



## From the Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had a good week.

A huge thank you for all your support, and that of your sons and daughters, with Open Morning last Saturday. It was a very successful morning with a lot of very positive feedback. The school was extremely busy with a lovely buzz about the place. For those pupils in Year 5 and above who helped they will be allowed their own clothes day on Thursday 14th October. As well, all those that contributed will receive 20 House points to their Houses.

### Pupil Success

Congratulations to Jonny E, in Year 11, who came 4th while representing England in the Home Countries' International Schools' Track and Field Championship last weekend. A fabulous achievement.

### School Fixtures

Congratulations to our U16 Football team who had a very good 4-0 win over Farringtons School on Wednesday afternoon. Our U12 Football team lost to Lingfield on Monday and will have learned a lot from that match.

### School Events

'Jeans for Genes' Day took place today. Thank you to those pupils and staff who took part in this. 'Jeans for Genes' raises money to provide funding for specialist nursing care, multi-sensory facilities and special holidays for children with genetic disorders. There are around 6,000 genetic disorders and it is estimated that one in 25 children is affected by a genetic disorder.

Next week some students from Year 11 will attend our Residential Retreat to Kintbury led by Chaplain Lohan. We hope they enjoy this time of reflection and celebration.

Also, next week, our Year 7 have their Team Building Day on Thursday followed by their Activity Day to Go-Ape. I am sure they will take a lot from both fun filled days.

Our Harvest Festival takes place during the last week of this

half term. Each year we are invited to support Bromley Food Bank, which is a local charity. The Foodbank helps individuals and families in crisis through the provision of emergency food supplies. This year we invite pupils and staff to bring any tinned or dry items of food that have a long shelf life and leave them in the box provided near reception. Thank you for supporting such worthwhile causes.

### Sixth Form Diary Date

Our Sixth Form Open Evening for parents and students in Year 11 is on Wednesday 3 November from 6-8pm.

### Staff Announcements

Congratulations to Mr Lindsay Merrony who has been appointed our Head of Sixth Form with immediate effect. We are all looking forward to working with Mr Merrony in his further role within the school.

We welcome three PGCE students to the school from this week. They are Mr Alex Walsh (Classics), Ms Gabriella Alvarez Puga (Maths) and Mr Edward Jones (PE). They will be working with us throughout the remainder of this term.

Mark Wallace – Headteacher  
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# Key Stage Four...



Key Stage 4 students have been busy making study plans and organising themselves for the coming academic year. How to study is not something that comes naturally to all, it is a skill that needs to be learnt, practiced, and refined. Both Year 10 and Year 11 students have experienced study sessions with an external study skills specialist. Knowing how to study will increase student confidence, competence, and self-esteem. Taking control of their work can also reduce anxiety about tests and deadlines. By developing effective study skills, students may be able to cut down on the numbers of hours spent studying.

Mrs Shields - Head of KS4

# The Lowest Unique Positive Whole Number Competition Results!

We are pleased to announce that Deren Gurses in Year 7 won the Competition that was ran by the Maths Department during BCS's Open Morning on Saturday, 25th September 2021.

The Maths Department ran a Competition where students, staff and parents could enter the lowest unique positive whole number in an attempt to win the prize, as well as the prestige of being the winner! The rules of the competition stated that the winning number must be a positive number, which was also a whole number, and must also be a number that no other competitor guessed in order to win.



The competitors were required to use their understanding of probability and game theory to try to guess which "low" whole number would not be chosen by any other competitor. In previous years, the number 11 was the winning number, however this year's winning number was the number two! Congratulations to Deren Gurses, BCS's very own young budding Game Theorist!

Miss Salp - Head of Maths



## SENIOR SPORTS

On Tuesday 21st September the year 7 girls took on their first netball tournament together. With only 2 weeks of training these girls had an exceptional tournament.

After an exciting first time on the minibus the girls were raring to go. Losing their first game by only 1 goal to Newstead the drive and determination shone through and they ended up winning their next 3 games. Both defensively and attacking the girls played amazingly. They all played with smiles on their faces and had lots of fun learning more about netball in between each match. Due to finishing in the top 3 in the whole tournament the girls progress and have more matches in the coming weeks. They are very much looking forward to these and continuing training every Thursday 3:45-4:45.



Huge well done to Annabelle, Tegan, Na'imah, Princess, Titilayo, Elizabeth, Amelie and Gabrielle.



Miss Johnstone - PE Teacher

## SENIOR SPORTS

The year 7s had their first game on Monday, unfortunately losing to an extremely strong Lingfield College team. They battled well throughout the game and scored a great goal by Jaemar following a precise through ball from Theo. It is a learning curve for the team and the boys still thoroughly enjoyed their first fixture and are eager for more.

