



From The Head Teacher....

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the school year draws to a close, I wanted to thank the whole school community for your support over a busy and fulfilling school year. It really has been a wonderful first year at the helm, and I have appreciated very much your support to me personally.

As the world still navigates its way through a global pandemic, it is sometimes easy to forget that this is the first school year completed together, in person, in its entirety in the last three academic years. Thank you to our wonderful pupils who have achieved so much this year and thank you to my colleagues for all their hard work and dedication - it is appreciated so much.

The end of an academic year is always one of mixed emotions: excitement that the holidays are about to begin, tinged with sadness at having to say goodbye to colleagues and pupils who have been part of our community for some time.

There has been much to celebrate and be in awe of this year, including 17 of our athletes reaching the ISA National School Athletics Finals, the production of *Jesus Christ Superstar*, our Jubilee Party Celebrations, and the fabulous musical concerts across all age groups. There are the wide variety of successes in girls' and boys' sport, both team and individual, as well as Bishop Challoner continuing to be recognised by the ISA as one of the leading school providers of pupil leadership qualifications, such as Digital Leadership and Sports Leadership.

This is just the tip of the surface. However, it reminds us all of how engaged and involved our pupils are and the opportunities they are presented with.





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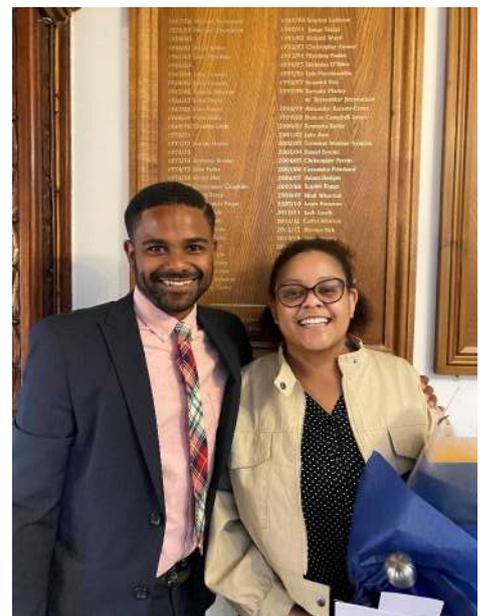
I thoroughly enjoyed the school’s Senior and Preparatory Prize Giving events over the past week. My sincerest thanks to Mr Andrew Bailey and Mr Bradley Pritchard for being our special guests, who were accompanied to the events by Alumni Sam Bailey and Cassie Pritchard.



This last week of term has been a perfect example of how engaged our pupils have been with the opportunities presented to them. This week has been *ArtsFest Week*, a week in which we have tried new things (steel pan playing, hip hop dancing, graffiti art and samba music to name a few) and celebrated collaborative working in our Houses through Music, Drama and an Environmental Challenge. Congratulations to St Michael for winning the House Music and St Patrick for winning the House Drama and House Challenge competitions this week.

This means that our HOUSE CHAMPIONS for 2021-22 are ST EDMUND. This was announced at after Mass this morning by Mr Peck, who has led the house competition this year magnificently.

For the House Music we were very fortunate to have Mr Shenton Dixon, formerly of East Enders, judging the event and for our House Challenge we ran the competition in the form of a *Dragon’s Den* style format. Thank you to our ‘Dragons’ – Ticky Colling (Chair of Trustees), David Rolls (School Bursar), Mark Dempsey (former parent), Mark Blackett (current parent) and Ferah Gurses (current parent) – for their time and patience.





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Other very memorable events that have taken place this week have been our Key Stage 1 & EYFS Graduation, a lovely occasion held on the school's front lawn. And concluding our Arts week in a memorable way was our end of term concert last night, where our Key Stage 2 and 3 pupils were able to perform with the *West Kent Big Band*, a 14-piece Jazz Band run by Mr Kent-Davies. A super night of singing, chorus and big band music! And our ice cream van to finish the school year was a nice (and delicious!) surprise, I hope, for our community.

