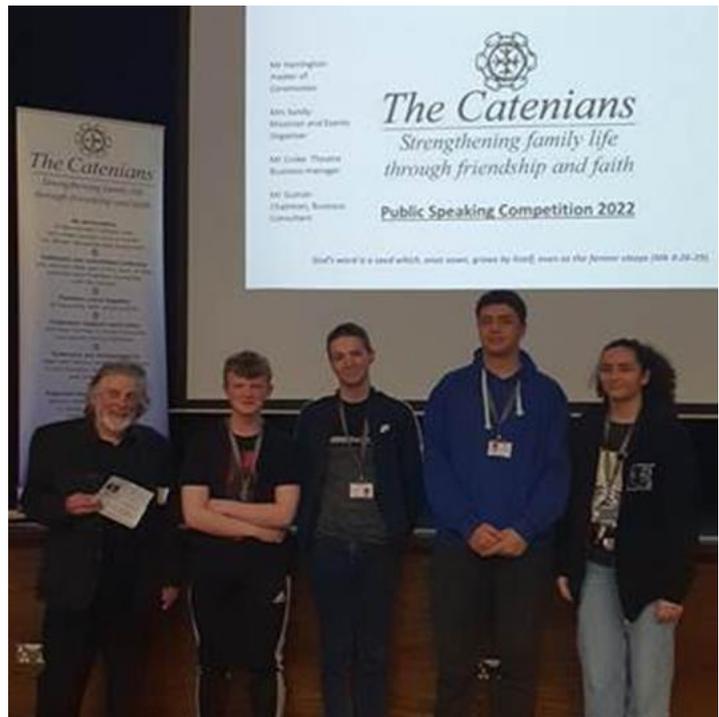
Three Sixth Formers took part in the prestigious Catenians Public Speaking Competition this half term. We are very gratefully supported by the Catenians Group, a Catholic Organisation that is supportive of its local community, young people and their education and training.

The Public Speaking competition is a regional event held across a range of local Catholic College's and Sixth Formers with the final held, this year, at Newman University.

This was our Seventh Year in our involvement in the competition, that was unfortunately postponed over the last 18 months due to covid restrictions- but we're back with a bang!

The competition allows students to select a subject of their choice to express opinions and perspectives. Its great in building confidence, addressing a public forum in a formal way and encouraging students to consider their use of language and how they convey their opinions.

A very well done to Cormac who was the winner of the event who was invited to take part in the final at Newman University! Well done to all!



YEAR 11 SIXTH FORM TASTER DAY. 18 FEBRUARY 2022

All year 11s had the opportunity to experience life as a Sixth Former this half term!

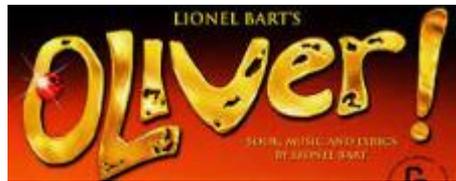
With the option to choose subjects they wanted to study for the day including: law, psychology, English literature, biology, sport and many more!

They also had Sixth Form facilities to themselves, enjoying our new common room, the Guided Learning suite and taking advantage of the canteen for refreshments.

The day also included an introduction to UniFrog where students could explore potential university courses and create their own CV.

A REMINDER THAT APPLICATION TO THE SIXTH FORM ARE STILL OPEN, PLEASE SEE THE WEBSITE FOR THE APPLICATION FORM!





Our refurbished main hall, stage, seating and lighting was the setting for a brilliant school musical production of 'Oliver' this week.

Congratulations to all of our fantastic students who took part in the three performances.

A huge thank you to all the staff who made it happen behind the scenes and at the 'front of house'.

A special mention to Mr Garrity and Miss Gullick who spent a number of months preparing the students for this important event in the school calendar.

For all those who purchased tickets and came to watch family and friends, thank you!

We can't wait to announce next years performance after such a fabulous week!

