



## From the Headteacher...

I am sure that by now the summer holiday seems like a distant memory as we embark on another academic year full of challenge and excitement.

Recently, we welcomed all of our new children into the school who seem to have settled very well. Our sixth formers have been enjoying their new surroundings and getting to grips with the challenges of A level study.

Please remember to check out my Twitter page to find out all the news. It is a good way to keep in touch with all that is happening across the school and to recognise the successes of the pupils. [https://twitter.com/challoner\\_head](https://twitter.com/challoner_head)

Today our pupils arrived wearing their own clothes in support of Jeans for Genes; thank you for your generosity and all money raised will support specialist nursing care, multi-sensory facilities and special holidays for children with genetic disorders.

Year 7 had the opportunity to experience a retreat day last Thursday on the theme of 'serve one another'. This was very well organised giving pupils the opportunity to work collaboratively and spend time on reflection and prayer.

I would like to share this prayer with you:

Loving God,  
Another term begins and we come back to school  
Refreshed and restored by the break,  
Grateful for those we share our lives with,  
For the memories of the past few weeks,  
For the opportunities we have, which are denied  
To so many in our world today.

## 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.



We come back to school pleased to see our friends,  
Determined to make the most of our talents,  
To grow in understanding of the kind of person we are called to be,  
To turn over a new leaf, perhaps,  
To make up for the times we were less than our best self.  
We come back to school and are grateful  
For the energy and enthusiasm a new term brings,  
For the optimism and good humour in the air.  
Bless our school, keep us safe and well,  
Keep us on the right path.  
Bless our teachers and support staff  
Who look after us and help us to grow in knowledge and skills.  
Bless the new pupils and staff  
As they begin their journey with us,  
May they very quickly feel at home.  
Bless all our efforts to build up the kingdom of God,  
To make the world more just and compassionate  
Beginning here, in this school of ours,  
Our home from home.  
Amen



Paula Anderson – Headteacher  
@Challoner\_head



# Head Pupils

After starting back at school during this lockdown it was amazing to get back to studying and being taught by my teachers, then to receive the amazing news that I was appointed Head Boy, I was so delighted and grateful. I started at Bishop Challoner in 2005 and to receive this role in my final year really means a lot to me, especially as my sister was Head Girl at Bishop Challoner. Currently, I am studying A-Level Mathematics, Chemistry and Biology, which are subjects that I excel in and that I am passionate about. My aim for the end of the year is to achieve the best possible grades and obtain a spot at a London University focusing on a degree in Economics. In September I hope to get off the ground running, hoping to focus on building relationships with both pupils and staff old and new, along with helping with after school clubs and numerous events throughout the year.



My philosophy for the year as Head Boy is that 'the most important thing is to try and inspire people so that they can be great in whatever they want to do'.

Lucas



A number of teachers are supporting me with my application which I am extremely grateful for. For the past 7 years, I have been an ambassador for the charity Prostate Cancer UK and I believe that the skills such as public speaking, various media work (radio, TV, newspapers), and working with people I do not know as well as those I do, will help me not only with the course I am applying to but will also enable me to use these skills

I am proud and honoured to be offered the position of Deputy Head Pupil, however I am mindful that no matter the role or position, all the students within the Sixth Form and beyond have an equal role to play in improving the school environment due to the unique and special qualities that we all possess as part of the Challoner family.

For me, being appointed Deputy Head Pupil is not about it being a line on your UCAS form or CV, but it is about having the passion and desire to contribute to the already excellent reputation of the school. On my video, I made the suggestion that university advice is given to students so that they can set personal targets and strive to achieve their goals. I am pleased to hear that the school is considering my suggestion.

Currently I am studying Maths, Geography, and History with the ambition to study History and Politics at Cambridge University; I have embarked on an Extra Project Qualification about Politics to help me achieve this aim.

within my new role as Deputy Head Pupil.

I am eager to work with Mrs Anderson and senior staff within the community to move the school forward especially as this is my opportunity to give back to the school that has done so much for me.

