



BISHOP CHALLONER SCHOOL

3 TO 18 YEARS

DARE TO DO YOUR BEST



Our Mission



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.

Our motto 'Quantum Potes Tantum Aude' challenges each member of our community to:

“ | *Dare to do your best* | ”

The start of your journey

We endeavour to provide a broad education that prepares pupils for life both professionally and spiritually. Our holistic approach delivers an educational foundation for life, ensuring that each child has the opportunity to grow in self-confidence, knowledge and faith and achieve excellent success academically.

Life at Bishop Challoner is a seamless journey from nursery through to sixth form and the experiences gained will have a lasting value.

Let us start that journey ...



Paula Anderson BSc (Hons), MBA, PGCE
Headteacher

Nursery

Encouraging confidence and learning





Our nursery provides a real sense of fun, offering a range of activities that will develop the social skills, imagination, creativity, knowledge and understanding of our youngest pupils. We encourage the children to develop through play and co-operate with others and allow them to learn in a stimulating environment both in the classroom and in our well-equipped outdoor play area and Forest School.

Every child is treated as an individual and our experienced staff team support their readiness for school.

“ **The staff are wonderful -
creative, energetic and
positive.** ”

Nursery Parent

Junior

Stimulating learning environment





Our junior department allows each child the opportunity to cultivate their skills by exploring, investigating, communicating and being creative. We want our pupils to enjoy their learning and to be challenged and feel rewarded and encouraged by following a broad, balanced and creative curriculum. Small class sizes enable your son or daughter to develop at a pace suited to them and to consolidate their skills and nurture their talents.

“ My spellings have got much better! ”

Year 1 Pupil

Senior

Aspire to achieve





In the senior school, highly qualified and skilled staff deliver a well-balanced curriculum that provides breadth, coherence and relevance. At the end of Key Stage 3, pupils have an excellent basis for GCSE study. The development of pupils is supported throughout the curriculum and the progress of each individual is carefully monitored to ensure that all can maximise their achievement and be fully challenged. Small class sizes enable many of our pupils to achieve excellent value added and to excel beyond their expectations.

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In Year 7 you learn so much and everyone is friendly. The lessons are great with everyone taking part.

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Year 7 Pupil

Sixth Form

Inspiring ambition





Our sixth form is a very special one and many of the lessons are taught in St Catherine's Cottage, which is a dedicated sixth form suite. Students can also relax or study in free periods in the sixth form common room.

We encourage students to be independent thinkers through a range of A level courses with option blocks designed for the individual. The inspirational teaching and commitment from the staff allows each student to reach their full potential and to develop into successful, confident individuals. Tailored support and careers guidance is given providing a springboard into the world of university or chosen career.

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Challoner helped me grow as an individual whilst simultaneously teaching me how to prosper academically.

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Sixth Form Pupil

Aspirations & Opportunities

*Our pupils are the **heart** of our school*



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I am enjoying meeting new people and learning different subjects. School normally has ups and downs but so far everything is up.

