



The Governing Body of
Bishop Challoner
Catholic Secondary School

GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER - SUMMER 2016

The beginning of this new academic year was another milestone in the history of our school as it was the 40th Anniversary of the founding of Bishop Challoner. Bishop Philip Egan paid his first visit to the school to celebrate Mass on our Patronal Feast Day. He was able to spend time meeting the staff, governors and students and was obviously very impressed with the ethos of the school.

John Wright, our Headteacher has now completed his first year with the able support of his staff and governors and has met with some challenges! Kate Webb, our very hard working Chair of Governors has been working closely with him. At a recent reception held by the Bishop for Governors, Kate was awarded a special commendation for her outstanding work as Chair.

Preparation for transference to Academy status continues. John Wright, Beverley O'Shea our Business Manager and Kate attended an overnight conference in Windsor when all heads of Diocesan Schools met to discuss how the process should move forward.

Under our Chair's leadership the Governors' Strategy meetings are working through a document entitled the Governor Mark which will help us to become more skilled in our work for the school.

Since last September we have been joined by two new Governors, Martin O'Driscoll and Roger Poole and they have now been allocated their subject Link Governor roles. Meanwhile all the other Governors have been visiting their Link Departments, attending school Masses and various other events throughout the year.

Again, the Governors would like to thank all those members of staff, whether teaching or support, who have contributed to making this once again a very successful year for Bishop Challoner Catholic Secondary School. We also greatly appreciate the support of parents.

From September 2016 we will need a new Foundation Governor, should anyone be interested in this fulfilling role, please contact our clerk, Nicki Galley on nicki.galley@bcs.hants.sch.uk or our Chair of Governors Mrs Kate Webb on 01256 465920 or k.webb@butland.co.uk