The year 7s did not have to wait long to atone their loss on Monday and bounced back with an emphatic win against Bishop Justus 8-3 on Thursday. This moves the boys into the second round of the Kent Schools cup. The boys played really well and had clearly learned some lessons from Monday. Jaemar was clinical with every chance scoring 6 goals, whilst Bela and Jordan scored the others. Kayden, Jamie and Fox provided a resolute defence to deny Bishop Justus any chance of getting back into the game.

The year 11's (pictured) had their first game on Wednesday travelling to Farrington's. The boys played some exquisite football camped firmly in Farrington's third of the pitch for the majority of the first half. They finally made the breakthrough with a fine long range effort from Tom. Nathaniel worked tirelessly up front all game and was rewarded with two goals and Luke also got the other. Farrington's tried to produce a spirited fight back but a couple of great saves from Reuben and some great defence from Sam and Jaiden kept the home team at bay. They look forward to their first cup game in two weeks' time. Good luck gents!!



Mr Oliver - Director of Sport



# Cooking in the Nursery



In the Nursery we aim to provide real life opportunities for the youngest children at Bishop Challoner School. By providing experiences such as cooking, children can gain a range of mathematical skills as well as learn an important life skill. The Nursery have been making delicious raspberry jam tarts. The children listened to the instructions carefully, taking turns to weigh the butter and flour.

They were able mix the ingredients together with their hands, roll the pastry and use the cutters. The children really enjoyed eating their yummy treats! Well done Nursery.



Ms Ludlam Head of Nursery / EYFS Co-ordinator

## JUNIOR NEWS

# Our Topic of 'Marvellous Me'

For the 'Every object tells a story' project, children were invited to bring a small object or photograph to school and tell us its meaning or its story. These objects related to their own history or culture or even an heirloom.

For inspiration, we focused on the work of Malian photographer Seydou Keita. He took (in the 1930's) photographs of children and adults with objects that were special to them.

The children loved discussing and showing their personal belongings to the rest of the class.



Mr Peck - Head of Reception



## JUNIOR NEWS

Thank you to all the children who helped with Open Morning. So many of our visitors commented on the confidence and lovely manners of the children showing them around the school and demonstrating lessons in classrooms. They were wonderful ambassadors and we are very proud of them.

Well done to all the children who attend LAMDA in school. They have all worked very hard and I know that Mrs Rogers is delighted with their progress.



We certainly have a busy couple of weeks in school as we head towards half term. On Friday 8th October we will be celebrating National Poetry Day and on Tuesday 12th October we have arranged creative workshops for all Junior classes as we 'Bring Books to Life'. We also have a visiting farm in school on Thursday 14th October. On Friday 15th, Year 5 & 6 pupils will be travelling to Aylesford Priory for a retreat day, led by Mr Lohan.

Our Harvest Festival is taking place on Monday 11th October. Any contributions of tinned and dried foods will be gratefully received.



Ms Barker - Head of KS1 and 2



### STARS OF THE WEEK



20th September 2021

Reception Zahari for his outstanding effort in Phonics and Maths.

Year 1 Similola for always trying her best in everything that she does and for settling in so well to Bishop Challoner.

Year 2 Orla for her fantastic contribution in English lessons and her dedication to reading a book every day.

Year 3 Daisy for great maturity, independence and organisation showing a very sensible attitude to all her subjects.

Year 4 Milana for working hard in every subject and being very helpful around the classroom. She has such a positive attitude towards school.

Year 5 Charis for excellent effort working with all staff in learning English and Maths.

Year 6 Melvin for his thoughtful and impressive contributions in RE this week.

27th September 2021

Reception Michelle for her fantastic effort in handwriting.

Year 1 Antoine for settling in to the class so well and for always trying his best.

Year 2 Isabella, for always trying her best and being a wonderful role model.

Year 3 George for listening so attentively, his enthusiasm and trying hard every lesson.

Year 4 Sita for excellent effort in Maths.

Year 5 Sariah for diligence, care and compassion for others in everything she does.

Year 6 Cillian for very thoughtful work in RE.



## Year Two Classroom

In Year 2, we have been having lots of fun learning about Giuseppe Arcimboldo. We have used different fruit and vegetables to form a self-portrait. We then took a walk around the school to gather some natural material to add to our wonderful creations.



