



God our Father, with the gifts you have given to us we have responsibilities and duties. Lead us to do our best and act responsibly. Give us courage when we face difficulties. Inspire us to make our choices wisely, always remembering that there are consequences to what we choose to do. Amen.

Message from Mr K McEvoy, Principal

Friday 27th April 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

I am sure that you are all aware of Dominick Cunningham's wonderful Gold and Bronze medal successes in the Commonwealth Games. Fantastic not just for himself and his family, but also for the school, Kings Heath and the City.

Birmingham is hosting the games in 2022 and Dominick's achievements will undoubtedly put him at the heart of the next four years of preparation. Exciting times! And Challoner had the opportunity to celebrate with Dom when he attended the school on Thursday morning. After a presentation from the staff, he led a Key Stage 3 assembly before touring the school to display his medals and talk to students. And we are hoping to repeat all this after the Olympics in two years time. There is a presentation video by Dominick on the website:

The school had further reason to celebrate last week when Ahlaam M (Year 12) won a coveted summer school placement at Yale University. This is a phenomenal opportunity and well deserved: an outstanding achievement by an outstanding student.

With the start of the summer term comes the final major push for Year 11 and Post 16, in preparation for public examinations. As always, the staff and students are working exceptionally hard, committing long hours to ensure all potential is fully developed and that the best possible support is provided. We offer all our students sitting examinations this summer our thoughts and prayers.



The "Year of Service" continues and, as the summer begins, we can expect numerous events being held to benefit our chosen charity "St Basils". The brilliant fund raising work undertaken by our students is a great reflection on the culture and ethos of the school. It is with a sense both of anticipation and pride that we can look forward to the efforts they will make to reach the £6000 target. Please give them all the support you can.

These are busy days in the school – Tuesday saw the return of forty five students from the Porto Football Development Tour; next week fifty students will participate in Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh expeditions; a few days later it is the PGL Netball and Football residential, the half-term concluding with our Lourdes Pilgrimage. I would wish to thank all involved in offering such fantastic commitment to create this wonderful level of provision.

As you may be aware the students voted to raise money for St. Basils this academic year.

St. Basils works with young people aged 16-25 who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, helping over 5000 young people per year across the West Midlands region with specific services in Birmingham. Every year over 1200 young people are housed in 29 supported accommodation schemes, which for some young people includes their young children as well. They have a range of prevention, accommodation and support services to help young people regain the stability they need to rebuild their lives, gain skills, training and employment and move on. The aim is to help them successfully break the 'cycle of homelessness' so that they can go on to experience a bright, fulfilling future and never return to a state where they are at risk of homelessness again.



The whole school target for our charity this year during our "Year of Service" is £6000.

If you would like to donate any money to our whole school charity then you can do this either by donating on SchoolComms or visiting our charity page at:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/BishopChallonerCatholicCollegeStBasil>

**Help Tommy change the world!
Make a donation now?**

Sports Updates

The year 7 Football team march on into the semi-finals of the Cup after beating Archbishop Isley 3-0 with a fantastic free-kick from Adriano R and goals from Nathaniel M. The team had a fantastic performance, controlling the game from start to finish and dominating possession. They will now prepare to face Shenley Academy with ambitions to proceed to the final and take home silverware.

The Year 10 Football Team took on Coleshill School in the Birmingham Cup Final on Monday 16th April. The team travelled to Aston Villa's training ground, Bodymoor Heath, for the game and were able to experience the superb facilities there and played on an excellent pitch. After a slow start the lads went 1-0 down but then battled back well to dominate possession. Unfortunately they couldn't capitalise and score any of the chances created. Coleshill scored a further two goals but the boys carried on battling with pride despite the game drifting away from them. An excellent achievement to get to the final for the second year running but unlike last year the team couldn't quite make it all the way.

The year 7 girls Basketball team have won the league! An excellent achievement this year as the team, involving the likes of Aira P and Cassandra, dominated each game this season. A massive congratulations to all those involved.

PGL trip for Netball and Football is running next Friday, girls need to come to the PE office to collect their hoodies and also they have a mass next Tuesday during period 5.

Year 9 boys will play Shenley Academy next Tuesday in the semi final of the Kings Norton Cup. It will take place at the transport ground.

T2 assessment for year 9 is our next big assessment for KS3. The deadline date for this is assessment is Monday 25th June. Students will be assessed across the 5 strands of the curriculum and their grade will be calculated by the progress they have made between T1 and T2 assessment points.



What is NCS?

National Citizen Service (NCS) is a life-changing experience offering 15 to 17 year olds the chance to take part in adventurous activities, develop valuable skills and meet new people. Over 400,000 teenagers have already benefited from taking part in NCS.



PHASE 1: ADVENTURE

Personal Challenge



Living independently, young people complete outdoor activities.

PHASE 2: DISCOVERY

Team Challenge



Young people work with industry professionals to learn new skills.

PHASE 3: SOCIAL ACTION

Real Challenge



Young people design a social action project to make a difference in their community.

CELEBRATION

Their Future



Young people will be invited to a graduation ceremony.



Just to thank parents/carers for their donations to school funds over the Easter. We have raised £1020 since September.



Upcoming Events

Mon 7 May - Bank Holiday

Every picture tells a thousand words.....

KS3 Boys Football Development Tour – FC Porto (20-24 April 2018)

