



**WELCOME** to our newsletter for parents of Year 7 students. In this time of uncertainty and disrupted routines we want to ensure that we continue celebrating the BEST of our Year 7 students at Bishops', and we hope you too enjoy looking at some of the successes from this half term. Whilst the school remains partially closed until further notice, we would like to remind you that the pastoral support offered by ourselves and the Year 7 tutor team continues. We are here to support the learning and the wellbeing of your child, so please do contact us if you have any queries or concerns. **Miss Thursby and Mrs Evans**



## SPOTLIGHT ON...

**Our crisp packet superstars!** Last half term we reported on the efforts of **Gabriel Flaherty and Harry Huxley (7D)** who were collecting crisp packets with their Scout Group as part of Terracycle's Crisp Packet Recycling Scheme. We set the rest of Year 7 a challenge – to collect as many crisp packets as they could over February half term – and they did not disappoint us. Big congratulations to our first placed winner **Amelia McConnell (7B)** who collected a whopping 210 crisp packets! Meanwhile, **Emmie Scarth (7D)** had the whole of Capenhurst Primary School collecting towards her second placed entry, whilst a well done should also go to **India Campbell (7S), Katherine Holliday (7D), Georgia Jewitt (7H), Tallulah Roberts (7L), Alice Bengree (7D), Isla Anstey (7H), Ciaran Jones (7L), Evan Bartlett (7D) and Daniel Winstanley (7G)** for their efforts. Mrs Evans sourced a range of excellent prizes to ensure all of our entrants were rewarded, from stationery sets and Haribo, to vouchers for The Entertainer, Nandos and Paradise Island Adventure Golf. Meanwhile the Scouts from Upton High School, who Harry and Gabriel were in competition with themselves, took one look at the boys' boxes of crisp packets and withdrew from further competition! Well done to all those involved, from our competition entrants to the students who brought us an empty packet each day after their packed lunch. The Scouts are still collecting, so we would welcome more donations when we return to school.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO...

**Seren Bartram (7C) and Rory Darlington (7S)** who successfully advanced to the regional semi-final of the Matrix Challenge 2020, a national cyber-security competition! They were the only two students from Bishops' to do so.

**The Year 7 girls** who beat the Year 7 boys in the latest Times Tables Rock Stars competition. **Erin Langford (7L, Norah Walthery-Radulescu (7B) and Leah Cawley (7C)** were the top girls, whilst **Leo Maxwell (7B), Declan Lewis (7S) and Joshua Burnside (7H)** were the top boys.

**The 17 students** who qualified for, and took part in, The Oxford Computing Challenge on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

**The Year 7 boys basketball team** who won the Chester and District Championships!

## HOW TO...SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

The uncertainty surrounding this current period, coupled with what can seem like relentless news reports, may be overwhelming for many young people. The BBC (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-51873799>) and Young Minds (<https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/what-to-do-if-you-re-anxious-about-coronavirus/>) have compiled useful advice and support that can be accessed online.

## CHALLENGE TIME!

Whilst we are ensuring pupils have learning from home activities to engage in whilst school is partially closed, they might also want to use some time to try something different or new that helps enrich their day. **Phoebe Bowden (7H)** has been writing to local care homes to offer her support and let their residents know she is thinking about them, whilst **Leo Maxwell (7B)** has started a British Sign Language course! We would like to challenge all our Year 7 students to try something different – a list of suggestions will be available on Show My Homework – and we would love it if pupils shared photos and information by emailing [cthursby@bishopschester.co.uk](mailto:cthursby@bishopschester.co.uk). You never know – it might feature in a future newsletter!

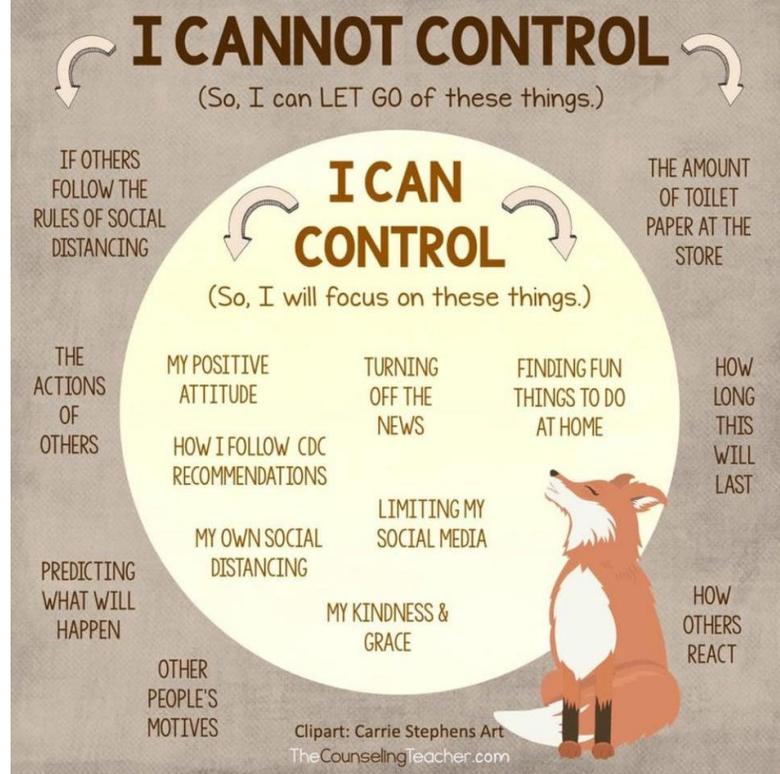
## BEST UPDATE

Collectively Year 7 now have nearly 40,000 BEST points – over 9000 more than the nearest year group!

Every Year 7 tutor group has earned over 5000 BEST points. 7L and 7D have over 6000 BEST points each!

Pupils can still earn BEST points during our partial closure – last week Y7 clocked up over 500!

BEST points will still be available for students to exchange for prizes when they return to school. They will even roll-over into Year 8!



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This year Bishops' once again celebrated World Book Day, with a range of brilliant competition entries from Year 7 pupils. Congratulations to the winner of the 'Extreme Reading' Competition **Teagan Totty (7L)** and runner-up **Ben Hardwick (7S)**. Well done to **Molly Rowlands-Bradley (7D)** who won the 'Guess the Teacher and their Character' Competition.

