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Mary you are known to protect, help and intercede for times when we are facing difficulty. We come to you with Mercy during the Month of October to hear our petitions.
Amen

Friday 7th October 2016

Message from Mr McEvoy, Principal

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have now settled into school life and look forward to another year of record breaking results, academic achievement, sporting success and creativity in the arts.

In September we received our second Ofsted visit of the calendar year and we were pleased with their findings. They concluded that we are a good school in which the students make "outstanding progress in a range of subjects including English and Mathematics." We were particularly proud that inspectors noted our pupils have "ambition and an aspiration to succeed" and the school's curriculum meets pupil needs well and how this contributes to their outstanding progress and develops their social, moral, spiritual and cultural development. We will look, over the coming months to see how we can continue to improve so that we develop further our excellent provision.

As mentioned in the last newsletter we have designated 2016/7 to be a "Year of Celebration" at Challoner. We are proud of our school and our students and because of this we intend to celebrate all of our achievements as much as possible. This celebration sends a clear message to parents and students that we value all they do. This affirmation builds confidence and resilience in our young learners and instills a belief they are unique and talented. Challoner is a special place that intends to show students that what they do matters, is noticed and appreciated. This is the glue that holds a successful community together.

A great example of what has made Challoner so special over the years has been our charity work generally and our work in the local community specifically. For this reason our work towards supporting Sanctuary and our annual Shoebox appeal all kick off next week. Every year we are amazed and humbled by the generosity our parents and pupils show in supporting the vulnerable and poor. We are confident this year will be every bit as successful as previous years and we thank you for your support as the school continues in its mission to support the Church in helping the poor and those in need.

We have recently set up a "Friends of Bishop Challoner" initiative and we would ask present and past members of our school community to donate to this so that the school can continue to offer high quality and well-resourced provision in which our children and flourish and achieve their potential.

Instrumental fees

Invoices were sent out yesterday and payment for all instrumental lessons is due on 19th October. Please contact Mrs Choudhury if you have any problems with payment.

Science Revision Guides

If any Year 11's have not got revision guides it is not too late to buy them from school; just ask your teacher (£3). With mock exams coming up before the Christmas holidays, it is important to get these books as soon as possible. Workbooks with answers to help you work your way through the whole course are also available.

Year 10 have started the new GCSE and can also buy revision guides and workbooks from their teachers. As it is a new course not all the books are published yet but we will let you know as soon as they are.

X1 and X2:

Biology, chemistry and physics revision guides £3 each
Workbooks (£3) and answers (£1) for each science.

X3,X4,Y1 and Y2:

Combined Science Revision guide (£6)
Workbooks (£3) and answers (£1)

W1, W2 : books not yet printed.

Mrs Shore

Trip to CERN in Geneva, July 2017

The science department are running a trip to CERN the particle physics research facility in Geneva. The trip will run from the 5-7th July 2017 and will cost approximately £350. We're currently opening the trip to the top four sets in Year 10 and the top two sets in Year 11. If your son or daughter would like to go please sign up on Schoolcomms before Monday 10th October or for more information see Miss Lloyd.

Bishop Challoner TSA

So, having just started 60 trainee teachers within Bishop Challoner and our Alliance partner schools, we are now starting the recruitment for trainees to start next year, in September 2017. This feels like a long way in the future, but as the UCAS system opens soon for applications, we are already on the look out for aspiring teachers. Details of our information sessions and coffee mornings are on our website, www.bctsa.org/Train-toTeach-Events so do let your friends and family know.

Instrumental lessons

As of next week, a text will be sent to you if your child fails to attend their instrumental lesson. Please discuss the reason for their non-attendance with them and contact Mrs Choudhury with any problems.

We currently have a space for flute, clarinet or saxophone for an immediate start. Please contact Mrs Choudhury for more information.

Sixth Form

Masterclasses

There has been a tremendous interest from Year 12 students (and some Year 13s) in masterclasses at local universities. The expectation is that all Year 12 students will attend at least one. This week alone 56 masterclasses have been booked covering issues as far ranging as Biochemistry, Politics, Neuroscience and Criminology, as well as popular A Level topics.

