

July 2018

Summer Newsletter



# Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School



## Headteacher's message

*Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.* Psalm 90:12

And so we come towards the end of another academic year. For our school community, it has been an incredibly busy one and with each day another chance to grow in wisdom and understanding. I have loved seeing and celebrating so many of our young people's gifts. Through a multitude of trips, events, performances and clubs, I have witnessed so many in our school grow in faith and confidence. It was particularly thrilling to hear the election statements from our Year 12 students during our leadership ballot. Their compassion and eloquence was a great testimony to what can be achieved by our young people.

At the end of this year, we say goodbye to Maria Doherty, Assistant Headteacher. Maria has been a dedicated member of staff at Bishop Ullathorne for 39 years. Her absence will be felt keenly by all of our staff and students.

So as we count the days towards the end of another successful year, may I take this opportunity to thank Maria for her kindness and expertise as well as all of the students, parents and staff of Bishop Ullathorne. I wish you all a safe and blessed Summer.

*Chris Billings*

Students return to school on Tuesday 4 September 2018 at 8.40am





## Head Boy and Head Girl

Despite being born over 5000 miles apart, our new Head Boy and Head Girl, **Tida Madzikanda** and **Maria McHugh**, have a great deal of interests in common.

Born in Zimbabwe, Tida moved to England when he was very young and attended one of our partner primary schools, St Thomas More. He can play the piano, likes sport, in particular rugby, and believes that he is dedicated to any task put forward. He is also terrified of snakes although there are very few dangerous reptiles on our school site.

Tida currently studies English, History and Mathematics at A level. Finding that English provides interesting perspectives and that Mathematics is challenging, he is considering a career in Law or Business.

Explaining why he felt honoured to be our next Head Boy, he said: "Our school has moulded and shaped me in to the person I am today. I am grateful and would like to give something back."

Maria, who went to the same primary school, also plays the piano, to grade 5; has played, umpired and coached netball at school and for her club, Copsewood; and is committed to making an impact in her new role. She also has an unhealthy fear of harmless creatures: spiders.

Her subjects at A level are English, History and PE, with History being her favourite at the moment.

She was quite surprised to be selected but relishes the challenge of representing our school at prestigious events and of making a difference to the sixth form and all other year groups.

The eight applicants for the positions of Head Boy and Head Girl delivered presentations to staff and members of their peer group. Supporting the successful pair is a strong leadership team which has established four societies. All other sixth form students have been signing up to provide additional assistance.

Refurbishment	Social
<b>Deepka Janjua</b> <b>Sened Alemseged</b>	<b>Maria McHugh</b> <b>Ciara Erne</b>
Charity	Sports
<b>Tida Madzikanda</b> <b>Jai Patel</b>	<b>Ben Brewster</b> <b>Wayne Zengeya</b>



## Library launch

Our new librarian, **Ruth Greenhalgh**, has been working hard to re-catalogue books in our refurbished library. In September, the new facility will be launched to students through an exciting Literary Festival. Assemblies will be held with students in the first week back. The festival, involving guest speakers, will take place during the following week. Small workshops, group activities and book signings are all being planned.

There is currently a book amnesty for anyone who discovers that they have a long overdue book. These can be returned to the library without any charge.

## Catholic life

Our new school lay chaplain, **Lauren Stundon**, will join us for the new academic year and has already been planning a retreat programme for each year group.

Members of our Chaplaincy team attended two Masses recently at Holy Family Church and St Patrick's Church. At the annual Good Shepherd Mass, a cheque for £1000 was presented to Father Hudson's Charity. The vocations Mass for the city took the theme of Glory.



Two seminarians, Paschal and David, ran a dynamic spiritual workshop with some of our **Year 7, 8, 9 and 10** students last month.



## Mass of Celebration

One of our longstanding, and greatly respected, members of staff will be retiring at the end of the academic year. **Maria Doherty** has already given 39 years' service in a teaching capacity at Bishop Ullathorne. As Assistant Headteacher and Head of RE, she has influenced the lives of many young people over these years. However, as a former student too, her links to our community extend even further than that: at a mere 11-years-old she began her incredible journey with us in her first year at Bishop Ullathorne comprehensive school.



Fittingly, she will continue her dedication to our students by returning part time next year to deliver Year 11 and Year 13 lessons. In recognition, a Mass of Celebration was held this month at school followed by a buffet at Coventry Golf Club.

Maria tells us more: "There have been many memorable occasions and events over the years. However, the time spent in the classroom with students has been the most rewarding. I have been privileged to have in my classes many fine students who have shown a love of learning and also given so much back to our school and the wider community.

"Working with young people is a joy. I have been so happy and fulfilled at the school. It has a rich, spiritual ethos and a family atmosphere and it is a pleasure to come in to school each day and work with our marvellous students.

