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Dear Lord, you created the Earth and gave us enough for everyone to live life to the full.

This harvest-time, we pray for our sisters and brothers who do not have a fair share of Earth's bounty. Help us to share your gifts with them and to work with them, for as long as it takes, to build a brighter world for everyone. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Message from Mr McGurran, Senior Vice Principal **Friday 13th October**

This month marks the 100th anniversary of the Third Battle of Ypres, or Passchendaele as it is otherwise known. It is considered one of the most brutal and decisive battles in World War One and played a large part in determining the outcome. It was in this battle Lance Corporal Charles Richards, a Kings Heath and former Stirchley resident who worked at the iron foundry in Lifford Lane, Kings Norton, was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for capturing a German machine gun with just his revolver. His actions helped the Allies make key advances in a battle that was notoriously bogged down in the mud of Flanders. He died, aged 34, six months before the end of the Great War.

The story of World War One contains hundreds of such heroic events. They are the accounts of ordinary men and women who, out of a sense of service to others, did

extraordinary things. It is right their efforts should be remembered one hundred years later.

While we cannot hope to repeat the heroism of Charles Richards, each year we endeavour to perform our own heroic works by our service to others less fortunate than ourselves. This week sees the launch of our annual Shoe Box and Sanctuary appeals. Bishop Challoner has a proud track record of being huge supporters to these charities and, while it requires a small sacrifice on the part of our students and families, the cumulative impact of our work is enormous. We ask pupils, staff, parents and the community in general to continue to support Bishop Challoner in this, our Year of Service, by supporting these charity events as much as possible so that we may continue to "give glory to God... by our service to others."

Maths Primary Enrichment

Thank you to all the Bishop Challoner students and members from six different primary schools who took part in the first enrichment maths club! It was great fun, and a lot of interesting maths was completed.

Teaching School Alliance

As we approach Half Term, this means just one thing - UCAS will be opening ready for School Direct/PGCE applications! As we recruit trainee teachers for partner schools across the Alliance, we will be busy reading applications, holding interviews and hopefully appointing some great trainees ready to start their training next year, in September 2018. If you know anyone thinking of training to teach, then encourage them to look at our website www.bctsa.org, or to come along to our next Information Evening on Thursday 19th October.

Teacher Subject Specialist Training

BC support teachers who are looking for FREE support with Maths, Physics or MFL subject knowledge. Please share this offer with your teacher friends and family <http://www.bctsa.org/CPD>. See school website for more information.

Spoken Language for Year 11

Year 11 students will be required to perform a ten minute speaking assessment after they return to school post half term. This will be recorded and will be assessed as part of their GCSE. The English Department would be very grateful if parents could ask to see their son or daughter's plan and then listen to his or her presentation.

Year 8 French Trip

If your child is in Year 8 and interested in attending the Normandy trip 2018 please register via Schoolcomms. Cost is £425 and the trip will run from Monday 25th June 2018 to Friday 29th June 2018.

Opportunities for visit the theatre

There are a variety of exciting opportunities for the younger students at Bishop Challoner to experience world class theatre. A trip has been organised for Year 7 to see a production of Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' in Stratford in January. This will complement their study of the festive novella. Mr Clinton will give Year 7 more details about this after half term. Miss Beard will be arranging for a small number of lucky Year 8 to watch a streaming of the RSC's 'Julius Caesar' next month.

If Year 9 are feeling left out, they should be aware that the Department are working very hard to secure tickets to see 'Much Ado About Nothing' at the world famous Globe theatre in March. Finally, Year 10 will hopefully be travelling the Royal Shakespeare Theatre to watch 'Romeo and Juliet'. Miss Lloyd will be doing her best to secure tickets next week. Please check @BC_EnglishDept for updates!

St. Chad's Sanctuary

Bishop Challoner continues to support St. Chad's Sanctuary. From Monday 9th - Wednesday 18th October we will be running a food and clothes collection project. This will involve donations of tins, dried foods and clothes for St. Chad's Sanctuary. If your family could support our collections we would be most grateful.

Each day we have a focus:

Men's Monday: Bring in Small Men's Clothes (Size 28-30)

Tin Tuesday: Bring in Tinned Food

Warmth Wednesday: Bring in warm winter clothes

Toiletries Thursday: Bring in toiletries

Feet Friday: Bring in shoes or socks

We really appreciate your continued support.

