

# BC14

Mary, our mother, your total giving of yourself reminds us that we hold in trust from God our Father all our accomplishments, talents and gifts-trusted as we are to offer them in his service, and bring happiness and well being to our brothers and sisters. Amen.

## Message from Mr McEvoy, Principal

Welcome back to all our students and families.

The summer saw the school achieve fantastic results in 'A' level, GCSE and Btec examinations. We are immensely proud of this success across the board. The school has already received congratulations from City Education Chiefs acknowledging us as "top of the attainment league table for non-selective schools in Birmingham". Further gratitude is given for "all that you (Challoner) do to sustain such excellence for Birmingham children". For headline figures please see our website, but not surprisingly, the impact can be readily seen in the energy of the school - we are all absolutely delighted, with a spring in our step we are raring to go again!

Last academic year was deemed a 'Year of Celebration'. The consistent and deliberate efforts to recognise commitment and achievement had a hugely positive effect on the school community. There was a great sense of pride generated over the months as we relentlessly focussed on the talents, gifts and passionate commitment of our young people. This pride was further enhanced when we looked at the whole school charity figures for recent years:

2011/12	Macmillan Cancer Support	£3135.68
2012/13	Tiny Babies	£5500
2013/14	Children's Hospital	£6657.57
2014/15	CAFOD	£5545
2015/16	St Mary's Hospice	£7348.86
2016/17	Alzheimer's Society	£7453.75

A total of £35640.86, with 2016/17 the highest individual contribution, truly amazing work and generosity from Bishop Challoner students!

2017/18 has been designated as a 'Year of Service' for the school. We look forward to the contribution that our students will make to this key aspect of our Mission.

And to kick off the year - or perhaps pedal off - a huge "well done" to William Parkes (Year 13):- In June this year Will Parkes and his father undertook a 1422 mile two-man, unsupported cycle of the Alaska Highway in aid of the MS Trust. Starting in Dawson Creek, British Columbia and ending in Fairbanks, Alaska, the ride included cycling over several mountains higher than those in the UK and through wilderness that was almost

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free of humans. On several days they endured mountainous rides of over 100 miles just to get from one stage to another, with no habitation in between. They also had three very close encounters with brown and grizzly bears, and two with herds of wild bison, the adrenalin rushes of which will be remembered long after the aches and pains have faded. They kept a daily blog which received over 1380 hits from all over the world and have raised over £4,000 to date. If you would like to donate please visit <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AlaskaHighway2017>.

Another of our Y13 students, Ibtisam Jeraj, gave up time in the summer to do voluntary work in India:

During the summer holidays I visited India to help build a secondary school in a rural village. This was with the kind help of the ME to WE Charity and Virgin Atlantic. My team and I helped rebuild classrooms that were previously not very suitable for lessons because of reasons such as the classroom being very small in proportion to the students in each class, as well as poorly built roofs causing the classrooms to get flooded during the monsoon seasons and become very cold during winter. This would discourage children from coming to school or in some cases, classes to be cancelled. We hope that our efforts will increase students' interests in their studies and eradicate issues such as child labour, child marriages and illiteracy in their villages.

Indeed, we will also this year have David Paine (Y9) and Phoebe Hynes (Y9) attempting to each raise in the region of £4000 to allow their participation in the World Scout Jamboree in 2019. Bringing together guides and scouts from 57 countries, the event seeks to explore faith, sustainability and unity. We wish them luck in their efforts.

In 2017/2018 Bishop Challoner wants to recognise and celebrate acts of service by students, whether through their involvement in school or community events. Please let Heads of Year know of any initiatives by students or families that reflect 'service', the school will support in any way possible.

The coming year will bring many further opportunities for students to enrich their own lives and that of the community. To all of the Bishop Challoner family we wish great success, happiness and true fulfilment.



# Sixth Form

## Induction Days

Year 12 and Year 13 induction days have ensured that all students are ready for the new academic year and know what is expected of them.

