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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Student, Parent, Carer, Friends of the School,

What an extra-ordinary year! To catalogue the events, trips, personal achievements and rich liturgical life of the school would take volumes. We are blessed with dedicated and inspirational staff and students who work in the most industrious and creative fashion.

It has been wonderful to see how well Year 7 have settled in, and at the other end of the school to say farewell to a highly motivated and socially responsible Year 11.

We bid fond farewells to a number of teaching and support staff:

Mrs Milicevic who has been covering Drama this year. Mr Lake, a past pupil, who has had a year with us as an LSA and is returning to University with the intention of becoming a teacher. Mrs Goldsworthy from Finance and Miss Genovese from MFL who are off to pastures new. Miss Gill, another past student, who has gained promotion in a new school. Mr de Burgh, also gaining promotion in a new school. Mlle Leroyer who is leaving us for French pastures new.

We will also be welcoming the following new members of staff in September:

Mr McConnell, Science Teacher; Miss Southcombe, RE Teacher; Mr Gomarsall, Science Teacher; Mr Murphy, English Teacher; Mrs Wingham, English Teacher; Mrs Hughes, MFL Teacher; Mrs Curran, LSA; Mr Macasaddu, LSA.

I am sure you will enjoy reading through this end of year newsletter with the reports from various departments.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to all members of our community, students, teachers, support staff, parents, governors, clergy and more who make Bishop Challoner a place where daily, we do ordinary things extraordinarily well.

With best wishes and prayers for a relaxing and peaceful summer holiday.

J P Wright
Headteacher

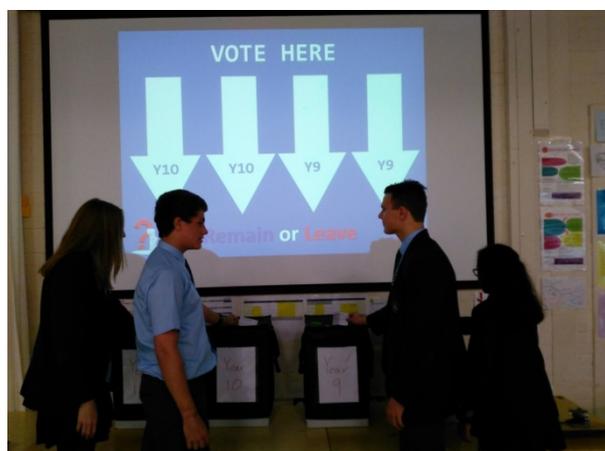
Forthcoming Dates

6 September 2016	Y7/Y10/Y11 return to school
7 September 2016	All year groups in school
13 September 2016	Y7 Welcome Mass @ 6:30pm
30 September 2016	Patronal Feast Day (early closure – buses booked for 1:30pm departure)
5 & 6 October 2016	Y7 Retreat/Pilgrimage
21 October 2016	Inset Day
24-28 October 2016	HALF TERM

School Votes 'Remain' in Mock Referendum

Students at Bishop Challoner Catholic Secondary School hosted their own referendum in June 2016.

The school has a student voice committee with representatives in each year group. Y10 student voice has undertaken the opportunity to host a mock EU referendum to bring politics into the classroom.



Leaders of the 'remain' and 'leave' campaigns have both led assemblies to year groups in the school explaining the positives and negatives of the EU. Out of the 617 students that voted, the overall school result was 62.7% to remain in the EU and 35.0% to leave the EU. The other 2.3% of the results were unable to be counted.

Michael Liparota, Vote Leave said "If we stay, we are having too much money taken away. Also, we have lost control of all immigration."

Joanna Chiverton, Vote Remain said "It is better for our country if we stay as the EU is one of our biggest trade partners."

Giovanni Della-Savina, the leader of the 'Leave' campaign has said "It's a shame that we lost, I feel the school has made the wrong decision."

While Morgan Turner, the leader of the 'Remain' campaign said "I am really pleased that our school has voted to stay in, I think the majority of the school have chosen the right option."

