



## From the Headteacher...

This has already been a very busy term and we are pleased to welcome the pupils back after their Christmas break.

It was lovely to meet with prospective pupils and parents on Monday 6th January together with nursery parents at the 4+ assessment last Saturday. Nursery and Reception class children were treated to a mini cinema event and enjoyed watching the film 'Frozen' during the course of the morning.

Year 11 and 13 completed their mock examinations this week and they will soon be receiving their results. We will be looking at strategies to support each individual to achieve their potential.

We held our first whole school assembly of the year on Thursday and I focussed on the theme of compassion and care, emphasising how Jesus wants us to show compassion for people around us and treat them as we would like to be treated ourselves. Father Peter recently led our whole school Epiphany Mass and reflected on setting new targets for the coming year.

We are looking forward to meeting with Year 7 parents on Tuesday next week for the Parents' Evening. It is important that your son or daughter makes appointments for you to meet with staff to ensure a smooth process. I politely request that



parents keep to their appointments so that the appointment system can run efficiently.

The PTA has been putting plans in place so that the Junior children can enjoy their disco next Friday. I am sure this will prove to be a popular event again for both the children and parents!



Paula Anderson – Headteacher  
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## Mission Statement

Through faith and a broad education, Bishop Challoner School strives to develop and nurture each child's unique talents. To Live, Love and Learn like Christ and fulfil their true potential in an ever changing world.



## SENIOR NEWS

# Harry Potter World Trip

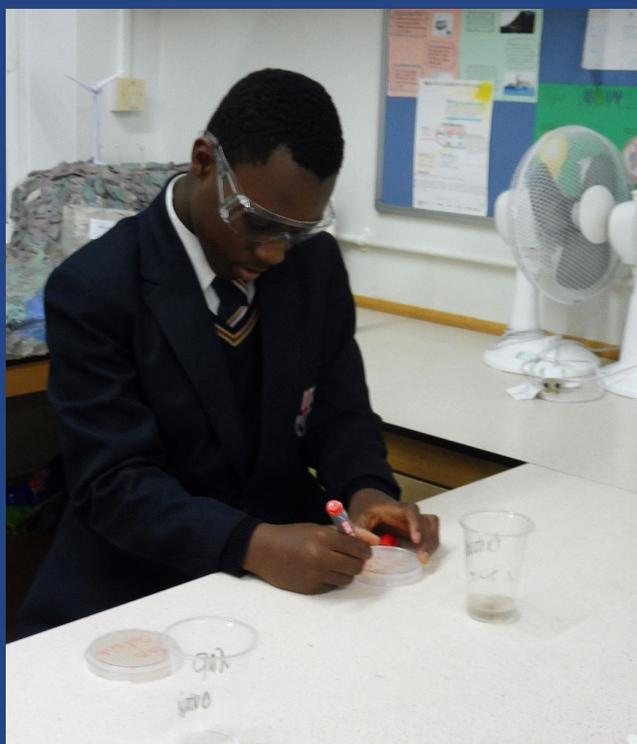
On Monday, 13th January 2020, at 7am in the morning the year 7s and some year 8 pupils departed bus stop 9 3/4 and embarked on a magical journey to Harry Potter World at Leavesden Studios in Watford. During the trip they saw the mathematics behind the famous series written by JK Rowling.

They explored how scale factors played an important part in the production of the eight films produced at the studios. After the talk, the group enjoyed a tour around the entire set and even got to go into Gringotts bank!



We were also treated to a magical broomstick ride where we had our photographs taken. Thank you to Mr Lubi, Miss Bloomfield, Mrs Woolaway and Mr Raveney for accompanying us. It was truly a wonderful, spell casting experience for us all.

Rose, Year 8



## SENIOR NEWS

# STEM Club

At Stem club this week, our year 10 who are working on clean water around the world, were expanding from an experiment they had just done in class. They collected water from various points around the school and inoculated several Petri dishes to find out how clean their samples were. The year 8 pupils continued with the development of their finger printing techniques. The year 7 pupils only need to finish their technical drawings and mock-ups of their game controllers. During the next two weeks, we will be filling in the paperwork for the Crest award and pupils will be presenting their findings.

