



Challney News



Science

July 2007

The Head says

Welcome to this, the latest edition of Challney News. As always, I am amazed to be reminded of all the positive things that have been happening in our school. I am convinced the girls benefit from the range of activities and learning experiences that are on offer.

This has been a very positive year for the school. Following the good report from Ofsted before Christmas members of staff have continued to make progress on our developments and they and the girls have worked hard to ensure exam results are as high as possible. Thanks are due to them and to all families for the support they give the girls. Key Stage 3 results in Science and Maths are improved with over 70% of students gaining a level 5 or above and higher than expected numbers of girls gaining levels 6 and 7 and, in the case of maths, level 8. We are determined to build on this for GCSE results in two years time. Key Stage 3 English results will not be returned to us until the summer holiday so we will report those in September. We were pleased to welcome a number of you to Monday evening parents' evenings earlier in the year and you will read later in this edition of the full programme planned for next year. We look forward to working even more closely with you throughout the next year. It really does benefit the girls when we work together.

During the month of Ramadan only a few girls eat lunch. To make most productive use of time and to avoid boredom at lunchtime it has been our recent practice to shorten the school lunch hour to forty minutes, start afternoon school early and finish school at 3pm. The Governors have agreed that we will continue this practice this year. The changed



A happy day at Boulogne between the showers

arrangements will take effect from Monday 17th September. Forty minutes is long enough for all those girls who wish to have a meal to do so. The Senior Dining Room is clear within half an hour at the moment when all of Year 10 are using that room for lunch. For any girls who cannot go home at 3pm, Study Club will run for an hour as normal.

Governors have also agreed that school will finish at 12.50 on Thursday 19th July. Girls who are unable to go home at that time should let their Head of Year know so arrangements can be made for them in school. That day will be a non-uniform day. We look forward to welcoming Year 7 and Year 10 students back to school on Tuesday 4th September and all students on Wednesday 5th September. Please ensure your daughter's and your own safety if

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you drive her to school. Please do not park on the school site. The area is not safe and girls do need to walk across the areas where many parents drive or park. We hope to enhance safety next year when we install gates at the Main Entrance.

As always the end of year means changes to our staffing. We have said or are saying 'goodbye' to Mr Axel, Art, Mr Barclay, Maths, Mrs Bator, 2nd in Language Support, Mr Rhind, Senior Science Technician, Mrs Irons, caretaker, Miss Mir, Science and Maths, Mrs Baxter and Miss Akhtar, teaching assistants. We thank them for all they have done for the school and wish them well in the new challenges that lie ahead. Mrs Bownes, maths and science technician, is currently on maternity leave and we wish her and her family well. This term we have welcomed Mrs Mahony, Senior Science Technician, Mrs Ross, admin assistant, Mr Siddek and Mr Ryan, science and maths technicians, Mrs Akyuz and Mrs Naureen, Key Stage Liaison Officers, Mrs Shah, teaching assistant and Mr Power, subject leader in Music. We look forward to working with them for the benefit of the girls.

You may recently have read a negative article about our school in the local press. I would like to assure you that we are determined to build a positive community where young people can learn and thrive in a supportive and respectful environment. Respect, Opportunity and Achievement are what we stand for and we trust that all girls and families will help us as we strive towards improving our school community, and the life opportunities available to the girls.

This has been a long, hardworking year. Your daughters have worked hard and have achieved success in a number of ways, large and small. I congratulate them and thank you for your support of them and of us. I wish you all a restful and happy summer holiday.

Miss Arthur

Community Services

On Thursday 22nd March, Mrs Ryan's Health and Social Care class went out into the local area to see what services are available. We started next door at the Boys' School which is also a Community College offering evening classes. Then we went to Dunstable Road and saw a dental surgery and the Edwin Lobo Centre where they see children of all ages and offer various professional help services. Next we went to the Ladies' Learning Centre that helps young girls who are not in school. We then crossed the Dunstable Road (which is so dangerous I think I am going to complain to my Luton MP) to the Luton and Dunstable Hospital. We looked at the different services that the hospital provides including the Accident and Emergency, Maternity, Diabetes and Obesity Clinics. We also saw the sweet shop there but it was too expensive. We then went to the Lime Trees which offers help to people with mental health problems. After this we went to Leagrave High Street to find out if there are any care homes in the area and found two in Chester Avenue. Finally we all came back to school to discuss what we had seen and learned. We enjoyed the trip and hope to go again. Thank you, Mrs Ryan and Mrs Mayles, for taking us on this trip.