"Teaching has been a huge part of my life but the time has come for me to retire from my role as a senior leader in the school.

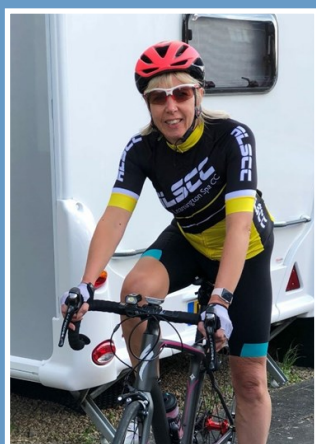
"I would like to pay tribute to all of the wonderful students and families I have come to know over the years. School is a partnership between home, school and parish. I will always be grateful for their support and commitment to the Catholic life of the school.

"To my wonderful colleagues, past and present, thank you for your support, encouragement and friendship. I look back with gratitude and will take with me fond memories of the community that is Bishop Ullathorne."



## Tough on cancer

**M**athematics teacher, **Jas Bath**, raised over £600 for the Teenage **Cancer Trust** by completing a gruelling 10-mile challenge. Despite suffering a blackout and a few cuts and bruises during the three-hour Tough Mudder challenge, he was very grateful for the donations received.



## Charity cycle

**A**rt technician, **Julie Morgan**, also completed a challenge for charity. She cycled from Coventry to Swanage to raise money for **Cancer Research**, contributing towards the £1,923 total raised so far.

## Memorial Cup presented

**T**he first annual presentation of the **Roman Matuszak Memorial Cup** was made this term. Enabling us to remember our former colleague, it celebrated the positive qualities of our Year 11 students. This year's winner, **Ethan Ward**, was chosen by staff for his generous approach to school life. There were several possible winners and our two runners up, **Georgia Hogg** and **Yen-Ngoc Luong**, also exemplify how to live 'The Ullathorne Way'.



## Spelling Bee

**V**italis **Bechinze** (Year 7) was crowned our key stage 3 Spelling Bee champion in a thrilling contest against our Year 8 and Year 9 winners, **Alvin Kityo** and **Vittoria Launchbury**. Having first competed in their form groups, then year groups, Vitalis negotiated some difficult spellings, including 'surveillance' to win the grand final.



## Shakespeare experience

**F**ourteen **Year 10** students accepted a place on the Exploring Shakespeare project at the University of Warwick to reward their effort and commitment to English throughout the year. The project involved taking part in the **Royal Academy of Dramatic Art's** (RADA's) Shakespeare Awards and provided new ways to explore Shakespeare.

Students were introduced to the core themes of selected works of Shakespeare. The team at the university also prepared students for the awards and helped them to improve their study and presentation skills.

The three-day programme ended with a trip to the Houses of Parliament where they were able to watch a live debate.

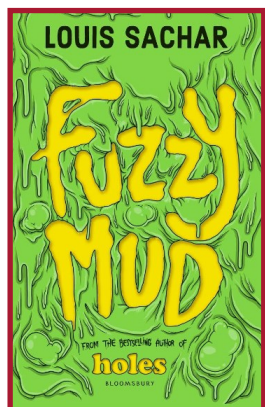
Students attending were: **Sean Burke, Ciaran Cosgrove, Cerys Crowe, Danielle David, Malika Dixon, Tracey Essel, Leah Henson, Maggie Keane, Eleanor Kennedy, Oluwatobi Oke, Paulina Panka, Sean Richards, Ashvir Sandhu, Gabriela Walentukanis.**



## Awesome books

Two **Year 7** classes have been devouring books this year.

The most hungry have been **Angela Mathimannarajah** and **Vitalis Bechinze**, both in 7A, who have read all of the Book Buzz books available to them. And as a class, the students in 7A have read 135 books so far with



*The Awesome Book of Awesomeness* leading the way in popularity and *Fuzzy Mud* a close second.

Part of a whole-school reading strategy, the initiative aimed to inspire a love of reading in our younger students. All of the books available were carefully selected by a panel

of experts to ensure quality and suitability.

**Rebecca Worthington**, Teacher of English, said: "It has certainly been popular. Our two star readers have managed to read and access a wide range of engaging texts. This has opened a world of opportunity to them which they can continue to explore as they move through school."

## Maths challenge

Four of our students took part in the regional final of the UKMT Team Maths Challenge at Myton School in Warwick. They attempted a series of mathematical challenges which tested their knowledge, mental agility and logical thinking.

**Aliscia Nelson** and **Arjun Raval** (Year 8) and **Vittoria Launchbury** and **Lorcan Lenahan** (Year 9) were resilient when tackling challenging tasks and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

## On safari

Conservation and ecosystems were explored at West Midlands Safari Park by our **Year 10** and **12** Triple Science and Biology students, this term.



