



Easter Bulletin

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HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

This has been my twentieth year as a teacher and my twentieth year at Richard Challoner and I can categorically state that there has never been a term or a year quite like this one! More than anything, I think it has been an emotionally draining time for everyone as we have struggled to come to terms with this new reality and the crises gripping the whole world. My heart goes out to our Year 11 and 13 students who have had so many rites of passage plucked away from them. However, we remain committed to finding a way for them to have some closure when things get back to normal.

I have also been heartened and inspired by how our community has pulled together and supported one another whether it be staff volunteering to take on extra responsibilities, parents sending in messages of support or students reaching out to each other across the virtual stratosphere. I have been truly humbled and I want to thank everyone for all they have done and all their support.

As we approach the end of Lent our attention is inevitably diverted towards the Easter Triduum. A very sad and reflective time that ends with the resurrection on Easter Sunday. There couldn't be a better metaphor for where we find ourselves now. From adversity will come renewal and rebirth. Just as Christ rose again after the crucifixion so our community will rise again in the not too distant future.

Please be assured of my continued prayers for everyone in our Challoner family.

Sean Maher
Headmaster

KEY DATES

Key Dates are to be circulated once we return to school.



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The Xavier Centre

The Xavier students were invited to St Mary's University to take part in 3 activity mornings, which were led by some of the uni students. There were sporting activities as well as interesting English and RE sessions and even a creative biscuit decorating task, much to the Xavier student's delight.

We fitted in a day out to Wisley to take part in a workshop, learning how to plant and take care of seedlings. This is always a good day out. The students all enjoy the workshop and look forward to a hot chocolate in the cafe at the end of the day. Great chance to practise the money skills they have been learning.

Wednesday afternoons this term have been at the local bowling alley in Tolworth. Each week everyone has been trying to improve their personal score, although there has been a little competition, especially between the boys.

World Book Day was celebrated with quizzes and a visit to Kingston, where each student purchased a book with one of the vouchers from the World Book Day scheme. Most of the students kindly donated their books to the school once they had read them, allowing others to enjoy some fantastic stories. What thoughtful students we have!

Mrs W Martin

Science Department – Chemistry

Congratulations to Flynn Kendall and Luka Lozo for achieving bronze certificated in the prestigious 2020 Chemistry Olympiad. The Chemistry team wish to extend their congratulations for their perseverance in completing the 2 hour paper under very challenging circumstances.

Ms J Pearce

Teacher of Chemistry



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Maths Department

Intermediate Maths Challenge Results – Years 9, 10 and 11

Below are the names of all certificate holders:

CERTIFICATE - GOLD

NAME	SCORE	
Tom Dunmore	117	
Leo Min	114	
Jonathan Alhachache	113	
Nijel Manalo	113	
Finn Mason	101	
Stanley Bolton	100	
Joyal Johnson	99	
Jacob James	98	
Jack Hackett	95	
Eddie Hayes	93	
Oliver Mickiewicz	90	
Kevin Le	89	
Matthew Newman	89	
Sean Mason	89	



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CERTIFICATE - SILVER

NAME	SCORE	
Helder Fernandes	88	
Finn Paris	85	
Jake Neighbour	85	
Joshua Brown	85	
Lucas Oswin	84	
Jonathan Fernandes	83	
Alex Georgiou	82	
Danny Edwell	82	
Finn Heneghan	82	
Cristian Beard	81	
Daniel Watts	81	
Rhys Lewis Head	80	
Alex Bennett	79	
Finbarr Mennis	79	
Joseph Gomez	78	
Benedict Gramstadt	77	
Jack Piper	77	
Aaron Kennedy	76	
Benjy Gonet	76	
Chris Abdul Ahad	76	
Dany Malik	76	
Joe Bannon	76	
Luke Masters	76	
Aaron Parayno	75	

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NAME	SCORE	
Eoin Jenkins	75	
Harry Palmer	75	
Anarish Kevin	74	
Matias Rasevicius	74	
Niall McCormack	74	
Ryan Cortabitarte	74	
Alen Savio	73	
Piers Clarke	73	
Tom Kocherry	73	
Caleb Ram	72	
Daniel Paris	72	
Joshua Amar	72	
Lucas Saragosa Amjth	72	
Oliver Duffy	72	
Piotr Ambrozewski	72	

CERTIFICATE - BRONZE

NAME	SCORE	
Ethan Williams	71	
Callum Harper	70	
George Salter	70	
Max Kennett	70	
Samuel Speed	70	
Elie Kairouz	69	