Mariya Jannak, 10C

Enterprise Day 2007

First on Monday 2nd July and then on Friday 6th July, half of Year 10 filed into the hall wondering why they were there and what the day would bring. Five minutes to settle and find their group and then the whirlwind named Nicola began.

Listening, learning, activities, quizzes, hustle and bustle. Rarely has the school ethos of Respect, Opportunity and Achievement been so evident. The presentations at the end showed that so much had been absorbed and everyone seemed to have gained some idea of what it takes to be **enterprising**.

Thanks to Nicola Healey, a great friend of Challney.

Parents and Teachers

Thank you to all parents and carers who have told us that they would be interested in joining a Challney High School for Girls Parent-Teacher Association. We have had a very positive response from parents and carers from all year groups. We now need to meet to plan ways in which we can work together for the benefit of the school. This meeting will be a high priority at the beginning of the new school year in September when we will write directly to everyone who has put forward their name.

Young Person of the Year

Do you ever get tired of adults talking about young people in a negative way? Do you feel frustrated that stories in the media about young people always seem to be so negative?

If so, you will want to join us in offering our congratulations to Aroosa Ulzaman, 10H who was nominated for a Young Person of the Year award for all the good work she is doing. To recognize this, she was invited to attend a special presentation ceremony at a packed Putteridgebury on 9th July with family and friends where she received her award.

Despite all the time which Aroosa has had to take out from school to spend in hospital, she has not only maintained a positive and cheerful outlook on life, but has also been determined to keep on top of all her school work.

Even more than this, she has somehow managed to find time to be elected as a cabinet member of LYTE (Luton Youth working Together for Everyone) selflessly giving up her own time and energy to support this local organization which raises money to identify and tackle problems facing young people in Luton.

Aroosa is a credit to herself, her family and Challney.

DNA Fingerprinting

On Tuesday 19th June we went with Mrs Menon to Luton Sixth Form College to hear a lecture about DNA fingerprinting and genetics. The lecture was given by Professor Sir Alec Jeffrey who was a former student of the college.

Sir Alec graduated from the University of Oxford. He then went to the University of

Leicester in 1977 where he started developing genetic fingerprinting. His refined DNA fingerprinting technique was developed by DNA profiling based on highly variable mini-satellites in the human genome. DNA profiling therefore focused on just a few of these highly variable mini-satellites, making the system more sensitive, more reproducible and amenable to computer data basing. Highly automated and sophisticated equipment can process hundred of samples a day. Jeffrey's DNA profiling technique was launched in Britain in 1995.

Sir Alec has received many accolades from many universities and other learned bodies. His name has also been featured in the annual Nobel Prize speculation.

The first case that actually involved DNA fingerprinting was in 1983 and was to prove innocence not guilt. Two girls were murdered and the police picked up a suspicious looking man. He confessed to the murder of the second girl. The police wanted to use DNA fingerprinting to confirm that he had murdered the first girl as well. However, DNA showed he had not murdered either girl and was released. The actual murderer was later caught and sent to prison for life.

Sir Alec also worked on the case of a boy who had gone to his home country with his father and had come back several years later with an expired British passport. He was now an illegal immigrant. They couldn't prove who the boy's father was as he was in the other country and his mother did not know who the father was. So by using DNA taken from the boy, his mother and three siblings, it was proved that he was the son of the woman and was allowed to stay in Britain. His mother also found out who her son's father was... It was the same man who is the father of her other three children!

Unfortunately there have been cases where DNA has been misused. For example, in North Wales, managers asked for tenants' permission to use DNA testing to see who wet the beds. Even though this sounds ridiculous it is true.

DNA has affected many people's lives and one day it could affect yours. Thanks to Sir Alec, DNA is used to help people in many ways.

Rachna Sharma, 10C & Sahresh Hussain, 10G

Building Schools for the Future

The BSF programme has gathered pace at an alarming rate for Challney Girls' now that we have been brought forward into the first wave. We are currently responding to a questionnaire devised by LBC and Mott Macdonald, which is designed to give them a clearer understanding of our requirements for the future – and of the things we wish to avoid! From our responses Mott Macdonald will be writing the output specification, which will go out to design companies following our acceptance of it in September.

