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# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Students, Parents, Carers and Friends of the School

Welcome back! I hope you had a good break over the summer holiday and had time to relax as a family and to enjoy the glorious weather. We have enjoyed welcoming our young people back to school and hearing their news. The new Year 7 have acquitted themselves very well, looking smart and ready to enjoy all that Challoner has to offer.

September has brought a number of welcome new faces to the community: Ms Boyd in SEN, Miss Chong in History, Mr Hackston in Science, Mrs Mills in SEN, Miss Reilly in English, Mr Toprani in Maths and Mrs Wood as Matron on Mondays and Tuesdays. Between them, they bring many years of experience and passion for education and I am sure will all make a very positive impact on the school.

### GCSE Results

The whole community of Bishop Challoner is delighted with the fantastic results of our students this summer. This represents a strong performance across the subjects in this first year of more demanding syllabuses and assessments. 80% of students achieved five 9-4 grades including English and Mathematics. Over 80% achieved passes in at least two sciences. Well over half of the cohort achieved the challenging EBacc measure across a wide range of subjects.

As always, a number of students performed exceptionally well in spite of extreme and adverse circumstances and their courage and commitment is an inspiration to their peers and the school community. We are proud of the achievements of all our students; of particular note: Ciaran achieved a perfect set of 9s. Jennie achieved an A in AS Maths, seven 9s, two 8s and a 7. Emily received an A in AS Maths with ten GCSEs at grade 9 or 8. Bethan also got an A in AS Maths with ten GCSEs including six 9s.

These excellent outcomes are testament to the students' hard work, determination and self-belief and are just rewards for all their efforts and hours dedicated to studying. Credit, of course, is due too, to the relentless pursuit of excellence and high standards shown by all staff who take great joy in sharing in the students' superb achievements. The school could not have achieved such high outcomes without the unfailing support of our parents, carers and governors whose loyalty and service provides the foundation for all that is achieved at Bishop Challoner Catholic School. We are grateful as always for the prayers of our local parish communities.

The school wishes all of our Year 11 Leavers the very best of luck as they pursue their chosen courses and careers in and around the local colleges.

### Governors

We bid Teresa Hook, our Local Authority Governor for 13 years, a fond farewell, and wish her the very best for the future. Our thanks also goes to Jim Harwood for his 8 years as Parent Governor, and we are delighted he is now to be our new Local Authority Governor. Finally, we are pleased to welcome Mrs Sandra Taylor as a new parent governor. She brings a wealth of experience as an educational professional.

The first Full Governing Body meeting of the year is on 26<sup>th</sup> September.

## PTA

The PTA have already been hard at work at the Welcome Mass on September 13<sup>th</sup>. New members are always welcome. Please contact via the school office or email [PTA@bcs.hants.sch.uk](mailto:PTA@bcs.hants.sch.uk) to find out how you can help your school for the benefit of our young people.

## Prayers

Please join us in praying with our Holy Father, Pope Francis this September for the Young People in Africa.

+ 'That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries'.

## Future Newsletters

We aim to publish a newsletter every fortnight. It will include notices, news and lots more besides. Please note, you will be notified by text message when each new bulletin appears on the website. If you would like a paper copy, please inform the school office.

With best wishes and prayers for the forthcoming year,



J P Wright  
Headteacher