

# BISHOP CHALLONER SCHOOL

NURSERY · JUNIOR · SENIOR · SIXTH FORM

Through partnership of family and staff, we foster the education of the whole person in preparation for adult life, within a positive, happy and caring environment.



**Our school motto:**

**“quantum potes, tantum aude”**

**“Dare to do your best” — presents our pupils with the challenge of education and life. We aim to help them to take up that challenge and achieve excellence in all they do.**



# Welcome to our school

Our school is a highly successful independent Catholic school welcoming pupils of all faiths. We educate girls and boys aged 3 to 18.

Our Catholic Christian values and strong sense of community are the foundations on which we build. Our small class sizes allow us to focus on the development of each individual, encouraging them to reach their full potential and to succeed in a culture of high expectation. We recognise that every pupil is special and play to their strengths and talents by offering a range of extra-curricular for a well-rounded education.

Pupils foster a love of learning through high quality teaching which challenges, engages, and allows them to be innovative and creative; it gives them a sense of excitement, inquisitiveness and fun. Our outstanding pastoral care allows pupils to build their confidence and independence in a happy and caring community.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to our school.

Mrs Paula Anderson  
Headteacher





# High expectations

Classes are small and every child receives individual care and attention



Pupils are encouraged to work hard and try their very best to maximise their learning opportunities. Specialist teaching in the junior school in a range of subjects allows the transition to senior school to be a smooth one.

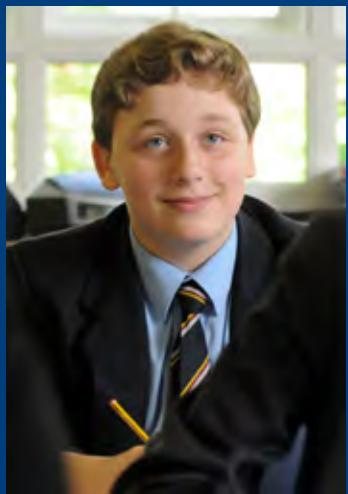
Our nursery provides a real sense of fun offering a range of activities that will develop their social skills, imagination, creativity, knowledge and understanding. We encourage the children to develop through play and co-operate with others and allow them to learn in a stimulating environment.



Our junior school 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. This enables your son or daughter to develop at a pace suited to them and to consolidate their skills and nurture their talents.



**“A warm and friendly environment that makes you feel comfortable.”** YEAR 12



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. Additional needs are supported throughout the curriculum and the progress of each individual is carefully monitored to ensure that they are able to maximise their achievement and be challenged. The small classes have enabled many of our pupils to achieve excellent value added and excel beyond their expectations.

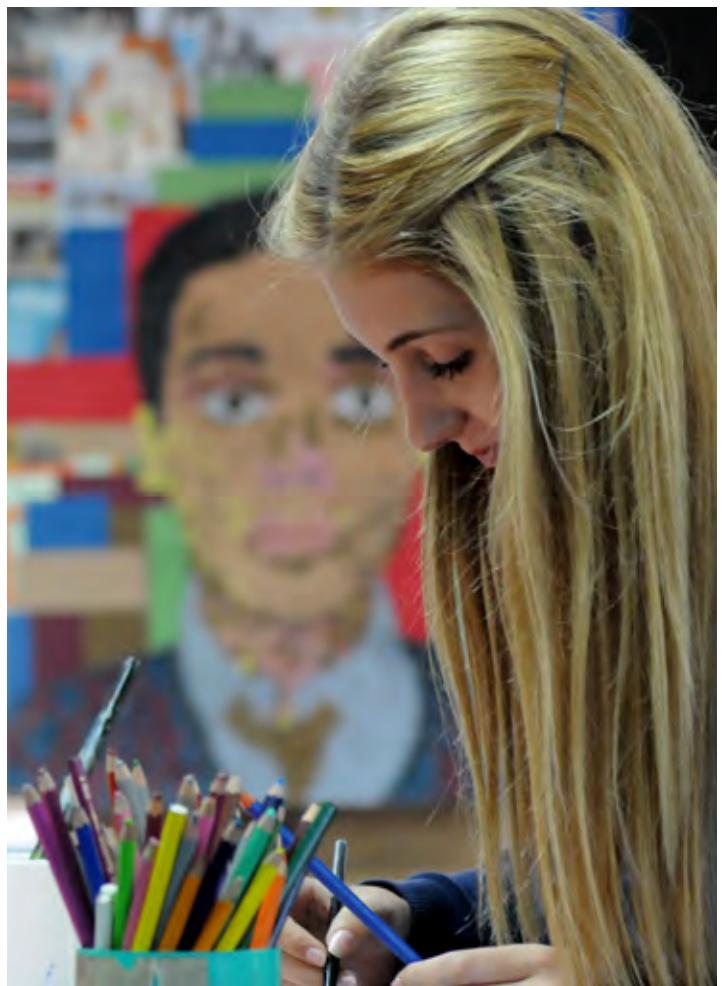
Our sixth form is a very special one and some of the lessons are taught in St Catherine's Cottage which has been dedicated as a sixth form suite. We encourage students to be independent thinkers through a range of AS and A level courses offered. The inspirational teaching and commitment from the staff allow each student to reach their full potential and to develop into effective, responsible, reliable and confident individuals. Tailored support and careers guidance is given providing a springboard into the world of university or work.