Students at Bishop Challoner are always invited to express their opinion about public matters in a debating club run by the RE department every week. The school feels this is the best way for students to get their opinions across in a democratic way.

By Morgan Turner and Luke Thorpe

School Trip to Poland and USA Trip

Both hugely successfully and showed our continued legacy of taking students on enrichment opportunities outside of the classroom and immersing ourselves in other cultures, history, sport and current affairs!

STEM Club

Over the course of the summer term the STEM Club have been working on their bronze CREST awards. We have completed a project looking at chocolate. We have investigated the different temperatures that chocolate melts at and the time it takes to melt different chocolates, with Mrs Roberts. We have also looked at the environmental impact of growing the cocoa beans, with Mrs York. With Mr Gough we looked at the practical requirements of making the packaging for the chocolate and then took our boxes back to the lab to investigate different packing materials.

UNICEF Update

Students have worked very hard this year campaigning for children's rights in the UK and across the world as part of the UNICEF'S UK Schools Campaign network. Our focus has been on campaigning for the Safe Schools Act to ensure that schools are not being used for military purpose in times of conflict or civil war. We have fundraised for School in a Box to enable students across the world to have the right to an education, who have had their education disrupted due to natural disasters, poverty or conflict.

Thank you to Rosa Baverstock and Natasha Nketsi who held a fundraising stall at the PTA Fun Day which raised money for 3 polio vaccinations for 201 children in developing countries.

Our Rights Respecting Champions have completed the school charter which will be in place from September 2016.

We also took part in a live twitter feed with UNICEF in November.

Our latest campaign with UNICEF is to reunite unaccompanied refugee children with their families in the UK. This work will continue in the autumn term.

For regular updates go to <https://bishopchallonerunicef.wordpress.com/> or follow us on twitter: Unicef at Challoner@BCCSunicef.

School Library

A group of 12 Year 8 students have been meeting each week since March to read, discuss and evaluate 6 books on the shortlist of The Hampshire Book Award. At the end of June our school hosted the regional Voting Ceremony, which was attended by 20 staff and 100 students from other schools. After further discussions the students chose 'Looking at The Stars' by Jo Cotterill as the winning title. Next term the students will meet the winning author at the Guildhall in Winchester, they will then start preparing the shortlist for next year's competition.

Our three fiction Book Clubs and our boys' non-fiction Book Club are going from strength to strength, widening the scope of our youngsters reading. Next term sees the start of a poetry group for our seniors.

Charities

Our Charities group have worked hard all year helping with various events and collections. Money raised this year is as follows:

- CAFOD £2100
- Naomi House and Jack's place Childrens Hospice £1650.00
- Bamenda (Bamenda Diocese and St Bede's College our sister school) £3,000.00
- Bishop - Dragon's Den Competition - Congratulations to Eden Karter, Cara Fitzgerald, Sophie Adams, Izzy Steeden, Isaac Forde, and Josh Pavey who presented 'Rucksacks for the Homeless' to our Bishop and his 'Dragons' at St John's Cathedral last month. They were the highest placed Secondary School and won £700 for their initiative which will provide essentials for homeless people in our locality.

The money collected from our latest Non Uniform day is still to be counted. Thank you all for encouraging our young people to care for others.

District Athletics

Excellent performances at the Basingstoke Schools athletics championships earned the school runners up position in the overall competition. The girls gained second place overall and the boys gained fourth place.

As a result of the strong performances 17 (over half of the entire team) Year 7/8 pupils were selected to represent the borough at the Hampshire Schools championships held in Southampton on Tuesday 12 July. Some fine performances with many pupils making the final in their events. Very well done.

Sports Day

Despite the soggy conditions the pupils contributed with some amazing performances in track and field over the morning. There were many records broken over the day. Rebecca Poole smashed the Year 10 girls 800m record that had been held since 1984!

