

# BC14



God our Father, with the gifts you have given to us we have responsibilities and duties. Lead us to do our best and act responsibly. Give us courage when we face difficulties. Inspire us to make our choices wisely, always remembering that there are consequences to what we choose to do. Amen.

## Message from Mr E O'Connor, Assistant Principal

Sir Roger Bannister, who died recently aged 88, has been described by many as one of the greatest inspirational figures in British sport. He secured his place in sporting history on the 6 May 1954, when he became the first person to break the four-minute mile, achieving his goal in a time of three minutes 59.4 seconds. A feat once thought unachievable.

Lord Sebastian Coe recently commented that 'His achievement transcended sport... a moment in history that lifted the hearts of millions and boosted morale in a world that was still at a low ebb after the war'. Bannister later went on to become a consultant and one of the world's leading neurologists which in itself is inspirational. Through his achievements, Bannister demonstrated that limits only exist in our minds.



Our very own past student Dominick Cunningham will represent Great Britain and compete in the Gymnastics World Cup in Birmingham this month before flying to Australia to compete in the Commonwealth Games. Dominick has shown great resilience and determination over the years, winning medals at the Commonwealth Youth Games, European Youth Olympics and the Australian Youth Olympics. Now on the world stage, Dominick will be looking to take on the very best to ensure he writes his own sporting legacy in the history books. We wish him every success.

**Friday 9th March 2018**

As we edge closer towards the examination season, we remind our students to take inspiration and courage from such role models like Roger and Dominick. With passion and a positive desire to achieve, our students can prepare themselves to succeed in their examinations and build the foundations for greater things. Anything is possible.



## Careers Fair

Thursday 1st March 2018 was not only World Book day and the day the snow came, it was also Bishop Challoner's annual Careers Fair. Students from Years 8 to 13 enjoyed finding out about different career paths and the types of apprenticeships available to them, what they could study at university and what grades they will need at GCSE and A' level in order to secure places on those courses and apprenticeships. The students had an interesting and valuable experience talking to representatives from the following organisations:

3AAA  
Army  
Birmingham City University  
Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Foundation Trust  
BM3 Architects  
Cardiff University  
Deloitte  
Harper Adams University  
Ishida  
Jacobs  
Newman University  
Royal Bank of Scotland  
South and City College  
Swift ACI  
Bishop Challoner Teaching School Alliance  
Theatre Sisters – NHS  
Quality Solicitors Davisons  
MV Kelly  
Wright Careers

Students said they learnt that "there are many different types of engineering", "one university can cover so many different courses within the same subject", "some jobs don't require a degree", "NHS have mechanical engineers" and that "I can apply for apprenticeships after my GCSEs" and "I definitely need A levels to study Biosciences at university".

We have a growing number of parents representing different career sectors at our careers events. If you would be interested in supporting future careers events, please do not hesitate to contact us on: [enquiry@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk)





## FRIENDS OF BISHOP CHALLONER

This term we have successfully raised £950 for our extra curricular and enrichment programmes. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support and our continuing battle against austerity.

Please follow us @bc\_friends on twitter and @bcccfriends on Facebook to see all our extra curricular and enrichment programmes. You can make donations through any of our social media streams and also our website [www.bishopchalloner.org.uk/FOBC](http://www.bishopchalloner.org.uk/FOBC)



Bishop's Got talent will take place on Wednesday 14th March at 7.30pm -Tickets are now on sale at break time in the foyer. £5.00

## Bishop Challoner Teaching School

Teaching School Update: We are pleased to announce we are able to offer PAID 4-week, summer internships for University students in the 2nd year of a Maths or Physics degree. Apply now for a chance to spend time in a school and gain £1,200! Details on our website -

<http://www.bctsa.org/Paid-Internship-Programme> .

Places also available for School Direct/PGCE Teacher Training within our Alliance - applications through UCAS for Primary and Secondary places starting in Sep 2018. Please pass on details to any friends or family who may be interested in teaching as a career.



## Sports Updates

Excellent results in the Handball tournament. The likes of Ronan P, Korey S, James, S, Joseph C, Harry Mc, Sam R, and Christopher W were fantastic last night- beating Wheelers Lane and Small Heath School to finish first in the Handball tournament. They beat both opponents without conceding a single goal. They will now progress into the next round of the competition.

In the Swimming gala, with the likes of Erin, Tadgh P, Aidan I and Seth B involved, found huge success last night winning all the events for girls, boys and overall. The whole team took home 3 trophies and represented Bishop Challoner with fantastic attitudes, effort and resilience.



