



Bishop Challoner News

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From the Headteacher...

Well done to Ebun, Adam, Eleanor and Francesca who received commendations on Monday for excellence in physics. It is always enjoyable to see the work that the children have been doing and Headteacher commendations allow children to meet with me to talk about their achievements both in and outside the classroom.

I have been meeting with small groups of Year 9 pupils to find out how the term has been progressing and I certainly appreciate their company. We have discussed the importance of choosing the right GCSE subjects and to consider subjects that they particularly enjoy. The Year 9 Parents' Evening/ Options Evening takes place next Wednesday and I hope that this will allow you the opportunity together with your son or daughter to discuss in more detail the options available.

Next week many of our Year 8 pupils will be put through their paces as they have opted to take the 13+ scholarship assessments in English, mathematics, French and science. We wish them all the very best.

The rehearsals for the production of Grease are well underway and pupils will be attending a rehearsal tomorrow. Tickets for the production will be on sale from Mrs Black in the reception area on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings each week between 8.30 and 9.00am. Ticket purchases will also be available in the library during Junior homework club after school. Please note that tickets will not be available for purchase from the school office.



Finally, may I thank parents who are taking the time to recommend Bishop Challoner to family and friends. Having interviewed so many prospective children with their parents for 11+, whom I meet each week, it is noticeable that many have been directed towards the school in this way and I am grateful for your continued support.



Paula Anderson – Headteacher
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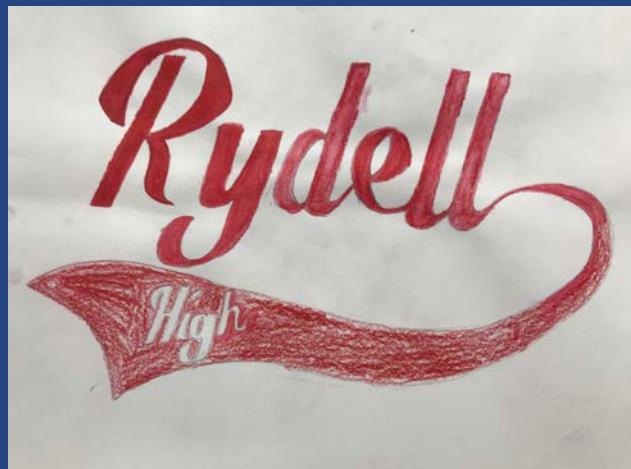
Mission Statement

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

Senior Art Club



Pupils who attend the Senior Art Club are working on a range of different projects. One group of Year 8 pupils are using their illustration skills to make a picture book aimed at younger children. They have learnt about storyboards, narrative, long-shots and close-ups and are currently drawing the final pictures to be included in the book. Watch this space for further updates.

Another group of Year 9 pupils have drawn some designs for the scenery and backdrop for the production, "Grease". We can look forward to seeing some of their designs on the stage later this term.

Mr Coulart - Head of Art



SENIOR NEWS SPORT

After a long break for Christmas, the Year 10 netball team resumed their season with a tough fixture against previous borough champions, Haberdashers' Aske's Knights Academy. The girls began on fire racing into a 2-0 lead. However, some strong play from Knights Academy levelled the match. The balance of play continued to sway between both teams before Knights eventually came out on top 12-8. Ms Hoyles agreed with me that it was the team's best performance of the year and there was some amazing shooting from Latoya, who hardly missed a shot. Two more games before half term and I know the girls are eager to get back to winning ways.

Mr Oliver – Director of Sport

Astronomy Roadshow – To infinity and beyond!



As part of our learning in science, we arranged for The Astronomy Roadshow, a mobile planetarium, to visit school on Monday.

The Workshop was delivered to pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 5 and presentations covered explanations of night

and day, earth and moon systems, eclipses and much more. It was a very exciting and interesting morning for the children and all had fun.

Mr Peck - Reception Class Teacher



JUNIOR STARS

Rec - Tioluwani - Superb knowledge of The Creation story in RE.

Year 1 - Alexander - Working extremely hard in Maths.

Year 2 - Riya - For lovely writing.

Year 3 - Myles - A wonderful influence in the classroom.

Year 4 - Gabriel - For working incredibly hard, especially in Maths.

Year 5 - Kaela - For sharing a wonderful topic homework.

6A- Vittorio - Working hard and achieving excellent spellings.

6&- Ilakkiya - A fantastic description of Diagon Alley.

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

Ms Barker - Head of KS1 and KS2

Chinese New Year

The children in the Nursery have been really enjoying learning about Chinese New Year this week. Ms Scicluna told them the story of the race during our EYFS assembly and they have been acting out the story using animal masks. We have been making lanterns; using our listening skills to follow instructions and our scissor skills to cut in straight lines. They are 'Rat Lanterns', because we are celebrating the Year of the Rat. The children have also been making red shakers, ready for a Chinese New Year Procession in our outdoor area. We have tasted noodles and danced with scarves to Chinese music. We have used chopsticks to transfers noodles to pots and bowls. Some of our parents have also kindly sent in books for us to read, and we have 2 lucky Chinese mice on our Nursery door to bring us good fortune. We have had a really fun week and learnt about an important festival in Chinese culture.

The children and staff in the Nursery would like to wish everyone a very happy Chinese New Year. Kung Hey Fat Choy!

