



From the Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had a good week.

Pupil News

Congratulations to Annabelle P in Year 8, who passed her Grade 3 Singing Exam with Merit before Christmas. She prepared four songs for the exam, and the examiner praised her "positive performance commitment" and "excellent expression and dynamic colouring." Well done, Annabelle!

Rowing London to NYC - Launched!

If you are dropping into the school reception you will have noticed the rowing machine in the hallway. The school community has undertaken the challenge of rowing from London to New York over the rest of this school year. It's a fun activity to do across the school and good for everyone's wellbeing.

At an average of 250 metres per minute for a novice, and a target of 20 hours of rowing time per week, between now and 5th July, it's an ambitious row! We are raising support for CAFOD and there are sponsorship forms at reception if you wish to support our efforts. Luckily, CAFOD's 'Walk For Lent' guidelines says staff and pupils can convert our collective running, walking, race-walking, cycling, swimming (but not driving) distances to the total! So, please help your sons and daughters log everything they do and send their updates to our Chaplain, Ms Lolly Bell at lbell@bcswb.co.uk

After 4 days we have reached 55km!

The Passage

We were delighted to welcome Max from *The Passage* charity who came to speak to the whole school about their role in supporting homeless people. The Passage are one of the four charities we have decided to support throughout this academic year, so it was a good opportunity to hear from Max about all the excellent work this charity are undertaking and are involved with.



Mark Wallace – Headteacher
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Wellbeing Dog

Beryl, our wellbeing dog, began working at Bishop Challoner on Tuesday of this week. She is in school two days per week presently, Tuesday and Thursday, and she has already proved a hit with pupils (and staff).

Sport News

A reminder that next Saturday, 28 January, our u14 boys will be competing in the Kent Cup Football final at Herne Bay FC, where they will play Ravenswood School. We wish the boys the very best of luck.

In Girls Netball this week our u13s last narrowly to Eden Park 17-11. It was a closely fought game.

In Boys Basketball this week our u12s and u14s played Babington School's u13 and u14 sides respectively. The scores were a 10-2 loss for our u12s and a 35-5 win for our u14s. Well done to all the boys who represented the school so well.

Week Ahead

Year 9 Options and Parents Evening takes place on Monday 23 January from 5pm in the School Dining Hall and Library.

Our next Year 11 *Sixth Form Experience Day* is on Thursday 26 January followed by our 6th Form Information Evening on the same day which runs from 3.45 – 5.00pm.

I hope you have a relaxing weekend.

With my very best wishes,

Mark Wallace

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Just a reminder that our Year 9 Football team have made it through to the Kent Cup final on Saturday 28th January 3pm KO at Herne Bay FC. Please find the link below to purchase tickets. It would be great to have supporters there to cheer on the pupils.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/kent-u14-small-schools-b-team-final-tickets-507575300387>

Reminder to follow our sports social media accounts for all updates, news and results

Instagram: bcs_sport

Twitter: @BCSsports23



Shortlands House Fencing Club

Based at Bishop Challoner School

Wednesdays 6.30pm - 9.00pm.

All levels and ages welcome.

PE Department



Pre-Prep and Prep School News

Pre-Prep

Reading sparks imagination, encourages creativity and promotes communication for children. That is why literacy makes up such an important part of the Pre-Prep School and is part of our daily routine.

The Pre-Prep children have been given Reading Bags to take home weekly so that they can enjoy some one-to-one reading time with their families. These have been very popular so far.

We were very lucky to have a visit from Year Two who read lots of stories to the children during Wellbeing Week.

As part of the Read Write Inc reading scheme, the Pre-Prep children take turns taking home the Sound of the Week Bag. They have to look for three objects that begin with our sound of the week and really enjoy talking about and showing them to their friends.

Happy reading all!



Ms Scicluna Named 2nd, EYFS Practitioner

Reception

This week, Reception Class have been working brilliantly on our Space topic. We have been learning about eclipses and the planet names. The children have enjoyed using different materials and working with an array of mediums to create their work. In RE, we have been learning that Jesus needed help from his friends.



Mr Peck - Head of EYFS



Pre-Prep and Prep School News

The children have been very excited this week to see Beryl, our school dog, around the school. She is slowly being introduced to the children and many of them have seen her when they have been outside in the playground. Please remember to let us know if your child has a dog allergy, phobia, or simply does not want to have any contact with the dog. A timetable is being put together to ensure that all children who wish to, get to have some interaction with Beryl over the course of the term.

This week we have enjoyed seeing some of our older children using the rowing machine, taking part in our BCS Rowing Challenge – Row 5955 km from New York to London by 5th July! The children have been really enjoying taking part. This is a sponsored challenge with all money raised going to CAFOD's World Food Crisis Appeal.