We are also meeting soon to discuss the criteria by which we shall judge the designs for the new school once they are drawn up and how much weighting each should have. Allied to this, consideration is being given to the ICT needs which will underpin the learning and teaching in the new school and which will support the administration and security systems.

Sometimes it is hard to imagine what will be possible in three or four years' time because technology moves at such a fast rate. These are very busy but very exciting times as we look to the future – to a new school which will enable us to continue and develop the work we do now, so that we equip our students to become lifelong learners in the 21st Century.

French Day Trip

On Friday 29th June we went to France. When we got to Boulogne it was pouring down – but we didn't let that spoil our day. After looking round the shops we went to the huge hyper-market and did a lot of shopping. We then went to the beach and had lots of fun. Altogether it was a great day and everyone enjoyed it!

Rachel Fawcett, 9S

Parents and Carers' Programme 2007-8

As promised, in line with your feedback, we have extended our evening programme for parents and carers next year. In addition to the regular workshops, in which we discuss with you ways in which you can help your daughter to succeed in school, the programme will also include sessions devoted to the use of

computers. We have also planned a series of coffee mornings which we hope will give you the opportunity to discuss any arising issues with school staff in an informal setting.

A programme has been planned for the whole year. The dates for the Autumn Term are as follows:

- ☛ Monday 10th September – Year 10: How to help your daughter develop her study skills in Year 10
- ☛ Monday 15th October – Year 7: How to help your daughter in Year 7
- ☛ Wednesday 17th October: Year 7: coffee morning
- ☛ Monday 19th November: Year 9: Making the most of IT in Year 9
- ☛ Monday 26th November – Year 11: How to help your daughter prepare for her GCSE exams and make her college application
- ☛ Monday 3rd December – Year 8: How to help your daughter in Year 8
- ☛ Monday 10th December – Year 10: How to help your daughter meet her coursework requirements in Key Stage 4
- ☛ Friday 14th December – Year 10 coffee morning

Please arrive at any of these evening events from 4.30 pm for a prompt 4.45 pm start.

Coffee mornings will run from 9.15 am until 10.15 am. Feel free to drop into the coffee mornings at any time during this hour.

Please do make a note of all dates relevant to you in your diary.

Prefects

No sooner are we getting used to the idea of Year 11 pupils leaving us than we are turning our attention to next year. Already this term our 31 new Year 10 prefects have been performing their duties. What is more, the new senior prefect team, elected by staff and pupils together, have been performing their new roles.

Our new prefects are:

Shamaila Hussain – Head Girl
 Ashleigh Bailey – Deputy Head Girl
 Kamalprit Grewal – Senior Duties Prefect
 Rachna Sharma – Senior Library Prefect
 Ciara Hutchins – Senior Reading Prefect
 Khudeja Ahmed, Jawairiah Ahmed,
 Maria Ahmed, Waed Al-Hjwoj,
 Farah Alam, Nadia Anwar,
 Huma Baig, Priththivika Baskaran,
 Sabera Billa, Alyssa Bullock-Singh,

Lubeeka Farook, Abigail Grover,
Iram Hanif, Jahanara Hoque,
Iram Hussain, Khadiza Hussain,
Rakia Hussain, Sonia Hussain,
Neelam Iqbal, Raisa Rafiq,
Ramona Saigol, Dylanie Selvaratnam,
Noor-ul Shah, Quratul-Anne Sherazi,
Faiza Tanwir and Muniba Zahoor.

Congratulations to them all.

The School Website

Some of you may well be aware that at the beginning of this term we re-launched the school website. We felt that it was a little tired and in need of a complete overhaul and revamp.

With a new banner, graphics, dynamic content and colour scheme based on the school colours, we feel the website now has a fresh feel which reflects our character here at Challney.

Even though the introduction of our VLE (Virtual Learning Environment) in the Autumn Term will primarily deal with teaching and learning within the school, the website is still very important as it presents the public face of Challney High School for Girls and will be one of the first points of contact for many of you.

Key dates and latest news are on the homepage. Inside the site there are email links to the school and important policy documents regarding topics such as uniform and discipline. There are even archived electronic versions of Challney News so you will never miss out.

