



Summer Bulletin

July 2016

Headmaster's Message

The last few weeks have been a whirlwind of activity – awards assemblies, sports day, Key Stage 3 graduation, activities day, fun day, summer concert, Shakespeare at the Rose, social functions, Duke of Edinburgh bronze and silver expeditions, preparing end of year reports and timetables for the new school year. I am amazed that we have managed to squeeze it all in. As I look around the staffroom and chat to students it is evident that everyone is ready for a holiday.

Friends who are not teachers often enviously comment that we (teachers) are so lucky to get such long holidays but then frown at the suggestion that they could become teachers and thereby get the same holidays! The reality is that teachers and pupils need this time to relax, unwind and replenish their energy levels. I can't speak for all schools, but I know how much gets packed into the year at Challoner and everyone definitely deserves the long summer break.

My message to all our students (and staff) is to make sure you use the time in a worthwhile manner. What I mean by this is take time to daydream, to read a good novel, to spend time with family and friends, to forget about school, academia and work for a while. Find some time and space to free up your mind and really relax.

Even Jesus took himself away from the crowd to be on his own or with his closest friends from time to time. Soon enough we will be gearing up for a new school year and the whirlwind will start again.

With my grateful thanks to everyone in our community for your efforts and support this year.

Have a peaceful summer,

Sean Maher

KEY DATES

Wednesday 13th July	Summer term ends (Students dismissed at 12.40)
Thursday 14th July – Thursday 21st July	Choir Tour Barcelona
Thursday 18th August	A2/AS Results Day
Thursday 25th August	GCSE Results Day
Monday 5th September	Staff Inset Day
Tuesday 6th September	Staff Inset Day
Wednesday 7th September	Year 7 in school & Year 12/13 Enrolment/Induction
Thursday 8th September	School open for Years 7 - 11
Monday 12th September	Sixth Form start lessons
Tuesday 13th September	School Photos for Years 7, 9, new Year 12's & siblings
Wednesday 14th September	Year 7 Welcome Mass
Tuesday 20th September	Year 12 Parents' Welcome and information Evening
Friday 23rd September	Challoner Day
Monday 26th September	Year 7 Team Building
Thursday 29th September	Sixth Form Open Evening
Thursday 6th October	Open Evening for 2017 Secondary Transfer
Wednesday 12th October	Inset Day
Thursday 20th October	Open Morning for prospective Year 7 students
Monday 24th – 28th October	Half Term
Thursday 3rd November	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Saturday 5th November	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Day Walk
Saturday 19th November	PTA Pizza & Bingo (TBC)
Tuesday 22nd November	Year 13 Parents' Evening
Thursday 22nd December	Autumn term ends at 12.30pm for Christmas Holidays
Thursday 5th January	Return to school



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SPORTS RESULTS – SUMMER 2016

The final term of the year provided the school with several sporting highlights:

The Sixth Form Football Team completed an excellent season as double cup winners, beating Wimbledon College (3 – 0) in the County Cup and then following this by defeating Bishop Challoner School (2 -1) in the London Catholic Schools' Final.

The depth of school football was evident in Years 7 to 11 all reaching the District Cup Finals in May; unfortunately we were unable to complete a clean sweep, but Year 7 (5 - 1 v Hinchley wood); Year 8 (9 - 0 v Hinchley Wood) and Year 11 (5 - 1 v Esher) all ended the season as champions.

The Year 7 Basketball Team were crowned County Champions; having finished top of the league during the spring term they beat Carshalton (10 - 6) in the semi-final and Harris Academy Crystal Palace (14 - 9) in the final.

During May, pupils represented the school in the Kingston Athletics Championships at Kingsmeadow with the Junior Boys (Year 9) finishing 3rd and the Intermediate Boys in 2nd place. Congratulations to the following pupils who represented Kingston in the Surrey Schools' Athletics Championship on Saturday 11th June:

Matthew Kossatz (Intermediate Boys, 1500 metres) 3rd place

Charlie Dugdale (Intermediate Boys, Javelin)

Tiago Beltrao (Intermediate Boys, 800 metres)

Cameron Ward (Intermediate Boys, 400 metres)

Kieran Desmond (Intermediate Boys, 3000 metres) 3rd place

Jorge Beltrao (Junior Boys, 800 metres)

House Sports Winners

7 Cricket: Columba

7 Softball: 4/7

8 Cricket: Columba

8 Softball: Becket

9N Cricket: More

9S Cricket: 6/7

9N Volleyball: More

10 Softball:

10 Volleyball: Columba

Year 10 Softball: Dunstan



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House Results

House	Points	Position
Augustine	1186	1
Columba	1123	2
Fisher	979	3
More	967	4
Becket	897	5
Dunstan	863	6

Ski Trip

“Preparations are already under way for the Richard Challoner Ski Trip 2017. Letters will be coming out in the first few weeks of the Autumn term and places, as usual, will be in high demand. Perhaps all the help that you give around home over the summer holidays will persuade your parents to let you go on next year’s trip!”