Sports Day Record Breakers:

Daniel Tierney Ford – Year 7 boys 150m
 Mark Mackie – Year 7 boys 600m
 Cara McGrath – Year 7 girls 600m
 Kathryn Curran – Year 7 girls 1000m
 Florence Bautista – Year 7 girls Shot Putt
 Macy Barrett – Year 8 girls Long Jump
 Rebecca Poole – Year 10 girls 800m

Rounders



The Year 8, 9 & 10 rounders teams all won their leagues.

This meant Years 8 & 10 went on to represent Basingstoke in the Hampshire games.

Year 8's were awarded Bronze and Year 10's came 4th. Well done girls!



Model United Nations Conference



On July 14th a group of 33 students came together to represent 11 different countries across the world. The purpose of this meeting was to create a UN style debate on the matter of Nuclear Proliferation.

The day began with an introduction by Mr Wright in which he explained the ancient origins of diplomacy. Next, the 1st and 2nd delegates described general facts of their country and its current political status. The 3rd delegate then described the country's opinion on nuclear proliferation. This was followed by a discussion where the representative decided who they agreed with or opposed. Finally the countries decided on two resolutions and put it to the vote.

Modern Foreign Languages

During Challenge Week we explored ours and other people's cultures, and found out about each other backgrounds. We studied how it felt to move to a country where no one knows your language. Our teacher spoke fluently in French, which none of us understood. We experienced a feeling of isolation due to the fact we had no idea what was going on. This made us realise how important it is to be a Young Interpreter and help those people that might have to face the same thing when they come to Bishop Challoner.

As we are preparing to become Young Interpreters we need to know the qualities of becoming one. We learned that we have to be respectful of other cultures; we have to be confident and show positive body language to make newcomers feel as comfortable as possible.

We did a survey asking a few questions about people's backgrounds, anonymously, and with the results we filmed students and teachers speaking their home language.

By Emily West and Marion Metoude Mouanjo

Geography Department



Last month the Year 10 geographers studied the Spit at Calshot and monitored the impact of tourism on Lyndhurst in the New Forest National Park.

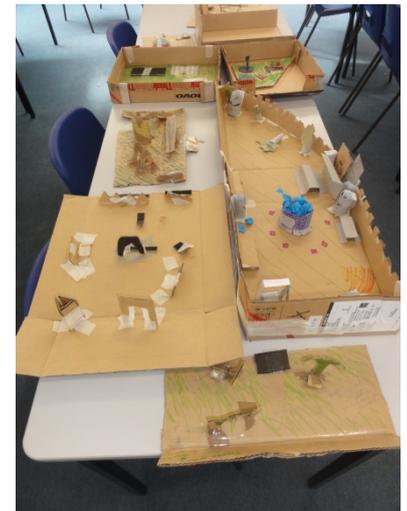
We were very lucky with the weather. The data collected will be used in class to support our learning but more importantly we will evaluate the data collection techniques to inform and

improve our coursework piece for the GCSE examination. The fieldwork for the Year 11 controlled Assessment piece will be at the end of October 2016.



During Challenge Week, the Geography Department worked with Year 7 students to plan the green space adjacent to the school. Various surveying techniques were used to get to know the area and the possible demographic of the neighbourhood. Back in the classroom plans were made and models and PowerPoint presentations completed. We saw many brilliant ideas presented to the

class; these will be displayed on the TV screen in the corridor next term.



The Department surveyed teachers and Year 9 students to assess their understanding of Fairtrade. We are a Fair Aware School and have a certificate to prove it! Mrs York has produced a Fairtrade display in the entrance and we hope to move towards the next award in 2017.

Music & Drama News

Many thanks to all our students and supporting parents for all the wonderful musical achievements this year. Since Easter, students have participated in concerts at the Anvil and other venues, both representing the school and as part of the local area orchestras and ensembles. In recent weeks, a large number of our instrumentalists have undertaken graded music examinations and have achieved some fantastic results, including a number of merits and distinctions at high grades. We are also currently in the midst of our high energy end of year show, Back to the 80s, after 6 weeks of intensive practice; particular thanks must go to our ex-students who have come back to help us with this. Have a great summer holiday and well deserved break - don't forget your practice though!