

# BC14

Friday 3rd February

## Message from Dr Coughlan, Assistant Principal

Our school mission statement speaks of how, as a Catholic community,

“We give glory to God by developing our full potential and in our service to others.”

The theme of ‘service to others’ pervades the school community. This week the whole school charity focus for 2017 was announced and Bishop Challoner will be supporting the Alzheimer’s society. Already students and staff have planned a Table Top sale and Tombola Fund Raiser and over the coming weeks and months there will be many creative ideas implemented to raise money for this charity.

A large number of our year 7 and 8 PE Young Ambassadors have been out working with year 1 and 2 pupils in local primary schools on a multi-skills programme. A number of students gave fabulous performances in the Birmingham Music Service Concert at the Elgar Hall at the University of Birmingham. Our

6th form continue to provide leadership support in a number of curriculum areas including English, History, Maths, PE and through our Chaplaincy team. There is also great service to the local community through the regular tea parties hosted and organised by our students.

In terms of ‘developing our full potential’ not only do we see this every day in the classroom but also through recent events such as the superb Bishop’s Got Talent piano recitals in the library, the Debate Mate event hosted at the school and the packed out early morning, gymnastics club.

This is just a snapshot of the tremendous work being done by the school community to live out this mission statement.

Finally, Friday 27th January marked Holocaust Memorial Day. All year 9 pupils watched a live webcast of Mala Tribich, a Holocaust survivor, speaking about her experiences. This was a poignant and deeply moving

## Library News Regular Sessions

Book Buzz Reading Clubs for Year 8 and Year 8/9 runs on Tuesday and Thursday. Paired Reading takes place on Wednesday. Sixth Form Book Club also takes place on Wednesday. Monthly Library Monitor Meetings continue.

## Planned Events for February

Dance performance by P.E. Students for the Bishop’s Got Talent Programme 17th February.  
Book Fair 6th – 9th February. Books for sale from £2.99  
Charity Tombola and Table Top Sale 16th February.  
Therapy Dog visit date tbc.

## Year 10 Work Experience 26th June-7th July

If your son/daughter has secured a work experience placement, please ensure that they bring in the paperwork to Mrs Reynolds asap. If any student requires support in finding work experience, please ask them to see Mrs Reynolds.

Lord, there are times when we are so concerned about ourselves that we don’t think of others. We ask for the gift of your Spirit that we may grow in awareness of others: - noticing when someone is unhappy, - sensing when there’s something wrong for somebody, - seeing when someone feels cut off or isolated, - knowing when to say the right word, - expressing thanks and compliments, - being thoughtful when someone is ill, - giving words of encouragement, - helping someone to feel welcome, - realising when someone needs the opportunity to talk. May we grow in sensitivity. Amen

## St. Chad’s Sanctuary Collection

Bishop Challoner continues to support St. Chad’s Sanctuary. From Wednesday 1st - Wednesday 15th February 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 clothing (size 28-34).

Tin Tuesday- Bring in tinned food (not baked beans).

Warmth Wednesday- Bring in a warm piece of clothing for the winter.

Toiletries Thursday- Bring in Toiletries.

Feet Friday- Bring in shoes and socks (size 7-9).

## Lourdes

### Fundraiser Ceili Night

Join the Lourdes team on Friday 10th March at the Irish Centre, 8pm til late for a Lourdes fundraiser. We have booked “The Hurling Boys” to lead us in our ceili dancing. Raffle on the night. £5 for a ticket which can be bought on the door. Families welcome.

### Quiz Night

Join the Lourdes team for a Quiz night at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall on Friday 10th February, 7.30pm start. £2 per person to enter the quiz. There will also be a raffle on the night.

## Year 8 Disco

The Year 8 disco will take place on Thursday 16th February 6pm-8pm in the VI form Centre. Tickets will go on sale from Monday 6th February, cost £3 each. All money raised will go towards our whole school charity- Alzheimer’s Society. Thank you for your support.

## Youth Mass

Join the youth group on Saturday 4th February for a Youth Mass at St. Jude’s Church at 6.30pm. Following the youth mass there will be a cake sale to raise money for mission work in Brazil.

# Sixth Form

## Trip to Auschwitz

Two of our Year 12 students, Teddy and Nia, attended an intensive and extremely memorable day on Wednesday 1st February when they joined students from across the Midlands on a trip to Auschwitz with the Holocaust Educational Trust. As Holocaust Ambassadors, they will now work on a project in school or in the community, to ensure that lessons continue to be learnt from this most horrific period of history.