Miss Leonidas - Year 2 Teacher

## JUNIOR NEWS



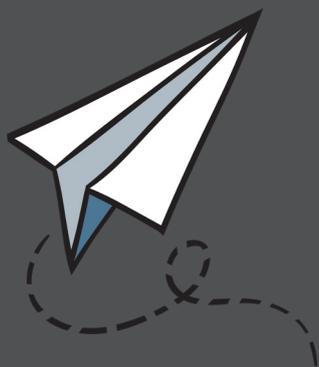
Year 1 and year 4 enjoyed some shared reading this week. It was great to see the older children engaging with the younger pupils and trying to engage them by putting expression into their reading. Delilah in year 4 said, "it was nice to hear Sim read too and I liked the stories she chose for me to read to her."

Sula said, "I don't have younger siblings so it was nice to spend time with younger children."



Mrs Bateman - Year 1 Teacher





## Sixthform Article

Last week, we hosted our first open day since late 2019 here at Bishop Challoner. This was a brilliant opportunity for our new members of staff to be introduced to prospective parents, and to join with students in displaying their departments to the many individuals looking to join our school in the coming years. Our students took excellent initiative in leading tours, assisting with a variety of activities around the site and showing visitors our disciplined and outstanding school.

Our head pupil Matteo Velardi gave brilliant speeches, demonstrating the maturity of our sixth form students and the willingness of our school family to assist in maintaining the exceptional reputation upheld by Bishop Challoner.

Sixth form students were also prepared to speak to visitors about their experiences studying A-levels here, and the future choices that the school is helping them to prepare for.

The music department showcased some of our best young musicians who played a variety of jazz standards, providing a subtle backdrop for wandering guests. Elsewhere the art department produced cartoons with current and prospective students, engaging all in this enjoyable communal activity.

As well as this, all students were fantastically dressed- whether partaking in fencing or giving tours. As usual, uniform standards were impeccable and I am certain that all visitors were impressed by our charismatic and charming students.

To conclude, our first open day was a strong return to the standard of excellence that we have always endeavoured to express in Bishop Challoner open days, and we would like to thank all students and staff for their amazing contribution to the day.

Written by Louis - Year 13



## CLUB NEWS

### Mindful Moment for the week ahead

This week in Wednesday Wellness Club we talked about the benefits of a morning routine to set the tone for the day. Try to be more present in your activities, no matter how trivial, eg when brushing your teeth notice the sensations in your mouth or when making your bed give full attention to each movement you make.

Being mindful in the morning will put you in a good position to deal with the challenges of the oncoming day. And, as we heard from Admiral McRaven in Monday's assembly, if you have a miserable day at least when you get home your bed will be made!



Mrs Miotti & Mrs Patience

### Skate boarders trying out some complex tricks...



Mrs Toschi-Restivo



## WRAPAROUND CARE NEWS

### Wraparound Care

Over the last few weeks the children have noticed the ladybirds around their play areas and learnt to identify which were British ladybirds and which were Harlequins(European). They saw many more of the European species and their larvae than British.

They learnt, and could use the knowledge, that Harlequin ladybirds have orange legs.

While the weather on most afternoons has allowed us to play outside, today we retreated indoors to escape the rain shower, using the time to make long strings of loombands and a game of midweek football.



# Chaplaincy News

On Wednesday, 8th September we had an in-house retreat day for our new Year 7 pupils. There were three reoccurring questions during the retreat:

Why am I at Bishop Challoner School?

What do I hope to achieve during my time here?

Do I believe in God, if so, what impact does this have on my life?



The theme for the day was 'A different world view.' Our retreat began in the Chapel where we reflected upon the move from Juniors to Seniors. Whilst many have moved from our junior school, many new pupils have joined us from other schools. During the day there were many fun activities and team building exercises outdoors. There were also opportunities to explore faith and beliefs, for instance, we considered the scripture passage where Jesus said to the disciples, 'Who do you say I am?' Matthew 5:15-16 and we thought about God and the person of Jesus and whether faith was an important part of our lives. We spoke about the counter-cultural world that we live in, where it can be very challenging to be a person of faith. We looked at the story of Plato's cave, which the Matrix movies are based upon, and how faith can help us in our search for truth.

During the retreat the pupils produced some excellent work, including stained glass images and models using coloured clay.



## CHAPLAINCY

We ended the day with an extended Examen reflection in the Chapel. Calling to mind the new opportunities that we have, our hopes and dreams, and how we might achieve them. Finally, we brought everything in our hearts and minds to God in prayer.

I was very impressed by the Year 7 pupils, they engaged very well with all of the activities. A special thank you to all of the staff who offered their support during the day and to Year 7 who were made the day so special.