## Spanish speakers

**Year 4** students from our partner primary schools joined us to participate in our annual Modern Foreign Languages Day this term. The last event of its kind, students were able to explore Spanish speaking countries of the world with some of our **Year 7** students. They were able to present their research through colourful displays, songs and drama. Next year, smaller events tailored to the needs of students in our partner primary schools will be scheduled instead.



## Transition time

Smooth transition to secondary school was encouraged by some of our **Year 7** students and staff who have been visiting primary schools this term. In our partner primary schools, **Year 6** students have joined in with a fun workshop and question and answer session about Bishop Ullathorne. Students were also shown a video which has been produced by some of our **Year 7** students. During Transition Day, our new students had a taste of life at secondary school through a range of activities.

## Clearer picture

From **September 2018**, parents will receive a detailed summary of their child's progress and effort in all of their subjects three times a year. This will be in addition to the annual parents' evening and other forms of communication. Students' approach to learning will also be graded to give a clear picture of their attitude and to help parents feel even more in touch with their child's school experience.

## Passport to success

Leadership skills and an enthusiasm for reading have been enhanced this year through our new Character Passport. Launched with **Year 7**, nearly all students have completed the **Bronze Award**. In addition to this, 60 students achieved the **Silver Award** and nearly 30 gained the **Gold Award**. Throughout the year, students have been presented with certificates and pin badges to celebrate their achievements.

Eight pairs of **Year 7** students worked on the Gold Reading Award element of our Character Passport. This challenging enrichment activity involved planning, presenting to the whole year group and co-ordinating reading-based activities for other students. The fun activities ranged from Boggle Club to a sports-related literacy game.

The Character Passport has now also been designed for **Year 8** students. To achieve the Bronze Award and above will require an even greater level of challenge and leadership.



## Sharing the journey

This year's sponsored walk linked with the CAFOD campaign to 'Share the Journey' of refugees by helping to walk the 24,900 miles around the world.



## Celebration ceremony

A celebration ceremony for all of our **Gold Award** students was held this month. Parents were invited to school to listen to the achievements of their child. The **Year 7** students have made a significant contribution to our school community.

Noah Agakaza	Melina Jazaj
Yaye Bah	Oliwia Kmak
Annie Brown	Angela Mathimannarajah
Jessica Bull	Millie MacDonald
Maria Cosgriff	Grace McDonagh
Regina Crame	Darcy Mills
Liam Cunningham	Sydney Mosley
Ashley Diana	Mercy Omojowo
Darcee Dutton	Martha O'Shea
Beryl Essel	Oliver Peters
Vania Furtado	Holly Ridley
Eleanor Gordon	Nardos Tesfagbr
Larna Harimenshi	Niamh Walsh
Lillie-Mae Hayes	

## Designer hairdo

**Logan Pyburn** (Year 7) won our school-wide competition to design a poster to promote our Summer production of *Hairspray*.

Performed to packed audiences this month, the dress rehearsal was also enjoyed by **Year 5** students from two of our partner primary schools.



## PALs together

A picnic in the sunshine was enjoyed by members of our PALs Club, this month. Including a tour of Stratford, visit to Shakespeare's burial place and short ferry trip across the Avon, the students had a thoroughly memorable excursion.



## Bag for life

**K**ey stage 3 designers have entered a national competition to design a bag for life for Aldi which would encourage people to eat more fruit and vegetables. Some of the entries are seen below.



## Musical movements

**S**tudents have taken externally assessed examinations recently. The highlights are below.

<b>Aisleen Nelan</b>	Grade 3	Theory	Distinction
<b>Tallula Bahra</b>	Grade 3	Theory	Distinction
<b>Tallula Bahra</b>	Grade 5	Flute	Distinction

## Defibrillator donation

**C**oventry Building Society has donated an external defibrillator to the school for potential use by all groups who access the building after school and at weekends. The unit was installed outside B Block changing rooms so that it can be accessed by football teams, dance groups and the Polish School. Our first aiders also received free training in using the device when it was handed over at St Thomas More Primary School.

## Designs exhibited

**E**leven of our students were selected to represent Bishop Ullathorne in the Coventry Design and Technology Awards. Their fantastic work, linked to GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition, Textiles and Product Design, was exhibited at Coventry Transport Museum and open to the public for viewing.