Dr Piccio - Head of Science



# Ice and Snow

During the start of term in the Nursery we have enjoyed welcoming the children back from the holidays who were full of stories about the wonderful experiences they have enjoyed and the lovely times they had shared with their families. We have also welcomed some new children to the Nursery; our existing children have been busy showing them around and getting to know them.

We are looking forward to an exciting half term. As the weather can be very cold at this time of year we are going to be learning about ice and snow and we will enjoy a variety of sensory experiences relating to these. The children love to make ice in the freezer and then observe how it changes back to water again when it warms up. In the Rainbow room the children have enjoyed playing with the ice alongside toy arctic animals, feeling how cold the ice is and enjoying splashing the water when the ice has melted.



We continue to spend time outside in the cold weather; it is very important for the children to have fresh air every day. We all wrap up warm in hats, scarves and gloves and on the coldest days we ensure that we are all engaged in activities where we move our bodies continually to ensure we stay warm. We have great fun and the children all look forward to being outside every day.

Mrs Bateman - EAL Co-ordinator, Nursery



## JUNIOR NEWS

# Gymnastics

Just before Christmas I travelled to Luxembourg to compete in my first overseas women's artistic gymnastics competition.

When we arrived we went straight to podium training, which is where we get to practice on the competition apparatus, as it can feel different to the equipment we train on.

There were gymnasts from nine countries competing. I was nervous on the day but having completed my routines on floor, vault bars and beam, I came 13th out of 54 gymnasts. I really enjoyed the experience and I learnt a bit about the culture in Luxembourg as well.

Ariana, Year 6



# Year 6 Pupils Dissect a Heart

This week year 6 have been exploring the heart and the different components of blood. The pupils described the functions of red blood cells, white blood cells, platelets and plasma, and created a pie chart showing the percentage of each component by volume in a typical sample of blood. They looked at the human circulatory system using what they have learned; that the human heart is a vital organ. They learned how blood flows through its double pumps system to the lungs and all around the body, supplying oxygen and removing waste products.

With the assistance of our Laboratory Technician, one of their lessons was looking at a lamb's heart and relating it to the diagrams they had previously seen. They were able to identify key structures and describe what tissues make up the heart. With the help of a little water they could see the entry and exit routes of the main blood vessels and then explain how the heart is adapted for its function.

Mrs Restivo - Science and Geography Teacher



## STARS OF THE WEEK



Rec - Isabella - For superb independent working.

Year 1- Georgina - Lovely writing of a traditional tale.

Year 2 - Martha - Always working hard and trying her best.

Year 3 - Eva - Completed lots of extra work on Times Table Rock Stars over the holidays.

Year 4 - Mathilda - Working very hard and always striving to achieve.

Year 5 - Ferah - For designing a wonderful plan of the new prayer garden.

Year 6A - Eli - For showing a real improvement in spellings.

6& - Era - For much improved spellings in the weekly test.

Congratulations to all our stars. We are very proud of you.

Ms Barker - Head of KS1 and KS2

# Preparing for UCAS in Sixth Form

As part of the school's stretch and challenge programme, William, Hugo and Joe went on courses to help them with their Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) applications. Find below a summary of the workshops they went on and why they found them useful.

Ms Holley - Gifted and Talented Co-ordinator

Joe: Participating in the InvestIN Young Lawyer Programme granted me a 360-degree experience of legal practice. Sessions were led by highly astute solicitors and barristers whom coached us through interactive stimulations, including that of a false, live murder trial. The experience was of such high value as not only were we able to step into the shoes of a qualified lawyer for the day, we were provided with informative career coaching on the best path to take to reach such positions. This was done through a Q&A sitting and a run through of how to appropriately boost your UCAS form and future CV. Taking on board the above assistance has certainly helped me with my university application process and reinforced my belief that reaching the bar is my sole career aspiration.

William: I recently went to Cambridge University for a taster day to discover more about the Politics and International Relations course that is offered of which I am interested in studying History and Politics. I watched two lectures, one of which was "The Generation Gap" and the other, "The Secrets behind U.S Military Intelligence". Both lectures were very interesting, opening my eyes to different viewpoints therefore extending my knowledge on a range of topics such as Brexit, Yellow Vest protests, and the Hong Kong protests. Gaining entry to arguably one of, if not the best university in the world, will be an aim at the forefront of my mind throughout the two years of my A level studies. Seeing the level of competition will only spur me on to do as much as possible outside as well as inside school; allowing me to stand out from the competition.

