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Newsletter

Summer (1) 2021:

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a year!

Just a brief message to congratulate the whole school – students, staff, parents and governors on, as Fr. Chris said in Mass on Friday, not just surviving, but thriving.

We were visited by inspectors from Hampshire County Council last week. They had chosen just eight schools and colleges across the county – primary, secondary, special schools and VI Forms and were conducting a 'best practice' survey surrounding issues such as pastoral care, PSHE and RSE. They spoke to a variety of staff members and students throughout the day and met again with me in the afternoon. The lead inspectors' first words in the feedback were, "Wow! This is a fantastic school!"

And so it is - because of our combined commitment to help our young people flourish and achieve. Please continue to pray for our community throughout the summer.

My very best wishes for a safe, relaxing and rejuvenating summer holiday. Come back safely in September.

God bless,

John Wright.

Headteacher

Euskirchen Flooding:

Our thoughts and prayers are with our friends and families over in Euskirchen, Germany who have recently been the victims of torrential rain and flooding. In particular Marenschule with whom we have participated in the German exchange trip as part of the Basingstoke Festival of Sport.

Mr. Sheers

Mental Health Support

New sources of support and have been recommended to us by other schools and mental health workers.

<https://stem4.org.uk/resilience/resilience-for-teenagers/#>

<https://www.kooth.com/>

Kooth PLC - Interested in the company behind Kooth? Kooth PLC is a digital mental health and wellbeing company working to provide a welcoming space for digital mental health care, available to all.

www.kooth.com

Resilience - for teenagers | stem4 offers tips on boosting how you think to build your resilience along with how to build your academic resilience and digital resilience.

<https://stem4.org.uk/>

Maths Challenges

Some of our Year 8 and Year 10 students took part in the Southampton University Maths Challenge earlier this year. This is an annual competition which attracts strong entries from both state and independent schools, not only in Hampshire but around the country, from The Isle of Wight to Birmingham. It involves high-quality, reasoned, written solutions to mathematical problems, requiring participants to “show their workings”!

We are delighted to announce our prize winners:

Alex B - Third Prize in the Senior Challenge

Alistair S - Certificate of Merit in the Senior Challenge

Ayilar S - Certificate of Merit in the Junior Challenge

We hope everyone who participated enjoyed the challenges, and many congratulations to those who had their achievements recognised. We are very proud of you!

CAREERS - The C Word

We'd like to invite you to listen to a new vodcast called 'The C Word'. Intrigued? Naturally, the C Word is Careers! It's aim is to help you to help your child make those important decisions about 'careers'. Created by two local employers, who work with Basingstoke schools, it will sow some seeds and hopefully also make you smile. Judith and Maxine are passionate about supporting young people into employment; they would like you to join them in a relaxed but informative conversation.

Episode 1. Starting the conversation. What style of learning and therefore career could best suit your child?

The C Word with Judith and Maxine - YouTube (13 minutes).

<http://wotestreetpeople.co.uk/lets-talk-about-the-c-word/>

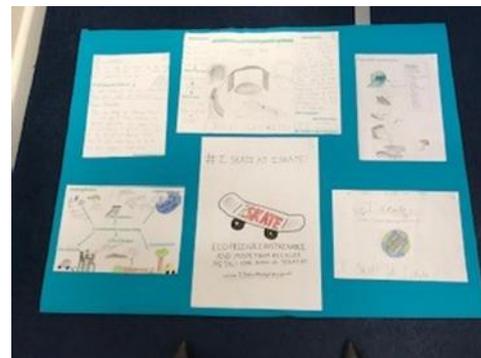
<https://forms.office.com/r/mX9ihdTq2m> (link to a short parent feedback form).

Y8 National Enterprise Day

Year 8 National Enterprise Day took place on Tuesday 20th April. Due to COVID restrictions it was a virtual event this year. The challenge was to design an innovative, new product which offers a new use for Air Products cylinders and tanks which can no longer be used for gas storage. Students designed a variety of different products. The winning team designed eco playground equipment and the runners up designed an indoor skate park.



Winner



Runner Up

Summer Extravaganza!

During Period 1 on Thursday morning last week the whole school community was able to share virtually in the Summer Extravaganza organised by the Music and Drama departments.

Over 50 students participated in the event, where they showcased their talents in music, dance, magic and told some funny jokes!

It was a super event and a lovely way to finish the year. Congratulations to all students who participated and shared their skills, and to all the school who supported and watched with respect.

The Music and Drama departments wish you a lovely summer and will see you back in September.

Keep an eye out for all the exciting clubs and events we have planned for the Autumn Term!



GIFT Team

Our newly formed GIFT team for Year 7 and Year 8 Students at Bishop Challoner School has had a very successful term! The GIFT team stands for Growing in Faith and our aim is to spread the wonderful message of God throughout the school community. The team so far have been involved in how to pray the Rosary and have communicated to their group their own spiritual journeys so far in their life.

