



From the Headteacher.....

This afternoon has been a busy one with prospective families visiting Bishop Challoner on our Open Afternoon. Our pupils were once again superb ambassadors and very willing to help and promote our wonderful school. Thank you to all.

Junior sports day got off to a good start on Wednesday morning despite the rather dull weather. The children demonstrated skill, teamwork and a determination to do their best. It was pleasing to see so many parents supporting the event. I hope the children enjoyed the healthy refreshments offered by the PTA. Thank you to Mr Raveney, Head of Junior PE for organising the morning with the support of his team of staff. Our senior pupils embraced the activities with the younger children and their involvement was certainly recognised.

Yesterday was a beautiful day for our Rosary Procession and we were joined by many supportive parents and Trustees. Our Junior children acted out the Joyful Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary as we all paraded around the grounds also singing 'Ave Maria'. Thank you to Mr Lohan and Mr FitzgGerald for their support and organisation.

Years 7 to 9 will be embarking on their internal examinations next week and we wish them well. They will have the enrichment week to look forward to after half term. I will be sending you a copy of the enrichment brochure for your information. Please read this with your son or daughter because it provides invaluable information and specific requirements for each day.

It is the Royal Wedding on Saturday and our very best wishes and congratulations to Mr Bader who is getting married on Saturday too! We wish him and his wife much happiness for the future.

Paula Anderson



Sixth Form

Head Pupils 2018/19

Since joining Bishop Challoner shortly before Year 7, I have enjoyed every opportunity the school has offered me. The family environment has helped me to become a more confident and outgoing individual making me proud to be a student at the school.



After achieving my 10 GCSEs and gaining a sport scholarship, I chose to stay on at the Sixth Form to stud physical education, psychology and geography to hopefully progress to the RAF in the near future.

Since joining Bishop Challoner, I have made many strong bonds from reception upwards due to joining the fencing team when I arrived in Year 7, I now frequently help out with coaching the younger students and assisting at their competitions. This has helped me become an adaptable and approachable pupil for everyone in the school.

I am passionate, determined and motivated and I believe it is my responsibility to help represent the school internally and externally with the great ethos it holds, as well as act as a role model and be a confident voice for all pupils.

I am honoured to be elected the role of Head Girl and will do my best to contribute to the school as much as I can.

I would like to congratulate Oliver on achieving Head Boy, and look forward to working with him in the future.

*Gabriella Stubberfield, Year 12
Head Girl*



I am truly honoured to have been chosen as Head Boy for Bishop Challoner.

Challoner is a school that has been in my family for two generations with both my father attending – and also being Head Boy – as well as my younger sister. Immediately after joining in Year 7, the family-like environment made me feel instantly at home.

On GCSE results day at the end of summer last year, I was ineffably proud to receive the equivalent of 7 A*s and 3 As. I chose to study History, English Literature and RS, as well as the Extended Project Qualification, with the aim of doing a History degree at university. I hope to have the same success as at GCSE in my A-levels next year.

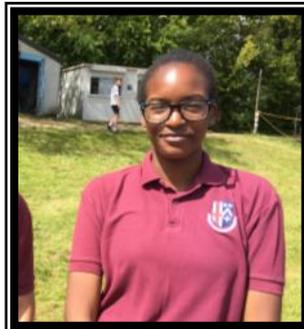
I am a dedicated, motivated individual and I always strive for perfection, which are traits that will be thoroughly beneficial as Head Boy as I will work hard to bring students' ideas into fruition.

It is imperative for all students to be excellent ambassadors for the school, however as Head Boy I will be representing Bishop Challoner far more than I ever have, and therefore, I shall continue exponentially to be a proud advocate of the school that I love.

I am excited to work closely with Gabriella to both improve and show-off our unique school.

*Oliver Meade, Year 12
Head Boy*

LONDON SOUTH ATHLETICS



Bishop Challoner were proud to run the ISA London South Regional Athletics which took part at Norman Park. Fifty four of our students were taking part in this annual event. For Year 7 it was their first senior athletics and they did extremely well. Congratulations to Kyle, Sam, Jonny and Nsikan who won their events. In the Year 8 & 9 age group, Emmanuel, Thomas, Sebastian and Shomi all won their events. A huge congratulations to our Year 8 & 9 relay team who out shone the rest of the field by winning the race in great style, well done Emmanuel, Jerome, Adam and Sebastian. In the Year 10 & 11 age group congratulations to Myles in Year 11 and Gabrielle in Year 10 for winning their events.