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New Year 7 Pupil



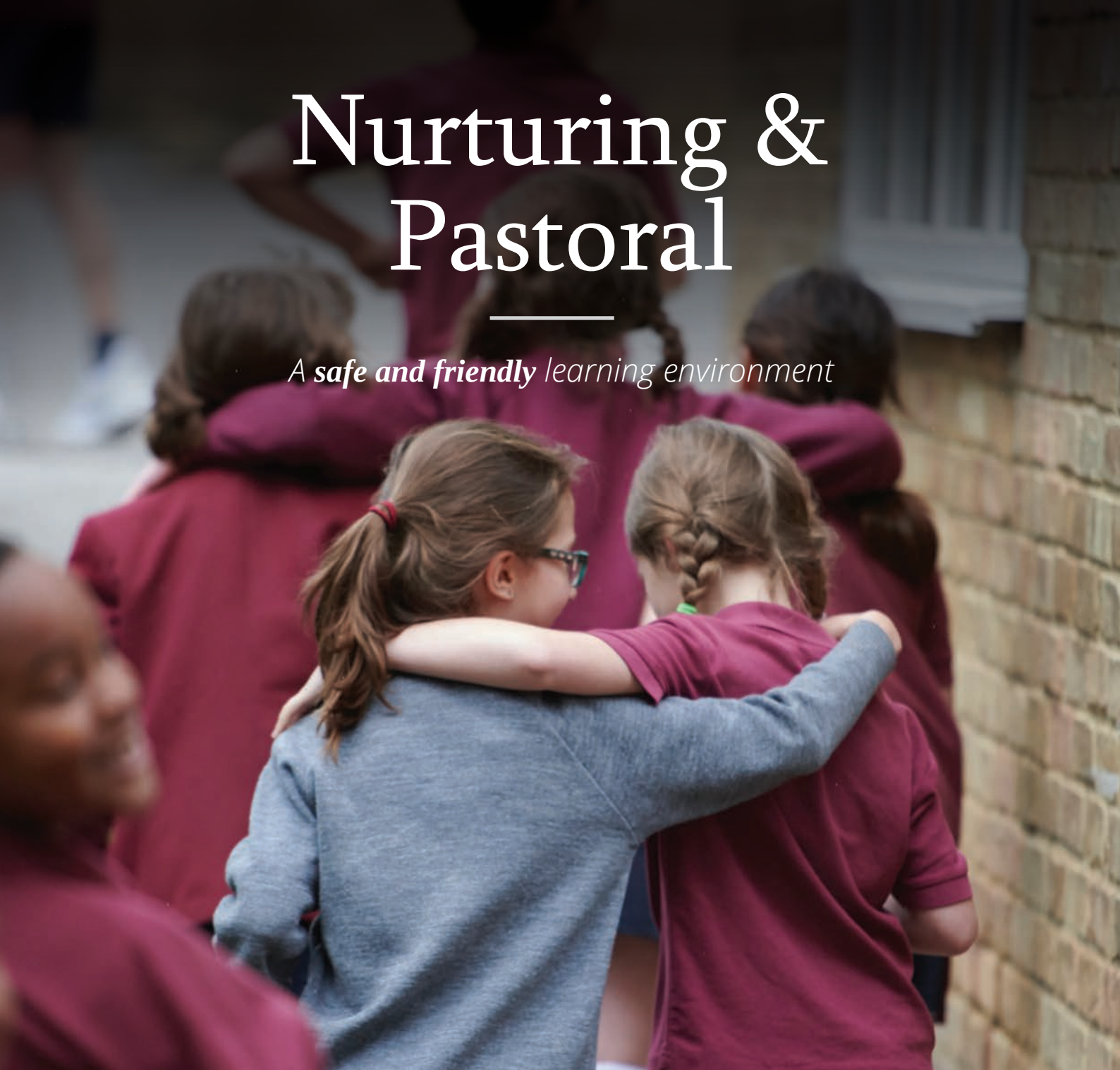
From the youngest pupils in the nursery to our sixth form students, there are opportunities for everyone to learn and grow.

At Key Stage 1, we offer Forest School, workshops, visiting teachers and speakers. Our juniors and seniors participate in concerts, music lessons, LAMDA, trips, charity events, numerous extra-curricular clubs and drama productions, including an annual musical performance where senior pupils can showcase their talents.

We have an active House system in school. Pupils participate in competitions where they can represent their House including a Challoner's Got Talent music competition and Sports Day, which also carries House points and enables pupils from different year groups to work together as a team.

Nurturing & Pastoral

A safe and friendly learning environment



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Being a small school means that it has a family feel, the staff know every pupil and parent name; my children are still very close to their nursery and primary school teachers.

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Current Parent of Y7 & Y10 girls



We take pride in our reputation for outstanding pastoral care. The overall level of discipline amongst the pupils is high and the school has a very friendly, family-oriented atmosphere where everyone is treated as an individual whose opinions are valued. The Key Stage Co-ordinators oversee the pastoral welfare of each individual and work closely with the form tutor to ensure that support is provided. Our school counsellor is on hand to provide support, should this be required.

Pupil Voice in both junior and senior school enables pupils to have a say in what happens in school and make positive changes.



Faith & Community

Welcoming all faiths



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We aim to provide a wide range of opportunities for spiritual growth and development for our school community.

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School Chaplain



We have a warm welcoming atmosphere where Catholic Christian values permeate the life of the school. We celebrate Mass at various times during the school year and we support and guide our pupils in their own faith journey through regular worship, prayer, assemblies and retreats.

We are blessed to have a School Chaplain and our own Chapel of The Annunciation on site. Underpinning all aspects of the Chaplaincy programme is the provision of good pastoral care, which includes supporting individuals who are facing challenges in their life.

Pupils can become altar servers under the guidance of the Chaplain and we also prepare participating Year 3 pupils for their First Holy Communion.

Our active Parent Teacher Association organises a range of social and fundraising activities throughout the year. Pupils are keen to fundraise and support different charities, which develops their social awareness of those less fortunate.

