

BC14

Lord Jesus,
St Margaret changed Scotland for the better,
She chose to act like you to bring healing and peace,
Give us the courage to bring change to our
community just as she did.
Amen

Message from Mr Hearnden, Assistant Principal **Friday 16th November 2018**

This half term has started at pace, the school is vibrant and alive from very early in the morning, with before school extra curricular clubs to late in the evening with even more clubs, sports fixtures and lots of hard work being done by students and staff, particularly exam groups as part of their GCSE or A level courses.

Year 7, 9 and 10 are all completing assessments and we look forward to welcoming you to Parent Consultation Day on Friday 14th December to discuss your son/daughter's progress. Last week we welcomed Year 11 and some Sixth Form parent/carers to discuss progress to date, we were delighted with the attendance and many positive conversations being had.

I hope that for those that did attend you had the opportunity to visit the outstanding Armistice Day Centenary Commemoration displays. The idea to commemorate the fallen from Kings Heath was born from a Cultural Literacy project that some

students are part of. The students have been working hard researching the background behind the fallen individuals and in some circumstances have unearthed some very poignant and tragic events. It was amazing for the students to be able to present the current residents of the addresses of some of the local fallen with a commemorative model soldier. The hours of work that went in to the research, spectacular artwork, display preparation and installation by staff and students alike cannot be underestimated, the impact for those that were lucky enough to see it was more than worth it.

With Christmas adverts and songs starting to appear, for Year 11 this can only mean one thing- mocks must be coming! The mock examinations start in early December until the end of term and we look forward to seeing how the students fair in preparation for the real thing next Summer.

Thank you for your continued support.

Year 8 Visit Birmingham Children's Hospital- Save a Heart Day

Every year on Save a Heart Day, The British Heart Foundation aim to train over 190,000 people in how to give and deliver CPR safely and effectively. This work is so important because without CPR the chances of surviving cardiac arrest are zero.

This year, as part of Save a Heart Day, Year 8 visited Birmingham's Children Hospital and met the Resuscitation Team. The team explained the work that they do and their roles within the hospital. Pupils took part in simulated activities and were given a tour of the hospital; the visit to the ambulance was a particular highlight. At one point, an emergency situation was demonstrated and Korey, as the first on the scene, reacted quickly, using the training he had received in the day to call for help and deliver the help that the patient needed.

At the end of the day, the pupils worked on a presentation to explain how other young people could be trained to deliver CPR. They delivered this presentation in front of 30 people including many of the NHS staff.



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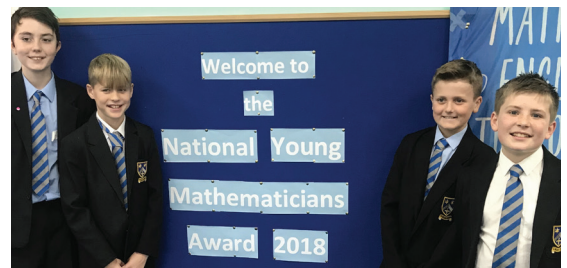
Teaching School Update

With UCAS now open for Trainee Teacher applications, we are already holding interviews for PGCEs starting next September! If you know someone who is thinking about teaching as a career, then they are welcome to ask all their questions at our next information morning, Weds 28th November, 9-11 am, or evening on Tuesday 4th December, 6-8 pm. Primary with a PE Specialism is proving popular, and also Maths, English, History and other Secondary subjects.

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National Young Mathematicians Award

On the 8th November 2018, four of our gifted and talented students from Year 7 took part in the regional round of the National Young Mathematicians Awards at the local Explore Learning Centre. The day was well attended, with a number of local schools competing, and being ranked amongst other schools and centres around the region. Both the staff and students who attended, thoroughly enjoyed the day and thought it was fantastically organised.



The team of students were commended by the event organisers for "their team spirit and encouragement for each other throughout the day". The students represented the school brilliantly and really did portray the school ethos well. Unfortunately the team just missed out on progressing to the next round, but nevertheless really did themselves and the school proud.

School Fund and Match Fund

Please visit the school website for more information on School Fund contributions and Match Fund through your employer. Thank you to everyone that has already contributed.

Sports Updates

Fixtures and results

The 6th Form team played against Coventry College in the West Midlands Cup last week. Unfortunately they lost 2 -1, however the boys played extremely well, battled hard and it was a game of two halves! Well done to all involved, in particular Louis who scored a penalty! Still not sure, however, how Sean missed from a yard out.

The Year 8 boys football team remains undefeated this season. They continue progressing through the Birmingham Cup, after beating Bishop Walsh 4-1 to progress to round 3 of the tournament. An excellent performance all round with particular highlights from Harry B for his work ethic and determination when holding down the midfield and Nathaniel M with 3 goals. They now go on to face Smiths Wood Academy.

The Year 8 basketball team also remains undefeated this season after beating St Thomas Aquinas, Kings Norton Boys, St Georges and Camp Hill. They are top of their group with hopes to progress to the knockout stages of the Birmingham League. They will also be commencing the NBA Jr League this month with fixtures against Queensbridge, St Bedes and St Georges to happen before Christmas.

