

BC14

God our Father, with the gifts you have given to us we have responsibilities and duties. Lead us to do our best and act responsibly. Give us courage when we face difficulties. Inspire us to make our choices wisely, always remembering that there are consequences to what we choose to do. Amen.

Message from Mr S. Smith, Senior Vice Principal

Friday 13th July 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

A Few Words about Words

'As teachers grapple with the challenge of a new, bigger and more challenging school curriculum, at every key stage and phase, success can feel beyond our reach. But what if there were 50,000 small solutions to help us bridge that gap. This must read book explores the increased demands of an academic curriculum and how closing the vocabulary gap between our 'word rich' and 'word poor' could prove the vital difference between failure and success.'

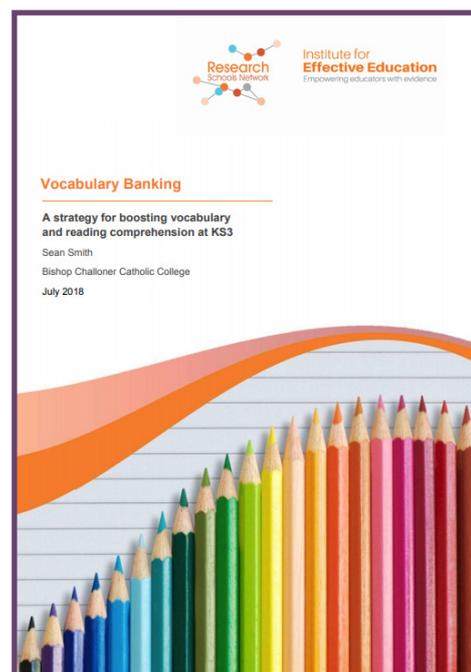
So reads the blurb of perhaps the most influential new book in education 'Closing the Vocabulary Gap' by Alex Quigley. Vocabulary building is very much the hot button issue in education today because outside school hours, many teenage children don't really read anymore because of so many competing distractions. In addition, to boosting voluntary reading for pleasure, schools need to teach pupils active reading strategies that allow pupils to derive the greatest possible vocabulary gains from the kind of non-fiction texts they are actually encountering in class but also at home and often online.

Here at Challoner, we're slightly ahead of the game. Over the last year here at Challoner we've been running a research project with IEE called Vocabulary Banking. It's about creating a culture where words become a currency for success.

It's a very simple idea. Pupils are provided with A5 booklets called Word Banks and trained by English teachers to bank words which have the most 'transferable potential' from the texts they encounter in the English and humanities curriculum. These are 'good' words that pupils will get an opportunity to use again soon in other contexts and subjects. The cover of the Word Banks emphasises 'The Goldilocks Formula' – the decision-making process pupils needed to engage in order when selecting words.

1. Too easy – (known it since primary school)
2. Just right – (probably a word you already know. You could confidently use it in another context soon, but perhaps not every student in this class could)
3. Too difficult – (I couldn't transfer that word for use in another context)

We're delighted by the findings of the project which were published last week. They suggest very significant gains in reading comprehension for all pupils but for boys, in particular.



The full published report is available to read online

<https://researchschool.org.uk/active-banking/>

From September Vocabulary Banking will be our whole school literacy strategy as we strive to create a culture where words become a true currency for success!

Regards - Sean Smith

Teaching School News

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Details online at: <http://www.bctsa.org>



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CALLING ALL CHESS PLAYERS

- 1 Have a go at the Chess At Challoner puzzles; one each week and available in the Library. Keep an eye on the plasma screen for more details
- 2 Come along to the Library at lunch time, any day, borrow one of the chess sets available and play informally against your friends, or maybe one of the teachers
- 3 Come along to Chess Club, a regular meeting of chess enthusiasts that will take place in the Library during lunch time, on a day still to be arranged. Keep an eye on the plasma screen for more announcements
- 4 Read the Chess At Challoner column in future issues of BC14, the school newsletter. Maybe you would like to contribute? Speak with Ms Fanning or Mr Fell if you have any ideas!



- 5 Follow the Chess At Challoner Twitter account @BCChess for chess related news, puzzles and other things to do and read
- 6 Compete in a locally held chess tournament against a number of other Catholic Schools in the Birmingham area



CHESS AT CHALLONER

Try some of these puzzles.....