We hope you have enjoyed your week,

Stars of the Week



Reception	Uras for his effort in reading.
Year 1	George for always working hard and being a kind friend.
Year 2	Ghislain, AJ and Levi for settling in to Year 2 so well.
Year 3	Imari for settling in to the new routines in Year 3.
Year 4	David for his perseverance and effort in applying speech punctuation.
Year 5	Josh for making an excellent start at our school.
Year 6	Jayden for his excellent effort in class and for settling in so quickly.

Many congratulations to all our Stars.
Wishing you all a very happy weekend.

Mr Peck, Mrs Bateman and Ms Hoyles



Pre-Prep and Prep School News

Wraparound Care

Chinese New Year provides the opportunity for bright colours and dextrous crafts.

Dragon whirligigs, masks, and lanterns, some of which were decorated with children's interpretation of Chinese script. Amazing results!



Mrs Vander Elst , Teaching Assistant



Chaplain's Corner



Happy New Year! I am delighted that I am still able to send this greeting, for this weekend sees the start of the Lunar New Year of the Rabbit, said to be a year of homecoming, with a strong emphasis on family and friends. It is a time to reconnect with people from the past, return to our roots, and celebrate what matters most: our relationships. Last term, I was blessed to make many new connections here in school and I look forward to strengthening those relationships. Here's a collage of images from Autumn term.

At the very end of last term, years 12 & 13 took part in an in-house retreat day with Carmela Mosaics, a local artisan who combines art and mindful reflection. The students were guided in the design and skilful crafting of these unique, gem-coloured, 'clutch' hearts. With great care, some flair and a final grouting session, the process was complete. A final polish left them ready to take home and gift onto loved ones. Each student thoroughly enjoyed a deeply engaging, calming and reflective experience. I look forward to introducing further in-house retreats of this kind to other year groups this year during Lent and May Procession.



A full schedule of Mass dates has been reinstated including Feast Days, Days of Holy Obligation, the celebration of start and end of term, and Chapel Mass for form groups. This is all thanks to the unfailing support of Fr Steve Wymer of St Edmund's Beckenham, Fr Francis Lynch of St Mary's Chislehurst and the very charismatic Fr Victor Darlington, Southwark Archdiocese's newly appointed Episcopal Vicar for Inclusion and Education. It was following this vibrant Mass, that Mrs Restivo was presented with a specially ordered, framed Papal Parchment Blessing from the Vatican, marking her 30 Year teaching career here at Bishop Challoner. Here Mrs Restivo is, with Chair of Trustees, Tickey Colling, Fr Victor and Deacon Sean Murphy in the chapel.



Gong Xi Fa Cai with every blessing for the weekend!
Mrs Bell, School Chaplain





School Counsellor

Just a reminder that Katheryn McCormack, our school counsellor, offers services to pupils referred by school, home, or self. Services may be short or longer term, depending on the need of the individual. There will also be the opportunity for pupils to attend drop-in or themed group sessions. Please use the link or QR code to complete the online consent-form. Completing the form will allow your child to access the school counselling drop-in service, should they wish to. If your child has been referred to the counselling service by yourself or the school, for regular sessions, you will be directly contacted by the school counsellor.

Counselling helps individuals to explore their feelings, express themselves and to make sense of their life experiences. Usually, specific details of meetings will be confidential to the pupil and counsellor. Parents/Guardians may be given a regular and general overview of the pupil's progress. No information will be disclosed to any other person or agency without prior agreement from the parent/guardian and pupil (if appropriate) - except in situations where information is required by a court of law, local authority or when the therapist has reason to believe that a pupil or other person is at risk.



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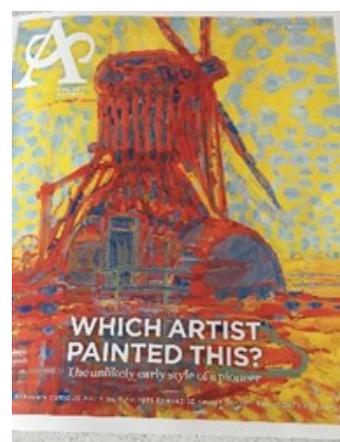
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Parking in school grounds. Leave your car in front of the school and follow the walking route to the hall. The school is close to Shortlands station. Buses 227 and 358 stop nearby.

