



# Bishop Challoner News

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## From the Headteacher...

Year 11 received their mock examination results this afternoon. There will be a further opportunity to feed back at the Year 11 Parents' Evening on the 5th February. In addition, I have sent out letters to all Year 11 parents. Congratulations on some excellent results.

**Thank you to the parents who have emailed me relaying positive feedback from the recent Year 7 Parents' Evening. Your cooperation in using our new appointment card system was much appreciated. I hope that the information the class teachers shared with you about your son or daughter has proved helpful in supporting them on their educational journey.**

I will be sending out the 11+ offers very soon and writing to those who have applied for the Sport and Music Scholarships. Arrangements have been put in place for the auditions. The 13+ assessments are planned for the morning of 28th January and 1st February, followed by an interview on the 4th February. The applications for other 13+ scholarships have been excellent and further details will follow in due course.

We are looking forward to discussing the options available at Bishop Challoner in Year 10 on Monday next week and this is also an opportunity for Year 9 parents to discuss the progress of your son or daughter with the subject teachers.



Please remember to purchase your tickets for the Wizard of Oz from the school office. We will soon be opening up ticket sales to the wider community and we will not be able to guarantee a seat on the night without prior bookings.

Please may I remind parents that it is school policy to not administer non-prescribed medications that are not part of a health plan or under the doctors instruction. Recently we have had requests particularly in EYFS for staff to administer medicines.

I am delighted to inform you that in addition to the Headteacher and Nursery Twitter, the Junior Department have now got a Twitter page of their own. We would like to encourage you to follow our news: @ChallonerJunio1

**@CHALLONERJUNIO1**

I know the PTA have organised the Salsa evening tonight and I hope you enjoy the experience!



**Paula Anderson – Headteacher**  
@Challoner\_head



# Year 9 visit Tate Modern

On Tuesday 22nd January the Art Department took all Year 9 students to Tate Modern. This enormous gallery, in a former power station, is London's second most visited attraction and it houses a collection of international modern and contemporary art.

Our pupils were there to experience the ambiance of such a place and, expressly, to study works for two forthcoming projects. Prior to the trip they had prepared sketchbooks and been taught about the features of Pop Art. In the gallery they busied themselves finding suitable paintings and sculptures. Highlights were the ever popular "Whaam!" by the American Roy Lichtenstein and a tower of radios called "Babel" by Cildo Meireles. Robert Indiana's iconic



sculpture, "Love" was also keenly observed.

The pupils were engaged and conducted themselves admirably and Miss Holley and Mrs Saul, who accompanied us, were full of praise for their efforts and good behaviour.

We look forward to the work that will be produced, over the next term, in response to the visit.

Mr Coultart – Art Teacher

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# Roman Roads

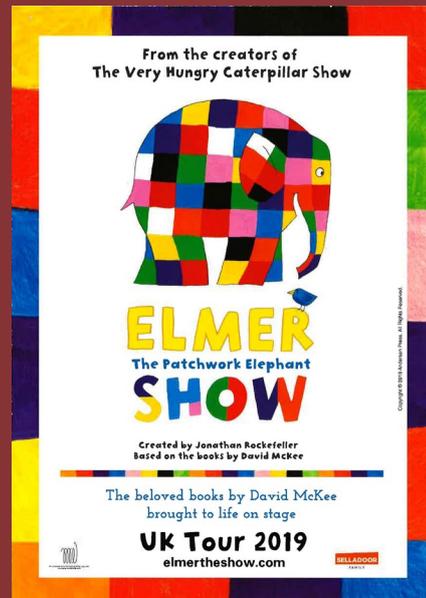
In Key Stage 4 we have been studying Latin stories featuring journeys around the Roman province of Britannia. As part of our course this week we recreated the construction of Roman roads using food items - can you spot which biscuits and sweets were involved? We decided that we felt grateful that all the real Roman roads were not made out of custard....

Mrs Newbould – Latin Teacher



# Elmer the Patchwork Elephant Show

On Friday 18th January, Reception class and Year 1 went to see Elmer the Patchwork Elephant Show, a wonderful stage show at the Churchill Theatre.



The show is a celebration of individuality and laughter, based on the classic children's book series by David McKee that celebrates its thirtieth birthday this year.

Elephants, as everyone knows, are big, have trunks and many are grey. Elmer, however, is a patchwork of brilliant colours. Elmer's fun-loving and cheerful personality kept everyone in a playful mood, until

Mrs L Hickman - Year 1 Teacher

Elmer got tired of being different and tried to blend in with the herd.

The show's subtle message is it is always best to be yourself. The vibrant colour and cheeky humour of the main character made Elmer a wonderful show to watch.



