



# NEWSLETTER

## AUTUMN (3) 2018

Dear Students, Parents, Carers and Friends of the School

With the autumn term well under way, there's lots to report from the last fortnight. An annual highlight for me is joining Year 7 in their pilgrimage to our Cathedral in Portsmouth (more of which later). Our students were exemplary, and as usual, made an excellent impression on the Cathedral community. My prayers for all our families and friends for a happy and safe half term.

### Jewish Museum

On Wednesday 11 July 2018, we received the chance to visit the Jewish Museum in London. We were given booklets that we filled out throughout the day in different workshops. As we listened to the speakers, we learnt many things that are important to Jewish people such as, Pesach Shavuot, Shabbat, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, as well as the Nature of God. We discovered and explored the history, culture and heritage of Jews in Britain through galleries and exhibitions in the museum. We saw writings that revealed the horrors of the Holocaust, and various pieces of art that showed Jewish life, along with religious areas that contained Torahs, scrolls (and cases), silver pointers and much more.

Overall, this trip gave us insight to Jewish belief and will be beneficial for our studies on Judaism in the future.

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### Library/Charities

Thirteen students, who have taken part in The Hampshire Book Awards, went to Winchester last week to attend a book signing and presentation by the winning author, Tamsin Murray.

Tutor groups are currently collecting gifts to be put in shoeboxes, which will be distributed to children whose families are experiencing hardship, and young carers locally. The scheme is run by Andover Foodbank; we have been doing this for several years. Each tutor group has been asked to prepare two boxes, one each for a boy and girl. They have been given specific age groups to buy for. If any family would like donate their own boxes, these would be gratefully received. More details available from the library.

### Challoner PTA

**Y7 Disco** - Tuesday 13 November in school, 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Tickets £8.50 (includes a hot meal) – being run jointly with Y11 Prom Committee - tickets on sale later this week

**Christmas Shopping Extravaganza** - Thursday 29 November, in school, 6:30pm – 9:00pm, tickets on sale shortly. Stallholders: £20 per table, plus £10 per extra table

**Save the Dates** – PTA AGM: Wednesday 23 January 2019; PTA Quiz Evening: Friday 1 February 2019.

## Sports News

**Table Tennis** - We entered over 30 pupils for the Basingstoke Schools Team Table Tennis Championships. Both boys U13 and U16 teams won the competition (for the fifth year running) and they will represent Basingstoke in the Hampshire County finals in November.

U16 Boys – T Bonser, S Carlos, J Mundy & M Robertson

U13 Boys – M Gorby, C Lampard, L Thuy & A Bolton

The U13 girls narrowly missed winning the competition (by one point) well done to them, a great effort.  
A Bohulano, G Almeida, C Wright & C Fabrigaras

**Boys/Girls Rugby** - KS3 and KS4 Rugby players have benefited from specific developmental sessions to enhance skills and further develop understanding of the game. The girls sessions were hosted by Basingstoke Rugby Club, and the boys held here at Bishop Challoner. Year 8/9 boys have also attended a development morning at Chineham RFC, where two pupils (D Hughes and M Burton) were spotted by London Irish scouts and were subsequently invited to trail for their DPP programme.



**Boys Football** – The Year 9's have successfully progressed to the second round of the County Cup with a convincing 4-0 win over Calthorpe Park School – Man of the match was I Diallo with a commanding display in midfield. The Year 10 team are through to the semi-finals of the Basingstoke Schools competition.

**Staff v Pupils Netball** - On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October the staff took on the Y11 A netball team to help raise funds for the Y11 prom. We played four quarters and it was a very tight game. The final score was 9 – 8 to the staff. The pupils have asked for a rematch so we are hoping to play that one in the Spring term along with some other sports to help raise as much money as possible!

## AWE Engineering Challenge

On Monday 15 October, four Year 9 students went to AWE for an engineering challenge. They had no idea of the task ahead. They were asked to build a submarine, which had to pass three challenges.

There were timed challenges – the fastest sub to sink and rise, race to end of pool and stay neutrally buoyant. We won the first challenge, but unfortunately, the submarine did not win the speed challenge!

Overall, we came 3rd.

## Model United Nations 2018

On 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018, nine students from Bishop Challoner went to Calthorpe Park School in Fleet for their annual Model United Nations. Our delegates were: C Muteto, A Dela Cruz, R Perez (Russia), S Haynes, A Joyce, T Fuller (Pakistan), E Mason, G Della-Savina and M Cholewczuk (Poland).

### **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

On Wednesday evening, we were welcomed by security who checked our bags. Then we were led into a spacious auditorium, set up like the UN conference centre in New York where 52 nations in the UN were represented. Proceedings opened with introductory speeches from the MUN council and a stunning performance of 'Sister Suffragette' from a student at Calthorpe which marked 100 years of the suffragette movement and Women's right to



vote. For the rest of the evening, delegates submitted and voted for their resolutions in their separate committee rooms, making alliances and encouraging other countries to support their proposals.

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October

Friday began with a spectacular musical performance by a Samba Band, and then followed by a speech from a Member of Parliament, Ranil Jaywardena. After this, twelve resolutions were put forward for debate. These ranged from carbon storage and capture that was proposed by Iceland, to funding sanitary products for women and girls in developing countries, proposed by Ukraine, to the protection of World Heritage sites, submitted by Italy. During the morning, proceedings were dramatically interrupted by the Head of the Security Council and an emergency meeting was called. Two of our delegates representing Russia were summoned to be present to discuss the Novichok poisonings in the UK.

The closing ceremony commenced with prizes awarded by a panel of judges: BBC Reporter James Ingraham, Fleet Rotary and a HR representative from TAG Farnborough Airport. These were given for best-dressed country (Iraq), best delegation team (Ukraine) and best debater (North Korea).

## Y7 Pilgrimage to Portsmouth Cathedral and Retreat days



Over the course of 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October, the whole of Y7 had the opportunity to participate in two special days in the Year 7 calendar. Each day, half of the year group travelled down to Portsmouth in our annual pilgrimage to our mother church, the RC Cathedral of St John the Evangelist, while the other half of the year group had a retreat day at St Andrew's Methodist Church in Western Way, Basingstoke, a short walk from the school.

On the pilgrimage, which Mrs Martinez, the Assistant Head of Year, accompanied on both days,

the students followed a discovery trail around the Cathedral and then participated in the midday Parish Mass. Wednesday saw glorious sunshine on the coast, so we enjoyed our picnic on the park opposite the Cathedral. On the Thursday, Bishop Philip was meeting with his Chapter of Canons, his senior advisers among the priests of the Diocese, so Bishop Philip was the principal celebrant at the Mass himself and all the Canons concelebrated in their special red vestments. After lunch and a visit to the park opposite, they returned to school with a greater awareness of the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth and the role of the Bishop as Shepherd of his Diocesan flock.

Mary, our Chaplain, led the retreat experience, accompanied by Mrs Smith, their Head of Year, and their Tutors, providing a good opportunity for students and staff to get to know each other better and to reflect upon their relationship with God and their spiritual journey thus far. Students had a lot of fun along the way: creating their group's new 'Super Hero'; exploring what things they had in common with each other; making 'Affirmation Bags'; reflecting on things they were sorry for and seeking God's forgiveness; playing 'Her Majesty Requests'; and then having some time to reflect in the closing service on their relationship with God the Father. Our thanks to St Andrew's Methodist Church for re-arranging their activities and bookings to free up their main hall for our use!

## Prayer

### **St Teresa of Avila (Feast Day: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October)**

+ Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world.

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.

Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours. +