## Welcome

We welcome our new year 12s to the Sixth Form and extend a particularly warm welcome to those students who have joined us from other institutions. We are sure you will soon feel very much at home.

## Bonding Day

Last Friday's year 12 Bonding Day was a huge success, despite the challenging weather conditions. Students took part in various team building activities with their tutors. We were most impressed with the camaraderie and resilient spirit displayed!

## Teaching School Alliance

Teaching School has hit the ground running this term, with recruitment already started for our Trainee Teacher places for next year! We recruit with our partner schools across Birmingham and beyond, so do encourage any friends and family members who may be thinking of teaching to come along to an information session. The next one will be on Thursday 28th September, 6-8pm here at Bishop Challoner.

## Upcoming Events...

Year 11 Study Sessions Begin  
Monday 18th September

Late Start, 11am  
Thursday 21st September

Bishops Got Talent Auditions  
Monday 18th September

British Food Fortnight  
Monday 25th September-  
Friday 6th October

Christmas Show Auditions  
Monday 18th September

Year 7 Bikeability Week 3  
Monday 25th September

Year 7 Bikeability Week 2  
Monday 18th September

Year 11 Geography Trips  
Monday 25th September-  
Wednesday 27th September

Year 10 Soli House Retreat  
Tuesday 19th September-  
Friday 22nd September

Primary Chaplaincy Service-  
6th Formers  
Wednesday 27th September

Open Evening, 6.00pm-8.30pm  
Early Finish, 1.10pm  
Wednesday 20th September



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Follow the link to find ways to support your school!

## Shoebox Appeal

This Autumn term we will be starting our Annual Shoebox Appeal to help give a special Christmas to a child less fortunate. If you have any shoeboxes at home that are not in use please can you send them in to school where they are being collected in the School Chapel. Thank you

## Instrumental lessons

Lessons begin on Monday 18th September (with the exception of cello and double bass which have already begun). Each student taking lessons has been given a letter and timetable which they were encouraged to show parents/carers. All lessons are in the practice room with the exception of Steel Pans, Drum Kit and Recorder; these are in the recording studio. Invoices for lessons will be sent out next week and payment is preferred by Friday 30th September. Please email Mrs Choudhury on [l.choudhury@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk](mailto:l.choudhury@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk) if you have any questions about instrumental lessons.

## Extra-curricular clubs

We Sing Choir, Drama Club, Keyboard Club, BC Band, Dance Club and Rock School all begin next week. These have been advertised in school and students from all year groups are welcome. Please encourage your child to come and join us!

## Sports Updates

The Physical Education department has once again began their inclusive extracurricular timetable- catering for individuals of all abilities and interests through pre-school and after-school sessions. The extracurricular timetable focuses on a wide range of sports such as Basketball, Football, Dodgeball, Judo, Table Tennis and much more! Although the turn out has been good, we would like to see more pupils take up the opportunities presented to them within our extracurricular timetable.

Throughout lessons in the Physical Education department, 'Man of the Moment' and 'Lady of the Lesson' have been used to reward individuals who have demonstrated hard work, a desire to learn within lessons, and excellent behaviour. At the moment, several individuals have been rewarded with a wrist band and get their names put into a raffle to win a trip. This has helped to motivate pupils and increase participation within lessons. Well done to those who have already been rewarded with 'Man of the Moment' and 'Lady of the Lesson'.

The big event this week was Year 7 football trials which took place yesterday and will continue tonight. There has been an excellent turnout and the high levels of performance have been impressive. The trial will continue and a final team will be decided on to begin competing in the Kings Norton and South Birmingham Schools League and the West Midlands Cup. However, those who wish to continue playing football will be able to do so on a Monday before school.

## Art Club

Love drawing, painting? Do you like making things? Or just being a little messy?

Then come along to KS3 Art Club on Wednesdays, 3.15-4.15 in A1 with Miss Swingler.

Starts Wednesday 27th September.  
Sign up sheet in A1.

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please visit the school website for information on extra-curricular activities.