William



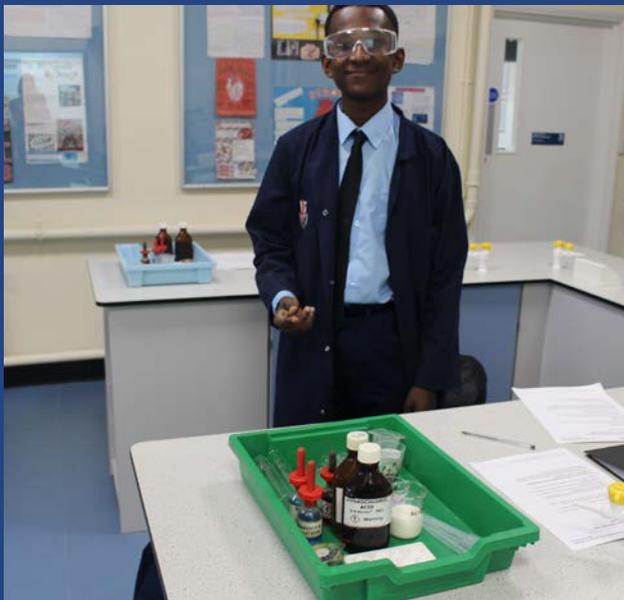
# Biology Practicals

On Monday, Mrs Marpadi's year 12 class carried out a higher level food testing practical. Covid-19 guidelines were followed by Miss Ruston and Mrs Marpadi to ensure the safety of our students. Each year 12 was handed their own set of equipment and after the practical put all the equipment on a trolley for Miss Ruston to disinfect with Milton steriliser and air dry.

Students tested various foods to see if they contained protein, starch or sugars. The chemicals used were: Benedicts solution, biuret, Iodine, hydrochloric acid and sodium hydroxide (+ Ph paper).

Well done to all the year 12s who worked really well and safely.

Miss Ruston  
Science Technician



# Eleanor's Fundraising

The Little Princess Trust provides free real-hair wigs to children and young people, up to the age of 24 years, who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other conditions. After being set up in 2016, LPT supply over 100 wigs every month.

A couple of months ago I decided to donate 17 inches of my hair to LPT after growing it for years. Gifting my hair is something I have always wanted to do as making young children confident in the way they look is important, especially in this day and age where we almost have to be 'the perfect figure' for social media. After being diagnosed with cancer, children can lose their self-confidence, self-esteem and occasionally even friends. I hope to make a difference to a child who is bravely fighting cancer. We may think that we have huge problems in our day to day lives but compared to these children ours are nowhere near.

Currently I have raised £865 but would be grateful to anyone who could donate further as every penny that is raised really does count. In order to provide a real-hair wig free of charge to their recipients it costs the charity £550. Furthermore, Little Princess Trust have said they will not stop until the research they fund ends childhood cancer forever.

I have set up a just giving page to help raise money as well as donating my hair. Please contact the school if you would like details of this.

Thank you

Eleanor, 11Alpha



## SPORT

The year 11 GCSE PE pupils have begun their climbing lessons again after a six month break. This sport will help towards their final grade. Students attend The Reach climbing wall in Woolwich where they have climbs for all abilities. Our students will be assessed in a range of skills including rope work, traversing and belaying. The range of climbs becomes increasingly challenging as they progress. The class have been showing some great teamwork and are very much enjoying the experience; they are making good progress towards their assessment which takes place in a few weeks time.

Mr Matthew Oliver  
Director of Sport

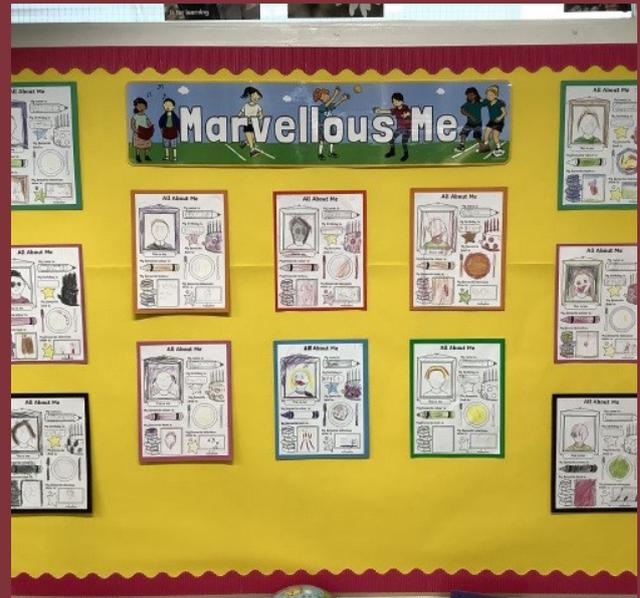


# Welcome Back

We are delighted to say a big hello and welcome to our new Reception Class who are settling in very well, making new friends and having fun. They have been working hard and finding out all about each other.