Music

Uncover your musical talents



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My passion for music and performance has been encouraged at Bishop Challoner.

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Year 9 Pupil



Music underpins much of our school life, from public performances to worship. We encourage a love of music for all and each pupil benefits from musical activities in school.

We offer an extensive range of extra-curricular music groups and the opportunity for pupils to learn an instrument of their choice with skilled peripatetic music teachers.

At Bishop Challoner, music is not an additional activity but a subject where pupils who wish to pursue it to the highest level can achieve that goal. We support our A level music students who wish to study music at university or conservatories.

Performing Arts

Express yourself



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Having the opportunity to play a lead role in the Wizard of Oz was amazing and gave me so much confidence and enjoyment.

Year 10 Pupil

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Drama enhances the life of the school with inspiring performances and productions. Pupils are able to get involved as performers, designers or technicians. Our full-scale annual production is a memorable occasion for all.

We invite spoken word and drama specialists to conduct workshops with pupils to increase their confidence and skills and LAMDA is offered by the school. Pupils benefit from trips to theatre productions in London.

Creativity

Creative space



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Art gives me the space to think and the time to express myself.

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Year 11 Pupil

Pupils of all ages are encouraged to develop their technical, creative and imaginative skills so they experience a sense of wonder about art's processes, a knowledge of the art world and pride in what they create. Pupils are encouraged to take artistic risks, be self-motivated and to work collaboratively. Regular school visits to art galleries enrich the subject.

Design technology allows pupils to combine practical and technological skills with creative thinking to design and make products. Our well-equipped workshop and dedicated staff allow for a wide range of activities, both as part of the curriculum and for extended projects during school hours and after school.



Sports

Shaping the future sporting stars



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A great sports education teaches you to deal with adversity and disappointment, how to strengthen your character and build your resilience, lead others and be a team player. At Bishop Challoner we want every individual to feel valued; whether that is in a participation environment or a competitive context.

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Director of Sport



We provide a wide variety of sporting experiences from football to athletics, from fencing to netball, from table tennis to badminton and more.

Our sports programme is designed to allow everyone to find the physical activity that will suit them best; providing opportunities for the stronger performers to excel and others to develop their skills and build their confidence.

Fencing has a long and distinguished tradition at the school. The Fencing club trains pupils from age 7 upwards to take part in competitive fencing. Our results at County and National levels have been truly outstanding.

As a member of the Independent Schools Association (ISA), the school benefits from a large network of inter-school sports competitions including athletics, swimming and fencing.

Enrichment & Clubs

Be Involved in after school clubs



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I am getting on really well at Chess Club and have won some competitions.

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Year 6 Pupil

Much learning happens outside the classroom and the quality of academic and cultural enrichment at Bishop Challoner is outstanding.

A diverse range of clubs are available on the school site for junior and senior pupils including LAMDA, art, drama, chess, chamber choir and sports.



We are well placed for visiting central London with its galleries, theatres, museums and concert halls. Our pupils also enjoy a variety of local and international school trips organised by specific departments to enhance their learning.

Enrichment week enables pupils to gain knowledge outside the everyday curriculum and to have fun, with a wide range of activities giving them a chance to learn new skills.

Inspiring Futures

Thinking beyond the classroom



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I pursued a degree at Rambert School of Ballet and Contemporary Dance, an esteemed world-renowned school. Without Challoner, I'd never have thought I'd be where I am today.

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Past Pupil



Through quality teaching and learning, students grow in confidence, learn to be caring, resilient and creative adults. They are able to develop interpersonal skills and a spirit of co-operation, ready to make a difference in the competitive world of work and higher education.

There are a number of opportunities allowing pupils to take on leadership roles and positions of responsibility in preparation for life beyond Bishop Challoner.

We support our pupils to work towards their chosen future, whether that be for an Oxbridge application, Russell Group university or other university choice, as well as providing careers guidance.

Alumni

*Making **History***

Preserving the history and relationships with former pupils and staff is invaluable and we look forward to hearing about their past successes and news. We like to draw on their experiences and knowledge and invite them back to Bishop Challoner to come and see us and talk with our pupils. Our alumni provides networking opportunities and allows the school to preserve and carry forward its history.



Becoming part of our alumni community is a great opportunity to keep in touch. We often have reunions and special events to foster and maintain our strong bond with previous pupils.

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Admissions

Join Us

We hope you have enjoyed reading about life at Bishop Challoner School. We will be delighted to arrange a visit at a time to suit you.

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