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God our Father, whatever our age, may we always have a thirst for knowledge and understanding, and be ready to learn from all of life's experiences. Inspire us always with a sense of wonder and a great reverence for life. Amen.

Friday 29th September

Message from Mr Hearnden, Assistant Principal

In this, our 'Year of Service' our own students continue to be outstanding ambassadors for the school and wider community. Our annual Open Evening was a massive success with hundreds of prospective students and families visiting to see Challoner in action, Year 11 students acted as guides and drew many positive comments from students and families who were impressed by their conduct and personalities, we are very proud of them.

Sixth Form students continue to enrich the school and community through volunteering in primary schools, taking a lead role in organising the voting for Youth Parliament and serving the school as part of the Chaplaincy team, this alongside preparing their UCAS personal statements and starting to consider the next stage of their lives beyond Bishop Challoner.

Students in all year groups have really thrown themselves in to all that Challoner has to offer so far this year. Our rich and diverse extra curricular timetable provides students with so many fantastic opportunities to enhance and enjoy their learning in a more social setting both before and after school. I urge you to encourage your son/daughter to attend at least one club per week, more if they can afford the time.

Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 Work Experience will take place from 25th June - 6th July 2018. Students will receive information packs shortly and parent information will be posted home. Any questions regarding work experience please contact Mrs Reynolds.

Instrumental lessons

If your child has instrumental lessons please be aware that timetables have changed from the very start of term due to students giving up etc. so please ask your child to check the timetables every week outside PA1 before their lesson.

Trainee Teacher Recruitment Events with BCTSA

Not only do we run regular 'Get into Teaching' evenings here at Bishop Challoner (the next one is Thursday 19th October, 6-8 pm) but we also get out and about to promote our School Direct Programme.

Coming up: 4/10 we'll be at Joseph Chamberlain College; 5/10 at Newman University; 11/10 Birmingham University and 19/10 at the University of Warwick. With Primary and Secondary options available for a 2018 start, it's always good to get in early with applications. For full details see www.bctsa.org/train-to-teach-events

Christmas Show Auditions

Congratulations to everyone who auditioned for the Christmas Show



Free Mathematics Subject Specialist Training programmes for Teachers

Last year, The Central Maths Hub supported 400 colleagues across our region through free Mathematics Teacher Subject Specialist Training programmes .

Over 90% of participants surveyed gave our Mathematics programmes the highest rating when asked about the impact the programme will have on their teaching

Attend our study days and workshops to enhance your CV; develop your subject and pedagogical knowledge, build upon your network of colleagues and gain access to a range of classroom resources.

We have free places available on our 2017/18 Maths programmes- please see www.centralmathshub.com/teacher-subject-specialist-training , or email mathshub@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk for further information, if you are Primary or Secondary teacher, or if you know someone who may benefit from this opportunity.

Reading

Matilda is precocious. At age five-and-a-half she's knocking off double-digit multiplication problems and blitz-reading Dickens. Even more remarkably, her classmates love her even though she's a super-nerd and the teacher's pet. But everything is not perfect in Matilda's world. Fortunately for Matilda, she has the inner resources to deal with life's challenges: astonishing intelligence, saintly patience, and an innate predilection for revenge (To find out more, read Matilda by Roald Dahl).

Reading affects everything you do. Reading is also linked to the development of other cognitive skills which enable academic achievement. Reading failure can lead to frustration, aggression and lack of motivation.

It is never too late to develop the reading habit. At the start of this new academic year make a resolution to take time to read.

Sixth Form

Birmingham NHS Careers Event

12 Year 12 students visited the Birmingham City Football ground on Wednesday 27th September to attend a Careers in Health information day. Not only did they gain useful information about a variety of different health sector careers, such as mental health service and speak and language therapy, but they were also able to network with health professionals and discuss work experience and career opportunities.

UCAS- Early Applications

Our early applicants, for medicine, dentistry and Oxbridge are working hard to finalise their applications, so that references can be written in advance of the 15th October deadline.

UCAS- admissions tests

Several of our year 13 students will also be sitting admissions tests in the coming months for subjects such as Law and Maths, as part of their university application.

Head Boy and Head Girl

Alfie and Mary chaired a meeting of the Chaplaincy council last week. They have also been going into assemblies to introduce themselves.

Upcoming Events...

Year 7 Mass
Monday 2nd October

Y11 Business Land Rover
Trip
Thursday 5th October

Shoebox Assemblies Begin
Monday 2nd October

CAFOD Fast Day
Friday 6th October

Year 7 Bikeability Week 3
Monday 2nd October

St Chad's Sanctuary
Collection Begins
Monday 9th October

Year 12 Settling Interviews
Monday 2nd October-
Friday 13th October

Y11 GCSE PE Gaelic &
Football Moderation
3.10pm-5pm
Monday 9th October

Year 7 Early Review
Evening
Tuesday 3rd October

Y11 Geography Trip
Wednesday 11th October-
Friday 13th October

Lloyds Day
Wednesday 4th October

Christmas Card now on sale

You can now purchase a pack of 10 Bishop Challoner Christmas cards via Schoolcomms. Cost is £5 per pack of 10.

A text message will be sent to the number we hold on the system when cards are available for collection. We anticipate this to be in two weeks time.

Artwork is by Carmela Hodgson, Artist in Residence 2017.



Sports Updates

This week's fixtures have kicked off at Bishop Challoner with lots of successful performances to celebrate! In football, Year 7 boys showcased their quality in a 5-1 win over Arden School to go through to the next round of the Football Association Cup. The performances of Nathaniel M and team captain William O'S were particular highlights.

The Year 8 boys football team, led by Mr Wilson, also pulled off an excellent performance and result; beating Kesh Academy 7-0 with George D being awarded Man of the Match. Finally, the Year 9 boy's football team, which is managed by Mr Noone, beat Priory School in a thrilling 3-2 match with Harley H taking home the Man of the Match Award.

The Year 7 girls netball team, led by Miss Ball, had a fantastic start to the season; beating Edgbaston High School 12-5 with an excellent performance from Aira P who was awarded player of the match. The Year 8 netball team played well and fought hard to get the result against Camp Hill but unfortunately lost 20-8.

Well done and thank you to everyone who was involved, both students and staff.



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