Miss Prieto - Year 6 teacher

## Year 6 3D Models

Year 6 pupils have been studying Mountains in Geography this term. They have learnt about the various mountains around the world as well as geographical features of them. They have watched a video clip about the temperature changes the further up a mountain they go. Pupils were asked to design their own 3D model of a mountain and produced some excellent work, including Lego and home crafted models using papier mache, polystyrene, card and paints. An impressive and varied array of models were produced by year 6 pupils. Clearly a great deal of effort and imagination was put into this work. An excellent effort!



# Forest School

It has been a very wintery start to the new term at Forest School. The children have been learning all about helping our feathered friends through the colder months. We made some bird food using lard, apples and rice which we hung in the trees

The beauty of Forest School is that children get to experience our local wildlife first hand. We had lots of robin visitors this week, and the nursery pupils were fascinated to watch them fly about and explore our Forest School.

This weekend is the RSPB's annual Bird Garden Birdwatch. You can take part in your own garden or park, where you have to count how many different birds you can see in one hour. The Nursery children shall be carrying out their Forest School Birdwatch on



Monday, with the results going to the RSPB. There is still chance to sign up and take part in this valuable survey. If you are interested, please go to

[www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk)  
and follow the instructions.

We shall let you know the results of our exciting Birdwatch very soon.



## NURSERY TIP

# Warm Clothing

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to all parents and carers for ensuring that the Nursery children have all their extra clothing layers for this cold period at Forest School. It means the children can extend their learning times outside whilst staying warm and dry. Thank you.

Mrs Coates - Forest School Leader



# Gresham College Lectures



Gresham College London are once again offering a series of free lectures.

These lectures are valuable to students making career and university decisions in the sixth form, and as part of their 'stretch and challenge' objectives. The programme this year includes: Astronomy, Business, English, Environment, History, IT, Law, Maths, Medicine, Music and Religion/Belief.

Most of these lectures are held in the Museum of

London which is situated on London Wall (EC2) at the junction with Aldgate Street. The entrance is on a pedestrian high walk which can be reached by stairs, escalator or lift. It is a short walk from City Thames Link train station or Barbican St Paul's and Moorgate tube stations.

Mr Bryson – Head of Sixth Form



## Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award

All students in Year 12 have decided to take on the challenge of the Silver Duke of Edinburgh's award.

The Silver award is made up of 4 areas; Volunteering, Physical, Skills and Expedition. Each of these areas will be assessed resulting in students gaining a nationally recognised qualification that can use on CVs and UCAS application. It is about pushing students beyond their comfort zones.



## CHAPLAINCY

# First Holy Communion

We are delighted to have thirteen candidates for First Holy Communion this year.

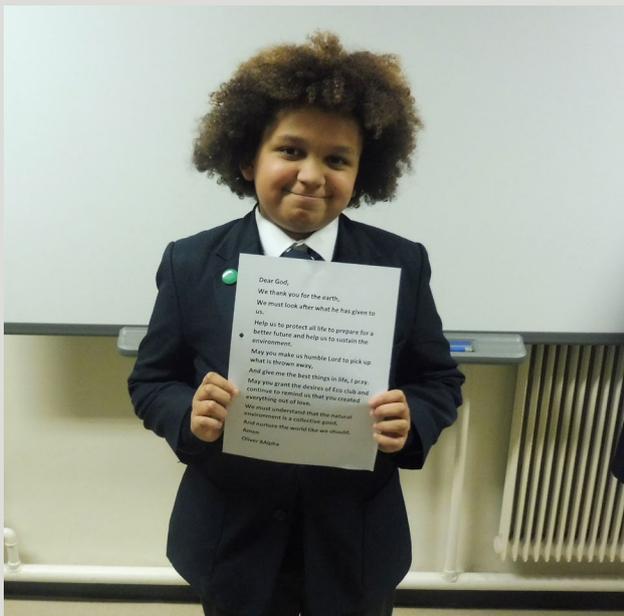
Our first session took place in the Chapel yesterday. We considered the importance of having a Sacred space and the different ways that God communicates with us through the Sacraments. Particularly the Sacrament of Holy Communion (the Eucharist), which is the most profound expression of God's love and his desire to be united with us. Please remember to pray for our candidates as they embark upon this new chapter of their faith and relationship with God.

**Mr Lohan and Mr FitzGerald**



Please pray for us!