Fr Steve offered the mass for us and it was wonderful to join together as a whole community in prayer for the first time since March 2020. The theme for the mass was based around the Gospel reading where Jesus tells us:

“You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.’ Matthew 5:13-16

During the mass Fr Steve encouraged the pupils to make the most of the opportunities that they have at Bishop Challoner and to let their lights shine by using their gifts and talents to help one another. There was also a special induction ceremony for Mr Wallace as our Head Teacher and Mrs Brooker as the Deputy Head, in which the whole community participated. It was a wonderful mass and we are very fortunate to have Fr Steve from St Edmunds, in Beckenham and Fr Peter from St Josephs, in Bromley supporting our school.



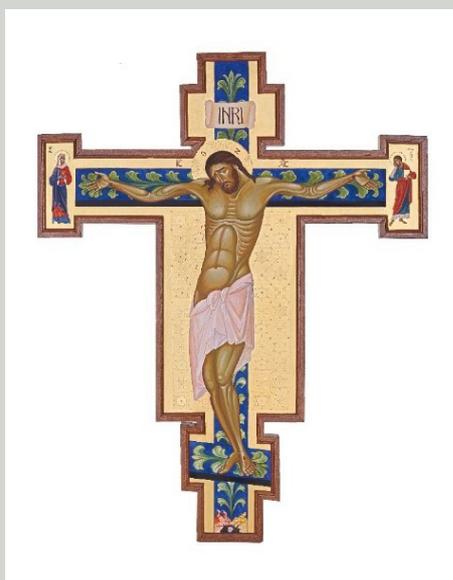
## CHAPLAINCY



Following the mass our beautiful statue of Our Lady of Grace which is in reception was blessed for us by Fr Steve. The statue was donated by a Hindu family, as parting gift, when they and their son were moving away from the area. A wonderful expression of their appreciation for the faith and values that we share at Bishop Challoner.

I invite you to pray for Mr Wallace, Mrs Brooker and all of our staff as we work together to build a community where we can all "learn how to live and love like Christ our teacher".

Let us pray together our school prayer: We begin with the sign of the Cross...



School Prayer  
Heavenly Father,  
Fill our school  
with your Holy Spirit  
and inspire us  
to use our unique talents  
to live, love and learn  
like Christ, our Teacher.  
May your light  
shine within us as we  
play our part  
in your beautiful world  
through Christ our Lord  
Amen.



Mr Lohan - Chaplain



## SAFEGUARDING AND WELL- BEING INFORMATION

Dear Parents/Carers please see the attached links where you can find support.

### Online counselling support for pupils

<https://www.kooth.com/>

### Support for parents | NSPCC

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>

Parenting can be rewarding, but it can also be challenging. We've got parenting tips for all stages of your child's life, as well as advice on how to deal with difficult situations. All parents can come under pressure or stress from time to time. Our Positive Parenting guide shares practical advice ...

[www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

### Coping with your teenager - NHS

Many parents find their teenager's behaviour challenging. Teenagers' behaviour can be baffling, stressful, hurtful and often worrying. But in most cases it does not mean there is anything more serious going on than the natural process of becoming an adult.

<https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/children-and-young-adults/advice-for-parents/cope-with-your-teenager/>

### Parenting teenagers | Relate

Parenting teenagers can be challenging and many parents find it hard to adapt to changes in their child's behaviour as they grow up. Here you'll find lots of practical advice on how to deal with common teen issues. If you have any questions, our counsellors are here to help.

[www.relate.org.uk](http://www.relate.org.uk)

<https://www.relate.org.uk/relationship-help/help-family-life-and-parenting/parenting-teenagers>



Designated Safeguarding Lead - Mrs Kate Brooker

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Monday

04 OCTOBER

- Whole School Assembly
- Year 11s Residential Kintbury Retreat

Thursday

07 OCTOBER

- Year 7 Team Building Day
- Year 11s Return from Kintbury
- Year 10 Information Evening 7:00pm (Online)

Friday

08 OCTOBER

- Year 7 Go-Ape Activity
- National Poetry Day Juniors

Monday

11 OCTOBER

- Whole School Assembly 8:45am
- Junior Parents' Evening Reception - Year 6

Tuesday

12 OCTOBER

- English Workshop Nursery to Year 6

Wednesday

13 OCTOBER

- Internal Sixth form Taster Day
- Junior Parents' Evening Reception - Year 6

Thursday

14 OCTOBER

- Harvest Festival Juniors
- Fun on the Farm
- Pastoral Evening Year 7

Thursday

15 OCTOBER

- Year 9 Mass
- Year 5 and 6 Retreat to Aylesford
- Senior School reports sent home
- School Finishes for Half Term