Year 7 students from the GIFT team have said that: *"It has been great to have a group that allows us to discuss our meaningful moments with God, the stories we have heard have all been amazing! We are excited to start spreading the word throughout the school community!"*
– Eli, Ellisia and Nancy from 7C.

Miss Chong and Mrs Humphrey

Anytime you are stuck
THINK WHAT WOULD
Jesus do?



So Join
GIFT today! To help
grow in faith !!

Mrs Chong - F13
and
Mrs Humphrey - F11



Wednesday,
every week!



Challoner DofE



NEWSLETTER

APRIL—MAY 2021

*Welcome to the first DofE newsletter!
With so many amazing contributions to
the award being made by our students
here at Bishop Challoner Catholic School,
it was more than the right time to
celebrate and praise!*

During the pandemic the DofE Award scheme has continued and we have facilitated the award by offering the 'Certificate of Achievement'. Practical changes were introduced to the Award scheme so that young people were able to continue their DofE during the COVID-19 outbreak. The Certificate of Achievement was introduced to recognise the resilience and commitment of participants who've completed their Skills, Volunteering and Physical sections, but were unable to participate in their expedition.

GOoutdoors.co.uk	Blacks.co.uk	Millets.co.uk	Ultimateoutdoors.com	Tisa.co.uk
Extra 10% off the GO Outdoors Discount Card price.	15% off the current selling price. Includes reduced price items.	15% off the current selling price. Includes reduced price items.	15% off the current selling price. Includes reduced price items.	15% off the retail price.

Always show your DofE Card or Voucher.
You'll get the best savings and help support young people to do their DofE.



HRH PRINCE PHILIP

#SHAREYOURMEMORY

To celebrate The Duke's inspiring impact on generations of young people, the charity are asking anyone who's been in the DofE across the decades to help build a powerful collection of your DofE stories, and inspire the next generation of young people to begin their DofE journey.

To upload your memories visit:

<https://www.dofe.org/memories/>

WEBSITE

For more information check out
www.DofE.org

Current Year 11's—*Congratulations to the following students who have all completed their Certificate of Achievement.*

Lara 11C	Veronica 11A	Edward 11C	Rowen 11D
Orlagh 11G	Ellen 11B	Sarah 11C	Alina 11C
Gabriella 11D	Rosalind 11G	Molly 11G	Sol 11G
Maryam 11G	Charlotte 11B	Kai 11C	Darcie 11F

If you are in year 11, to complete each section you must upload evidence and an assessors report to show your commitment for either 3 or 6 months. Please complete this before the end of the Summer term and then you will receive your Certificate of Achievement along with your GCSE certificates.



EXCITING NEWS!

This year we are inviting those pupils in year 9 who complete their Bronze CofA by the end of June to participate in the first ever Bishop Challoner School Silver Award group.

We will also be offering 28 places to our current year 8's to start their Bronze Award. More details to follow next half term.

Year 10 Certificate of Achievement Participants

In December last year we launched the CofA opportunity with our current year 9 and 10 students and we were thrilled with the response! We were over subscribed and 46 successful participants were drawn from a ballot.

Although COVID has still impacted the delivery of the award and we have only been able to offer the certificate, there have been many, many excellent examples of our students going above and beyond doing extraordinary things for themselves and others.

From walking and riding 100 miles in honor of the late Duke of Edinburgh, baking cakes for key workers, organizing a weekly online quiz to raise money for St John's Ambulance, volunteering as well being mentors, litter picking, learning to play an instrument, taking part in virtual fitness sessions, completing online courses, caring for elderly family members and recording victims of concentration camps onto an online archive.....we are proud of our young peoples efforts!

We would like to remind all the participants involved to continue working on their sectional activities and ask for all evidence and assessor reports to be uploaded by Monday 28th June. See your team leader of Mrs Cooper for any help needed.

How long does a DofE programme take to complete?





'The Cut'

Congratulations to Gabriel W in year 10 for getting 'the cut' in order to raise money for The National Autistic Society, a charity that is close to his heart. Gabriel has grown his hair since year 6 and will be donating it to The Little Princess Trust. His year group did a fantastic job in cheering him on. You can find his fundraising page on <https://gofund.me/8d9266dc>. Well done Gabriel for this great achievement!!

Sports Day

Sports Day took place at school this year, socially distanced and "bubbled" across the field. We felt it was important to continue with annual events where possible and I can say, that we feel that Staff and Students alike all took great pleasure from taking part! Below are just a few pictures from what was a great day.

The Winners were:

Overall Sports Day results are as follows;

1st St Anthony - 307 points

2nd St Benedict -287 points

3rd St Gregory - 266 points

4th St Francis - 264 points

5th St Dominic - 251 points

6th St Clare - 236 points

Congratulations to St Anthony!!



'Have a wonderful summer!'