

# BC14

Teach us, good Lord, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and to ask for no reward, save that of knowing that we do your will.

Amen

Friday 7th December 2017

## Message from Mrs Breen, Vice Principal

As we see Christmas fast approaching, we enter into this very busy period of preparation. Sunday saw the start of Advent where we began to prepare ourselves for the birth of Christ. Our Year 11 students are busy preparing for and sitting their GCSE mock examinations, where we wish them all the very best. The students involved in the Christmas show have been busy preparing for it, and many congratulations to all involved as it was a really joyful occasion.

Our students, once again, did themselves proud as they prepared and collected 318 Shoeboxes. This was an awesome achievement. The Year 9 students are busy preparing and planning charity events which consist of collecting food for a local foodbank and organising a charity table top sale during one of their lunchtimes next week. These acts of service highlight the true meaning of Advent where the focus is on serving others and not ourselves.

So, wherever you are in your preparations for Christmas, I hope you are a little further ahead than me and you are able to take some time out to rest.

## Maths Teacher Subject Specialist Programmes.

### Core Maths

A free programme to enable teachers to teach Core Maths and to provide subject knowledge support and resources for those who already deliver the subject. 6 Twilight sessions, hosted in Birmingham. For more details and to register for the programme, please go to <https://www.centralmathshub.com/tsst-core-maths.html>

### Secondary Maths

A programme to enhance subject knowledge at Key Stage 4, up to and including new higher GCSE content. 6 Twilight sessions hosted in Birmingham. A 2-day programme is also available at venues in Birmingham and Worcester in the Summer Term. For more details and to register for the programme, please go to <https://www.centralmathshub.com/secondarymathematics.html>

We have supported over 800 colleagues through our programmes. Our facilitators are all NCETM accredited PD Leads and current teachers of their lead subject. All programmes offer access to free online resources through the University of Plymouth, access to 30 Masters credits and school immersion opportunities.

Please email [mathshub@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk](mailto:mathshub@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk) if you would like any further information or if you have any questions.

## BC Teaching School Alliance

Since UCAS opened for Teacher Training applications, we have been busy arranging and carrying out interviews across the Midlands. Within our Alliance we work with schools across the region and are recruiting trainees to start in September 2018. Spread the word if you know anyone who would make a fantastic teacher!

Our Leadership and CPD programmes are all now well under way this term, and we can still accept secondary Teachers onto our Free Languages, Maths and Science courses. See what else we do on our website: [www.bctsa.org](http://www.bctsa.org)

## Science GCSE

A reminder that all year 11s need to be bringing their own calculators to their mock science exams as all papers now have a significant amount of maths in them.

Revision guides for Years 10 and 11 can be bought from the science department. Please see your science teacher or Mrs Shore.

## Year 7 Science Christmas Lectures: Tues 12th Dec University of Birmingham

We will be leaving school at 9.30 am and returning back to school at 1.30pm. Pupils will need to bring a packed lunch and a drink as we will be eating at the university. Pupils need to bring in books for periods 1 and 5 only. All students with asthma must carry an inhaler with them for the trip.

Full school uniform is to be worn with the optional addition of festive jumpers and headgear which will be put on when we meet to leave.

If you have any questions, contact Mrs Shore by e-mail: [e.shore@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk](mailto:e.shore@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk)

## St. Chad's Sanctuary

Bishop Challoner continues to support St. Chad's Sanctuary. From Friday 8th-Wednesday 20th December 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

**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

## Senior Maths Challenge

Sixth form mathematicians were entered into the Senior Maths Challenge (SMC), and achieved 4 silvers and 25 bronze certificates. Over 82,000 pupils from across the UK returned scripts for the SMC with the top 10% receiving a gold certificate, the next 20% a silver and the next 30% a bronze. In particular well done to Brendan, Lochlann, Rowan and Jamie!

## Lord Mayor's Quiz

On 28 November we entered 3 teams in the annual Lord Mayor's 6th Firm Quiz at the University of Birmingham. Although not place amongst the winners, each team entered fully into the spirit of the event and did us proud.

## Sir Doug Ellis Pathways to Healthcare Programme

We now have a 3rd year 12 student who has successfully gained a place on this programme. This is a mentoring programme offered by Aston University Medical School to encourage students from under-represented groups to consider medical careers.

## Lourdes '18

Maddison from Year 13 has been into year 10 lessons this week to tell them about her experience volunteering in Lourdes last May. Her talk was very inspirational.

## Upcoming Events

<b>St Chad's Sanctuary Collection Starts</b> Monday 11th December	<b>Carol Singer for Lourdes KS3 STEM Fair</b> Wednesday 20th December
<b>Primary Chaplaincy Advent Retreat</b> Wednesday 13th December	<b>Early Closure, 12.50pm Whole School Mass Non-uniform Christmas Jumper Day</b> Thursday 21st December
<b>Winter Soiree</b> Thursday 14th December	<b>Inset Day-School Closed</b> Friday 22nd December
<b>Year 9 Christmaths Day</b> Friday 15th December	
<b>Student Christmas Lunch</b> Tuesday 19th December	



Thanks to all that have supported.



**DON'T FORGET YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS: £5 per pack of 10. Purchase via Schoolcomms.**

## Winter Soiree

Tickets are now available for this year's Winter Soiree, which is being held in the Sixth Form Centre on Thursday 14th December from 6-7pm. This annual event is a lovely way to celebrate the end of term whilst enjoying musical performances from a number of our talented students, ranging from Year 7-13. Tickets are free of charge and are available from Miss Hughes in PA1. Hope to see you there!