All of this does not just happen and to make this possible, it is down to an extremely hard-working staff and pupil body.

At this time of year we say farewell and a huge thank you to colleagues moving on from the Bishop Challoner community.

Ms Dias de Brito leaves us following two terms teaching French in the Modern Language Department. She is moving to The Charter School, Dulwich where she will complete her Careers Teaching qualification. Dr Marcin Sufin will be moving to Cooper School to continue to teach Physics. Mr Lindsay Merrony will be retiring from teaching and moving to Harrogate.

Ms Rachel Patience will be moving to The Weald School, Kent to teach Religious Education after six years' service.

Mrs Fatma Miotti will be leaving education to develop her Yoga, Wellness and Coaching business after 20 years in education, 10 of these leading the English Department at BCS.

Ms Rachael Holley leaves to take up the Head of History role at Kew House School following 10 years at BCS where she has been History lead and in charge of our Gifted and Talented programme.

Mrs Jan Murphy retires following eighteen and a half years working in Early Years and giving our youngest pupils the best start in their educational pathways.

We wish them all the very best as they move on from Bishop Challoner and our sincerest thanks for everything they have done for our school community.

New staff joining in September will be Mrs Deborah Cutting, Head of English, Miss Jenay Pinnock, Teacher of English, Mr Patrick Jellow, Business Studies and Economics Teacher (and Key Stage 3 Science and Maths), Mr Joseph Dennehy, Teacher of History and Ms Stella Zimbiti, EYFS Practitioner.

I am sure you will make them all warmly welcome when you meet with them in September. They are very much looking forward to working at Bishop Challoner, and indeed, Ms Zimbiti is already a parent here, so already knows the school very well!



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This will be a busy summer for resource and facility development. The following works will be implemented:

Our hard courts are being upgraded to multi-sport Astroturf surfaces

We are installing a new boiler system which will be more robust, environmentally friendly and more energy proficient

New carpets will be installed throughout the Senior School

Classroom decorating will be carried out throughout the whole school, including Early Years

Satchel, formerly known as Show My Homework, a homework application, will be launched at the beginning of September

From September a sibling discount will be introduced at the school and details of this will appear on the school website. As well, from September we will be launching a Parent Pupil Referral Scheme. More details to follow on this.

And so a final reflection from this school year.....

- We can deal with and adapt to a lot more than we thought, even though it is very challenging and tiring to do so;
- We have learned that support networks are even more valuable when you are dealing with high levels of uncertainty;

And, hopefully, we have been reminded of what we already knew - that it is an absolute privilege to work in this wonderful school community.

Thank you for all the support you have given to Bishop Challoner School over the course of this academic year. The school is a joy to lead, and I would like to wish you all an enjoyable and restful summer.

I look forward to seeing everyone once more in September ready for the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead next year.

With my very best wishes
Mark



Mark Wallace – Headteacher
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Junior News

What a busy and exciting final week of term we have enjoyed. Thank you to all who attended our Pre-Prep Graduation and of course our Prep School Prize Giving.

The children really have been outstanding over the past year. They have all worked hard and I'm sure they are ready for a long and exciting summer break.

Stars of the Week

27th June 2022

Reception	Whole class for an amazing assembly. Nathan for his effort in literacy.
Year 1	Clara for her excellent attitude to learning and for being a kind, caring member of the class.
Year 2	Emma for her wonderful creative ideas in English this week.
Year 3	Anastasia for excellent effort in all subject areas.
Year 4	Bella for such a positive attitude towards everything, especially the school trip.
Year 5	Myles for interesting and creative art on his Geography title page.
Year 6	Matthew for his continuous politeness to all staff and pupils. He has been exceptional this term.

Thank you for your continued support and good wishes. I hope you too manage to enjoy a restful break!