It is still early days. If you would like to email us with any suggestions for content and how we can make the website useful to you, then use the suggestions form on the 'contact us' page on the web site and let us know.

We have lots of plans to develop the website further, including enabling access from your mobile, developing the calendar to include all relevant and important dates and providing more online resources which pupils can access from home.

Visit us now at:

www.challneygirls.luton.sch.uk

Healthy Schools

On Wednesday 4th July a section of the Grace Gospel Choir performed beautifully at Stopsley Baptist Church as we received our Healthy Schools status. We can all be very proud of how well the girls of this school represent us at external events.

Girls' magazine

WOW! The interest in this has certainly taken us by surprise. Thanks to all our budding journalists, we have a difficult task ahead to select two pupils from each year to form the editorial committee. To this end, all the girls who expressed an interest in joining the team were asked to complete an application form telling us why they wanted to be part of this new venture and what skills and experience they could offer. This did not deter the die-hard journalists amongst them and we had a very good response.

As the time of going to press, we have got as far as shortlisting and holding interviews. Good luck to all the candidates.

Science extra...

There once was an atom of fluorine,
That wished it was really chlorine,
It got a reaction,
And changed a fraction,
But now it's become quite borine!

Jenny, finding life a bore,
Drank some H₂SO₄.
Jenny's father, an MD
Gave her CaCO₃.
Now she's neutralized, it's true,
But she's full of CO₂.

Q: What is the difference between chemistry and cooking?

A: In chemistry you should never lick the spoon.

Business Studied

47 Year 10 pupils met outside the Sixth Form College at 9.15 on a dull June morning. They were there to participate in a “People at Work” activity put on by college tutors. The hidden agenda was to find out about the college so that sensible decisions could be made by our pupils when deciding on their post-Challney education.

The day comprised lectures, seminars and activities designed to enhance the ideas discussed. The most exciting activity came in the role-plays where students considered real life situations and were able to be Alan Sugar and tell others, “You’re fired!”

The staff at the college were impressed by the enthusiasm and energy of our pupils and have already invited next year’s Business Studies groups to a similar day in the future.

Maths Masterclass

Three Year 8 students, Surraiya Hanif, Yasmin Saddler and Labiba Rahim, attended a Maths Masterclass at the Sixth Form College on 3rd July. They were placed in different teams with students from other schools which competed against each other in a number of activities. These included a race to solve a series of mathematical puzzles as well as two problem solving activities, a murder mystery and a race to construct a cube from a flat puzzle. Students thoroughly enjoyed their work, passing through the stages of frustration, excitement and finally satisfaction when the solution was achieved. Particular congratulations go to Yasmin whose team was second in the whole competition.

Healthy Eating

As part of our new Healthy Schools status, some of our girls have been involved in learning about healthy food with our wonderful kitchen manager, Mrs Peacock, and totally capable learning mentors, Mrs Aytoun and Mrs Dunville. As you can see opposite, the food prepared was superb and everybody enjoyed eating it.



Electron microscope images seen by Mrs Menon’s class when they visited the University of Bedfordshire



Mrs Peacock leading preparation of healthy food



Pupils leading eating and tasting of healthy food



'Wellies on Parade' at the Garden Club



Year 9 pupil holding a tarantula



The Broadbalk at Rothamsted

Garden Club News

As our academic year draws to an end the Garden Club members can look back upon a fruitful year. The garden has progressed from a barren quadrangle to a colourful, interesting garden. Unfortunately, we have been unable to complete all our gardening projects due to unforeseen quantities of rain that seems to "bucket down" as the lunch bell is heard, all lunch plans are in disarray and we take shelter in our lovely but compact greenhouse undertaking other chores. However, the flower patch is extremely bright and "wellie parade" has been enjoyed by all. The hanging baskets are growing and the roses are in bloom. The girls have watched flowers emerge after weeks of care from seeds until the final product. The vegetable patch is going to produce a bumper crop of potatoes, tomatoes, beans, peas and hopefully the pumpkins will surprise us by the time we return after the summer holidays. Once again the girls enjoyed a trip to Luton Hoo and we were fortunate enough to have glorious sunshine and actually have an outdoor picnic lunch and catch a tan.