Work Experience

Year 12 work experience fortnight is July 3rd – July 14th 2017. Some proactive students have already secured great placements. Do start looking early to avoid disappointment and remember, courses such as Physiotherapy, Nursing, Medicine and Primary Education require a minimum of two weeks' recent relevant experience.

UCAS

Our early applicants (for Oxbridge and Medicine) have their university applications well underway and we are busy writing glowing references for them!

After next week the focus will be on all other students.

A2B

Remember if you are applying to the University of Birmingham and think you may be eligible for the A2B scheme, which entitles students to reduced offers and additional academic support, see Miss McGowan.

X-Factor and Bishop's Got Talent

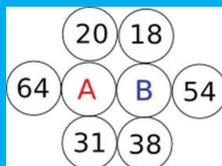
Tickets for this year's Bishop's Got Talent will go on sale from Tuesday 11th October. The show will replace X-Factor and takes place on Wednesday 19th October in the Auditorium. Ticket price is £5.00. We hope to see you all there to watch the talented students at Bishop Challoner perform either a song, dance, comedy sketch, spoken word or gymnastic routine.

Problem of the week

Ali (A) and Baba (B) are shown surrounded by six thieves. The thieves' ages are given. Ali's age is the average of his four nearest neighbours', and so is Baba's. How old is Ali?

Check out our twitter page for solutions to previous problems!

@BCMATHSDept



St. Chad's Sanctuary Collection

Bishop Challoner aims to support St. Chad's Sanctuary. From Monday 10th - Thursday 20th 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.

Suitable suggested foods are: tins (beans, tuna, fruit, soups etc) and dried packets (pasta, rice, trifle, custard, biscuits, sweets etc). Suitable clothing include: jumpers, trousers, jeans, coats etc. All of these collections will be collected in the school chapel and school foyer as of Monday 10th October.

Shoe box Appeal

Every year we collect hundreds of shoe boxes wrapped and filled with presents and we send them with the help of the charity Trussell Trust, to children who have very little. This year we are asking for your support again. Trussell Trust sends a message of hope to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes. Ideally we need to receive the boxes no later than Thursday 17th November as it takes more than a month to get the boxes checked and transported abroad.

Sports Updates

There has been great attendance at extra-curricular sports clubs. Well done to all those pupils taking part. If you are yet to come to a club, check out the extra-curricular timetable and choose one to come to. Lots of our school teams, including football, netball and futsal, have had many successes and have shown great commitment and determination within their matches; well done! Congratulations to all the pupils from year 7 and 8 took part in a Catholic Partnership football tournament, coming 2nd and 3rd. Next week, we have our second tournament with Queensbridge school at Moor Green Lane to celebrate the joint ownership of this space, for which year 7 and 8 boys and girls will be competing in both football and tag rugby.

Pupils from year 7-9 had the opportunity to be coached by international cricketers including Boyd Rankin; the pupils thoroughly enjoyed these sessions and developed their cricket skills thanks to the expertise of these cricketers. Worcester Warriors academy coaches have been working with year 7, 8 and 9 boys to develop their skills. The boys have really enjoyed these and have decided to give it a go outside of school. Key Stage 3 girls have had the chance to apply to be a part of a GLAM (girls leadership and marketing) squad where they will be working alongside Miss Ball to help get more girls active and to break down the 'like a girl' stereotype. We have had an amazing amount of applications and will be announcing the students who have made the GLAMS soon! For more live updates, follow @BCPEDepartment!

Upcoming Events...

Year 9 Geography Trip
Tuesday 11th October

Non-Uniform Day
Thursday 20th October

Year 10 Maths/Physics
Inspiration Day
Thursday 29th September

Year 11 Berlin History Trip
Thursday 20th October -
Tuesday 25th October

X-Factor Show
Wednesday 19th October

Inset Day-School closed
Friday 21st October