Hugo: The young investment banker programme provided an immersive experience for aspiring investment bankers through a series of interactive role-plays, seminars, simulations and Q&A sessions, led by a group of prominent financiers. I thoroughly enjoyed the day as the programme provided an insightful look into the world of investment, emphasising a number of career paths; each requiring a different skill set. The highlights for me included negotiating a live deal, involving evaluating a business and assessing the benefits a deal would bring for both companies. The event provided a great networking opportunity to meet fellow students with similar interests. It was also refreshing to hear professionals discuss the life of an investment banker, underlining both the benefits and sacrifices of this career.



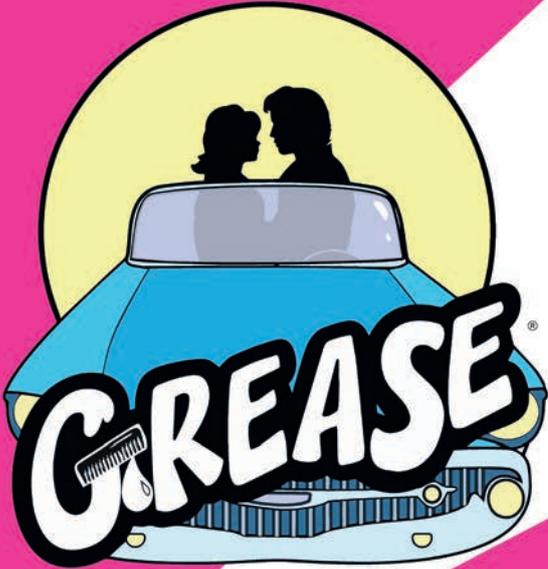
SCHOOL PRODUCTION

# Tickets go on sale next week!



The poster features a pink background with a white diagonal stripe. At the top left is the Bishop Challoner School crest. The text 'BISHOP CHALLONER SCHOOL' is in a serif font, followed by 'presents' in a cursive font. The central image shows a blue classic car with a silhouette of a couple kissing in the back seat, set against a yellow circular background. The word 'GREASE' is written in large, stylized, white letters with a black outline, with a comb integrated into the letter 'G'. Below the car, it says 'SCHOOL EDITION'. The bottom section contains text about the book, music, and lyrics by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey, listing film songs and the arranger Robert Stigwood. The dates '12TH & 13TH FEBRUARY 2020' and 'MAIN HALL 7PM TICKETS £10' are prominently displayed.

 BISHOP CHALLONER SCHOOL  
*presents*



SCHOOL EDITION

BOOK, MUSIC AND LYRICS BY JIM JACOBS AND WARREN CASEY.  
FEATURING THE FILM SONGS "HOPELESSLY DEVOTED TO YOU",  
"YOU'RE THE ONE THAT I WANT", "SANDY" AND "GREASE".  
USED BY ARRANGEMENT WITH ROBERT STIGWOOD.

**12TH & 13TH FEBRUARY 2020**

**MAIN HALL**  
**7PM TICKETS £10**

"GREASE" is presented through special arrangement with and all authorised performance materials are supplied by Theatrical Rights Worldwide (TRW), 122-124 Regent Street, 5th floor, London W1B 5SA, www.theatricalrights.co.uk

The box office will be open on Tuesday, 21st January for ticket sales. Each ticket for general admission is £10 and you can purchase tickets from Mrs. Black in the reception area between 8.30 and 9am on a [Tuesday](#), [Thursday](#), [Friday](#) and after school in the library with cash or card. We would encourage your son or daughter to purchase the tickets on your behalf.



## CHAPLAINCY

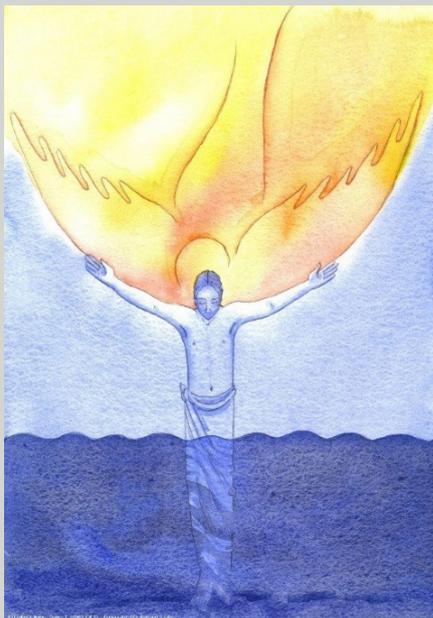
On Tuesday, 7th January we welcomed Father Peter Murphy, the new parish priest at St Joseph's in Bromley, to offer our start of term Epiphany Mass. Epiphany means a revelation or a manifestation, as in the appearance of Jesus Christ, as a human baby, born in Bethlehem. During the Mass we heard the reading from Matthew's Gospel 12:1-12, about the three wise men who followed a star which led them to the child Jesus.