Alfonso Aida Cillian Matthew Bea  
Gabriel Ayden Cecilia Anwen Bronte  
Theo Louis Megan



**Miss Ruston - Science Technician**

## EXTRA CURRICULAR

# Eco Club Prayer

This week in Eco Club pupils researched and wrote prayers based on the world and environment around us. The prayers were typed up and put in a folder to be judged by Mrs Shields and Mrs Woolaway. The prayers will be alternated and read at the start of each Eco Club. We also added a scripture to our Eco-board and Eco classroom (lab 1) which encourages us to look after our planet.

The winner of the Eco-prayer writing competition was : Oliver Year 8, who will be receiving a voucher, and his prayer will be put on display; Louis/Josh achieved second place and Yasmin third place.

Thank you Eco Club members for all your hard work; we are well on our way to our silver award.



# Maths Reviews:

## Abandoned Engineering and Impossible Engineering

In this article, the documentary series 'Impossible Engineering' will be reviewed, showing on digital channel, Yesterday TV, (and on other platforms). Behind all the buildings that mankind has created, there has always been ingenuity and creativity, along with applications from Science and Mathematics to create buildings or machinery that have had a significant impact on the world stage.

This series looks at projects that are currently taking place or completed relatively recently. One such project is the HMS Queen Elizabeth, which will be the flagship for the Royal Navy. This ship is the largest and most technological advanced ship ever built in the United Kingdom. The statistics for this magnificent battleship are simply mind-blowing, it will be 280 meters long, a deck area of 1.6 hectares and will be able to carry 40 aircraft, including the F-35 Lightning fighter-bomber.

When creating the HMS Queen Elizabeth, the engineers have had a multitude of problems to solve, such as how to ensure that the aircraft can take off safely and efficiently, while minimizing the length of runway required. To solve these problems, the engineers have had to delve back into the past for solutions and adapt these for the modern era.

Another episode looks at the Rio-Antirrio Bridge in Greece. This magnificent bridge spans almost three kilometers, and drastically improves access from the Peloponnese. There are two lanes in each direction, an emergency lane and a pedestrian walkway. The bridge is considered to be an engineering masterpiece due to the seismic activity, the possibility of tsunamis and the conditions of the straits in the environment where the bridge is built. Due to these conditions, special construction techniques had to be applied. This bridge shows how creative you can be when applying mathematical and scientific concepts to develop solutions to such challenging engineering problems. Other episodes look at spacecraft, the 632 meter Shanghai Tower and the super-fast MagLev train.

**This is a fantastic series that looks at modern engineering problems, and how solutions in the past have been applied to modern day engineering marvels.**

**DR SAMUEL**



### NOTICES

## PTA Junior Disco

The PTA would like to thank the children, parents and staff that attended the Junior Disco last Friday. The children looked amazing in their party outfits and a great time was had by all.

The PTA value your support and trust we can count on you for future events.



## ONE LAST THING...

### Safeguarding Essentials

Bishop Challoner is committed to promoting the safety and welfare of all our pupils. Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please report them immediately to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), Mrs S Woolaway, or the Deputy DSL, Ms A Barker.

This week our safeguarding focus is on safe use of social networks. This link provides useful information for parents to ensure the content accessed is age appropriate.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/safety-tools-social-networks-and-other-online-services>

**A reminder that the NSPCC Sponsored Danceathon event will take place next Wednesday.** Junior School children will be dancing for the last 5 minutes of each lesson throughout the school day to raise money for the NSPCC. Children should wear their uniform, but also wear something green to match the NSPCC colours. Please return sponsor forms to school by Friday 1st Feb.

**Polite Reminder:** No Nuts or nut products allowed in school.

**For your diary:** Junior Multi-sports club will be starting on Friday 8th February between 3.30-4.30pm



**Bishop Challoner School**  
Presents  
**THE WIZARD of OZ**

*In the Main Hall*  
**Wednesday 6th February 2019 at 7.00pm**  
**Thursday 7th February at 7.00pm**  
**Friday 8th February at 7.00pm**

**Tickets available from the School Office**  
**£10.00 adults and £6.00 concession**

by arrangement with MusicScope and Stage Musicals Ltd of New York.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

 [SEE FULL CALENDAR](#)

### Monday

#### 28 JANUARY

- 13+ Scholarship Examination Paper 1
- Y9 Parents'/Options Evening

### Wednesday

#### 30 JANUARY

- Community Mass
- Senior Pupil Voice
- Senior Information evening, 6.45pm

### Friday

#### 1 FEBRUARY

- Y9 Mass
- 13+ Scholarship Examination Paper 2
- Nursey-Y2 Perform Drama Workshop

### Saturday

#### 2 FEBRUARY

- Wizard of Oz Band Call
- Wizard of Oz Rehearsal Principals

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