In September Miss Arthur will be judging the tallest sunflower competition and we look forward to the results. Other projects that we wish to undertake include building a scarecrow, creating a sundial and herb area and a Zen garden. So, everyone, enjoy your summer holidays and come back to school refreshed so that you can lend a hand in our garden.

Rainforest Talk

On 25th May our Year 9 girls were treated to a surprise science lesson given by Rainforest Presentations. They were shown a number of animals that show unique adaptations, a meerkat, a snake, a tarantula spider, a skunk, a desert hedgehog (which is sand coloured) and a parrot. The meerkat is very sociable and cried out when it was put on its own. The skunk produces a very unpleasant smell when it is afraid. Pupils were able to hold some of the animals and get much closer than you could in a zoo. We hope to bring Rainforest Presentations to Challney again at a later date.

Rothamsted Visits

On Friday 22nd June a group of Year 9 students visited Rothamsted Research station in Harpenden to get an idea of the type of research that is carried out there.

One group went round the Broadbalk. This experiment has been running since 1844 and looks at the growth of cereal crops under different treatments of fertilizer, herbicide and fungicide. It has allowed scientists to identify the optimum conditions needed to obtain the maximum yield. Students were able to see different types of cereal, wheat, oats and barley growing in the field.

The second group went round the glasshouses where peas, cotton and sweet potato are grown. The glasshouse is very much a controlled environment where plant pests can be controlled using predators such as ladybirds. Levels of light, carbon dioxide and temperature are also controlled to ensure maximum yield. Scientists are also involved in the genetic manipulation of the crops, where genes may be added or removed from the plant to ensure maximum yield.

Trips to the University of Bedfordshire

On 18th April Year 10 students were able to visit the Luton campus of the University of Bedfordshire to participate in a workshop on DNA analysis. Students were able to use the technique of Gel Electrophoresis to separate the DNA fragments. This technique has allowed scientists to separate the genes in the human genome. It is also used in Forensic Science. It is not a technique we can carry out at school and we are grateful to the University of Bedfordshire for giving our students the opportunity.

On the 2nd July Mrs Menon took 15 Year 10 pupils to the University to get acquainted with the working of the electron microscope. The microscope itself costs half a million pounds. A light microscope (similar to the type we use at school) uses a beam of light to create an image of the specimen. The magnification of the light microscope is limited a maximum magnification of 1000 times.

The electron microscope uses a beam of electrons to make an image which can be seen a million times bigger than the specimen under the lens. This means that even the tiniest virus can be seen in great detail and photographed clearly. The specimens are mounted on a special cube and covered with a thin layer of gold. This helps to create a very sharp image. The images are actually in black and white, colour is often added later to make the images more attractive. Pictures of various tissues and cells inside our bodies were particularly fascinating.

Primary School Festival Frenzy

This term has been a busy one for our young sports leaders with Challney hosting three festivals for our primary feeder schools: fitness for Year 3 and 4, football for Years 1 and 2 and most recently multi sports for Years 5 and 6. All have been well-attended and thoroughly enjoyed by the children that participated. The young leaders in Years 9 and 10 who helped organize and run the tournaments should be congratulated on the success of the events. It just goes to show that we have a lot of talented leaders out there in the school and next year they will have even greater opportunity to put their skills to good use with a total of 6 festivals taking place throughout the year.

Primary Outreach

Since September 2006 we have run ten Science Clubs for our three partner schools, Dallow, Downside and Maidenhall Junior Schools. I would like to thank Miss Menni and the Year 6 Science Buddies, particularly Fariyal Riaz, Tereze Gaile and Summer Ajayi for organising and running these. Once again Mr Morgan from the Boys' School has helped by driving the Year 6 pupils from their schools to be with us in the science clubs. If any girl would like to be a Buddy in the Science Club next year she should see Miss Menni. The Science Clubs have focused on developing pupils' practical skills and looked at some of the more exciting demonstrations. This has included investigating flame tests, the reactivity of metals and making electromagnets.

Science Masterclass

Kamalprit Grewal, Shamaila Hussain and Priththivika Baskaran will be attending a Science Masterclass at Pembroke College in the University of Cambridge on 3rd to 5th July. Students will be able to work on science related topics, with other students from the eastern region.

The Mosaics

Some Year 9 students have been involved in making mosaics for display in the school. These included Halima, Shema, Zakia and Shantal from 9D, Sahdia, Sidra, Farhana and Ifzana from 9T and Zahra and Sobia of 9E.

