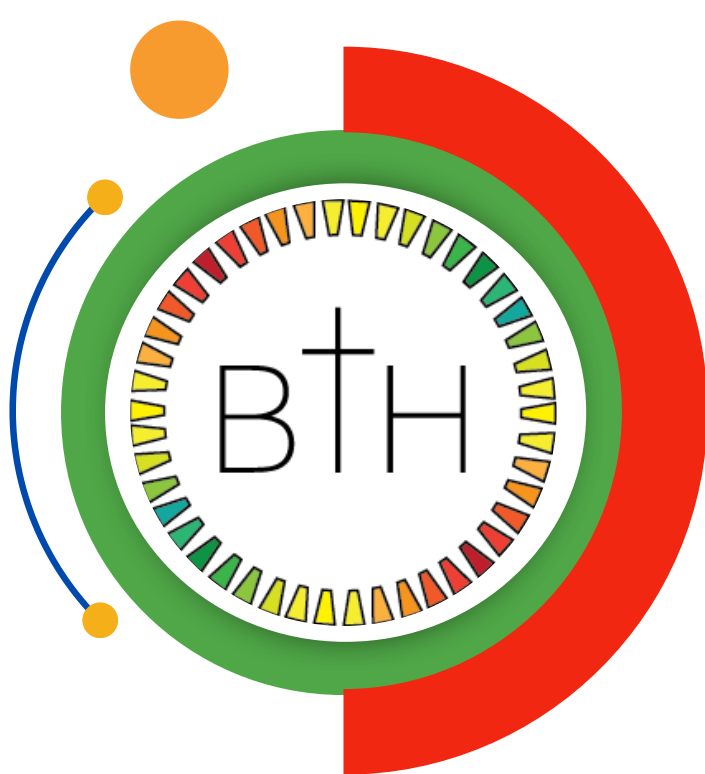




Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College

May God's love be our guide 

Weekly Newsletter





Dear parents/carers,

Thank you all for an amazing first year at BTHCC. I have loved getting to know all the BTHCC family and making plans to make the college even better. It is truly a special place of learning, curiosity, and excitement which I am privileged to now call home. The last week of silent disco, inflatables, sports day, rewards trip... have been so much fun! The students have excelled, and we have then been able to join together in the celebration of Mass to give thanks for our talents students and their caring families.



Have a lovely summer holiday and I look forward to hearing all about it in September as we welcome you back.

Mrs C S Hogg





Our Mission Statement

As a member of the Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic family we pray **'May God's love will be our guide'** as we follow the BTH Way to:

Be Kind - Work Hard - Develop My Whole Self

We achieve this through prayer, celebrating the sacraments and living the values of Catholic Social Teaching.





September UPDATE

In September there will be two INSET days for staff and then we will welcome back **Year 7, 11 and 12 students on Wednesday 4th September**. Year 8, 9, 10 and 13 will be assigned a virtual lesson and activity to complete at home.

On Thursday 5th September we will welcome Year 7, 8, 9, 10, and 13 with Year 11 and 12 assigned a virtual lesson and learning from home.

On Friday all students will be back to BTHCC. This staggered start allows students time and space to familiarise themselves with the new timetable, routines and BTH Way.

As some of our students arrive to BTHCC early each morning we want to ensure they are safe and welcomed.

The routine below has been created for September 2024

1. Students who arrive before 8am will enter college through the front main gate and congregate in the canteen. The toilets in the canteen will be open for all students. Breakfast will be available in the canteen from 8am
2. Sixth Formers can access the study center and Café 2011 from 7am
3. The back gate will be open from 8am and the playground will be available to all from 8am only.
4. The Library and DEN will be open from 8.30am
5. The MUGA will open at 8.45am
6. Sports Clubs will be available from 8.15am
7. Wednesday Word in the Chapel at 8.30am
8. Friday Family Mass in the Chapel at 8.15am



September UPDATE

At 8.45am the college day starts with 'Ready to Learn'. During this time students will have the opportunity to

- Catch up with friends
- Visit their locker
- Pupil Services
- The stationary shop,
- Hand in any homework
- Print work
- Fill their water bottles
- Visit the toilet
- Eat breakfast
- Amend their uniform if necessary
- Say a prayer in the chapel

Just a reminder for all our students – mobile phones need to be turned off before students enter the campus and must not be seen or used on campus.

Sixth Formers can use their phones in the Café 2011, with permission in lessons and in the study areas.