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NAME	SCORE	
Joseph McCaffery	69	
Matthew Down	69	
Alexande Krige	68	
Federico Towler Baldacci	68	
James McBride	68	
Killian McEvilly	68	
Marios Michael	68	
Ben Hagen	67	
Paddy Munnelly	67	
Roel Sodusta	67	
Alex Riggs	66	
Andrew Gunathilaka	66	
Jaden Strange	66	
James Daly	66	
Josh Reilly	66	
Joshua O'Brien	66	
Jakub Szymanski	65	
Joshua Stinton	65	
Peter Abdulahad	65	
Xichao Wang	65	
Camilo Burgin Widmer	63	
Marc Cor Puz	63	
Michael Cozens	63	
Jakub Golczynski	62	
Nicolas Izquierdo	62	
Hugo Fernandes	61	

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NAME	SCORE	
James Robertson	61	
Joshua Trow	61	
Kieran Phelan	61	
Matthew De Jose	61	
Niwre Abriam	61	
Toby Browne	61	
Alex Hyland	60	
Bryce Rodgers	60	
David Guerrero	60	
Jeff Urquhart	60	
Joe Barber	60	

HOUSE POINTS

Certificate holders now gain House Points and the current results were as follows:

House	Points	Position
More	665	1
Becket	505	2
Fisher	469	3
Dunstan	445	4
Columba	439	5
Augustine	356	6



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Music Department

The Music and Performing Arts Departments have been busy since October preparing for the school production of *My Fair Lady*. Based on George Bernard Shaw's play *Pygmalion*, *My Fair Lady* is the tale of a cockney flower girl transformed into an elegant lady featuring one of musical theatre's greatest scores, including "With a Little Bit of Luck," "I Could Have Danced All Night," and the hilarious 'You Did It!' Rehearsals were in full swing and full run-throughs of each Act were about to happen when the term was cut short! The cast have worked so hard and we hope to be able to showcase their efforts at some point in the future!



The choir have continued to radiantly represent the school this term, performing the Hungarian and British national anthems before the gala performance of 'The Hunchback of Notre Dame', even singing in Hungarian! We were also asked to sing at the funeral for Angelica D'Agostino in February. Angelica is the mother of our former Head of PE, Mr Franco D'Agostino. There were many compliments of how beautifully and sensitively the pupils contributed to the service – they were a huge credit to the school and themselves. In the last weeks of term we were preparing for the annual Deanery Lenten Service where we were singing Ola Gjeilo's beautiful *Ubi Caritas* and looking towards our school Lenten service with a rendition of "Footprints In The Sand" by Leona Lewis. House Music rehearsals had also begun with choirs and bands joining together and again we hope to present some of these performances later this year.

Mr N Cannon
Director of Music



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The boys are back in town...

On Saturday 14th March we celebrated 60 years of Richard Challoner School with the school's Alumni. The event, held in the main school hall, was a wonderful opportunity to not only reunite some old friends but also share past stories of our school with new ones.

The hall was buzzing as our past students exchanged stories over drinks and canapés. We had 'boys' attending who were in their 20s, 30s, 40s, 50's, 60s and even 70s including Kieran, who was one of the first students to pass through the doors of RC back in 1959!

Past teachers also showed up; Mr D'Agostino, Mrs Gosney and Mr Doran were like celebrities as they mingled with our Alumni reminiscing about the old times and there were numerous photos taken with them throughout the day! The School Archive was on display too and many had brought along old homework diaries and their own pictures to look at, with some even donating pictures to our historical collection.





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One of the most fascinating parts of the day for many was when our existing students - Ollie Henry and Keir Haylett from Year 7 and James Relf, Amy Dugwell and Eloise Mason from Year 13 – took small groups on tours around the buildings. The school has tripled in size from when our first students were attending and gone was the fragile Art block or old annexes many used to be taught in. One gentleman commented that he could remember when the gym was a rope or two hanging from the ceiling with a couple of mats, certainly nothing like the sports hall and fitness centre we have now!

Theo the Magician was on hand to entertain which added to the excitement of the day, no matter how old you were, and he even managed to pull a few new tricks on his classmates of over 38 years ago!

Before leaving, those who fancied a Challoner souvenir were able to buy a Richard Challoner gilet, umbrella, commemorative book or even just a mug to take home to remember the day.

It was a fantastic afternoon, both relaxed and fun and we very much look forward to welcoming them all back, with others, at our next Alumni event.

Save the date

60TH ANNIVERSARY BALL

HOSTED BY
DOMINIC HOLLAND

27th JUNE 2020

- Tickets £46 per person
- Drink on arrival
- 3 Course meal with coffee
- Entertainment, Music & Dancing
- Further details to follow!