



Challney News

March 2008

Letter from the Head

This has been one of our shortest ever terms. Easter is almost as early as is possible so the holiday has concentrated our efforts to complete all the necessary work, particularly in relation to Year 11 coursework. That said, I am amazed to see how well the many activities of the term have been represented in this edition of Challney News. I am sure you will enjoy reading about what is going on and about the girls' successes.

Over the next few months we will be installing security gates at the front of the school. These will restrict vehicular access to those on official business. This has become necessary for a number of reasons: in order to protect students and staff from unwanted intruders, particularly at quieter times of the working day and to ensure the safety of pedestrians entering and leaving the site. Governors and staff have become increasingly concerned by the dangers caused by congestion on site at the beginning and end of the school day and our priority, as always, is to ensure the health and safety of the girls. If your daughter is coming to and from school by car please try to park in a safe and considerate manner, preferably well away from the school gates so as to avoid congestion. With the lighter evenings many girls will be able to walk home safely.

I am always impressed by the generosity of our girls. You will read in this edition of their great efforts following the Bangladesh cyclone and during Charities week.

Thank you to all parents who supported us and helped their daughters as they proved once again what responsible young people they are. I hope you enjoy the holiday together



and I hope Year 11 and Year 9 remember to work hard!

Miss Arthur

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Staff news

New Staff

We are pleased to welcome several new members of staff:

Mrs L. Wilson, Key Stage Liaison Officer
 Mrs A. Howe, Finance Assistant
 Mrs L. Molle, Finance Assistant
 Miss S. Rezaei, Art Technician
 Mr D. Matthews, Design Technology Assistant
 Mrs H. Kokabi, Fitness Suite Technician
 Miss Redwood, Fitness Suite Technician
 Miss A. Akhtar, Teaching Assistant

Staff Leaving

Leaving us this term are:

Mrs J. Williams, Joint Head of Art
 Mr S Gyampa, Maths Teacher
 We wish them well for the future.

Gold Award

We are very proud to have received a Gold Certificate to celebrate our school's involvement in the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Award, having made five nominations. The Certificate, which has been sent by Gordon Brown, Prime Minister, is now displayed in our entrance hall.

Punctuality

We have become increasingly concerned about the punctuality of some of our pupils and ask for your support in making sure the girls are here on time. They should be in

their form rooms for registration at 8.40 am. If they are not, they will be recorded as late.

3 lates	Year group detention	
	Lunchtime	½ hour
6 lates	Senior Management detention	
	Lunchtime	1 hour
9 lates	After school detention	1 hour

Detentions are a school policy and as such will be imposed rigorously.

Mrs Duk



Challney Girls' High School Association

We are delighted to announce that after a period of four years our Parent-Teacher Association, the Challney Girls' High School Association, is now up and running and fully functioning again. In line with our constitution, we have five parent and carer committee members and four staff committee members.



The parent committee members are:

Ms Lesley Smith, mother of Rebecca Kaur, 7M
 Dr. Abdul Majid, father of Zainab Abdul Majid, 7A
 Mr Safder Iqbal, father of Naila Safder, 9B
 Mrs Saheli Hussain, mother of Wasima Hussain, 8E
 Mrs Minette Quinton, mother of Jordan Quinton, 7N

The four staff committee members are:

Mr John Justin, Modern Foreign Language and Learning Support Teacher
 Mrs Indu Kaushal, Language Support Assistant
 Mr Martyn Golding, Mathematics Teacher
 Miss Patricia Morris, Head of Year 9 and English Teacher

The President remains the Headteacher although she has asked that her role as Chair be taken by Mr Alan Palmer, Assistant Headteacher.

The constitution also allows for up to four co-opted members to be elected by the committee. We were delighted to accept nominations for:

Mrs Karlene Stephenson, mother of Abigail Stephenson, 7A and Mr Mohammed Saghir, father of Iman Saghir, 7A who have also been elected onto the committee.

