

Community Languages

At Bishop Challoner we have a strong emphasis on internationalism and community. We think globally and act locally; in the process we would like to develop and foster an interest to learn about other cultures and recognise and celebrate our diversity. Whilst individual talents, interests and contributions are fostered, we have an inclusive outlook in which student's home-language or background is cherished and shared and promoted.

This tapestry of diversity is what underpins our ethos of our community school and we bring in our talents and background to learn and share in the life-long skills beyond the academic curriculum and in turn give back to our community.

Students are encouraged to attend the weekly 'community language club' to meet people of similar and other backgrounds and celebrate their diversity by introducing their music, dance, costumes, films and practice their listening and speaking if they would like to take a GCSE in their community language provided they are supported by parents/carers in their writing and speaking skills. Opportunities for limited listening examination skills will be provided in the club or outside the curriculum time.

Students are encouraged to apply for Ambassadorship, as a prestigious student leadership role to promote our values and make a difference in their community.

Community language club

Students are invited to take part in sharing their culture. They lead by introducing their language and culture in art and music and films and share in their language. Some opportunities will be provided for listening exercises, if they can read and write in their community languages. Parents/carers are responsible for the writing and speaking practices.

Examples of Community Ambassadorships

Students are selected to represent the best of Bishop Challoner students in taking part in leading workshops and outreach opportunities for younger students or other schools. They are part of student leadership team who are selected for this prestigious role.

Community work

We have held our first all-inclusive Community Day on 4th July. All staff and all students at Bishop Challoner School took part in workshops to have awareness about courses that will enable our students to develop life-long skills and support their community in going outside into the community to deliver support for the community. The themes were in tune with the ethos and values of our school; Solidarity, Common good and Democracy, Justice & Peace and reconciliation, Human Dignity. The activities included on 4th July: Guide Dogs and awareness about support for the blind, General election awareness and manifestos, Pax Christi, First Aid all day practical courses, Primrose on emotional First Aid, Cafod, a Judge presenting on the judicial system, Science and History practical workshops linked to community, PACT (Prison Advice and Care Trust), Air Ambulance and speakers on rule of law and democracy, visits to support the community through litter picking to visiting old people's homes and workshop on dementia, Greener&Cleaner Hub in Bromley.