



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are well and able to spend some time with friends and family over the Bank Holiday weekend. It is an important weekend for the nation but also for the Church of England as on Saturday King Charles will be crowned as Head of State, Head of the Commonwealth and Supreme Governor of the Church of England. Bishops' is one of only 228 secondary schools in the country that roots our vision in the Church of England vision for education for all to flourish and 'live life in its fullness' John 10:10. We will hear lots this weekend about King Charles, his servanthood inspired by faith, a celebration of shared Christian values and the importance of community. I

have enjoyed my time with staff this morning at INSET reflecting on our service, our collective purpose and commitment to Bishops'.

In addition to Coronation Celebrations there are lots of individuals who will be celebrating personal success this weekend.



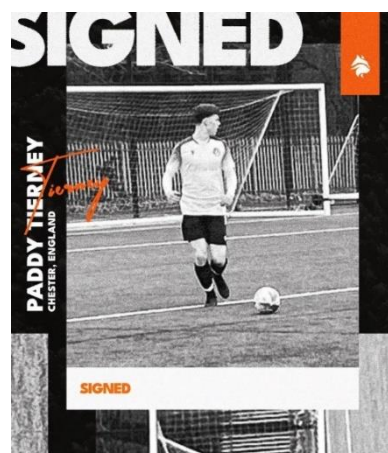
Basketball Winners

Congratulations to the following students who were crowned winners of the under 14 district basketball final on Wednesday against The King's School Chester 52 – 19.

Ben Maton, Charlie Buck, Zack Warwick,
Adam Buttery, Max McLintock, Josh Millichap,
Charlie Harris, Max Lau, Max Rogers

Football Brilliance

Tom Pritchard has been selected to play in the Academies final at Shrewsbury Town FC against Bournemouth FC. The match takes place this evening. Kieran Whittingham, Evan Bartlett and Leo Heath will also be representing the under 15 Chester school boys against Wirral school boys in the Cheshire Schools Cup final on Wednesday 10th May. Y13 student Paddy Tierney has received a scholarship at West Virginia Wesleyan in the United States after his A Levels. Alongside playing football, he will study Sport and Business Management.



Pre-assemble Success

Congratulations to our fantastic Year 8 Pre-assemble students who participated in the Regional Finals of the ESU Shakespeare performance competition in Bolton this week. We are so proud of what you have achieved!



Educake!

This year's term 2 Science Educake Superstars are:

Grace Crerand, Poppy Moore, Beatrice Wood, Victoria Stoyanova, Isabella Fabby, Kate Pimblett, Riley Bedford, Dylan Barron, Alfie Henshaw, Zack Brautigam. Well done all for your efforts.

Brilliant Club Class of 2023

Congratulations to those students in Year 7 and 8 who graduated from The Scholar's Programme this week with flying colours! This programme, otherwise known as 'The Brilliant Club', involved working closely with a PhD tutor from Liverpool John Moores University to create a research-based project on the causes and cure of disease. The aim of the Scholars Programme is to build aspiration and inspire and encourage students to think about university as a future goal. A high percentage of students who are involved in this programme nationally go on to enjoy academic success and study at prestigious universities, all of which enhance their life chances and help them to lead *'life in all its fullness'*.



Design Technology team



Mr Hooker our Head of Design Technology has been featured in Practice Technology magazine, showcasing the work of our fabulous students. He talks about re-thinking the curriculum post COVID and how our investments in resources have enabled deeper learning. It has been fantastic to see the creativity and inventive designs of our super A level students this week. I was able to see their finished pieces in the department. They wouldn't look out of place in a Conran shop.

Safeguarding messages

I wanted to draw attention to information previously shared regarding online behaviours following some safeguarding concerns that have arisen over the last couple of weeks. We are aware that some students are sharing their passwords for personal devices with others. Students should not share passwords to their personal devices or personal accounts as it compromises personal privacy and safety. Reminders are also being shared with students about the sharing of inappropriate images. If this is suspected, our Safeguarding Policy highlights that in these cases we will request devices and contact police. The following training resources are available to support parents and carers around Online Safety for Young People. However, if you have any immediate concerns relating to this then please contact the school and ask to speak to a member of the safeguarding team.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/14plus/#guides>

[Online Safety for Parents of Children aged 14-18](#) | [National Online Safety](#) | [National Online Safety](#)

We look forward to welcoming all students back to school on Tuesday 9th May. I hope you have a great Bank Holiday.

Dear God, We thank you for your teaching and example through Jesus. We pray for the King as he prepares for his Coronation. May you help him to be a peacemaker, pure in heart, merciful and hungry for righteousness. We pray that you will also help us to shine brightly in the world around us, and 'be' who you have called us to be as we all work together for a hopeful future in which all creation can flourish. **Amen.**