An event like this does not happen without the help of many people. A huge thank you to the Norman Park team, our site team, our amazing sixth formers who ran all of the events and recording system, to Mr Bader our announcer, to Mr Wates our starter, Mr Snadden our Team manager and Mr Raveney my right hand man and finish line judge.

It was a phenomenal day for Bishop Challoner athletes. All the winners have qualified for the National event which takes place on the 19th June in Birmingham. CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE 16 QUALIFYING EVENTS WINNERS

Mrs Restivo



Nursery News

Mark Making Shed



The sun is now finally shining down on our Nursery Forest School sessions.

Thank you parents for all the money that you raised by buying your child's art work. The new mark making shed looks fantastic.

Children learn from everything that they do, but their development depends on the quality of opportunities they receive. I am looking forward to seeing the children enjoy accessing the mark making shed and deciding on what resources to use to make marks with.

Ms Scicluna

Royal Wedding Celebrations





JUNIOR SPORTS DAY

On Wednesday we had our Junior sports day which proved to be a fantastic event. Despite the grey skies the rain managed to stay away. The junior pupils have spent the last few weeks during their PE lessons practicing all of the events and they were all very excited. All pupils performed fantastically and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship throughout the morning. It was a very closely fought battle but St Patricks ended up being the overall winners. The PTA were wonderful in providing all of us with refreshments during the morning which were greatly enjoyed by the pupils. Thank you to the site team for all their hard work in preparing the grounds and the administration team for all their help. The Year 8 and 10 pupils were a huge help and ensured the morning ran very smoothly and the sixth formers did a wonderful job totalling up all the results. Thank you so much to all the parents who were able to support the event it was lovely to see you all there cheering on your children.



Congratulations St Patrick



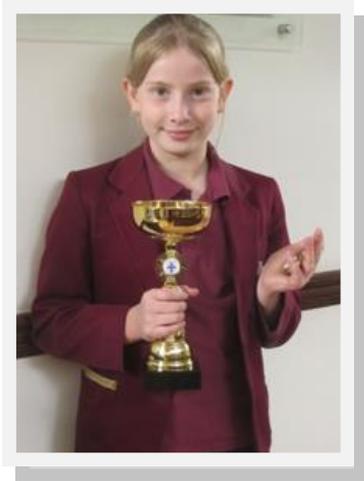


JUNIOR SPORTS DAY



Extra Curricular

Irish Dancing



On Saturday 12th May 2018 I took part in an Irish Dancing Feis. I had to perform various dances in front of judges, including the reel, the light jig, the hop jig, the slip jig, the heavy jig and the hornpipe. The first four dances are all in light shoes and the last two are in heavy shoes. I performed well in all of the dances and received, 3rd in my reel, 3rd in my hop jig, 1st in my slip jig, 4th in my heavy jig and 2nd in my hornpipe. This means that I move up a level with all my dances except my light jig and my heavy jig.

Roisin, Year 5

Autism's Got Talent



Francesca (Year 8) was asked to support the amazing acts at Autism's Got Talent, it was amazing to see so many acts on the autism spectrum from singers, dancers to magicians, even a teenage opera singer from Florida.

STEM Club



Over the last two weeks, members of the STEM club have experimented with water rockets. They researched the best amount of water for a good blast off. Too full, the rocket is too heavy; too light and it does not go far. A good amount seems to be $\frac{1}{4}$ full. We are now investigating the effect of the angle of launch on the range. We started with 15° and 25° and hope we can do better as the longest distance travelled so far is only 7 m. A rocket did go much further and flew over the DT block but that was because of a lack of control. We have now added streamlining elements like a nozzle and fins. What a refreshing time!

Dr Piccio

Awards Ceremony

Old Elthamians RFC held the end of season awards ceremony on Saturday, and Jamie (Year 3) was voted U8 Players' Player of the Year. He is received his award from the head coach.



Gymnastics

Ariana in Year 4 competed in a gymnastics competition on all four apparatus (floor, vault, beam and bars). She was highly commended in vault and came third on the asymmetric bars, winning a bronze medal. Well done, Ariana!

Notices



The deadline is **24th May** to enter the competition—open to pupils of all ages. All entries win house points and we will be selecting 10 entries to send off to a national competition.

Diary Dates

Monday, 21st May

- * Y7-9 Examinations begin

Tuesday, 22nd May

- * Y5 Visit to Aquarium

Wednesday, 23 May

- * Community Mass

Friday, 25th May

- * Y7-9 Examinations end
- * Junior Hymn Practice
- * Lourdes trip departs
- * School Finishes for Half Term

Monday, 28th May

- * Lourdes trip returns to school