### Textiles

**Karolina Cieslak:** Punk Inspired Outfit

**Olga Ojong:** African Inspired Outfit

### Food Preparation and Nutrition

**Dylan D'Agata:** European inspired dishes

**Hannah Basson:** Meals for children

**Jessica Burch:** Coeliac inspired menu

**Liam O'Donnell:** Meals for children

### Product Design

**Joshua Finch:** Non-powered amplification unit

**Lorcan Fulton:** Non-powered amplification unit

**Enya Johnson:** Jewellery inspired by Art Deco

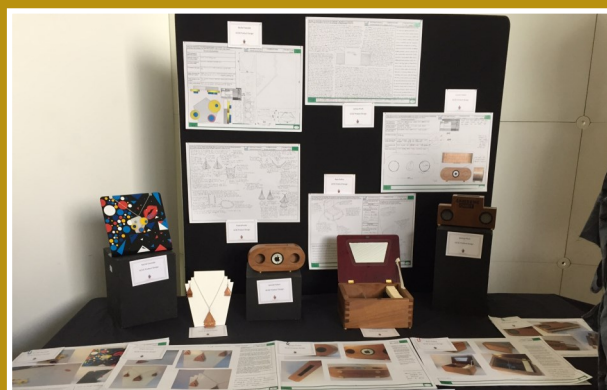
**Ryan Ridley:** Jewellery Box

**Rachel Swindle:** Jewellery inspired by Pop Art.

Best in School for Textiles - **Karolina Cieslak**

Best in School for Product Design - **Enya Johnson**

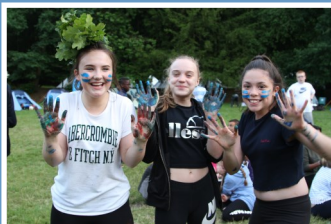
Best in School for Food Preparation and Nutrition - **Jessica Burch**





## Carry on camping

A camp-based retreat, involving 52 students from **Years 7 and 8**, took place at Youlbury near Oxford on a weekend in June. With the theme 'Dare to Care', the retreat ended with Sunday Mass at the Carmelite Monastery at Boars Hill.



## We are sailing

A sailing course has been enjoyed by seven of our key stage 3 students on Fridays after school: **Annie Brown, Ben Carpenter, Benjamin Cooper, Brian Essel, Mille MacDonald, Rhoda Nkalubo and Jacson Zafiri.**



## Scooping silver

Representing Great Britain at Judo, **Yasmin Javadian** (Year 12) scooped a silver medal in her



first Under 21 European Cup. Despite being the youngest in her age

group, she successfully won four out of her five fights. In the final of the Portuguese championships, she was pipped to the title by a competitor ranked 5 in the world.



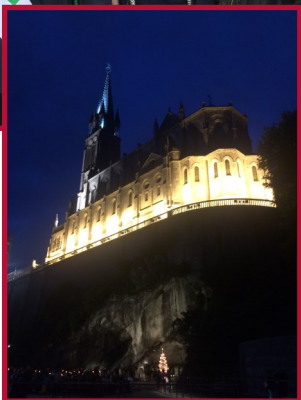


## Lourdes pilgrimage

Three of our students, **Lucy Crilly**, **Ciara Erne** and **Aoife Gilmore** (Year 12), took part in the Birmingham diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes during May half term. They were able to share their gift of faith with ill and disabled pilgrims by volunteering at the Accueil, the hospital in Lourdes.

**Denise Durkan**, Key Stage Leader, said: "Lourdes is a beautiful part of France and is one of the busiest sites of pilgrimage in the world. However, it is always a humbling experience to go to Lourdes and this time it was made even more special by how willingly our students gave themselves to serve others. Their care and kindness did not go unnoticed and they were commended by so many for their hard work and enthusiasm. It was a delight and privilege to spend time with them."

**Erin Normoyle** and **Grace Wilkinson** joined the Birmingham Catholic Youth Service pilgrimage to Lourdes.



## Orphan Annie's

Four of our **Year 7** students performed at the Belgrade Theatre this term. In the junior chorus, playing orphans in a production of *Annie* were: **Annie Brown**, **Darcee Dutton**, **Darcy Mills** and **Oliwia Skotarek**. Making the experience even more special, 120 students, mainly from Year 7, attended a matinee performance.



## Glorious dancing

Twelve of our **Year 8, 9** and **10** students prepared a curtain raiser for a contemporary hip hop dance theatre group from Cambridge. Performing at the Albany Theatre, the *Glorious* production provided an excellent opportunity to display their skills in a public arena. Students involved were:

**Charlyn Akame**, **Sarah Beech**, **Elizabeth Courtois**, **Vivienne Egbuchulem**, **Keisha Etchu Tambe**, **Leah Evans**, **Roisin Gaffney**, **Millie Hackett**, **Emerode Lukelo**, **Lisa Lutumba**, **Agnes Kuku-Ogunfeibo**, **Harrison Olanrewaju**.

## Natural beauty

Maintaining the natural beauty of Dovedale in the Peak District National Park was explored by our **Year 10** Geography students this



month. Practising their fieldwork techniques, they planned and carried out an investigation into the impact which tourists have on the natural environment. Students were able to make their own conclusions and offer potential solutions.