## Sports Updates

This week's fixtures have once again been successful across a variety of sports for our Challoner Community. Firstly, the Year 7 Basketball team found success against Queensbridge; winning 20-17 in a close game. The performance of Nathaniel and Cassandra were particular highlights as they showcased their high ability throughout the game. The team is finishing the league in at least 2nd place this year with fixtures still left to play, giving us an opportunity to top the group. They are now preparing for the 'Co-Ed NBA Junior League/Playoffs' where they will play an additional six fixtures against opposition across Birmingham. We are hoping to progress through our group into the knockout stages of the competition.

The Year 8 Basketball team were also successful in this week's fixtures, beating Camp Hill 14-11 with Remih being awarded Man of the Game and beating Queensbridge 18-16 in a thrilling game. Damien took home

the Player of the Game award for his exceptional rebounding and defensive efforts.

The Year 7 Football team beat St Georges 6-0 with an all-round excellent effort from the team. They have finished top of their league and will now progress into the knockout stages of the competition. A mention to George and James for their performance on the day.

In Netball, Year 7 girls lost to Edgbaston A but regrouped to beat Kings Norton in a thrilling fixture! Josie was awarded Player of the Match in both fixtures after showcasing her high ability. They will now take on Edgbaston B where they are hoping to find success once again.

Well done to the Sixth Form Girls football team who won the Birmingham County FA football tournament on Wednesday 6th December.

They were outstanding and as ever, amazing ambassadors for the Sixth form!

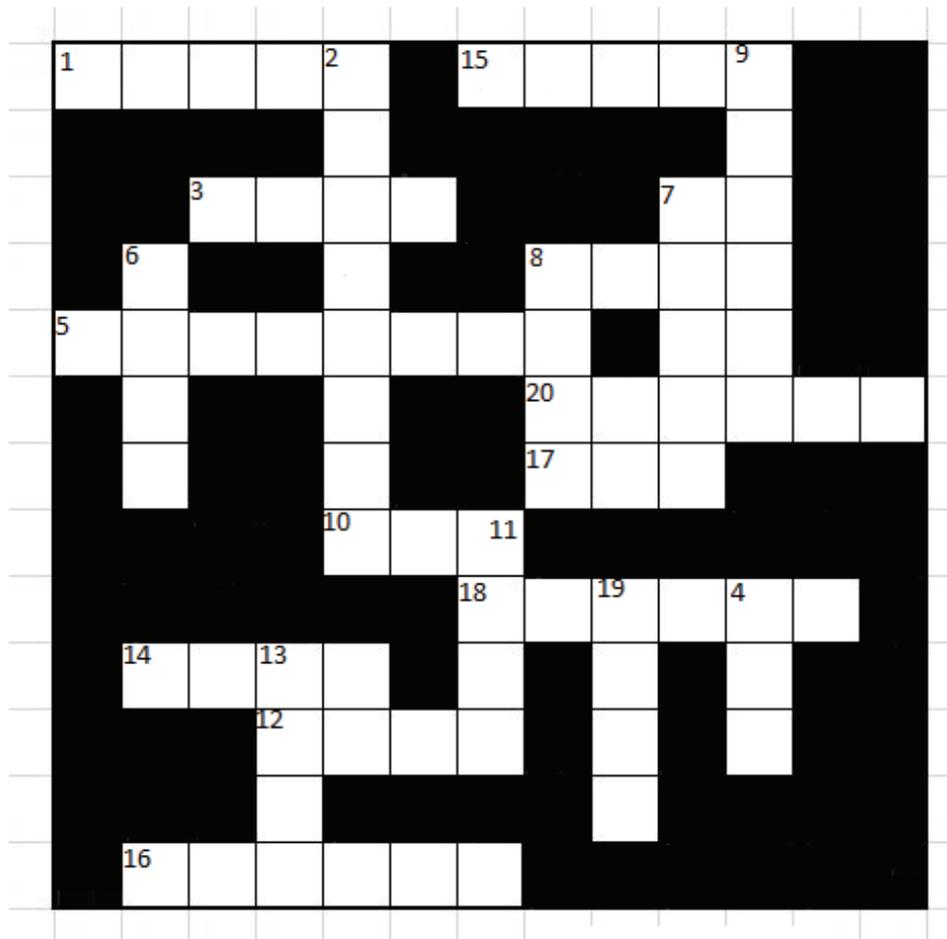
## £5000 TARGET

FOBC have 3 fundraisers next week for KS3 and KS4 students. On Thursday and Friday students will play sponsored football to raise funds for school and then KS3 boys and girls will play in a dodgeball competition next Monday.

## £1000 CHRISTMAS TARGET

# BC14 CROSSWORD

By David, Year 13



## Across

- 1) A giver of empty space, the "messed with" if (5)
- 3) Straight and narrow, but still quite sweet. (4)
- 5) I'm going the same way! (8)
- 8) Initially, to only pursue silver (4)
- 10) Retrieve without end, 13 without beginning. Good for the dermis! (3)
- 12) Shortened red, end with solid and cold water. (4)
- 14) Sounds like a warning, but an instruction as well.(4)
- 15) Important, to go to your commander, Jack sparrow. (5)
- 16) Only what I offer, you can only choose. (6)
- 17) "Behead the width!" said the slurring satyr. (4)
- 18) Entering, and within constant change. (6)
- 20) Heard about the new bike from Apple? It's very cool. (6)

## Down

- 2) Sounds like a rule, but with no start to the flashy gold chain (8)
- 4) A mangled race, within which lies the end of English cricket. (3)
- 6) "What?" said James energetically (4)
- 7) Sounds like it's in the cloth, hopping along
- 8) My Mistake! Slice the pea with an endless cut. (4)
- 9) Corroded, but still stylish (6)
- 11) : A mad river, flowing by some big tombs. (4)
- 13) Upside down, rootless white tree. Cheater! (4)
- 19) A very short fish, followed by a feeling of ill. (4)