The pupils had to design their mosaic with a Science theme. Initially the pupils drew a design on card and cut it out into smaller pieces which could fit together to make the mosaic. After measuring the pieces of card they cut pieces of glass and porcelain to fit together. These they glued onto the base, cleaned the glue off the top and filled the gaps with plaster. Although it sounds simple it is very fiddly and needed a lot of patience.

Look out for these mosaics around the school next term.

New Intake Day

Our New Intake Day this year was 5th July. Despite lots of nervous little faces, everyone had a really good day and hopefully lots of Year 6 girls are now more at ease about coming to Challney in September. The Year 6 Consultation Evening also proved to be a great success and I am sure it also helped calm the nerves of the pupils. The new Buddies have taken up their roles very well and have been involved in helping in every way possible. They have their own business cards which will enable the Year 6 pupils to contact them over the summer via email with any worries or questions regarding Challney.

On the day, the Year 6 girls took part in a number of activities. These ranged from circle time, ice-breaking games, form interviews, a tour of the school, a wall of thought, thinking skills and a taster lesson in either French, PE,

Science or Music. This year also saw the launch of our Year 6/7 Transfer Booklet.

A massive thank you to all of the Year 7 team, Mrs Skalecki and the Buddies for all their hard work in making the day a great success.

The following pupils have been chosen to Buddy the new year 7s this year.

7P: Samirah Hannan and Olivia Poopola

7R: Haleema Mahmood, Esnart Membe and Monica Baloyi

7O: Shareen Mohammed, Spohaila Abbas and Azayah Haider

7M Margarate Chimanga, Farah Batool and Haleema Aziz

7I Celsa Paiva, Zenat Mahmood and Saarah Malik

7S Saanah Hafeez, Ashleigh Thomas and Carrie Crawford

7E: Sarah Malik, Farkanda Shaheen, and Samar Nisar

Thank you also to the Year 8 Buddies who have been fantastic this year. Well done and many thanks



Summer Concert

Not a great many students were allowed to participate in the 2007 Summer Concert and there were only 22 in the audience; however, those who performed did so to the best of their abilities. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the musical items presented. The Music Department is very proud of you all.

Mr Power would like to thank wholeheartedly Miss Bakin and Mrs Masters for their wonderful support during rehearsals and the concert itself. Thank you both. Many thanks also to other members of staff who supported the concert in many ways and to Ila for the refreshment which were most enjoyable.

In December there will be a concert to celebrate the Festive Season and hopefully with many more students performing and relatives and friends being entertained.

Many thanks to all for your talents.

Sports

Year 8 Town Rounders

On Wednesday 20th June, the Year 8 tournament took place at Icknield. Having won the tournament last year, everyone was really up for the challenge that lay ahead; we had a title to defend. We started against South Luton and lost by half a rounder! Things could only get better though and we then played some brilliant games. Our fielding was outstanding and even other teachers commented on the excellence displayed by our girls. We took on Denbigh, Halyard, Stopsley, Lealands and South Luton and finished in second place. We only lost out on winning the tournament on rounders scored...so unlucky. Each and every one of the girls played their hearts out and gave 100% in every game. Nobody can ask for more than that. You are all a credit to Challney. Well done on an excellent performance, everyone.

David Beckham Academy 2007

Well, the day finally arrived! It seems so long ago since we were given the place for this super day out. Year 7 and 8s set off at 7.30 am for the journey to Greenwich. Spirits were high and everyone was really looking forward to her day out. It was a very educational day and involved lots of team building and independent learning. We looked at lots of different elements of the game in order to complete a series of tasks.

Each of us was given a role and a job description. The roles included Nutritionist, Scout, Team Manager, Fitness Coach, Sports Journalist and Physiotherapist. We really enjoyed performing these different roles. In the afternoon, we all took part in a world cup tournament for which we had to think about the skills we had worked on all day in order to field a good team. We learned a lot at the academy such as the links between health and fitness, the right type of diet, the parts of the body we use for football and much more. The girls really enjoyed themselves and I think they were only disappointed about not meeting David himself. Maybe next time, girls!

Holiday boredom?