At the last meeting on Wednesday 5th March, the committee decided to focus their efforts on two events this year.

The first is to plan an Open Forum at which parents and carers will be invited into the school to ask questions about Challney of a panel of school staff.

The second is to plan for an End of Year Showcase event of the very best of our pupils' talents. More details will follow the next CGHSA meeting which has been scheduled for Wednesday 16th April.

New-look self-service Breakfast Centre

We are very happy to announce the launch of the new-look Breakfast Centre. In order to speed up serving times, we have changed to a new self-service model and a revised menu. From Monday 3rd March we will have available:



- Toast
- Poached eggs
- Baked Beans
- Jam
- Yoghurt
- Fruit
- English muffins
- Bagels
- Hot chocolate
- Cartons of fruit juice (apple, orange, pineapple)
- Cereal (Corn Flakes, Bran Flakes, Rice Crispies)

Why not encourage your daughter to come along to the Junior Dining Room from 8.00 am to 8.30 am every school day and join the growing numbers of girls who are enjoying the benefits of a good breakfast at the start of the day? Don't forget – the “eat as much as you want for 50p” offer still stands!



Food matters!

Over the last two months it has come to my attention that I am seeing an increasing number of girls in my medical room because they feel sick or faint. Questioning them reveals that they are not eating breakfast. Some girls are having food at 5.00 pm in the evening and going through until 10.00 am next day. I would like to impress on parents / carers the necessity to ensure, where possible, that their daughters have something to eat in the morning. In the next few months Year 11 girls will be going through their GCSE exams and will need to be prepared mentally and physically. A good breakfast **will** kick-start their day. The Junior Dining Room is running an excellent Breakfast Centre for all girls so there is really no excuse for any girl not to eat. Finally, if the girls still choose not to eat properly it should be borne in mind that they may be laying up trouble for the future e.g. diabetes, eating disorders and kidney problems. So please help your child to help herself for now and for her future health.

Mrs King, Welfare Assistant

Foxdell Visit

The reputation of the Breakfast Centre is spreading. On Thursday 13th March we were visited by 18 pupils and three staff from Foxdell Junior School who had heard so much about the excellent breakfasts on offer, as well as the exciting opportunity to play games on the Wii console. They made the trip all the way from Foxdell and back on foot especially to try out the Breakfast Centre. Naturally they were very impressed and have already asked if they can come again.

Dance Mats

Challney had 12 dance mats for three weeks. I enjoyed using the mats. This is the first club I have attended and I had so much fun. It is really good for us to have this type of activity in school. I wish we could keep them! I enjoyed using them as they kept me active and healthy. I now realize it is important to keep active and I was on the dance mats every day.

Fyzah Ghani, 7A

Anti-Bullying Week

Earlier this term we asked pupils to write a poem about being bullied. The best poems were from:

Tahira Mahmood, 8E; Codie Hackshaw, 11H; Anika Aris, 7Y; Rachna Sharma, 11C and Thasnim Begum, 7R.

Bullying

They threw my books, gave me dirty looks,
They kicked and punched and took my
money for lunch!

They called me names and
Wouldn't let me join in their games.

I always feared but no-one cared,
They always laughed and called me daft.

I wished they would go away
But they bullied me every day.

Tahira Mahmood, 8E

Tahira illustrated her poem and her pictures are shown on the centre page.

Bullying Me

Why do you try to fill me with fear?
It's obvious to you but to me unclear.
I wish that I belonged with you,
If I was your friend I would feel so cool.
Everyday you ring my phone
On private number, caller unknown.
Why waste your bill for a silly thrill?

I didn't mean to be un-funny
Or to look so fat and ugly,
I want to know why you have hate
Because of my race you discriminate.
The things you say are lies and deceit
To make me feel like a circus freak,
But I'm stepping up and standing strong,
I can't live this way any more.