Each brought a gift which revealed something about the child Jesus: Gold, ordinarily given to kings and rulers, signified his royalty; frankincense, which would be burnt in prayer to God, signified his divinity and myrrh, which was used to embalm the dead, signified that one day Jesus would die for us.



Father Peter gave a wonderful homily and spoke about God's love for us and how he proved his love by sending Jesus down to earth to become one of us. It's difficult for us to understand or appreciate why God the creator of everything loves and cares for us but he truly does. He proved this by being born in a stable, into poverty and then spending his whole life on earth

loving and caring for others, even to the point of being willing to die on the cross to save us from our sins. Father Peter made the point that God wants to be part of our lives, in good times and in bad, he cares about everything that we do, and wants to help us. We need only ask!



On Sunday, 12th January we celebrated the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This Feast concludes the Christmas season and marks the beginning of Ordinary Time.

The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan echoes the Feast of the Epiphany as there is a further revelation of who Jesus is. In Luke's Gospel, Chapter 3, we read that people were filled with expectation wondering if John the Baptist might be the promised Messiah. John corrects them and explains that he is a messenger preparing the way for the Messiah and speaks of his own unworthiness. It seems odd then that Jesus, who was free from sin, would come to John for baptism. The Doctors of the Church maintain that when Jesus was baptised, John's baptism, which had been symbolic, was changed into the Sacrament that removes sin. Luke's Gospel goes on to tell us that after Jesus was baptised the Holy Spirit descended on him in the form of a dove and the Father's voice was heard from heaven saying: "You are my beloved Son with you I am well pleased".

Dear Lord,

We thank you for coming to earth as an innocent baby to make yourself known to us. We especially thank you for willingly offering up your life to take away our sins. Thank you for the new life that we received at Baptism, for calling us to be members of your family and for all of the graces that we have received. Let your words: 'You are my beloved child and with you I am well pleased' resonate deeply within our hearts today and always. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

At Baptism God pours out his Holy Spirit upon us, original sin is removed and any other sins committed prior to Baptism. In a special way we become God's beloved sons and daughters, "with whom he is well pleased". God makes this pronouncement on us because we are made in his likeness and image and are a part of his family. God is a Father who loves all of his children without conditions. Let us pray for a greater understanding of God's love.

Gerard Lohan - School Chaplain



## ONE LAST THING...

### Safeguarding Essentials

The ACAMH recently published a special edition of their research-based magazine looking the impact of children who live with parental mental ill-health.

New data published in Lancet Public Health show that nearly a quarter of children aged between 0 and 16 years are exposed to maternal mental illness. Researchers defined this as depression, anxiety, psychosis, eating disorders, personality disorders and alcohol misuse disorder or substance misuse disorder.

You can read the online pdf version of the magazine here: <https://www.acamh.org/app/uploads/2019/10/The-Bridge-Web-Version.pdf>

Mrs Woolaway - Designated Safeguarding Lead



## Bishop Challoner School



Would like to invite you to a  
Coffee Morning with pastries  
on Friday, 7th February and Friday, 20th March at  
8.30am

Please save these dates and come and join us

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

 [SEE FULL CALENDAR](#)

Monday

20 JANUARY

- Astrodome Roadshow, 9am

Tuesday

21 JANUARY

- 11+ Taster Session, 9am
- Year 7 Parents' Evening, 5pm

Wednesday

22 JANUARY

- Junior Pupils' Voice, 12noon

Friday

24 JANUARY

- Year 7 Reconciliation Service, 9am
- Year 11 Mock Examination Results, 3.20pm
- PTA Junior Disco, 5pm

Saturday

25 JANUARY

- Grease Rehearsal, 10am