Very best wishes

Ms Barker



Nursery News



Thank you very much to the wonderful parents in the EYFS. The children have loved listening to Joy's mum reading stories in French and playing Rugby on the field with Dominic's Dad. You are amazing!

Ms Scicluna, Named 2nd EYFS Practitioner

Happy Retirement Mrs Murphy

Mrs Murphy has dedicated over eighteen years of her life to Bishop Challoner School. As described by one of the Nursery children: "Retiring is going out for coffee!"

Happy Retirement Mrs Murphy! Have lots of fun and we will miss you.

The EYFS Team x





Wrap Around Care

We gave the children some modelling clay and chairs, blankets, and cushions at the club and let their creativity be expressed.



Clay frogs, girls and even a whale and a snail, to triple level bunk bed with sofa and wall hanging too.

Thank you all for making the club such fun for the Wraparound Team.

Have a wonderful Summer!



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Senior News

Art Room



On Thursday 23rd June we took some art pieces to West Lodge School for the annual London South Region ISA Art Competition Exhibition. It is the first time it has been held "in-person" for 2 years, so it was terrific to see work from our school hanging beside pieces from other schools. The beauty of the show is to view the charming work of Nursery children all the way up to A-Level students completing the most intricate, highly skilled images.

We had entrants in most of the categories and, whilst there was some disappointment that the J5 group portrait did not win anything, we did receive "Highly Commended" for George S in the Key Stage 2 2D Art category and for Millie B in Key Stage 4 2D Art. We had a winner, for Emily Best in the Key Stage 4 and 5 sketchbook section.



Mr Coultart - Art Department



Senior News

Senior Sports

This year's Duke of Edinburgh cohort had their final expedition last weekend. The group set off early on Friday to travel to Ashdown Forest in East Sussex. The pupils spent the weekend developing their independence by navigating through the forest, cooking and setting up their tents. The pupils really took to the challenge of being self-reliant and had clearly learned some valuable lessons from their training and practice expedition earlier in the year. Despite the different weather conditions, including a downpour on the first night, the students perceived and showed some great resilience and despite some tiredness, all the pupils made it back to their final destination without getting lost! In contrast to the questionable singing on the minibus for the journey to Ashdown Forest, the vast majority of pupils used the journey back to catch up on some additional sleep!



Please continue to complete the physical, skill and volunteering sections of your programme so that you can complete the whole award and I can start handing out certificates.



Mr Oliver - Director of Sport



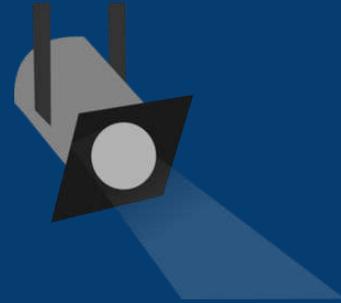
Club News

Highlights of Dr Who Science Club





KS3 Spotlight



Dear Parents of Key Stage 3 pupils and pupils of Key Stage 3,

What a year it has been for everyone in the cohort. Many of us have achieved excellent academic excellence and fantastic personal achievements. I just want to highlight the momentous achievements that the cohort has made.

Year 7

With the majority of pupils being new to the senior school, it was very pleasing to see that all pupils bonded well. I can definitely see long lasting friendships within this cohort. The Netball and Football team achieved excellent sporting success where the teams have won in regional and national competitions. Congratulations to all pupils in Year 7 for a great year, I look forward to seeing you all in Year 8.

Year 8:

It was a pleasure seeing the Year 8 pupils progress and develop their academic skills. I am pleased with the sporting achievements the cohort has achieved, as well as the successes that LAMBDA students had in their recent examinations. I would also like to highlight that all pupils in Year 8 have made their first major decision in what they want to do in their life after Bishop Challoner. Pupils in Year 8 were given options to decide what subjects they wanted to take forward to year 9. The aim of this is to aid the pupils in Year 8 to make more informed choices for their GCSE choices next academic year.