It has also been a pleasure to welcome the following new starters: Rhys in Year 3; Sariah and Romeo in Year 4; Alexander in Year 5; Hany and Victor in Year 6.

A huge welcome to all our newcomers. We hope that you will be very happy as part of the Bishop Challoner family.



All the Junior children appear to have settled back into school life very quickly. The routines may be slightly different but the children have adjusted brilliantly. It is lovely to see them back with their friends and teachers.

We wanted to share some photographs from our first week back. Reception class are looking very studious and Year 1 children have made a wonderful display of self-portraits, I'm pleased to see so many smiley faces!

We are all looking forward to the term ahead.

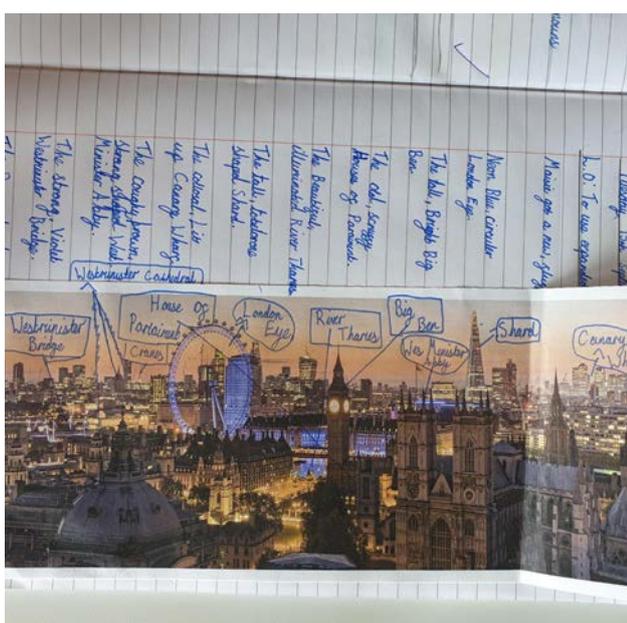
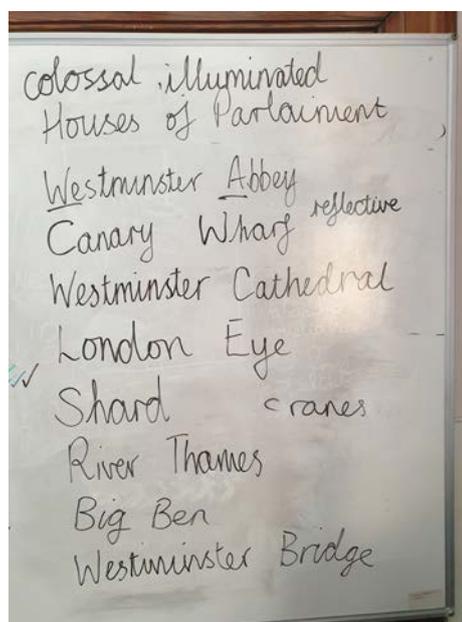
Ms Barker  
Head of KS1 & KS2



# Year 5 News

Year 5 are delighted to be back and enjoying their new classroom in the main building. We have been learning about the Creation in RE and we have begun to learn more about the landmarks in London as part of our book study, The London Eye Mysteries. We have also enjoyed meeting more of the senior teachers who come and take some of our lessons such as Latin, art and ICT.

Mr Fitzgerald  
Year 5 Class Teacher



# Welcome Back to Nursery



The Nursery teachers are so pleased to see lots of happy children and smiling faces at the start of a new school year.

We are welcoming back children who we have not seen since as long ago as March, as well as lots of new starters.

The children's journey through Nursery will be to equip them with some fantastic skills in independence and help them develop some abilities associated with school readiness. Through various fun and engaging activities, we will increase their self-esteem, confidence, motivation and encourage a "can do" attitude.