Codie Hackshaw, 11H

Fitness Suite

The school has now employed two fitness instructors to run the fitness suite. Here is what Mrs Kokabi, one of the instructors, says:

'I would like to introduce myself to those people who have not yet been along to the fitness suite. I am Mrs Kokabi and I am a qualified fitness and exercise leader. I am in school to help the girls improve their fitness levels by using the machines in the new suite. I aim to help everyone get lots of enjoyment from the activities available while improving fitness and stamina levels. This may encourage some of the pupils to take part in other sports as their ability increases and stand them in good stead for continuing with some physical exercise after they have left school and gone into the wider world.

Physical fitness is a basic requirement of life. General fitness involves having an overall body fitness which enables you to take part in physical activity. In sport an athlete has to meet the demands of the activity .

A number of components make up general or health-related fitness;

- Muscular strength (using your muscles against resistance)
- Muscular endurance (using your muscles repeatedly)
- Aerobic endurance (enabling you to keep going without getting out of breath)
- Flexibility (stretching and bending as activity dictates)
- Body composition
- Aerobic endurance (continuous training such as by jogging, rowing, cycling or swimming.)

An active fitness regime helps you to enjoy life to the full.

You are very welcome to join us whatever your current fitness level and remember my motto which is:

“Think Quality not Quantity”.

The fitness suite is now open:

- Daily at lunchtimes from 12.50 pm to 1.50 pm for female staff and pupils.

- Monday and Wednesday from 3.20 pm to 5.20 pm for pupils, female staff and female relatives
- Tuesday and Thursday from 3.20 pm to 4.20 pm for pupils and female staff.'

Fundraising Week

Fundraising Week was very busy. There were lots of interesting events for us all to involve ourselves in and there was a great buzz around the school. We had fun while we were raising money for a very good cause, The Down's Syndrome



Association. Fundraising Week was good because it encouraged us to think about other people and taught us how to organize events. *Year 10 pupils*

Baby, Think It Over

The Child Development Department is this year again fortunate to organise the 'Baby Think It Over' programme for Year 10 pupils studying Child Development for GCSE. This activity has been possible with the help of the Luton NHS Primary Care Trust which has gladly agreed to lend us six infant baby simulators or virtual babies.

This is an exciting educational programme that will enable our Year 10 Child Development pupils to gain the experience of parenting a young baby as well as exploring the physical, emotional, financial and social consequences of teen parenthood.

The parenting simulation is designed to help young adults understand three important facts about babies:

- Babies' demands are unpredictable and must be promptly met.
- Babies require a great deal of time and attention.
- Babies change parents' lives profoundly.

The baby simulators have the weight of a real baby and also cry like one. They cry at random, unpredictable times throughout a 24

hour period and require the pupil to care for them by inserting and turning the care key in their back. The babies stop crying when the care key is inserted but it must be held in place for up to 30 minutes, the time it takes to care for a real baby.

So, to avoid any disruptions to lessons, we have set up a crèche in Hut 8 where pupils will leave their baby simulators in the morning and pick them up at the end of the day.

We hope this programme will be very enriching to our pupils and hope they also become conscious of the responsibilities of good parenting.

Dance Show

Wow! What a brilliant evening the 26 fantastic dancers put on for the 200 family and friends who came to watch our 'Evening of Dance'. The show was a success due to the commitment and hard work the girls put in. The girls were a credit to themselves and the school

Performer, Yasheka White, 11C wrote: 'It was a night to remember when all the dancers came together to perform the first ever dance show at Challney High School for Girls. This wicked dance show took place on the 21st February and it was the event of the year! Miss Dolan recorded it all on DVD. Everyone had chosen their clothes carefully and looked absolutely fabulous.

The Dance Show could not have taken place without Miss Colledge's help, so a big thank you to her and everybody who helped us on the night. A special thanks also to all the dancers who were:

Year 7 – Neeha Sheikh, Kinza Bibi and Tooba Qureshi.