Year 9:

It has been pleasing seeing the pupils in Year 9 grow and develop in both personal achievements and academically. With myself being their first ever senior form tutor to now their Head Of Section it was a pleasure being a part of their amazing journey. The pupils in this cohort have bonded well and have built forever lasting friendships. I wish them well for their GCSE courses next year.

One more thing before I sign off, just a thank you to you as parents for supporting your son/daughter, their subject teachers, their form tutors and myself as their Head of Key Stage this academic year. We all have one common goal here, which is the safety and success of every pupil here at Bishop Challoner.

Have a wonderful summer holiday.

Mr Lubi—Head of KS3



Art Fest and Year 6 Leavers' Photos



Message for Pupils and Parents

I am creating a board in my office to make everyone smile called PET PALS. I was wondering if any families have a photograph that they would share for the board of a loved pet. No names, no children, just loved animals.

Please send any contributions to me on vbastin@bcswb.co.uk as an attachment so that I can start creating it over the summer.

Have a lovely time with your pets everyone!

Mrs Bastin



Notice Board

100% LAMDA SUCCESS

Well done to LAMDA pupils who *all* passed and achieved highly in their LAMDA exams. These were the best results ever for Bishop Challoner. The exceptional outcomes reflect the hard work, dedication and talent of pupils across the school. It is a real challenge to be marked by an external examiner on performance skills. Most adults would be very nervous about taking on such a task. Our pupils embraced the challenge, and the results reflect their tenacity and creativity!

LAMDA classes will be back in September. If you are interested in taking up this opportunity to develop communication skills, do get in touch. LAMDA can be used in UCAS statements and there is a lot of evidence to suggest that universities are keen to see effective communication skills from candidates applying for all courses.

If you have any questions, do get in touch.

Alison Rogers

LAMDA

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SAFEGUARDING AND WELL-BEING INFORMATION

Online counselling support for pupils

<https://www.kooth.com>

Support for parents | NSPCC

Parenting can be rewarding, but it can also be challenging. This is a Positive Parenting guide shares practical advice.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>

Coping with your teenager - NHS

Many parents find their teenager's behaviour challenging. Teenagers' behaviour can be baffling, stressful, hurtful and often worrying.

<https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/children-and-young-adults/advice-for-parents/cope-with-your-teenager/>

Parenting teenagers | Relate

Here you'll find lots of practical advice on how to deal with common teen issues. If you have any questions, our counsellors are here to help.

www.relate.org.uk <https://www.relate.org.uk/relationship-help/help-family-life-and-parenting/>

Information, training and support for parents and carers

Being a parent can be a joy. It should be a joy. And it often is. But when your child is suffering, parenthood can be a tough, lonely and frightening place.

<https://charliewaller.org/what-we-do/for-parents>

Young Minds Charity

Young Minds are a charity that provides information and advice to young people, and parents and carers.

[YoungMinds - children and young people's mental health charity - YoungMinds](https://www.youngminds.org.uk/)

Designated Safeguarding Lead - Mrs Kate Brooker

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Thursday 18 August

- A level Exam Results

Thursday 25 August

- Thursday 25 August GCSE Exam Results

Friday 2 September

- Year 7 & 12 Pupil Induction Day
All Day On Site

Week A

Monday 5 September

- Whole School Returns
8:35am
- Whole School Assembly
8:45am Main Hall
- Reception to Year 6 CEM Tests
8:45am Main Hall

Tuesday 6th September

- Whole School Welcome Assembly
8:45am Main Hall

Wednesday 7th September

- Pre-Prep and Prep Assembly
8:45am Main Hall

Friday 9th September

- ALIS Assessments Year 12



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



Ms Barker
Head of KS1/KS2
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Shields
Assistant Headteacher
Head of KS5



Mr Peck
Head of EYFS



Mr Lubi
Head of KS3



Mrs Restivo
Head of KS4



Ms McCormack
School Counsellor



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



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