Why not visit some of these Science websites?
www.planet-science.com (jokes, games, experiments)

www.funsci.com (lots of experiments you can try)

www.nasa.gov (find out about the current space programmes)

www.newscientist.com (Science in the news)

Breakfast Club

Fahrah Mali, 9E, Sofia Khan, 9N, Nevpreet Bains, 9Y and Jaspreet Phull, 9Y have been working incredibly hard to promote the Breakfast Club. They have used a range of ICT skills and their individual talents and abilities to launch a successful, whole-school campaign.

They have worked independently and collaboratively to design a unique logo and a catchy slogan. They have also created a website

(which can be accessed from the main

Challney website) and eye-catching posters and leaflets. They

have also designed promotional wristbands, which you can receive for free when you come to Breakfast Club.



Tereze top in Luton

Every year the Luton School Sports Partnerships presents awards to pupils for their achievements in PE and school sport. As a school we have been consistently successful in these awards with Challney pupils often gaining first prize. This year was no different with Tereze Gaile in Year 8 being awarded the overall winner of the Luton Key Stage 3 achievement award, which she collected at a ceremony in June. Needless to say, Tereze was delighted with this well deserved accolade. Tereze was nominated due to her consistently high achievements across a multitude of sports, and because of her exceptional commitment and sportsmanship. She is a shining example to all and we congratulate her.

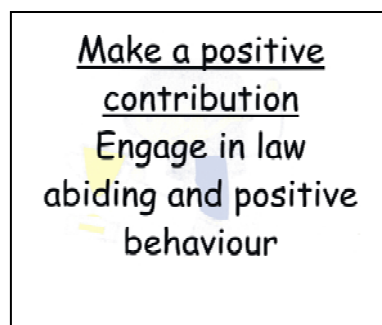
Term dates 2007–8

Autumn Term

Mon. 3 rd September	Training Day
Tue. 4 th September	Years 7 and 10 return
Wed. 5 th September	Years 8, 9 and 11 return
Mon. 10 th September	Year 10 parents: 'How to help your daughter develop her study skills in Year 10'
Mon. 15 th October	Year 7 parents: 'How to help your daughter in Year 7'
Wed. 17 th October	Year 7 coffee morning
Thu. 18 th October	New Intake Evening
Fri. 19 th October	Training Day
Mon. 21 st October	Half term week
Thu. 1 st November	Awards Evening
Thu. 15 th November	Consultation Day
Mon. 19 th November	Year 9 Parents: 'Making the most of IT in Year 9'
Mon. 26 th November	Year 11 Parents: 'How to help your daughter prepare for her GCSE exams and make her college application' Year 11 Mock exams week
Mon. 3 rd December	Year 8 Parents: 'How to help your daughter in Year 8'
Mon. 10 th December	Year 10 Parents: 'How to help your daughter meet her coursework requirements in Key Stage 4'
Fri. 14 th December	Year 10 coffee morning
Mon. 17 th December	Music performance

Spring Term

Mon. 7 th January	New term begins
Mon 11 th Feb	Half term week





Students with their science themed mosaic

CHALLNEY GIRLS

Thursday, July 05

Welcome to the new web site for Challney High School for Girls, a comprehensive secondary school located in Luton, England, for girls aged eleven to sixteen.

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Latest News

Welcome to our all new-look website. We hope to bring you all the latest news and to keep you up to date with the issues that affect you as pupils, parents, governors and staff. Please use the feedback form provided on the contact page to offer suggestions for content and ideas for the website. Please excuse any pages under construction, it is early days and we hope the website will grow as time allows and more content and ideas become available.

This half-term we say farewell to Mr Rhind who retires as Senior Science Technician. Mr Rhind has been a most effective Senior Technician, bringing stability, skill and support to the science department. We will miss him, and wish him well in the future.

Following the recent request for nominations for parent governors we received two nominations and Mr J. Rizvi and Mr. F. Shah were both appointed unopposed. We look forward to welcoming them to the Governing Body and working together for the benefit of the girls in our care.

Key Dates

Mon. 4th June – Year 10 exams begin
 Thu. 25th June – Consultation Day
 Fri. 26th June – Day Trip to France
 Tue. 3rd July – Sports Day
 Wed. 4th July – Year 6 Parents
 Thu. 5th July – New Intake Day
 Mon. 16th July – Certificate Presentation
 Wed. 18th July – Off timetable Day
 Thu. 19th July – End of Term

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