## Football focus

Our boys' football teams have been particularly successful in cup competitions this year. Four teams reached the finals of the Coventry Schools' Cup and our Year 11 team went on to win the Coventry Telegraph Cup at the Ricoh Arena. Our **Year 7, 8 and 9** teams faced strong opposition from Blue Coat and our sixth form team took on a resilient Caludon Castle side. With one joint winner and two outright winners, the trophy cabinet is now looking very full.

### Coventry Schools' Cup

In their first year as a squad, our **Year 7** team ended the season on a high as joint winners of the Coventry Schools' Cup. In a closely fought game, both sides had chances to win but the game ended in a 2-2 draw as Blue Coat equalised in the last minute of normal time. The boys worked so hard that they were struggling near the end of extra time but held out for a deserved draw. The goals came from **Reece Ellis** and **Euan Forrest**.

**Year 7 Player of the Season: Byron Wilson**

Reaching the Coventry Schools' Cup final for the first time, our **Year 8** team faced an excellent Blue Coat side which dominated for large parts of the game and came out deserved winners. Blue Coat did not have it all their own way, however, and at 1-0 the team missed some good chances. Over the year, the team has developed a strong bond. The excellent squad promises a great deal for the future.

**Year 8 Player of the Season: Noel Angafor**



Our **Year 9** team ended three years of getting close to the cup final with a resounding win on a hot day. The team outclassed the rest of the city during this campaign to finish the tournament with a 5-0 victory over Blue Coat school. The weather made playing difficult. However, the team rallied to overcome it. Goals were scored by **Jack Hicks**, **Bobby Kaham**, **Yuel Tesfagabr** (2) and **Michael Zita**.



**Year 9 Player of the Season: Jack Hicks**

**Golden boot: Yuel Tesfagabr**

### Spotlight on ...

... **Max Healy and Jack Hicks**

Winning the cup was even more special for **Max Healy** and his grandad, Brian, who watches him



play every Sunday. Over 60 years ago, as a young student at Bishop Ullathorne, he also celebrated winning the same prize.

Max had already been in a cup final this year with his Sunday League team but this was nothing compared to winning the cup with his school. Despite an idol like Neymar and his 'unreal skills', Max has his feet firmly on the ground and loves to spend time with his family. He said: "I see my grandad every day and shake his hand. He told me to 'go and do your school proud' just before the game. I didn't know that he had been in the cup final until afterwards but when we won, I was so pleased for both of us.

"We are all friends in the team. It takes a mistake to really know what good football is. We support each other and that is probably the secret to our success this year."

Vocal captain of the **Year 9** team, **Jack Hicks**, also spends a great deal of time training outside school. He added: "We were a little nervous in front of goal until Bobby scored. After that, we just could not stop. It felt really good to win. We had all put in a great deal of effort. We deserved the victory."



## Coventry Telegraph Cup

Our **Year 11** team signed off their Ullathorne footballing careers by claiming one of the county's biggest football trophies. The team has had previous successes with the West Midlands Championship. However, the road to the Ricoh was their main goal this year.

Captain, **Jason Bongwanga**, organised the team brilliantly and delivered an effective and mature performance.



The opening half began slowly on the intimidating stage. **Jude O'Connor** (Year 10) was soon pulled in to action and made three high-quality saves. However, once the team began to adapt to the large pitch, the performance began to flow. The defence, to the midfield, to the attack was all synchronised.



The deadlock was broken by a shrewd finish by **William Bapaga**, the other Year 10 student to break in to the squad. William got himself in to a great position, one-on-one with the goalkeeper, to slot the ball in to the net. Soon afterwards, just on half time, **Charlie McCann** calmly and collectively converted a penalty kick. The half time mood was positive.



The team started the second half exactly how they ended the first, pushing Caludon Castle further and further to their limits. The third goal was put away by a great individual effort from **Mackauley Mortimer**. He looped the ball over the top of the opposition goalkeeper from 20 yards. At this point, the team was in the ascendancy. The secure and solid performance from each of the defenders kept any threats at bay from the opposition. The game was then rounded off with another goal from **Charlie McCann** who firstly weaved in and out of a number of opposition defenders.

## Spotlight on ...

... **William Bapaga and Jude O'Connor**

Goalkeeper, **Jude O'Connor**, thoroughly enjoyed the challenge of playing at the Ricoh Arena. The Coventry City season ticket holder was thrilled to be playing in the fantastic stadium but managed to focus completely on the game and avoid all distractions. His role models in goal, apart from Lee Burge, of course, are the solid and dependable former England goalkeeper, Peter Shilton, and the Juventus player, Gianluigi Buffon. He was full of praise for how the Year 11 students welcomed him. Jude said: "They were very supportive. Our captain, Jason, was encouraging and always had positive words to share."