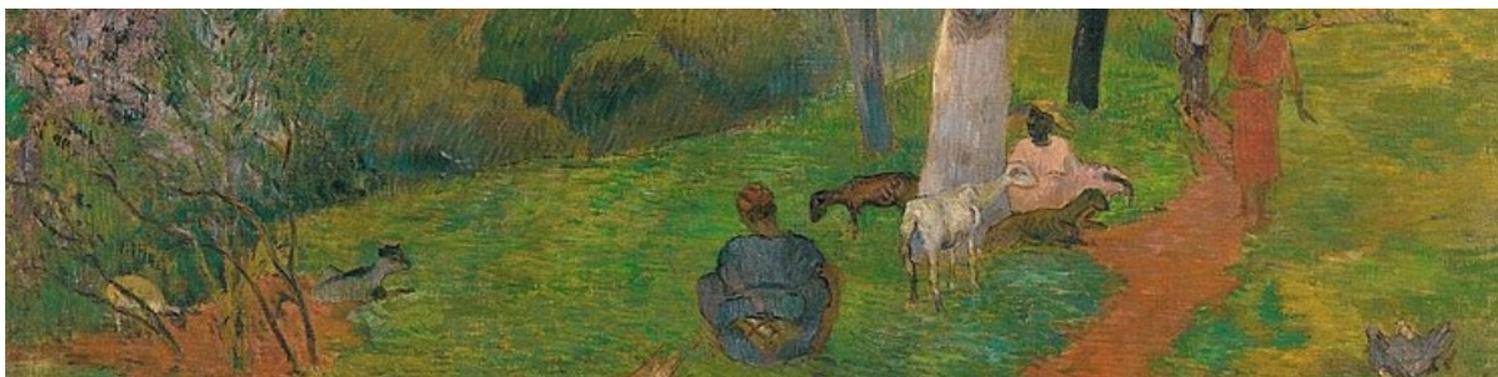


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The Arts Society Bromley

February 6th 2023

Paul Bahn

Australia's Aboriginal Rock Art, The World's Longest Unbroken Art Tradition

Rock art has been produced in Australia since at least 40,000 years ago, but continues to be produced in some regions - and major new discoveries of rock art are still being made in remote areas. The talk presents an account of some of the major regional variations in both rock paintings and rock engravings and presents a brief account of what we know of their many meanings, particularly in relation to Aboriginal creation myths and creator-ancestors.



March 6th 2023

Karin Fernald

The Blue Hour, Painting the North

The little town of Skagen in the north of Jutland, a place of sand, storms and sky, inspires artists to paint its wild and remote landscape where the North Sea meets the Baltic. In Sweden, symbolist landscape artist Prince Eugen, finds romantic inspiration in the lakes, forests, history and vivid folk art. Both Danish and Swedish landscape paintings feature the Blue Hour, that half hour or so just after sunset and before sunrise, when the landscape is suffused with a bluish light, highly atmospheric and iconic of the North.



The Arts Society Bromley

April 3rd 2023

Caroline Shenton

Packing Up the Nation, Saving London's Museums and Galleries in the Second World War

Following our lecture last season by Bromley member Artantxa Sardina on Looted Art, this is the gripping and sometimes hilarious story of how a band of heroic curators and eccentric custodians saved Britain's national heritage during our Darkest Hour.

Men and women from London's national museums, galleries and archives forged extraordinary plans to evacuate their collections to safety. Utilising country houses from Buckinghamshire to Cumbria, tube tunnels, Welsh mines and Wiltshire quarries, a dedicated team of unlikely heroes packed up their greatest treasures in a race against time during the sweltering summer of 1939, dispatching them throughout the country on a series of secret wartime adventures.

May 8th 2023

Jane Gardiner

The Sun King and the Court of Versailles

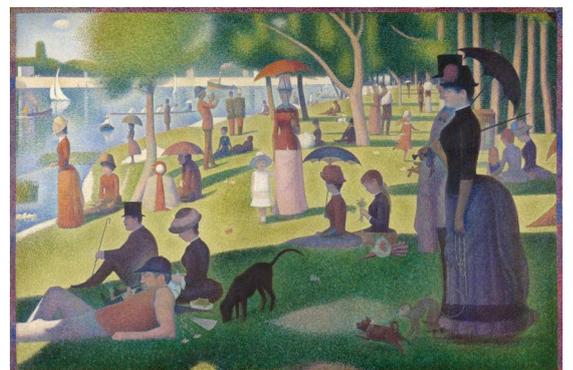
For all the things that have been written about the great Sun King, Louis XIV, he is best remembered for the creation of Versailles on the site of his father's old hunting lodge and which became the seat of French government, the setting for all grand court ceremonial and the envy of every other European monarch. This lecture will be an introduction to the sumptuous state apartments, the vast gardens and pleasure pavilions, the spectacular entertainments which take place both inside and out, the collections of the King and the whole etiquette of life at one of the greatest courts in Europe

June 5th 2023

Steven Barrett

Anatomy of a Masterpiece - Bathers at Asnieres by Georges Seurat

During the two years it took to complete, Seurat developed new colour theories and a novel technique - Pointillism - to capture the shimmering effects of sunlight on water, grass and in the air itself. This lecture looks at the painting in detail, explores Seurat's vision and ambition, his bold new ideas and contribution to the history of modern art.