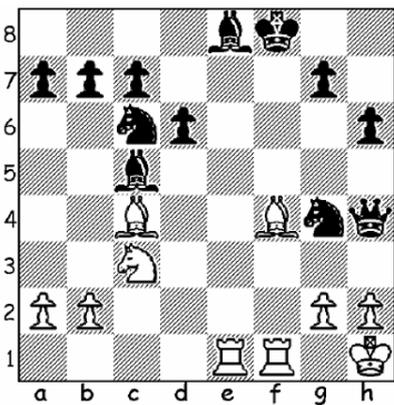
(answers at the end of this newsletter)



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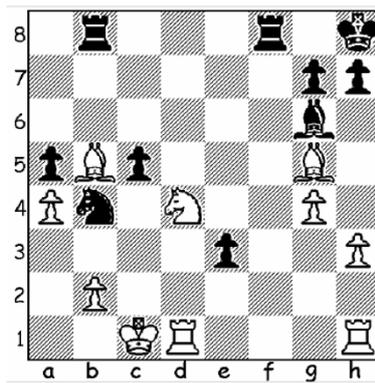
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Mate in One Move-

White to Move:

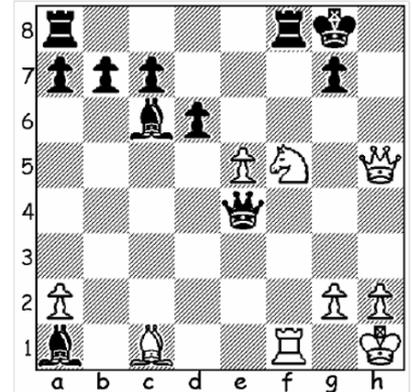
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Black to Move:

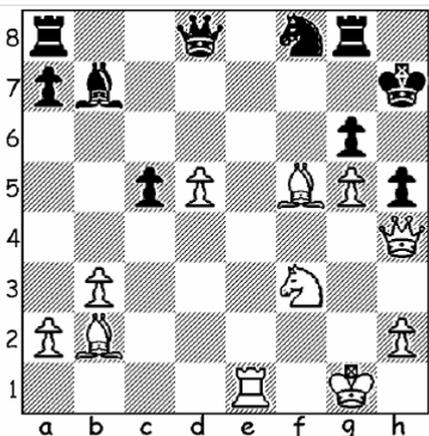
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White to Move:

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Mate in One Move-

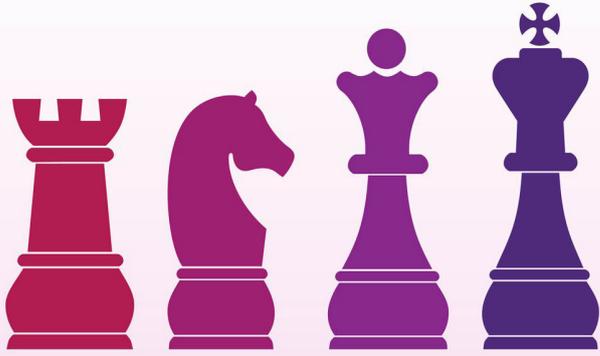
White to Move:

Find the Best Move for White

For each of the following puzzles you need to find the best move the white player can make next with any one of their pieces



This may involve placing the black player in check, or it may not. The fourth one is a bit tricky!