**William Bapaga**, has been a member of Coventry City's Academy for a couple of years. He set the pitch alight with his quick feet and accurate attempts on goal. The well-mannered student follows a strict training regime and sometimes finds the diet difficult to follow but is very appreciative of the opportunity which the club is giving him.

Admitting that his mum is his number one fan, William is determined to listen to her advice to focus at school and remain dedicated to his sport.

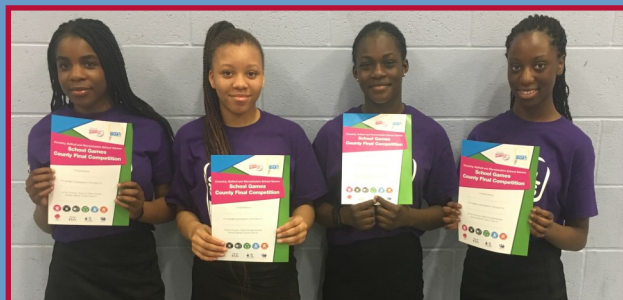
Having overcome a good side from Caludon Castle on a difficult surface in the semi-final, our **sixth form** team faced Blue Coat in the final. In a close, but open, game the team held off their



opposition to cling to a 1-0 win. An early penalty save from goalkeeper **George Way** gave the team a confidence boost. The final was secured with a solid finish from **Madundo Semahimbo**.

## Rowing representation

Our **Year 8** girls' rowing team competed in the Coventry, Warwickshire and Solihull School Games Level 3 final this term. Representing West Coventry Schools were: **Ebbie Agyemang**, **Vivienne Egbuchulem**, **Temi Lawal** and **Chelsea Orisa**.



## Athletics action

Several of our **Year 7** and **Year 8** boys and girls competed in the **Coventry Schools' Athletics Finals**.

Year 7		
Student	Event	Position
<b>Chelsey Bapaga</b>	75m	2nd
<b>Oliver Blackwell</b>	150m	2nd
	Long Jump	2nd
<b>Dylan Cohene</b>	Long Jump	6th
	Triple Jump	7th
<b>Maria Cosgriff</b>	Discus	5th
<b>Cohen Cosgrove</b>	Javelin	5th
<b>Joshua Evans</b>	600m	1st
<b>Kacey Evans</b>	75m	8th
<b>Joanna Finch</b>	Long Jump	3rd
<b>Samuel Mulbah</b>	Hurdles	1st
	75m	2nd
<b>Ryan Musewu</b>	75m	4th
	Shot	3rd
<b>Eloghosa Osaigboro</b>	Shot	1st
<b>Leonna Osei Yeboah</b>	150m	4th
<b>Martha O'Shea</b>	600m	6th
<b>Brayden Thomas</b>	600m	7th
<b>Nardos Tesfagabr</b>	150m	8th
	Discus	6th
<b>Niamh Walsh</b>	100m	5th
<b>Chelsey Bapaga</b> <b>Kacey Evans</b> <b>Leonna Osei Yeboah</b> <b>Nardos Tesfagabr</b>	Relay	3rd

Year 8		
Student	Event	Position
<b>Noel Angafor</b>	200m	4th
	Long Jump	5th
<b>Benedict Burch</b>	Shot	8th
<b>Jesse Buyoya</b>	Hurdles	7th
	200m	8th
<b>Axel Edie</b>	100m	2nd
<b>Vivienne Egbuchulem</b>	Shot	1st
<b>Temi Lawal</b>	100m	2nd
	Discus	7th
<b>Emerode Lukelo</b>	Javelin	5th
<b>Mia Marsdon</b>	Discus	1st
	Javelin	4th
<b>Chelsea Orisa</b>	200m	3rd
	800m	6th
<b>Luke Rowley</b>	Javelin	8th
<b>Shanaye Smith</b>	Javelin	5th
<b>Plamedie Yompela</b>	Shot	2nd
<b>Noel Angafor</b> <b>Benedict Burch</b> <b>Axel Edie</b> <b>Emerode Lukelo</b>	Relay	3rd
<b>Vivienne Egbuchulem</b> <b>Keisha Etchu Tambe</b> <b>Temi Lawal</b> <b>Shanaye Smith</b>	Relay	3rd

## West Midlands School's Championships

Some of these students qualified to compete in the West Midlands School's Championships at Birmingham's Alexander Stadium last month.

Student	Event	Position
<b>Chelsey Bapaga</b>	75m	Qualified
<b>Oliver Blackwell</b>	Long Jump	5th
	200m	4th
<b>Joshua Evans</b>	800m	3rd
<b>Temi Lawal</b>	100m	Qualified
	Relay	
<b>Oluwatobi Oke</b>	100m	Equal 2nd
<b>Eloghosa Osaigboro</b>	Shot	4th



## In it together

**S**ky Blues in the Community has been running its 'In It Together' fitness programme for some of our **Year 9** and **10** girls. The 10-week project took place on Fridays after school. Students were able to try out a range of health and fitness activities, including dodgeball, Zumba and benchball.