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“Really great holiday camp. My son loved it! It was my first time using Camp Beaumont so I was a little nervous initially dropping him off, but needn't have worried, they had his details and the 'check in' was efficient and friendly and left me confident he was safe and well looked after.”

Bits for the kids:

We have over 50 activities* to make sure every day is different, and most of all, fun! Love sport? We have tennis, cricket, football, archery, badminton and dodgeball... you might even get to try Quidditch! Enjoy being creative? Try jewellery making or our clay workshops! Want something totally different? There's Superhero Academy and Spy School! Plus our very own Beaumont's Got Talent. You'll make new friends, try new things and make brilliant memories with us!

*Activities may vary depending on camps. Check our website for more details.

Stuff for the grown-ups:

- Our camps operate Monday-Friday between 8.30am to 5.30pm.
- 8am drop-off for Early Risers as well as a 6pm collection as an Extra Slice available. These can each be booked for £6 per session per day or both for £12 per day.
- **Payment options available.** You can pay a 20% deposit at the time of booking and the remaining balance just a week before camp.
- We accept tax-free childcare and childcare vouchers.
- Our camps are OFSTED registered.
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 bookings@campbeaumont.co.uk

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Spring Music 2023



Early Years Concert

Thursday 9th Feb - 2:45pm

Dining Room

Reception and Year 1.

Year 2 & 3 Concert

Thursday 16th March - 7pm

Dining Room

Years 2 & 3

Junior Chorus in Concert

Thursday 23rd March - 7pm

Main Hall

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 classes performances as well as
Junior Chorus

Brass/Woodwind Day

Wednesday 29th March 2023

Wetherby Senior School, London

Workshop for senior brass and wind players

Senior School Showcase

Thursday 30th March - 7pm

Dining Room

Years 7 - 11

Interhouse Music Competition

Friday 31st March - Afternoon

Main Hall

Years 5 - 13. Not open to public.





What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

HOW TO COMBAT ONLINE BULLYING



Defined as "ongoing hurtful behaviour towards someone online", cyber-bullying makes its victims feel upset, uncomfortable and unsafe. In the digital world, it has numerous forms – such as hurtful comments on a person's posts or profile; deliberately leaving them out of group chats; sharing embarrassing images or videos of someone; or spreading gossip about them. Cyber-bullying can severely impact a young person's mental health ... so, in support of Anti-Bullying Week, we've provided a list of tips to help trusted adults know what to look for and how to respond to it.



1. GET CONNECTED

Playing online games together with your child or connecting with them on social media (providing they're old enough) is not only fun but also an excellent way of establishing some common ground to discuss things you've both seen or done online – as well as keeping an eye on who your child is communicating with in the digital world.

2. KEEP TALKING

Regular chats with young people about their online lives are good practice in general, but they can also be an excellent refresher to help prevent cyber-bullying situations. Topics you might want to revisit include why it's important to only connect online with people we know and trust, and why passwords should always remain secret (even from our best friends).

3. STAY VIGILANT

Observe your child while they're using technology and just after they've used it. Are they acting normally, or out of character? Possible signs of a problem may include seeming quiet or withdrawn, jumpy or anxious, angry or repeatedly checking their phone. When you feel it's the right time, you may want to check in with them to see if everything is OK.

4. MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE

If an online bullying incident *does* occur, it may take a while before your child is ready to open up about what happened. Just gently remind them that they can always come to you with any problems – and that they won't be in trouble. You might also suggest a trusted family member they could turn to, in case they feel too embarrassed to tell you directly.

5. BE PREPARED TO LISTEN

When conversations about online bullying do take place, they're likely to be difficult, emotional and upsetting for both you and your child. Actively listen to your child while they're bringing you up to speed, and try not to show any judgement or criticism – even if they haven't dealt with the situation in exactly the way you would have hoped.

FURTHER SUPPORT AND ADVICE

If you or your child need additional help with an online bullying issue, here are some specialist organisations that you could reach out to.

