



**Governors of
Bishop Challoner**
Catholic Secondary School

GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM 2014

Since our newsletter at the end of last summer term changes have taken place on the Governing Body of Bishop Challoner. We would like to thank Gillian Helbert for her work as both a Staff/Parent Governor and also as the Link Governor for PHSE and also Catherine Waters-Clark who was the Ethos and Modern Languages Link Governor.

At the beginning of the school year Nina Ruane joined the Governing Body as a Parent Foundation Governor. Alison Mackay has joined more recently. She comes from a service industry background and has also been involved in fundraising for both local and national charities. Alison will be a great asset to our Governing body.

So what have the Governors been focussing on for the past year?

Visits to our various link subjects have taken place by most governors and our Geography Link Governor spent an enjoyable and informative time with Year 8 on the field trip to the New Forest.

The Finance and Premises Committee governors have planned and overseen work on new laboratories, I.T. rooms and new lighting systems.

We continue to meet regularly at our Strategy Meetings to work on issues that have come up at the Full Governing Body meetings. As the Bishop has expressed a wish that all schools in the diocese convert to Academy status by the end of next year in order to preserve the Catholic nature of the school, we are considering how to proceed forward to achieve the best outcome for our school

We have welcomed our new Chaplain, Mary Lee who outlined her plans for the religious life of the school commencing with a Mission week held by the Sion Community. The Mission was considered to be a great success.

Several of our Governors attended the various Masses and sessions during the Mission as well as Lenten, Easter and Patronal Feast masses.

There has also been exchange visits between ourselves and St Bede's school in our sister diocese of Bamenda which was deemed a great success.

The very high quality of the performances at concerts and the school productions continue to astound the governors and all concerned should be congratulated.

We hope that all those sitting their GCSE examinations will be very successful and we would like to thank all our dedicated staff for the extra time and effort that they have given to the candidates.