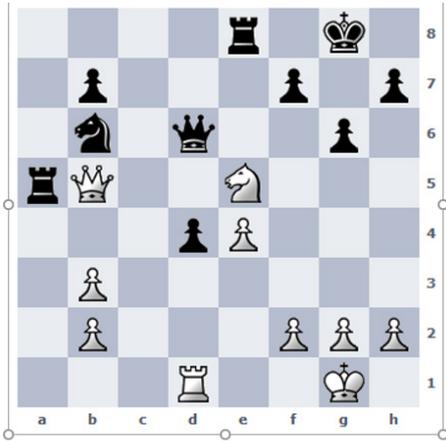


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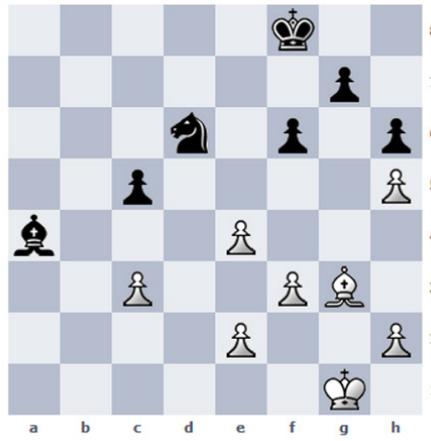
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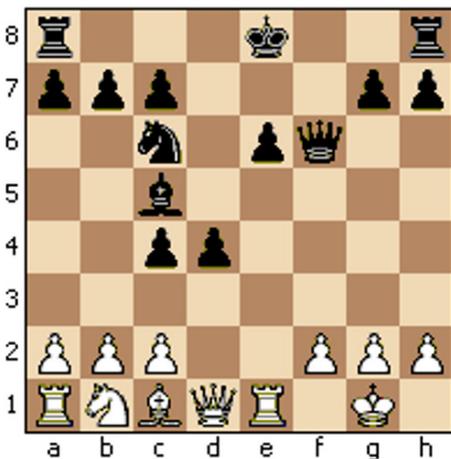
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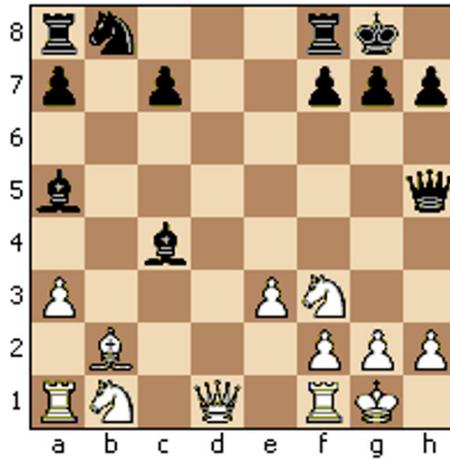


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Win the bishop in 2 moves
White to move - Play as White

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White to move - Play as White





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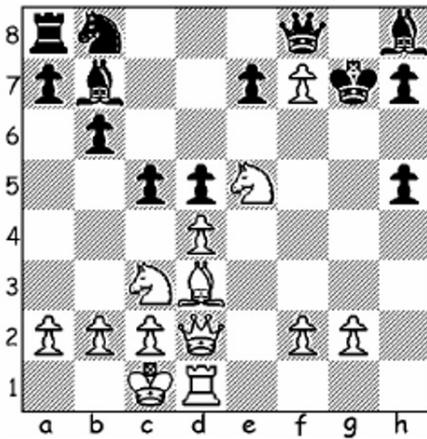
Now try some of these puzzles.....



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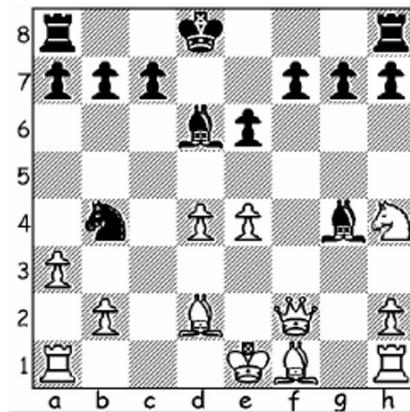
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Mate in One Move-

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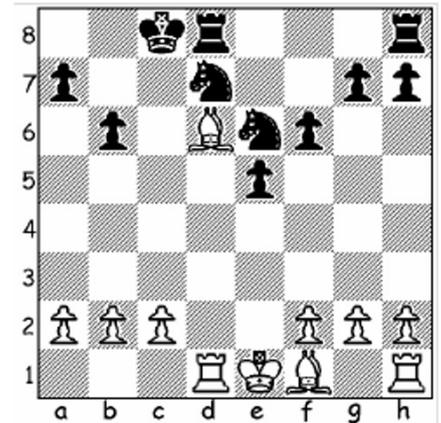
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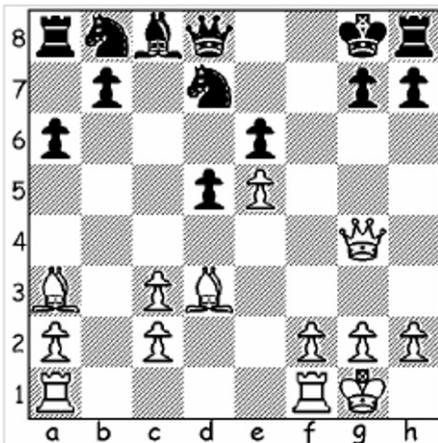
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Mate in One Move-

White to Move:

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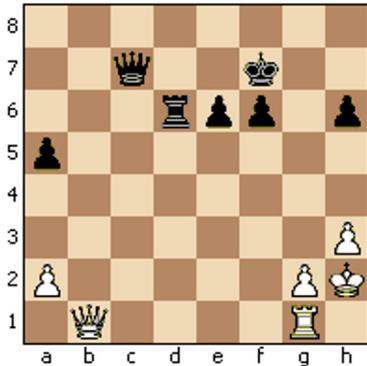
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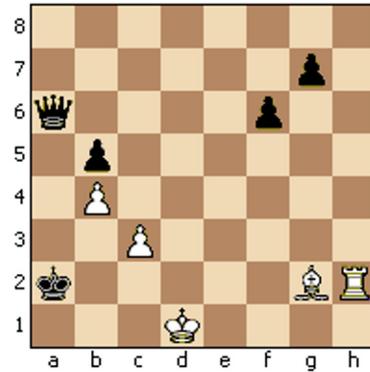
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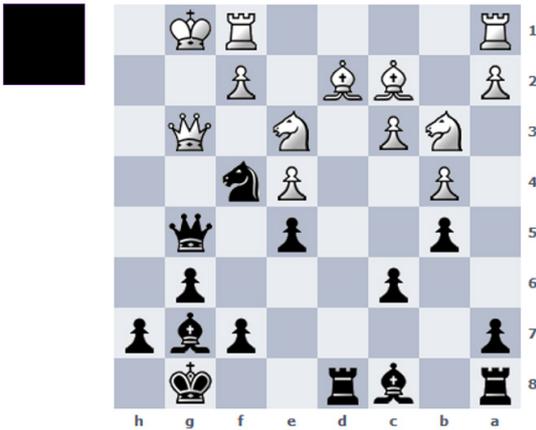
Win the queen in 2 moves
White to move - Play as White

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Win the queen in 2 moves
White to move - Play as White

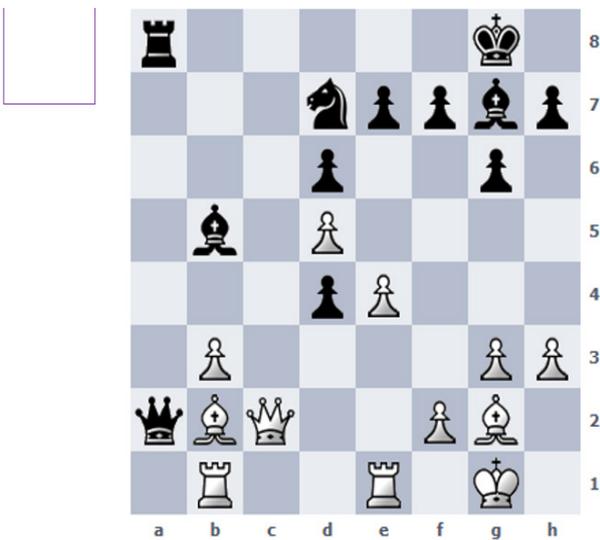
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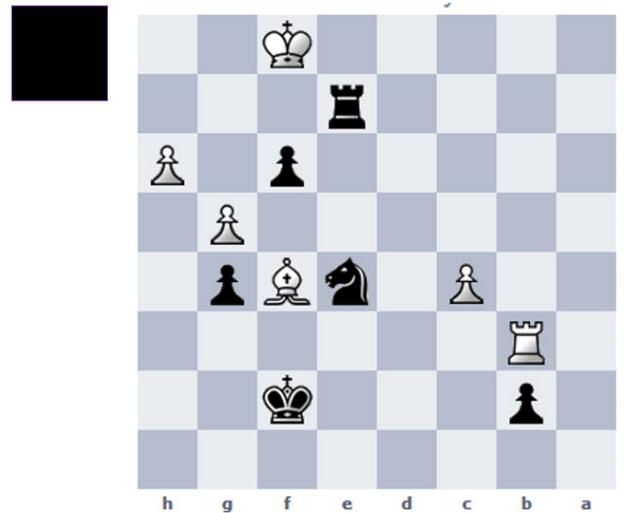
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SPORTS UPDATES

Year 6 Induction

We have 199 year 6s joining us in September! As part of this transition, we run two induction days where pupils have the opportunity to settle in before September and experience 'life' in our Bishop Challoner community. In PE, we ran taster sessions to give pupils an idea of what type of activities we cover in lessons and also discussed all the fantastic opportunities we have available in our broad and inclusive extra-curricular programme. Pupils really

came out of their shell in Physical Education and we are looking forward to officially welcoming them in September. When pupils arrive in September, they will have the opportunity to experience a broad and balanced curriculum mixed with traditional and non-traditional activities.