Childline: talk to a trained counsellor on 0800 1111 or online at www.childline.org.uk/get-support/

National Bullying Helpline: counsellors are available on 0845 225 5787 or by visiting www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk/cyberbullying.html

The NSPCC: the children's charity has a guide to the signs of bullying at www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/ and can be reached on 0808 800 5000

6. EMPOWER YOUR CHILD

Depending on their age, your child might not want a parent 'fighting their battles for them'. In that case, talk through their options with them (blocking the perpetrator, deleting the app and so on). By allowing your child to choose the path they take, you're putting them in control but are also demonstrating that you're there to support them along the way.

7. REPORT BULLIES ONLINE

Cyber-bullying often takes place through a particular app, social media platform or online game. If this is happening to your child, encourage them to report the offender to the app or game in question – ideally with screenshots to support their complaint. Most games and apps have reporting tools specifically to stamp out abusive behaviour and protect users.

8. ENCOURAGE EMPATHY

Protecting themselves online is the priority, of course, but young people should also feel empowered to help if they witness other people falling victim to cyberbullying. Even if they don't feel confident enough to call someone out on their abusive behaviour online, they can still confidentially report that person to the app or game where the bullying occurred.

9. SEEK EXPERT ADVICE

Victims of online bullying frequently experience feelings of isolation and anxiety, a loss of self-esteem and potentially even thoughts of self-harm or suicide. If you think that an incident of cyber-bullying has affected your child's mental wellbeing, then seek psychological support for them. There are some useful contact details in the central panel below.

10. INVOLVE THE AUTHORITIES

If the nature of any online bullying makes you suspect that your child is genuinely in imminent physical danger – or if there are any signs whatsoever of explicit images being shared as part of the bullying – then you should gather any relevant screenshots as evidence and report the incidents to your local police force.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.





Attendance

The government expects all pupils to be at 96% and above. Whilst 90% may be good in tests, it is considered a serious concern for attendance.

<p>10 days absence over the whole year</p> <p>95%-100%</p> <p>Good Attendance</p> <p>Good chance of success and progress</p>	<p>19 days absence over the whole year</p> <p>90%-95%</p> <p>Worrying</p> <p>Less chance of success Harder to make progress</p>	<p>29 days absence over the whole year</p> <p>Under 90%</p> <p>Serious Concern</p> <p>Detrimental to success and progress</p>
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Punctuality is equally important....

Did you know... ?

- A child who is 10 minutes late misses 32 hours a year of lost education
- A child who misses 1 day a week loses 2 months a year of education
- Half a day a week missed throughout school life equates to 1 full year of lost education



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Who can you talk to in school?

If you need someone to talk to you about anything

you can talk to:

- Your form tutor
- Any teacher
- Our school counsellor
- A Member of Pastoral Team

Your Pastoral Team

Mrs Brooker
Deputy Headteacher
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Shields
Assistant Headteacher
Head of 6th Form



Mr Lubi
Head of Key Stage 3
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Restivo
Head of Key Stage 4



Mr Peck
Head of EYFS
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
(EYFS)



Ms Hoyles
Head of Key Stage 2
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
(KS2)



Ms Bateman
Head of Key Stage 1
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
(KS1)



Ms McCormack
School Counsellor



Or you can speak with someone from Kooth
(www.kooth.com) or childline (0800111111)



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SAFEGUARDING AND WELL-BEING INFORMATION

<https://www.bromleywell.org.uk/assets/documents/>

[emotional-wellbeing-factsheet](https://www.bromleywell.org.uk/assets/documents/emotional-wellbeing-factsheet)

<https://www.bromleywell.org.uk/assets/documents/>

[counselling-services](https://www.bromleywell.org.uk/assets/documents/counselling-services)

For help contact Bromley Well

 Freephone 0808 278 7898



spa@bromleywell.org.uk

Monday-Saturday 9am - 5pm

Mrs Brooker - Safeguarding Lead

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week B



Monday 23 January

- Whole School Assembly
8:45am - 9:00am Main Hall
- Year 9 Options Evening
5:00pm - 8:00pm Dining Hall

Tuesday 24 January

Wednesday 25 January

- Pre-Prep and Prep Assembly
8:45am - 9:00am Main Hall
- 7+ Scholarship Exams
9:00am - 12:00pm Prep School
- First Reconciliation
4:00pm Chapel

Thursday 26 January

- Year 7 & 8 Mass
8:45am - 9:30am Chapel
- Year 11 Sixth Form Experience Day (Internal and External Candidates)
9:00pm - 5:30pm Main Hall
- Sixth Form Information Evening (Internal and External Candidates)
3:45pm - 4:45pm Main Hall

Friday 27 January

- Movie Night Party—Pyjamas and Popcorn
5:15am - 7:30am Dining Hall