Sixth Form Service

Sixth Formers are embracing our Year of Service in a variety of ways; wrapping shoe boxes at lunchtime, contributing to the St Chads Sanctuary collection and will be taking a leading role in the Cafod Fast Day on Friday 13th October.

Sixth form students have also been assisting at Primary Sports events, peer mentoring younger students in literacy and maths and running the first Seniors' Tea Party last week.

We are very proud of the service our students give to the college and wider community.

Lourdes

Tommy and a team of year 13 students spoke to Year 12 in assembly this week about next year's Lourdes pilgrimage. There is already a lot of interest in this wonderful opportunity to serve others and discover more about the faith.

Applications to the Sixth Form

Year 11 will be having an assembly about the application process this week and the form will be live on the website. We have also been visiting local 11-16 schools to inform them about the opportunities our Sixth Form offers.

Sixth Form Open Evening Wednesday 15th November 6-8pm

A date for your diaries, please share with friends and relatives who may be interested in attending.

Sports Updates

The Physical Education Department have been involved in a wide variety of fixtures this week with lots of successful performances to mention.

Firstly, the Year 8 football team, led by Mr Wilson, beat local rivals Wheelers Lane in a thrilling 4-3 victory in which they secured top spot in the league. They will now travel to Walsall Academy for Round 2 of the ESFA National Cup where they are hoping to find success once again.

The Year 9 football team, led by Mr Noone, beat Streetly Academy in the EFSA

National Cup 6-1 with three goals from Joe, awarding him 'Man of the Match'

The Year 11 Netballers won their first match, beating Colmers 14-7, with Charlotte taking home the 'Player of the Match Award'.

The PGL Netball and Football trips will also be live on school comms on Friday.

Lastly, the trampolinists will be performing in the sports hall next week at break time as part of BGT. Well done to everyone involved, both students and staff.

Shoebox Collection 2017

We start our shoebox collection for: The Trussell Trust - supporting disadvantaged children in Bulgaria. The shoeboxes will be collected on Monday 20th November.

First you need to decide whether to fill a box for a girl or a boy and what age: 2-4 years, 5-9 years or 10-14 years old. Then we ask you to cover a shoebox in Christmas paper and fill it with:

- new small toys: games, puzzles, soft toys, balls, car (no playing cards)
- school supplies: pencils, pens, rubber, sharpener, felt pens, paper, colouring book, notepad, chalk, crayons
- toiletries: soap, flannel, toothpaste, toothbrush, comb, brush (no bottles)
- something to wear: hat, scarf, gloves, necklace,
- sweets: lollipops, chews, toffees, boiled sweets (no chocolate)
- £2.50 to help with transport costs

Please send completed boxes to the School Chapel.

Thank you for your support.

Year 10 Soli House Retreat

The first residential retreat of the year took place when ten Year 10 students visited Soli House on the 19th September to the 22nd September. During the retreat students were asked to take part in a three day programme that would encourage them to take time to build new friendships, reflect on their faith and explore how they could be missionaries in their faith.

Our students embraced every part of their youth retreat experience and entered the soli spirit with enthusiasm and commitment. During the three days Year 10 students were given the opportunity to attend small group workshops, receive personal reconciliation and take part in the Kenelm Challenges which involved archery, climbing and team building games. The week was filled with fun, faith and friendship.

Upcoming Events...

UCAS Early Applicant-
Official Deadline
Sunday 15th October

School Show
Wednesday 18th
October

Year 7 Bikeability
Week 6
Monday 16th October

UCAS Deadline
Thursday 19th
October

Year 11 Food
Practical
Assessments
Tuesday 17th October-
Thursday 19th
October

INSET- School Closed
Friday 20th October

School Open
Monday 30th October

Thanks to all that have supported.

