

BC14

God our Father, you are very pleased when you see people living fully, developing their talents, living a balanced life, and being of service to others. We ask you to inspire us to live as you would have us live and walk in your presence. Amen

Friday 10th November

Message from Mr Shore, Senior Vice Principal

Is darts a sport? A question that polarises views and has been much discussed in the Shore household recently. I like darts and my youngest son, Peter, "loves the darts". What fascinates me is that the players are able to do things that seem impossible. We watched the darts on Sunday and the commentator, Chris Mason, explained that darts was about muscle memory; it relied upon practise.

The ability vs practise debate is also one that attracts different views. In his book, "Bounce", Matthew Syed writes about a number of examples where what might be perceived as natural ability, he argues, is due

to hours and hours of practise. A good example of this is juggling. Give someone 3 eggs and asking them to juggle will likely result in an omelette.

However, with enough practise juggling becomes achievable. Whether someone is successful will depend upon how much they are willing to practise and, crucially, if they don't give up. The aim of the practise is to train the brain such that the action becomes autonomous and it looks to the observer that the juggler has natural ability. The reward is that at a later time the person can still juggle. Can the same be applied to school subjects? Yes.

Teacher Subject Specialist Training

BCTSA support teachers who are looking for FREE support with Maths, Physics or MFL subject knowledge.

If any of your friends or family are teachers, please can you pass the following link on to them?

www.bctsa.org/CPD

Teachers who are new to the profession, often report back to us that they need some extra support in these subject areas, as a result we have developed free programmes of support.

This offer is not exclusive to BC parents; we are really fortunate to offer this and want to make sure that we benefit as many friends and family of the school as we can, as well as any other teachers in the area who may require some support.

You may know someone who is considering returning to the profession, after a break from teaching? Please let them know that our sessions are ideal to provide resources, refresh skills, increase confidence and build upon professional networks.

If you work in a school yourself and would be keen to find out how you could train non-specialists in your school to teach Maths, Physics or MFL, please do get in touch.

If you would like to recommend someone, have any questions, or require further information, please contact us on: 0121 441 6175 or email teachingschool@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

BC Teaching School Alliance

UCAS is now open for teacher training applications for a September 2018 start. If you, or any of your friends, relatives, colleagues are interested in finding out more, then everyone is welcome to attend our next Information Evening on Thursday 16th November, 6-8pm, here at Bishop Challoner. Book a place at www.bctsa.org/Train-to-Teach-Events

Science Revision Guides

Science revision guides for Year 10 and 11 can now be bought from the science department. Students just need to ask their teacher or speak to Mrs Shore.

Shoebox Collection

We have 2 weeks left of our shoebox collection for The Trussell Trust supporting disadvantaged children in Bulgaria. The shoeboxes will be collected from school on Monday 20th November.

How to complete a box:

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

Then please send it in to the School Chapel.

Thank you for your support.

Maths Trip to Paris

The Mathematics Department are offering the opportunity of a 4-day trip to Paris, France, for approximately 40 students in Years 8 and 9. The trip, which will take place from 3rd-6th July 2018 inclusive, includes a visit to Cité des Sciences et de l'Industrie, which is the largest Science museum in Europe and has a section devoted to mathematics.

Students will experience a tour of Paris, a River Seine cruise and the opportunity to climb Montparnasse Tower. There is also scheduled visits to Disneyland, Paris and the Hard Rock Café.

If students are interested in taking part in this trip, a letter with further details can be collected from Mr Wooler or Mr Jethwa.

Sixth Form Open Evening

We are looking forward to welcoming our own, and Year 11 students from local 11-16 schools, to our Sixth Form Open Evening next Wednesday, 15th November, 6-8pm.

UCAS

We are delighted at the number of great university offers that are coming to our Year 13 students. They have worked hard with their applications and early responses have been very positive. Any student requiring help should speak to their UCAS adviser without delay.

Doug Ellis Pathways to Healthcare Programme

Two of our Year 12 students have been successful in gaining places on the prestigious Doug Ellis Programme, which is being run by Aston University Medical School. The aim of the Programme is to encourage students from under-represented groups to apply for Medicine. Our students will receive additional support, mentoring, masterclasses and work experience over the next 18 months.

Christmas Show Tickets

Christmas Show tickets will go on sale shortly. The show will take place on **Thursday 7th December**.

Year 10 BTEC PA

Congratulations to Year 10 BTEC TECH Performing Arts class on their first assessment.



School Uniform Shop

Uniform can be purchased online at <https://bishop-challoner-catholic-college-uniform.myshopify.com/>

Uniform will be on sale in school on Parent Consultation Day, Friday 8th December.

Sports Updates

The Physical Education Department continues its successful run in fixtures and commitment to extra-curricular opportunities. The PE team have started running a new boys' (Key Stage 3) Rugby club which will be training as part of the 'Wasps RFC Project' and preparing for their first away game at Yardley's School.

The fantastic turnout every Friday morning for the Basketball club has led to an additional training session being organised for Thursday after school with Mr Moreira leading - all years are welcome! In addition to this, Mr Noone has been promoting the sponsored football event which is taking place at the transport ground on the 14th and 15th December, raising funds for school activities.

The year 7 boys Football team, led by Mr Moreira, were victorious against Priory School; winning 5-1. They continue their successful run and begin the league with a well-deserved victory. The 'Man of the Match' was awarded to George L for his exceptional performance on both ends of the pitch. They then went on to beat Kings Norton Boys' 2-0 to go top of the league with one fixture left to play against St Georges.

The year 10 Football team, led by Mr Moon, found huge success in the Kings Norton League, winning all three games without conceding a single goal. They will now proceed to the Quarter finals. In addition to this, a huge congratulations to Tom M who has begun representing the West Midlands team this term.

Eco Team Plastic Project

In light of David Attenborough's recent work on the impact of plastic in our oceans, stating that by 2050 there will be more plastic than fish in our oceans, students at Bishop Challoner reviewed how their plastic was being disposed of. Across the school, recycling bins have been installed to ensure that single use plastic (plastic bottles, cling film, crisp wrappers etc) can be recycled and disposed of appropriately, limiting the impact that plastic has on our environment.

Bishop Challoner students have been extremely receptive to the project, revealing that young people are interested and aware of the long term impacts that their actions have on the world around them. Please follow @educating_eco on Twitter for more updates.



£5000 TARGET
Thanks to all that have supported.

£550 so far

Sponsored football event (raising funds for school activities) at the transport ground on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th December.

Upcoming Events...

Sixth Form Open Evening (6.00pm-8.30pm)
Wednesday 15th November

Poland Day (Canteen)
Tuesday 21st November

Year 11 French Speaking Mocks
Tuesday 21st November-
Wednesday 22nd November

**Shoebox Day
Ceili for Lourdes**
Friday 24th November

**National Youth Sunday &
JP2 Commissioning Mass**
Sunday 26th November

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