



**The Governing Body of  
Bishop Challoner**  
Catholic Secondary School

## **GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER - SUMMER 2015**

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A year of momentous changes at Bishop Challoner School!

Firstly our Governing Body has been re-constituted and increased to fourteen governors. Kate Webb was appointed as Chair in September 2014 replacing Tony Cullinane who, as many will know, gave many years of service as Chair of Governors. Minnie Greayer was appointed Vice Chair.

Under Kate's outstanding leadership we continue to drive forward the excellence of the school with our regular strategy meetings. We are now in consultation with the Diocese about the setting up of Academy Trusts and how best to structure them. We have created a further "Link" position – a governor for Chaplaincy who meets regularly with the school chaplain, Mary Lee. Our Link Governors continue to visit their departments and our Geography/History Governor has been on several field trips. We also continue to attend the various Masses and concerts.

The appointment of Beverley O'Shea as Bishop Challoner's first Business Manager is very exciting, and she is already having considerable impact on the administration of the school and our work as Governors.

Kate has also set up regular meetings with The Costello School Governors with the aim of pooling ideas. Governors were delighted with our very successful Ofsted Report and it was gratifying that our improved performance as a Governing Body was recognised by the Inspectors.

We would like to congratulate and thank all concerned for their enormous effort. Our Section 48 Inspection took place at the beginning of July. We were delighted with the positive outcome and it was very gratifying to hear that the validators recognised the significance of "The Challoner Way" and "Walk with Me". We are waiting for the publication of the final report, when we receive it we will of course notify you. Again, thanks to all concerned – a fitting conclusion to a very successful year!

Congratulations, also, to all the successes outside the main curriculum area, in sport, drama and other activities.

Sadly, we are bidding farewell to our Headteacher, Tony Corish, who leaves us at the end of term to start a new Headship at The Douay Martyrs School in Greater London. He will be sorely missed and we would like to thank him for all that he has done for Bishop Challoner over the past ten years. He has, by his regular meetings with us, helped the Governors develop as a more effective body. We wish him well and may God go with him.

Now we embark on a new phase in the life of Bishop Challoner under the leadership of John Wright whom we appointed last week.

We are looking forward to working with him and supporting his vision for the future of our school and we start the new academic year with the celebration of the founding of Bishop Challoner Catholic Secondary School 40 years ago.