Funded by Sport England, the project supports females in Coventry to get active. In line with the national 'This Girl Can' campaign, the sessions encouraged students to have fun while socialising.



## Gaelic glory

**O**utside school, two of our students have been showing leadership qualities in quite an unusual sport. **Oscar Taylor** (Year 9) and **Padraic McDermott** (Year 10) love Gaelic football so much that they have completed Level 1 Coaching Awards in their spare time. Working with younger players at St Finbarrs Gaelic Football Club, they have been able to develop their own drills to make them fun. They have both enjoyed the leadership experience and would like to carry on with further awards.

Oscar said: "It is a competitive and tough sport but great fun. The young players began to trust us when they saw that we could teach them something new."

Padraic added: "For me, it's about keeping the heritage alive. It's not as common as it used to be. It was good to see how the children progressed and improved over the weeks."

## Finham Derby

**T**he second Finham Derby of the year was held at home.

Overall, Bishop Ullathorne retained the trophy with 6.5 victories to 3.5. Our



**Year 7** and **Year 11**

netball teams were victorious in both legs and all of our teams showed great co-operation and spirit. The boys won all of their football games – the first time in history.

### Netball

Year	Score	Player of the match
7	Won 6-4	<b>Kacey Evans</b>
8		<b>Libby Legge</b>
9	Won 11-4	<b>Grace Brennan</b>
10		<b>Lauren McDonald Year 9</b> <b>Ella Idemudia Year 10</b>
11	Won 4-3	<b>Latoya Aboagye</b>

### Football

Year	Score	Player of the match
7	Won 6-1	<b>Byron Wilson</b>
8	Drew 2-2	<b>Jake Downing</b>
9	Won 6-0	<b>Jack Hicks</b>
10	Won 4-0	<b>Sean Burke</b>
11	Won (conceded)	

## Handball hits

**H**andy students attended a handball competition at Stratford Leisure and Visitor Centre. Despite playing against some much more experienced sides, the students competed well:

**Cameron Clay, Ciaran Cosgrove, Szymon Cybulski, Shea Donnelly, Maciej Lada, Callum Murray, George Nixon, Jude O'Connor, Oluwatobi Oke and Christian Roque.**



## Year 11 Ball in pictures ...

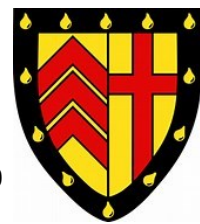
Our **Year 11** students celebrated at The Manor Hotel in Meriden this year.

**Denise Durkan**, Key Stage Leader, said: "It was a wonderful way to celebrate the end of five years together at Bishop Ullathorne."



## University challenges

Three of our upper ability **Year 11** students will attend a Summer School at Clare College, Cambridge. **Tinotenda Chiutare**, **Jude Eddy** and **Zara Iqbal** each gained one of only 20 places awarded to Coventry-based students.

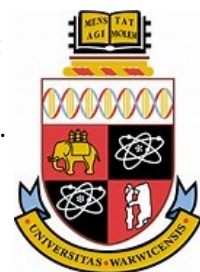


Eight of our **Year 10** students will also be attending residential Summer School courses at Birmingham University.



Health Sciences	Routes to my Future
<b>Cerys Crowe</b>	<b>Leena Choudhary</b>
<b>Alexandra Danellakis</b>	<b>Sean Richards</b>
<b>Madeleine Gordon</b>	
<b>Shannon Ryan</b>	
<b>Ashvir Sandhu</b>	
<b>Aleksandra Stachura</b>	

Seven students from **Year 9** and eight students from **Year 10** also took part in a visit to the University of Warwick. The day consisted of a tour, workshops and a team challenge, which gave a strong insight in to university life.



Year 9	Year 10
<b>Peter Burke</b>	<b>Solomon Agyeman</b>
<b>Kane Coombe</b>	<b>Shannon Burke</b>
<b>Daniel Delahunty</b>	<b>Ellie-Mai Masterson</b>
<b>Peace Ejimkonye</b>	<b>Cory Matthews</b>
<b>Brandon Gane</b>	<b>Jessica Omokoko</b>
<b>Holly Jenkins</b>	<b>Dane Simpson</b>
<b>Rhoda Nkalubo</b>	<b>Liam Wiles-Cullinane</b>

## Moving on ...

**Lauren Holland** (Year 11) has been accepted on the BA Apprenticeship course in London.

**Charlie McCann** (Year 11) will be starting his career with Manchester United.



## Sixth form update

Our **Year 13** students have taken their final A Level examinations and celebrated our Leavers' Mass this term.