Mr O’Brien



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CHANGES 2016/17

There are some small changes from September:

1. We have decided to start the school day five minutes earlier. This will allow us to keep at least 20 minutes for tutor time, but also ensure that all teaching periods are 45 minutes. This means that the school day will now start at **08.40**.
2. As a school, we are committed to developing all our staff to be the best they can be. To this end, each member of teaching staff will be partaking in a professional learning community during the next academic year, focussing on a specific area of pedagogy that they have chosen. To facilitate this professional development time, once a half term the school day will begin slightly later for students on a Tuesday morning when the whole school has PSHE. More information about the PLCs and the details about the late start will be sent out next term.

Art and Design

Art & Design Summer Exhibition- after a busy year and lots of hard work the Summer Exhibition took place on Tuesday 5th July 2016. This was a big success for the department and the pupils who have put in so much hard work over the year. If you were unfortunate to have missed the exhibition please see the website for a gallery of images from the evening.

Maths Challenge

The following pupils received Gold certificates in the Maths Challenges this year:

- **Junior Maths Challenge – Year 7 and 8**

Romain Laroze, Alexander Hayes, Preneeth Suresh, Flynn Kendall, Eoin Forrest, Lucas Oswin, Matthew Newnham, Jack Hackett

- **Intermediate Maths Challenge – Year 9, 10 and 11**

Joseph Graham, Daniel Owen, Callum Marriot, Finnian Young, Samuel Pearce, Joseph Strang, Charles Masters, Matthew Worth, Robin Barrington, Christian Abdul Ahad, Wilhem Aquino, Filip Warsaw, Joseph Adlam Cook, Maciek Giza, Robert Stringer.

- **Senior Maths Challenge – Year 12 and 13**

Sang Yeob Kim, Ji Soo Edward Plumb

- **Olympiad and Kangaroo Qualifiers:**

Romain Laroze, Joseph Graham, Daniel Owen, Callum Marriott, Finnian Young, Charles Masters, Matthew Worth, Robin Barrington, Joseph Adlam Cook, Maciek Giza, Robert Stringer, Mark Povey, Daniel Ryan.

Many congratulations and very well done!



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Drama

An extremely busy Summer term in the Drama Department culminated with our performance of Shakespeare's 'A Comedy of Errors' at the Rose Theatre. Students from Years 10, 9 and 8 had been in rehearsal from April and on the night they gave a wonderful, polished performance to an appreciative audience. All the students involved were fantastic ambassadors for our school and should be justifiably proud of the performance they delivered. I would like to thank in particular, Mr Zoladkiewicz and Mr Kendall for working the boys so hard in rehearsal and devoting a large amount of their time to the performance. The department is also indebted to our Site Manager, Joe Malden, for making many of the props and furniture from scratch and transporting them to the theatre.

Turning the focus to next year, I will be directing Arthur Miller's classic play 'A View from the Bridge'. I am very excited to be working with an extremely talented Sixth Form cast, performing a play by one of my favourite playwrights. Work has already started on getting it ready for November and more information on this production will be available in September.

The final thanks for this year goes to students, staff and the wider school community who have taken part in, watched or assisted with a production in any way. Without your fantastic and dedicated support, we would not be able to produce three full productions a year, as well as co-ordinate four practical examinations and the numerous rehearsals that take place. We are extremely blessed with the amount of support we receive and our department would be poorer without it. Thank you!

Have a wonderful Summer!

Mr Norton

Pilgrimage to the Door of Mercy

On Friday 10th June, 50 students and 7 staff undertook a Pilgrimage to the Door of Mercy at St George's Cathedral. The event was organised to commemorate the Jubilee Year of Mercy which was announced by Pope Francis in December.

The pilgrimage ended at St George's Cathedral, the annual venue for Challoner Day; the students and staff got to experience it in a different light. They had the opportunity to learn more about the Cathedral's history and then spent time in quiet reflection, thinking through what they had learned and experienced, and how to open themselves to be conduits to God's mercy and love. Fr Ola Craig then led the group in the Door of Mercy Prayer Service, which included sprinkling with holy water and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Some thoughts from students about the day:

"The day was very spiritual and calming; it made you feel one step closer to God. It helped you understand your religion on a deeper level and you were surrounded by people where you could see their faith shining through."

"A very helpful experience because we got to explore the history of our religion. We saw how the roots of Christianity date back and how much effect it has on our lives today."



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Hospitality and Catering

Year 10 Hospitality and Catering Students created some outstanding dishes for their catering exam including Mexican Lasagne with homemade pasta, Cheese Soufflé, Ravioli and a Swiss Roll with homemade jam. Many staff taste tested the dishes and were very impressed with the high standard of food and thought that the dishes could easily be served in a high quality restaurant.



Jack Petchey 'Speak Out' Final

Many congratulations to Laurence Wise, who came 3rd in the Jack Petchey 'Speak Out' Final. Over 18,000 Year 10 students are trained in London and Essex – across 37 education boroughs. From these 35 borough competitions, the best 15 are put through to the Final. Kingston has made the Final four times in the last eight years, with Challoner in the Final twice. Only Tiffin and Tolworth Girls' have also made the Final. Laurence spoke to an audience of 700 people, with the chance of winning £5,000 (£2,000 bursary for the student and £3,000 to the school). His speech in the borough contest can be found on Youtube – Jack Petchey Speakout/Laurence Wise or Kingston Final 2016.

A great achievement Laurence!