At 8.55am students should be ready to learn and stay in the classroom for the whole 55 mins. We want to encourage our students to be prepared, focused and ready to enjoy their learning.

As BTHCC has grown our room numberings have become a little confusing so we have decided in this jubilee year where Pope Francis invites us all to be pilgrims of hope to rename and renumber our buildings after Christian place of Pilgrimage.

The new build will be known as the Walsingham Building W1 to W14
Sixth Form will be known as the Fatima Building F1 to F20
The main building will be separated into two zones.
Lourdes Building L1 to L19 and the Rome building R1 to R33



New Structure of the College Day

Time of Day	Students
8.45 a.m. - 8.55 a.m	Ready to Learn <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Time for breakfast• Toilet Stop• Visit Locker• Be in perfect uniform
9.00 a.m. - 9.30 a.m	Together for Good
9.30 a.m. - 10.25 a.m	Lesson 1
10.25 a.m. - 11.35 a.m	Lesson 2 Break (Year 13,11 & 10) - 10.25am-10.40am Break (Year 12, 7, 8 & 9) - 11.20am-11.35am
11.35 a.m. - 12.30 p.m	Lesson 3
12.30 p.m. - 1.30 p.m	Lunch for all students Extra-Curricular Activities 12.30 p.m. Lunch (Year 11 and 10) lunch hall entry 12.45 p.m. Lunch (Year 7) lunch hall entry 1.00 p.m. Lunch (Year 8 & 9) lunch hall entry
1.30 p.m. - 2.25 p.m	Lesson 4
2.25 p.m. - 3.20 p.m	Lesson 5

8.45am-8.55am



Arriving at BTHCC before 8.45am



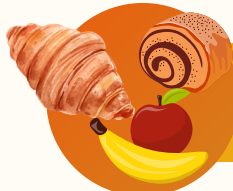
Wear your correct uniform with pride



Visit your locker



Fill your water bottle



Eat breakfast



Visit the library



Visit the toilet



Check your equipment



Say a prayer in the chapel



Uniform

Students are expected to wear their full correct uniform at all times. Uniform should comply with our clear uniform code at all times. When students wear the BTHCC uniform they take up the responsibility to represent our college family and our college values. Please check the uniform section of the college website for full details, below is a summary of the key points. If in any doubt please contact to college for clarity. <https://www.bthcc.org.uk/uniform>



Students must be dressed properly in full college uniform.

- BTHCC Blazer is essential
- Skirt with black tights OR trousers with ankle socks
 - White shirt
 - BTHCC tie
- BTHCC Jumper (optional)



You will have noted that from September students are not permitted to wear socks with the school skirt, it is tights only. The skirt also has to be worn correctly. You will see from the image that the skirt has three yellow bands, these three bands must always be visible and skirts should never be rolled up.

We wear our uniform correctly and with pride.

It is advisable that students hire a locker. We do not permit students to wear coats / jackets in the buildings. As they are bulky items we advise a locker to store them in during the college day / until lunch time.

We expect every student to carry a sensible and suitable bag, every day, containing the items listed below to every lesson. At first, you could help with packing your child's college bag with the relevant books and equipment for the next day after reviewing their own timetable each night.

There are a number of items that students must bring to college daily:

A clear pencil case containing:

- 2 black pens
- 2 red pens
- Pencils
- Pencil Crayons
- Rubber
- Ruler
- A compass
- A maths protractor
- An Oxford pocket dictionary
- Scientific Calculator (Casio)
- Independent reading book – age specific
- PE Kit (on the days they have PE)
- Refillable water bottle



As stewards of God's creation we place caring for our common home as central to how we live our lives.

Therefore we are going plastic free in September.

The drinks that we sell on site will be in cartons or cans.

The cartons are a similar price to our previous bottled drinks. The cans will be more expensive.

We have added a reuseable water bottle to our equipment list and all students should ensure they have one every day.

Students can refill these during ready to learn, break and lunch time from our water fountains.

Students are only permitted to drink water or fruit juice during the college day no high sugar or energy drinks are permitted.



Pre Loved UNIFORM SHOP



**TUESDAY
23RD JULY**

10.30am-12pm
Sixth Form Café



SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform	Donation of
Blazer	£15.00
Jumper	£9.00
Skirt	£15.00
Trousers	£5.00
Tie	£2.00
Sports Kit	
Hooded Top	£10.00
Tracksuit Bottoms	£10.00
T shirt	£7.00
Boy Shorts	£5.00
Girl leggings	£5.00

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