Year 8 — Monica Baloyi, Alliah Wachekwa, Amna Anwar, Harsimran Kumar, Kausiha Baskaran and Sohaila Abbas.

Year 9 — Maya Greenidge, Chiwanzya Chabuka, Michar Kirwan, Victoria Burgess, Mumtaz Ali, Ferhana Khan, Saima Choudhury and Farzana Choudhury.

Years 10 and 11 — Yasheka White, Daphne Tapfumaneyi, Selina Ahmed, Ramona Saigol, Natalie Haque, Tamara Auguste, Kristin Salkey, Neelam Iqbal and Nadine Williams.'

Bangladesh

The instantly generous response of our girls to the terribly sad news of events in Bangladesh last November has been absolutely typical of them and once again confirms our confidence that Challney pupils continue to grow into outstanding citizens. When Cyclone Sidr first struck, nobody could have known just how great would be the damage and destruction it would cause. In fact more than four million people were made homeless and nine million lost their livelihoods. Two million acres of land were lost, ruining desperately needed crops.

Our girls did not wait for the full picture to emerge. First they asked for a non-uniform day, paying £1 each into a special fund for Bangladesh. Second, bucket collections were made for a whole week before and after assemblies. Third, the money raised from the Eid Party held last October was added to the pot. In all a grand total of £1,089.93 was sent to Bangladesh via the Disasters Emergency Committee.

Still today, five months later, Bangladesh is facing severe food shortages, making life even more difficult for people who were already some of the poorest in the world. We can be proud that our girls did what they could to lessen this suffering and I am sure that the people of Bangladesh would want to thank them for all their efforts.



Map of Bangladesh showing the southern coastal area where Cyclone Sidr struck



Cyclone victims



In need of our support

Licence to Cook Pilot Project

The beginning of this year has been a very busy time in the Food Technology Department as we have been completing some trials of some new teaching and learning resources for the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust. This is part of a scheme called Licence to Cook which all schools will be working on from September. The trials we have run in school have been completed with some Year 8 groups and we have thoroughly enjoyed making lots of tasty new recipes. Our favourites were Spinach, Potato and Chickpea Curry closely followed by Savoury Rice and Dutch Apple Cake.

Years 7 to 9 will all be working on the Licence to Cook scheme from September so you can look forward to lots of healthy, tasty recipes very soon.

Culture Club

It has been another very busy term for the Culture Club with special attention being given to Islamic New Year, Chinese New Year, Holi and Easter. We all owe a huge thank you to the Language Support Department and to both Kitchen Managers and their staff for their generous support in marking these occasions.

You may well have seen the displays in the Crush Hall at the entrance to the school about all four festivals which have appeared successively since January and your daughters may well have enjoyed the tastes of the Chinese buffet which was prepared for all pupils and staff on 21st February.

Next term the Culture Club has chosen to put their energies into two events, the Race for Life in June, which does so much good work to raise money for cancer research, and into the internationally famous Luton Carnival in May. We have already been offered support from Luton Borough Council to run workshops to help us with our carnival costume design and production and we will keep you up to date with developments as they happen.



Licensed to Cook



Baby, Think It Over



By Tahira Mahmood, 8E- see her poem on page 4

How it feels to be colour blind

I am a pupil in Year 7 and I would like to tell you how it feels to be colour blind.

Firstly I would like to tell you some facts. Being colour blind means that you cannot really tell the difference between colours, for example between pink and red or between red and green. There is also a type of colour blindness when you cannot see colour at all, when the world is black and white. I'm glad that's not me.

There are things such as glasses and contact lenses which can help you to see different colours.

Sometimes I feel upset when people are using colours in a game and I cannot participate in it. At other times I feel angry and embarrassed because in my art lessons I might choose red instead of pink and someone has to tell me which is which.