# Sixth Form

## Auschwitz Visit

Last month 4 Year 12 students took part in the annual West Midlands School visit to Auschwitz in Poland, organised by the Holocaust Educational Trust. This is a four part programme; students took part in an orientation afternoon before the visit, a debrief session and then will take part in a "next steps" activity, which they must plan and deliver themselves in order to be ASDAN accredited Holocaust Ambassadors.

## Sutton Trust US Summer School

A Year 12 student has been selected for the final round in the selection process for this prestigious opportunity. She will attend a Finalist Selection Residential weekend in April and, if successful, will attend a week long summer school at a top US university. This opportunity is supplemented with support with preparation for US college admissions tests.

## Visit to Oscott

A group of Sixth Formers, accompanied by Miss Kelly and Tommy, visited Oscott College on 1st March at the invitation of Archbishop Bernard Longley. This was to give the young people an opportunity to engage with the Church, take part in discussions and workshops and express their views prior to the assembly of Bishops in October on "Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment".

## Columban's Schools' Journalism competition "Migrants are our Neighbours"

Students from year 12 and 13 have submitted entries to this valuable awareness raising competition, in the form of articles and short films. We eagerly anticipate the result later on this month.

## Recruitment

We have been interviewing our own Year 11 students as well as those from other institutions this half term. We hope to be holding taster sessions one again in the summer term and exploration days for local Year 10 students too.

## Stress management

Several students have taken advantage of a two part course, offered to us by Change Birmingham. They have spoken very positively of the experience and the practical strategies that they have been introduced to.

## Ceili Night

Bishop Challoner's Lourdes team are hosting a Ceili night on Friday 16th March at Rowton Hotel in Digbeth, 8pm to late. We have booked "The Burdock Ceili Band ". The tickets are £5 each, and we plan to hold a raffle. There will also be an Irish dancing display from our talented students. For tickets contact Tommy at Bishop Challoner on 0121 444 4161.

# Sports Updates cont'd...

The year 9 Football team, led by Mr Noone, had a fantastic season this year. Last night they were beaten 2-1 in the West Midlands Cup in a game which they dominated. Despite the result, a huge well done to all the boys involved. A big push for the KNC in the spring term.

The year 10 boys' Football team, led by Mr Moon, are now into the semi-finals of the Birmingham Cup after beating Bishop Walsh in a thrilling 3-2 victory after extra-time. The goals came from Tom M and two from Danny M who both have had a fantastic season. The team will now face Kings Norton Boys' in the semi-final of the Cup with sights set on silverware.

Excellent turnout for the Y7 Ball Crew Trials on Tuesday 6th March; 64 in total. All pupils were brilliant and have been invited to part 2 of the trials which will take place on Friday 9th March. Unfortunately, after part 2 of the Y7 Ball Crew Trial on Friday numbers will have to be reduced, but we would like to thank all Y7's for attending and commend them on how well they performed and behaved.

The year 10 BTEC Dancers did brilliantly to get through to the next round of the School Games Dance Competition. A fantastic achievement to all the pupils involved.

Additionally, we have 8 year 7 and 8 pupils representing Bishop Challoner in the Catholic Schools Swimming gala. The likes of Tadhg P, Aidan I, Josephine P and Erin I will be showcasing their skills. A huge congratulations to all pupils who are representing Bishop Challoner.

Year 11 netballers, led by Miss Spencer, finished 3rd in their league overall with a fantastic season this year. A huge well done to the whole team who played each game showing work ethic, team work and resilience. This is also the last season that the girls will play together after representing Bishop Challoner since year 7.

## Upcoming Events

Y7 Sc/STEM Club Visit to Big Bang Fair	Wednesday 14 March
KS3 Healthy Living Cookery Club	Wednesday 14 March
St Patricks Day (canteen)	Thursday 15 March
Y8 St Chad's Sanctuary Begins	Monday 19 March
Y12 Geography Trip	Tuesday 20 & Wednesday 21 March
Y11 French Speaking Exams	Tuesday 20 & Wednesday 21 March
Diana Award - Celebration Event	Tuesday 20 March
Y9 Mallympics	Wednesday 21 March
KS3 Healthy Living Cookery Club	Wednesday 21 March
Y8 PCA 2-4.30pm	Thursday 22 March
Y12 PCA 4-6pm	Thursday 22 March

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