## Student Voice Leaders

We are piloting a new programme of Student Voice this year, which will allow more students to gain leadership experience. A group of students, made up of volunteers from each form, will work on a short project of their choosing for a 6 week period. The first cohort of year 12 Student Voice Leaders are holding a fund-raising cake sale on Friday 3rd February.

## Alzheimers Society

Year 13 students attended an assembly this week where representatives from the Alzheimers Society, our whole-school charity this year, spoke to them about their work.

## Year 12 Work Experience

Our year 12 students are being very proactive and securing some excellent placements for their work experience fortnight 3rd-14th July. We cannot emphasise enough how valuable it is to be able to refer to a successful work experience, when students are completing university or apprenticeship applications.

## Paired Reading

Sixth Formers have continued to work on the paired reading programme. Once a week Year 12 students have been spending an hour supporting younger pupils with their reading. We hope that both groups are getting a lot out of the sessions.

## Stress Busting Workshops

The first Sixth Form 'Stress Busting' workshop took place this week. We hope that students have picked up some useful tips to help them in the exam season. The second workshop will take place next week.

## Upcoming Events

**Healthy Heart Week**  
Sun 6th Feb-Thurs 9th Feb

**Early Finish**  
Wednesday 8th February

**Year 11 Parents Evening**  
Thursday 9th February

**Y11 Practical Catering  
Exam/English G&T Trip**  
Monday 13th February

**Canteen Caribbean Day/  
Y10 Business Trip**  
Tuesday 14th February

**Non-Uniform Day**  
Friday 17th February

**Half Term**  
Mon 20th Feb-Fri 24th Feb

**KS4 Iceland Trip**  
Sat 18th Feb-Wed 22nd Feb

**School Open**  
Monday 27th February

## Sainsbury's Active Kids Promotion

Wednesday 25 January 2017 sees the start of this year's Sainsbury's Active Kids Promotion in store. The scheme runs until Tuesday 2 May 2017 and vouchers can be collected at all Sainsbury's Stores, Petrol Stations or when ordering groceries and goods online. The vouchers can then be exchanged by the school for sporting and catering equipment.

For every £10 you spend (for every £5 when using a Sainsbury's Local) you will receive 1 voucher with the value of all vouchers earned being printed on one piece of paper. Please don't let this piece of paper get lost amongst the rainforest of other vouchers that get printed off with your receipt.

Staff and students have been tremendously supportive of this scheme in the past and I would be very grateful if you would once again start collecting.

Vouchers can be put in the collection box next to the entrance to the Staff Room.

## SPORTS NEWS

There have been lots of PE successes to celebrate in the past few weeks. Year 10 boys basketball team have had a successful start to their league campaign with three wins out of four. Their most recent games was a thriller against Kings Norton Boys in which they won 35-29 after overtime.

Year 10 girls basketball team also won their first game against Bartley Green 30-2, with Shaniyah receiving player of the match for her performance. Year 7 girls Basketball Team have also had a fantastic start to the league, winning both their games, with Annabel and Love receiving players' player.

The Year 7 and 8 boys team started the season losing the Queensbridge, but most recently beat Nishkam 10-6. A huge

well done to all these pupils, and we wish them continued success throughout their leagues.

Year 7 and 8 boys took part in indoor cricket matches against Queensbridge, both year groups won. Year 7 scored 29 to their 27, with still 1.3 overs spare and Year 8 won 63-42. Congratulations to these boys. Year 7 boys won 6-2 in their quarter final and are into the Semi Final of the Kings Norton Cup. Outstanding performances from the boys especially Alex Lubangi, George Dimmock and Damien Tchantcho.

Ball Crew Trials are taking place on Monday for all Year 7 in the sports hall at 3.10. Remember to collect signatures from your club teachers, as prizes will be given out before half term.

## PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

### Beans Eating Beans

The Bean family are very particular about beans. At every meal all Beans eat some beans. Pa Bean always eats more beans than Ma Bean but never eats more than half the beans. Ma Bean always eats the same number of beans as both children together and the two children always eat the same number of beans as each other. At their last meal they ate 23 beans altogether. How many beans did Pa Bean eat?