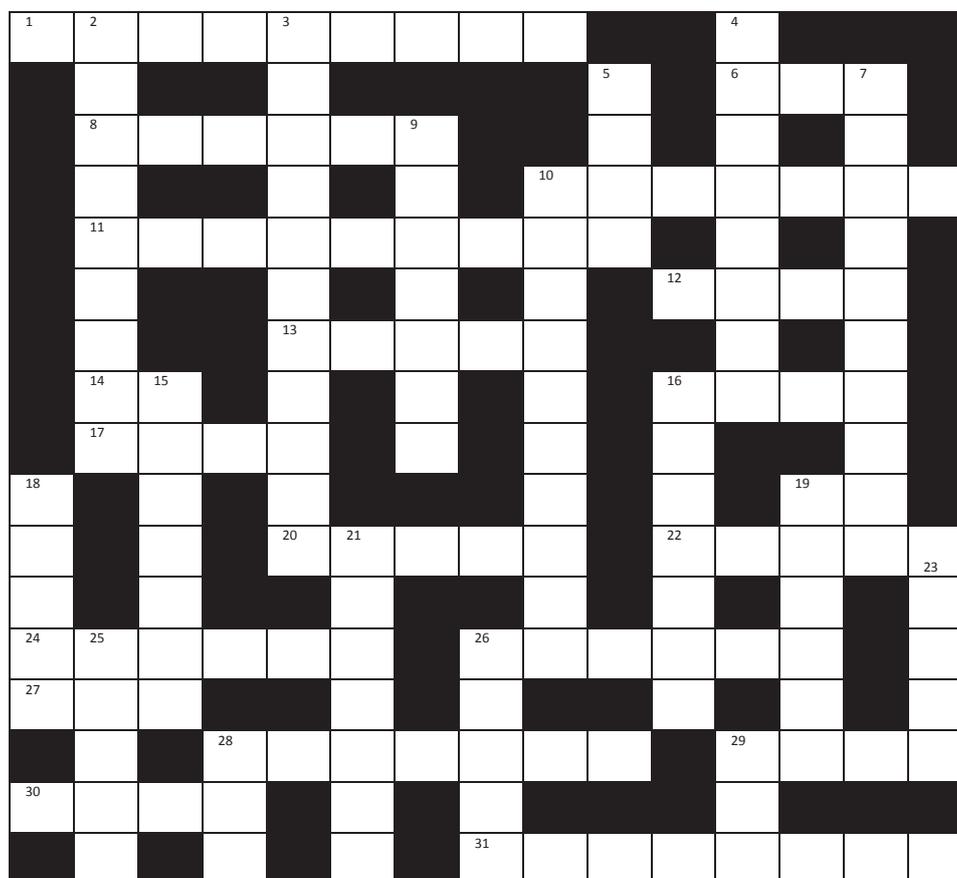


**£5000
TARGET**

£360 so far

Christmas Cards now on sale: £5 per pack of 10. Purchase via Schoolcomms.

BC14 CROSSWORD



Across

1. What we do at school (9)
6. Part of the circumference of a circle (3)
8. A dark house at night might seem like this (6)
10. If you see some white versions of these then run or light a big bonfire (7)
11. Fuel for a fire that is found on the shore (9)
12. Shrek was one (4)
13. The craftsman his trade (5)
14. Not down (2)
16. Change a text (4)
17. Something that is fun to use in the snow (4)
19. Part of the Nike slogan (2)
20. Revealing or someone who might help you with 10 across (5)
22. Something that you can do with water (5)
24. Eating more than your share (6)
26. Sometimes found in soup (6)
27. The outer covering of a grain of wheat (3)
28. Where you put things you don't presently need (7)
29. Where Achilles killed Hector (4)
30. A noise made by a rice crispy (4)
31. What someone Bishop's got Talent does (8)

Down

2. Trees that lose their leaves in autumn (9)
3. Lemmy's most famous card (3, 2, 6)
4. An item prepared for transit (8)
5. What you do with a book (4)
7. Change an answer that is wrong (9)
9. Something we might be seen doing at the end of the day but not during a lesson (7)
10. It could be green, great or lesser (10)
15. You can put it on a cut or a wall or ceiling (7)
16. Well-educated (7)
18. It measures pressure (5)
19. Meal sometimes called tea (6)
21. Where Noddy lives (7)
23. The ring of it is quite spectacular (5)
25. The sort of day to keep you indoors (5)
26. Another name for a broach (5)
28. A car game without the I (3)
29. Also (3)