



BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to inform you that unfortunately your child has not been selected for the Birmingham Classic Ball Crew Team for 2021. This will inevitably cause some levels of disappointment but they will hopefully understand that to have got to this stage in the process is something to be extremely proud of. We have had an excellent number of students interested, with the standard being very high. In addition to this, the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) changed their Covid-19 operational requirements by reducing the Ball Crew team number this year, which has made it even more competitive. We would like to formally acknowledge the progress which your son/daughter has made during the training process and thank them for being so dedicated. We can truly say that the Bishop Challoner Ball Crew team would not be the quality it is without the amount of pupils who put themselves forward to trial and train, increasing the levels of competition and therefore pushing each other to perform to the best of their abilities.

During the trials the selection criteria was explained in detail to all students and previously with parents/carers via the school web-site. We wanted to share this with parents/carers too, openly so you were clear of how we select students for the final team.

- First and foremost behaviour in school is considered. It is important students are well mannered, responsible and can follow instructions.
- During the training process a few of the key skills we look at are students' ability to roll and feed to players accurately. Additional factors considered are on court speed, presentation, reaction time and a good understanding of the game.

We have spoken to all students and informed them that if they require an explanation as to why they were not selected then to please feel free to come and speak to Mr Moon, Miss Shirley or Mr Wilson in the PE department and we will endeavour to provide them with constructive and useful feedback.

Please consider this letter as an expression of our gratitude for the time and effort your son/daughter has put into the training process.

We sincerely thank you.

Yours faithfully,

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