We are excited to start this important stage of school life with the children.

Ms Scicluna  
Named Second, EYFS Practitioner



# Year 7 Retreat

On Thursday, 10th September we had an in-house retreat day for Year 7. The theme for the day was 'Serve One Another' and using the Beatitudes from Matthew's Gospel 5:3-12, we considered the different ways we could use our unique gifts and talents in service, both in our school and within the wider community. We particularly thought about how Year 7 could work together as a team for the benefit of our school community and how each member has something valuable to contribute.

During the retreat pupils were split into groups with a mix of our former Year 6 pupils and new pupils who joined us this year. This was a good opportunity to make some new friends and to strengthen existing friendships.

There were a number of opportunities for reflection, fun and creativity; for example, using coloured clay, pupils made their own models to reflect things that they were passionate about, including the environment, music, IT and sport.

In the afternoon pupils focussed on their gifts and talents connecting them to the Beatitudes and produced some very intricate and striking stained glass windows.



We ended the day with an extended Examen reflection in the Chapel. Calling to mind where we were when lockdown began to where we are now; we thought about how these memories make us feel. Finally, we brought everything in our hearts and minds to God in prayer.

I was very impressed by the Year 7 pupils, they approached everything with great enthusiasm and engaged very well with each activity.



A special thank you to Ms Restivo and also to Mr Lubi, Mr Raveney and the staff who offered their support during the day.

Thank you Year 7 for a blessed day!

Mr Lohan  
School Chaplain



## OTHER NEWS

### Reading.....

Mrs Miotti and the English Department are continuing their whole school push on reading this year, and they encourage every student in the school to carry a private reading book in their bags every day - especially Friday mornings when the whole school, from juniors through to Sixth Form, will have a 30 minute form time of silent reading. There will be opportunities to recommend books to each other, take part in Readathons and writing competitions, as well as other exciting events to improve literacy across the curriculum.

Mrs F. Miotti  
Head of English

### LAMDA Classes

Drama classes got off to a positive start this week, well done to all involved. There are still some spaces left if you would like to work on your creativity, performance and communication skills. Do get in touch (alisonjrogers@sky.com) if you would like more information.

Mrs Rogers  
LAMDA Teacher

## Bishop Challoner School PTA

# second-hand uniform



**Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

**8:00am to 9:00am  
and**

**3:00pm to 4:00pm**

**on the front lawn**

**Plenty of items available,  
donations much appreciated**



## ONE LAST THING...

### Safeguarding

#### Abduction Alert!

The school is aware of an attempted abduction of two 11 year old girls in Orpington. Please continue to stress the importance of staying safe / stranger danger with your children. The news article can be viewed by following this link:

<https://www.itv.com/news/london/2020-09-16/investigation-launched-into-attempted-abduction-of-two-schoolgirls-in-orpington>

### Can you help?

Dr. Brendan Donegan, Chair of Bromley Living Streets has asked to work with our school and Bromley Council to help address the increase in traffic across the borough, specifically near school gates. He has asked if parents could complete a short survey (link below) to help produce data to offer Bromley councillors and officers real-time understanding of what traffic looks like now that schools have reopened.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/7CTFCHV>

### A poem from Miss Ruston.....

#### Return to School

We're back at school with all our friends,  
What bubble we are in well that just depends!  
It's so great to see learning and teaching again at school,  
But we still need to respect the 2M rule.

We have some new staff and students and they are doing well,  
But it's hard after lockdown for some to come out their shell.  
So let's be kind to those new at our school,  
In fact let's make kindness to others our number one rule!  
Enjoy this autumn term and 'dare to do your best',  
And we pray that you stay safe and remain healthy and blest.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday

22 SEPTEMBER

- PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale  
8-9am and 3-4pm

Monday

28 SEPTEMBER

- Individual School Photographs  
All day

Saturday

3 OCTOBER

- Virtual Open Morning  
9am-1pm

Monday

12 OCTOBER

- Junior School Parents' Evening  
All week, 3.30-6pm

Tuesday

13 OCTOBER

- Year 7 Pastoral Evening  
5-7pm

Friday

16 OCTOBER

- Half Term Begins  
3.45pm