Being colour blind causes me problems when I am choosing what to wear. Once I wore red earrings with a pink outfit. Now my mum helps me choose so that I don't get mixed up and people don't laugh at me.

The things that would help me most would be glasses that distinguish between colours. Labels on paints, pens and clothes would also make my life easier.

The hardest thing about being colour blind is when people make fun of me. How would you like it if you were colour blind and people made fun of you? We should all try to help each other and not make fun of each other's differences.

Written by a Year 7 pupil.

Overseas partners

Isn't it a small world?

We are currently investigating the possibility of forming partnerships with schools around the world. The potential benefits are enormous. For example, this would allow our teachers to share resources, information and ideas with the teachers in other countries.

So far, a number of our departments have made connections with overseas schools. Our Science Department has paired up with Birla High School in Kolkata (Calcutta) in India.

Sometimes fact is stranger than fiction: only after we had established the link did we discover that Mrs Menon, our Subject Leader in Science, had herself once taught in that very same school many years ago. Perhaps this is a partnership that was meant to be!

AimHigher

On Friday 8th February, AimHigher came to Challney Girls' to present a show about the education available to us after high school.

Their performance was very interesting and lively, and they managed to encourage many of us to stay involved with education in the future. They also told us about different courses and ways in which we could make the most of our abilities and develop a career which we would enjoy.

Louise Molloy, 10Y and Huriyah Quadr, 10Y

Diversity and Integration



Our partnership with Sawtry College, near Peterborough took another step forward on 27th February. On this

occasion it was the turn of 10 Sawtry Year 7 pupils to pay us a visit. They were paired with 10 of our Year 7s and spent a morning finding out firsthand about the special benefits of attending a multicultural school like Challney in which all of our pupils' cultures, faiths and traditions are respected.

The day began with an assembly in the main hall led by Miss Ponsonby. It was followed by a "getting to know you" session in the Whitbread Room during which the girls carried out some excellent work on breaking down stereotypical views and misconceptions about different ethnic, religious and cultural groups. The Sawtry pupils then shadowed our Year 7s

in their regular lessons for the rest of the morning before we all met together once more in the Senior Dining Room for a buffet lunch and farewells.

Just as in previous days when we had organised Diversity and Integration days with Sawtry, it was once again wonderful to see how quickly friendship and respect had formed between pupils from different backgrounds meeting for the first time. Already our Year 7s are asking about a return trip to Sawtry. Thank you to the following Year 7 pupils who participated:

Arooje Ahmed 7H, Abigail Stephenson 7A, Alisha Azam 7R, Maariyah Ahmed 7R, Zakia Rashid 7M, Husna Mohammed Tahir 7O, Kinza Javed 7O, Wahida Uddin 7N, Iona Odwin 7M, Hanifa Tidjani 7Y.

Gift Day

As we go to press, we are looking forward to our annual Gift Day assemblies which will be held on the last day of term, Thursday 20th March. At these assemblies we will present a cheque for over £3,000, the total sum raised during our Fundraising Week, to The Down's Syndrome Association, our chosen charity for the year.

As ever, a number of our pupils will perform and read at these assemblies, perhaps playing an instrument, perhaps singing, perhaps reading a poem or short story on the theme of giving. We are delighted to be inviting parents and carers of all these pupils to the assemblies to see their daughters participate.

English classes for parents

You may have already heard about the new spoken English language classes for parents and carers that we will start in June. The first series of classes, our pilot classes, will be delivered to Pakistani/Kashmiri mothers who are just beginning to learn to speak English. If this is successful, we hope to run additional classes for other groups of parents and carers.

Unfortunately, all places on the pilot course have now been taken but if you would be interested in taking part in the future, or know somebody who would, and would like to register with us, please contact Mrs Akhtar, our Home-School Liaison Officer, at the school.