All have received offers from their UCAS applications and some students have also received fantastic apprenticeship offers from a range of employers, including Jaguar Land Rover, the Civil Service and the business sector. During the Easter holidays, some of our students attended a revision boot camp at the University of Warwick.

All of our **Year 12** students have secured work experience, across many sectors: pharmaceutical, business management, finance, construction, engineering and education.

## Skills for life

All of our **Year 12** students participated in a life skills morning with a number of employers. Organised by **Wendy Bellingham**, our careers adviser, the employers helped our students to gain an insight in to the importance of a high quality CV. Each student was interviewed and received personal feedback.

**Kate Winterton**, Lloyds Bank, said: "The students were polite, courteous and attentive. Everyone was completely engaged. I was lucky to have interviewed **Vimbai Bamhare**, **Yasmin Javadian** and **Michelle Montemayor**. They were all wonderful to work with. They all had individual talents and the fact that they take part in extra-curricular activities which benefit themselves and other people is amazing."

**Liz Cooper**, DRÄXLMAIER Group, said: "It is encouraging to attend a school where so much time and effort is invested in preparing students for these types of situations. I was hugely impressed by the organisation and the level of commitment seen. Your students were a credit to themselves and the school and I would welcome any opportunity to support any other events in the future."



## Grey memories

One of Bishop Ullathorne's first ever students recently shared his memories with some of our sixth form students. Dr Eddie Grey was in the first cohort of students when the school opened in 1953. He was welcomed, over 60 years later, by **Jai Patel** and **Joseph Waters** (Year 12).

He regaled the boys with recollections of his first day. As the classrooms were not fully furnished, students were taught in A Block Hall with one class in each corner. Walking around the site, he also explained that his peers admired the moat which reflects Coventry's history as was a Saxon village and he talked proudly about the race track on our huge fields which was the envy of schools in the city.

Dr Grey surprised the boys most with his description of how boys and girls were separated when he first started school.



## Summer Schools

**Kawshigan Vathanamohan** and **Cheuk Kin Cheung** will embark on a 4-week scientific **Nuffield Foundation Research Project** in the Summer holidays at Coventry University. They will work with postgraduate students and professors.

The following students will also be taking part in Summer School placements: **Betina Awuson-David** will be studying Biological Sciences at Imperial College, London; **Erin Normoyle**, English at University College London; **Alexander Innes**, Physics and **Michelle Montemayor** has a Microbiology Research Project at the University of Warwick. **Riya Thakore** was awarded funding by the Social Mobility Fund to study Law, also at the University of Warwick.

# Holiday dates

We close for the holidays on

**Friday 20 July 2018 at 12.45pm**

The new term starts on

**Tuesday 4 September 2018 at 8.40am**

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## Uniform reminder

### Boys' uniform

Blazer and jumper	A plain black blazer with Bishop Ullathorne badge and a Bishop Ullathorne jumper with red V neck.
Trousers	Black.
Shirt	White, worn with the school clip-on tie.
Shoes	Plain, conventional, black outdoor shoes - no trainers.

### Girls' uniform

Blazer and jumper	A plain black blazer with Bishop Ullathorne badge and a Bishop Ullathorne jumper with red V neck.
Skirt	Black knee length. A Trutex black pleated skirt is recommended.
Trousers	Tailored black.
Shirt	White, worn with the school clip-on tie.
Shoes	Sensible, plain, conventional, flat, black outdoor shoes - no trainers.

### Additional information

#### Jewellery—optional

One stud earring in each ear. No nose or tongue piercing.

#### Hairstyles

No extreme hairstyles.

#### Make up

No make up or nail varnish.

#### Electronic devices

Students are advised not to bring mobile phones, MP3 players, ipods or other electronic devices to school. If they are seen or heard, they will be confiscated for 24 hours.

## Term dates 2018 to 2019

(Teacher Training Days are Monday 3 September 2018 and Friday 28 September 2018)

### Autumn term 2018

Tuesday 4 September to Friday 19 October 2018

#### Half term

Monday 22 October to Friday 26 October

Monday 29 October to Thursday 20 December 2018

### Spring term 2019

Monday 7 January to Friday 15 February 2019

#### Half term

Monday 18 February to Friday 22 February

Monday 25 February to Friday 12 April 2019

### Summer term 2019

(Monday 6 May 2019 is May Day Bank Holiday)

Monday 29 April to Friday 24 May 2019

#### Half term

Monday 27 May 2019 to Friday 31 May 2019

Monday 3 June to Friday 19 July 2019

(Teacher Training Day is Friday 28 June 2019)

## Collecting results

### A level results — Sixth Form Block

**Thursday 16 August 2018**

Year 12 and 13 arrive at 9am

### GCSE results — B Block Hall

**Thursday 23 August 2018**

Year 11 arrive at 9am

Sixth form enrolment follows