Mrs Bateman - EAL Co-ordinator, Nursery Practitioner



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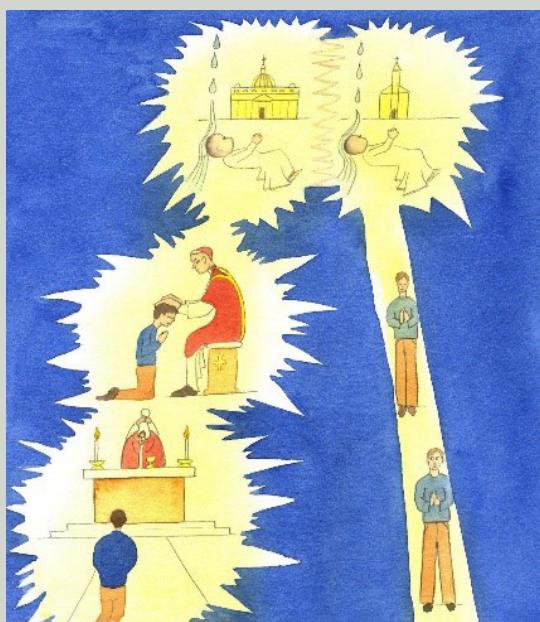


We are delighted to have six candidates for First Holy Communion this year: Eva, Aidan, Harry, Ryan, Matthew and Myles. Our first session took place on 22nd January and we spoke about God's love for us and the special blessings we received during Baptism. Our parents chose Baptism for us, as they wanted us to have the best start in life, as members of God's family. We considered how we are now invited to a deeper relationship with Jesus through Holy Communion.

We spoke about the Sacrament of Reconciliation which will help us to prepare for our First Holy Communion. We considered how God loves us and wants us to be happy and

how sin damages our relationship with God. We thought about God's mercy and how the Sacrament of Reconciliation takes away our sins and any obstacles between us and God, fully restoring our friendship. Please remember to pray for our candidates as they embark upon this new chapter of their faith.

Mr Lohan - Chaplain and Mr FitzGerald - Year 3 Class Teacher



On Tuesday, 21st January we had our Induction Mass at St Edmund's for seven Confirmation candidates: Samuel, Beau, Louis, Max, Isaac, Daniel and Nathan. In total there are 45 Confirmandee this year. We were pleased to be able to join the community at St Edmund's for the Induction Mass. We will be preparing for Confirmation each Thursday after school and are looking forward to the Confirmation Mass in June. Please remember to pray for our pupils, at this very important time in their lives, as they prepare to receive the Holy Spirit and renew their commitment to God as young adults.

Mr Lohan - Chaplain

SENIOR CAREERS

For the second year running the Catholic Youth Ministry for the Bromley Deanery will be holding a careers fair. Students from Bishop Challoner have been invited to attend. Present at the fair will be representation by current and former professionals from industries and organisations such as: Barclays Bank, National Grid, HSBC, London School of Economics, Metropolitan Police, & NHS, as well as teachers, university undergraduates and engineers. Representatives from civil engineering, music, physiotherapy, chartered surveyors and software engineering (VR Development) will also be present.

Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in 'mock interviews' and receive feedback, get one-to-one careers advice, and learn the best hints and tips on how to craft their CV's to industry standard from adults who currently act as professional mentors and regularly sit on interview panels for their respective companies.

This event is aimed at students from Year 10 upwards studying for GCSEs or A levels.

CYM: FIND YOUR NEXT GREAT OPPORTUNITY

CAREER FAIR

Saturday 8th Feb 2020

11.30pm-2pm St James the Great Church, 283 Crescent Dr, Orpington BR5 1AY

Careers Advice, Interview training with industry experts, Mentors, CV assistance, Information & Guidance, Teaching, NHS, Finance, Economics, Engineering, Vocations, Met. Police & more....

Come join us and find your next great opportunity.

Register for your free ticket: <https://cymcareerfair.eventbrite.co.uk>

Tickets are free but need to be booked in advance to aid planning : <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cym-careers-fair-tickets-44444041324?aff=erelexpmilt> or by visiting the Bromley Deanery website: <http://www.bromleydeanery.org/career-fair-08-02-2020/>

Please contact Mrs Shields for any further details rshields@bcsweb.co.uk



ONE LAST THING...

Safeguarding

Are you a "sharent"?

A recent report stated that 42% of parents share photos of their children online.

The internet can provide fantastic tools for sharing special moments from your child's early years with family and friends. And online parenting forums, networks and blogs often provide valuable support and reassurance through parenting's ups and downs.

But before you share, give thought to exactly who can see photos and comments featuring your child, and how this online footprint might affect your child in years to come.

If you would like further information on what to consider before sharing online, please visit https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Sharing-pictures-of-your-children?dm_i=JAQ,6N3M4,RN9PDE,QLN31,1

Mrs Woolaway - Designated Safeguarding Lead

BISHOP CHALLONER SCHOOL
presents

GREASE®
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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

[SEE FULL CALENDAR](#)

Monday
27 JANUARY

- 13+ Scholarship Examination (Paper 1)
9.00am

Wednesday
29 JANUARY

- Year 9 Parents' / Options evening, 5.30pm

Friday
31 JANUARY

- 13+ Scholarship Examination (Paper 2)
9.00am
- Year 9 Mass, 9.00am