The Year 9 girls have had an outstanding start to this half term with 5 games to be played before Christmas. They played Lordswood girls earlier within the week and beat them 27 - 1! Well done to all the girls involved and in particular to Ellie H for receiving Player of the Match.

Extra-curricular

As we come back from the half term break, just a reminder that there has been a couple of changes to the PE extra-curricular timetable! The main addition is that trampolining club has been added with Miss Beall and Miss Hampson on a Monday after school! All year groups are welcome!

Sixth Form

Sixth Form Open Evening

We were delighted to welcome our own Year 11 and many students from local schools to our Open Evening. We were impressed with the maturity with which the students approached the evening, as they come to make decisions about their future. It was obvious from the feedback that they are excited about the opportunities offered to them by Bishop Challoner Sixth Form. The engaging activities in departments, which gave a taste of the courses we offer, and the enthusiasm with which our Sixth Form students talk about their studies, make Bishop Challoner Sixth Form the obvious choice for most of our students and an inviting option for students currently elsewhere.

Huge thanks to our teachers, the Sixth Form team and especially our Year 12 and 13 students, who are the best possible ambassadors for the Sixth Form, for making the evening such a success.

University Applications

As we send off the remaining applications, some very positive offers are starting to roll in! We are also excited for our students who are being called to interview, especially those who have already heard that they have interviews for some of the most competitive course of all: medicine and Oxbridge courses.

Sixth Form Study Skills

Year 12 and Year 13 had separate assemblies on Monday where we shared some important information about study skills and revision techniques. Emphasis was put on the importance of seeing revision as an ongoing process, rather than a cramming activity in the weeks prior to an exam. Support materials will soon be available in the school website.

Lourdes

Year 12 students have the opportunity to participate in our annual pilgrimage to Lourdes, accompanying other schools from the Birmingham Diocese. Information has been emailed home, letters are available from the Sixth Form office. Please sign up by Monday December 3rd.

The Sir Doug Ellis Pathways to Healthcare Programme

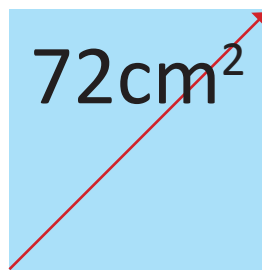
This year all three applicants who applied for this excellent widening participation for Medicine programme at Aston University have been successful. These students will receive ongoing support throughout year 12 and into year 13, including masterclasses, work shadowing, hospital placements and interview preparation. We are particularly pleased for them, as we know Aston had far more applicants than they were able to accept this year, so all three student have done extremely well.

Maths Problem of the Week

For the solution to the last problem, follow us @BCMthsDept

Finding the Diagonal

A square has an area of 72cm^2 . What is the length of its diagonal?



Attendance

Year 7- 97%
Year 8- 96%
Year 9- 95%
Year 10- 95%
Year 11- 95%
Whole School- 96%



TikTok is a music video social media platform that is replacing the Musical.ly app. Existing Musical.ly users, content, and followers have been moved to the new TikTok app upon updating. Developed in China, the TikTok app combines lip-syncing, built in video effects, and social media. By default, all accounts are public unless the privacy settings are changed.

Given the rise in popularity of the app, we are advising that all parents and carers familiarise themselves with the contents and features of the platform. The following link provides a good overview and tips on how to ensure that accounts are private, resulting in a user only being able to communicate with friends.

www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/tik-tok-app-safety-what-parents-need-to-know/

The mission to educate and inspire students to look after their health and develop their wellbeing remains at the heart of the school during this Year of Health and Wellbeing. Since the last BC14 newsletter students from across all key stages have engaged in an array of activities. One new break-time activity is available in the library, students are being encouraged to peddle as they read which is becoming such a popular activity there has been a request for a



second bike to be placed alongside the first so students can peddle and read in pairs. Another new activity is on offer in the chapel during form time. Prayerful meditation has been added to the form time timetable for key stage three forms in order to develop their spiritual selves through teacher led reflections.

Year 11 Health & Wellbeing Day

On the 19th of October Year 11 had their final Health & Wellbeing Day. Students were off timetable so they could spend some quality time in workshops that aimed to teach them about topics such as: effective revision methods; looking after one's mental health; the dangers of drinking and using drugs; how to have healthy relationships and how to avoid exploitation. Students were signposted to various different support organisations and to support within school so they know how to seek help should they needed.



Feedback from students was incredibly positive. In the morning, the year group watched a powerful performance from Loudmouth (a local drama company) who told a moving story that followed the life of a girl who suffered during an unhealthy relationship. The story cleverly demonstrates how easy it is to isolate oneself from one's friends and family.

The day ended with an optional active activity; students had the choice between various different activities including Zumba, dodgeball, basketball, self-defence, yoga and a personal trainer session. The activities were led by a mixture of teachers and visiting experts.