This includes: Basketball, Football, Handball, Tennis, Cricket, Baseball, Rounders, Gymnastics, Dance, Rugby, Badminton, Table Tennis, Tchoukball, Fitness, Swimming and lots more!



Another fantastic Sports Day at Tudor Grange Leisure centre this year. Multiple records broken and a fantastic response from all of our 550 KS3 students who took part in numerous events representing the school with pride and passion. Students took part in events such as the 100 meters right through to the Tug of War. This year saw a 9 SCO triumph with some outstanding performances from their students. Sports Day is the highlight of the PE Departments year, where students get their opportunity to showcase their talents with their peers observing. This year was no different and all students who took part should be very proud of themselves, Special mention for Rosina Orton who broke two Bishop Challoner Sports Day records.

Basketball (outside courts)

Year 7-9 boys played two very closely contested games on the new surface at St Georges School. The boys, as usual, represented their school brilliantly and performed excellently in both games. Year 9 boys won their game convincingly and our year 7 and 8 team lost a close game. Stand out player this week was Ethan D. Well done boys. The team consisted of Simon A, Ethan J, Jason K, Emmanuel N, Sean T, Anthony M, John Osei, Gabriel H and Nathaniel M.



SPORTS UPDATES

Wimbledon

Wimbledon (Monday 2nd July) – “It was great to have the opportunity to take 32 of our very own Bishop Challoner Ball Crew to the opening day of Wimbledon on Monday 2nd July 2018. The Ball Crew students clearly enjoyed the day and couldn’t help but compare themselves to the Ball Crew



at Wimbledon. It was great to see Serena Williams on Court 1 as well as witnessing first-hand the huge serve from Milos Raonic! A great day spent with some very deserving Ball Crew students; their efforts a few weeks ago at the Edgbaston Classic clearly paying off here! Well done all.”



RNLI Swim Safe

A group of Year 7s and 8s went to Swan Lake to take part in the RNLI Swim Safe programme.

The programme aims to develop pupils’ skills and confidence in open water scenarios. On a glorious sunny day the students donned their wetsuits and got in the water practising survival techniques and a few races.

A great day was had by all.



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WE'VE JOINED EASYFUNDRAISING

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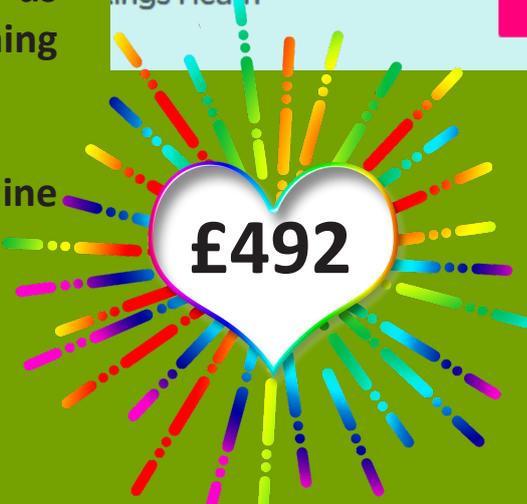


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CALENDAR DATES

Friday 20 July	Early finish - school will close at 12.40pm
Wednesday 5 September	School reopens at 8.40am for Years 7, 11 and 13
Thursday 6 September	School reopens for all students at 8.40am

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Can you help us find the missing piece? Click on the jigsaw to find out if you can!



1. BXd6# Bishop takes the pawn on d6 and delivers check mate
2. Na2# Knight moves to the a2 square and delivers check mate
3. Ne7# Knight moves to the e7 square and delivers check mate
4. QXh5# Queen takes the pawn on h5 and delivers check mate
5. NXg6+ Knight takes the pawn on g6 and delivers check
6. QXe8+ Queen takes the rook on e8 and delivers check
7. BXd6+ Bishop takes the knight on d6 and delivers check
9. Be4 Bishop moves to the e4 square attacking three of black's major pieces
9. Qh5+ Queen moves to h5 and delivers check
9. QXc5 Queen takes the bishop on c5
10. Qd4 Queen moves to d4 and threatens black with check mate next move
10. QXc4 Queen takes the bishop on c4 since black has been unable move it to safety

Answers to puzzles 11-20 - will be issued in the next newsletter.