# Nurturing talents

“The broad and well-balanced curriculum makes a good contribution to the pupils’ all round education.” ISI INSPECTION REPORT

We encourage every pupil to develop their powers of communication through drama, dance, musical expression and artistic talent. Pupils participate and take leading roles in a rich variety of productions, concerts, competitions and exhibitions.





“I like the organisation of the school recitals and wide range of musical instruments available.” YEAR 9



# Pastoral care and living faith



“The quality of Pastoral Care is outstanding.”

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

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. Positive relationships are shared between the nursery and junior school teams.



“I like the firm but fair discipline.” YEAR 9



“Everyone is very kind and helpful.  
It is like a very big family.” YEAR 5



# Sporting excellence and endeavour

“In fencing, outstanding success has been achieved.” ISI INSPECTION REPORT



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 the weaker ones to develop their skills. Education is about opportunities – to extend talents and skills, to be open to challenging ideas, to learn respect for tradition and not to fear the future.

Fencing has a long and distinguished tradition at Bishop Challoner School. The Fencing Club gives opportunities for pupils from age 7 upwards to take part in competitive fencing. Our results at County and National levels have been truly outstanding — with champions at both levels and with Olympic potential.

We provide a wide variety of sporting experiences from football to cricket, from fencing to archery, from hockey to badminton and more.



“The courts are amazing to play  
a variety of sports on.” YEAR 8

We foster an awareness of a healthy lifestyle through a range of sporting activities enabling our pupils to enjoy and excel through a varied programme of physical activities. Our sporting opportunities encourage a team spirit allowing everyone to build their self-confidence and the skills that suits them best.



# Beyond the classroom

A vast range of opportunities and activities is available to all pupils.

The outdoor learning environment provides the nursery and some junior school pupils with the opportunity to explore their natural environment in a dynamic Forest School setting. It allows them to be curious, fascinated and adventurous and to use their imagination, gaining in confidence and independence through hands-on learning experiences. Early Years' pupils also have access to their own outdoor learning areas with well-equipped resources.





“I enjoy the school trips because the teachers make it fun and interesting.” YEAR 8

The crèche and breakfast club is a welcome facility for parents of younger children ensuring that they are well cared for and supported. The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award programme provides challenging opportunities to develop self-confidence, leadership qualities and independence. A diverse range of clubs are available to junior and seniors, including art, dance, drama, chess, design technology, orchestra, chamber choir, sports, table tennis and an after school homework club.

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



# Community

“Pupils are proud of their school  
and speak highly of it.” ISI INSPECTION REPORT

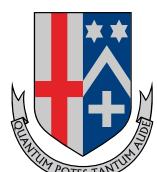
Our supportive and active Parent-Teacher Association organise a range of social and fund-raising events throughout the year. Our pupils are keen to support different charities which develop their social awareness and appreciate those less fortunate. This helps to foster a highly cohesive community which we believe is the hallmark of Bishop Challoner School. It is the type of person our girls and boys become which is the mark of our success- respectful, honest, decent and loyal.



“It is a community and so you have a personal connection with everyone.” YEAR 9



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