Beginning on the 12th of November, UK Parliament Week is a celebration and remembrance of the work parliament has done to develop the UK. Because it is

100 years since the law changed to allow women some voting rights, as a school we have focused UK Parliament Week on the work of the Suffragettes and the impact they have had on equality laws in the UK.

On Monday the 12th Year 8 began the week by watching the film Suffragette so they could better understand the immense sacrifice women have gone through to create a fairer society. Following the film year 8 engaged in a collective debate about whether the criminal actions of the Suffragettes were heroic or too violent. During personal tutor the debate continued with further information shared across key stage three and four to help our students better understand how the law as we know it developed. The events of the week concluded with UK Parliament Week Bishops Got Talent Competition. The break time competition allowed students the opportunity to win a trip to parliament by demonstrating their knowledge in groups of four or less.

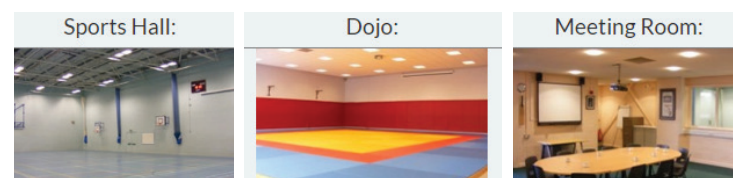


Year of Health & Wellbeing: Staff Wellness Tip #4

Following our fortnightly tradition of staff sharing their wellbeing tips, Mr Hester's tip for better wellbeing is to spend time listening to music that you love. Mr Hester's tip is supported by an article published by the Guardian in January 2017, the article demonstrates how for some people music can be a great therapeutic tool. Listening to music that one enjoys can increase your happiness hormones and give you feeling of bliss.

When one listens to music without distraction, they are taking themselves away from their hectic lives, from social media and electronic devices and from other distractions. Allowing time to listen to music regularly without focusing on anything else has helped reduce stress levels in young adults across the UK according to the Guardian. Why not take note of Mr Hester's tip and spend some time listening to your favourite tunes with the family this weekend?

Venue Hire For more information call: 0121 441 6103



Art Department- WW1

The art department created a collection of artworks in commemoration of the 100 year anniversary since the First World War ended. With such an important topic, it was clear that Art should create something poignant yet powerful, ethereal yet strong enough to be ingrained in people's memory.

One element of the project was working with Key Stage 3 and 4 students to create a collaborative installation. Art Club members (Year 7,8,9) and staff handmade over 150 paper poppies out of trench maps. These included delicate drawings inside and excerpts from students' poems devised in English lessons handwritten across the petals, ripped with painted red edges. These small sculptures became part of a large installation, co-created by Lydia Parkes, one of the school's Artists in Residence, planted across a stretch of fabric that was printed with a patchwork of maps and GCSE students' drawings of poppies and skylarks - inspired by John McCrae's In Flanders Fields. The fabric swept across the space it was exhibited in; the details were intricate and personal; the final collaborative installation bold and thought-provoking.

Four life size silhouettes of a WW1 soldier were formed using the laser cutter in the DT department and stood at the front of school, watching over the space. These were to symbolise the four fallen men who didn't come back from the front line to Institute Road - and through this work, we were about to bring them home. These were inspired by the 'There, but not there'

movement taking place across the world, and aim to be the unshakable concluding image of our Armistice commemorations.

These were supported by 100 small figures formed in the same pose that were scattered across the grass embankment outside of the school entrance. The soldiers were situated around red flowers planted by the art department, and each included a name of a fallen soldier from the Kings Heath and Moseley area, and their date of death.

Similarly, clear acrylic soldier statues stood as representatives for each soldier researched by the Cultural Literacy students. Current residents of these soldiers' homes were invited to collect their statue and bring their soldier home. These small sculptures are available to buy for £3 each: You too can bring a soldier home.

Our Artist in Residence and past student, Niamh Ryan, painted Monet's 'Poppyfield' study across the book bench, reviving it with oil paint with vibrant shades and breath-taking detail. This sits dramatically between the open silhouette soldier sculptures and the large poppy created last year that hung glistening in the light under the school sign, and proves that each time the art department come together to make work for their school and local community, they produce captivating and sophisticated creations.

Upcoming Events

Y10 Computing Trip
Wednesday 21st November

Year 8 Black Country Museum Trip
Thursday 22nd November

National Youth Sunday
Sunday 25th November

Shoebboxes Collected
Monday 26th November

KS3/KS4 Student Voice
Thursday 29th November

BC Advent Calendar



Follow our website based
Christmas Advent Calendar
from Saturday 1st December

Christmas shopping list

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	Cost	Retailer	Donation
Gift for him	£50	MenKind	4% = £2
Gift for her	£50		4.5% = £2.25
Gifts for kids	£120		1.5% = £1.80
Christmas day groceries	£80	WAITROSE & PARTNERS	£20
Boxing day buffet	£20		£3
Christmas party outfit	£50	ASOS	3% = £1.50
Christmas tree	£55	very	3.5% = £1.93
Decorations	£40	wilko	1% = 40p
Stocking fillers	£30		5% = £1.50
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20 supporters =			£687.60

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