Building Schools for the Future (BSF)

This term has seen considerable progress in the BSF programme. By the middle of February four groups had submitted written bids, which was the first step in the process to select the chosen bidder. The different elements of the bids were scored by the relevant work streams, prior to the groups giving presentations followed by question and answer sessions to representatives from all the work streams. These took place in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall on the 21st and 22nd February. Listening to the presentations was an interesting experience and after much discussion two bidders were selected to go forward to the next stage.

The two groups are Bouygues Partnership for Education and Community (BPEC) and QED. Both consist of several companies who will work together on the different aspects of their bid, such as Design and Construction, ICT and Facilities Management. We now enter a period of time during which we will work with both groups to develop designs and to plan for the changes which will be involved in setting up the partnership and eventually building the new Challney High School for Girls. By the end of 2008 or possibly the beginning of 2009 we shall know which of the bidders will be our preferred choice.

The next few months should be exciting as the bidders begin to develop designs for the new school. There will be plenty of meetings to discuss our ideas and our hopes for the future, and there will be further opportunities for wider consultation. We will try to keep everyone informed as we move forward.

Lottery Funding Provides Dance Mats

Through Big Lottery Funding, secured by Luton School Sports Partnership, we have been able to bring the hugely popular and well publicised 'Dance Mats Revolution' to Challney High School For Girls.

For three weeks, pupils were given the opportunity to challenge their ability to coordinate their feet in time with arrows linked to the up-tempo dance tracks that are displayed on a large screen or wall.

The mats were available for use to a large number of pupils in curriculum time and available on a first-come, first-served basis at lunchtimes and after school.

Dance mats pose, above all, a personal challenge. Programmes available include different levels of 'easy', 'novice', 'hard' and, for those who are extremely well coordinated, 'expert'. Dance Mats Revolution also gives you the option of other programmes, including participating in a team competition or working to a fitness programme.

It's an innovative, fun and exciting approach to keeping active and fit. The mats will be truly missed by the girls (and staff) at Challney. See Fyzah Ghani's article on page 3 for a pupil's view.

For those who would like to continue using 'Dance Mats Revolution', classes are available to the public at Lea Manor Recreation Centre, Putteridge Recreation Centre and Luton Regional Sports Centre at various times in the week. Please contact Active Luton on 08453 30 30 85, go online at www.activeluton.co.uk or speak directly to your School Sports Coordinator, Ms Anderson.



GCSE art by Zirien Chowdhry, 11A

Sports Round Up Year 9 Netball Team do the Double!

Congratulations to the Year 9 netball team on their excellent achievement this year. This is the third year in a row that they have won both the league and the town tournament. We have been playing in the league since September and came up against Putteridge, Lealands and Icknield in the finals. Some outstanding netball was played in these finals. We beat Putteridge 10-6 and Lealands 17-2 in the final itself. In the town tournament we faced Putteridge, Icknield, Lealands, Ashcroft, Denbigh and Barnfield West. We successfully beat all our opponents and took the title. Special congratulations must be given to all girls for their outstanding contribution, dedication and commitment to the netball team this year. The team members were: Tereze Gaile, Merissa Frederick, Yasmin Saddler, Atila Ageyman-Opoku, Aneela Ahmed, Keri-Ann Salkey, Lauren Wheeler, Cissia Magaya and Yusra Quadri.

Inter-form competitions

What a fantastic start we have had to this year's inter-form competitions. There has been huge participation from most tutor groups from all years. So far, forms have competed in netball, basketball, badminton and hockey. Congratulations to 9B who have won all four Year 9 competitions. After Easter the forms will be competing in the summer sports of rounders and tennis, which I am sure we are all looking forward to. Thank you for your participation and enthusiasm, girls.

Results so far are as follows:

Year 7

Netball; 7Y 1st, 7M & 7R joint 2nd

Basketball; 7Y 1st, 7M 2nd

Badminton; 7M 1st, 7A 2nd

Hockey; 7H 1st



Year 8

Netball; 8S 1st, 8R 2nd

Basketball; 8S 1st, 8R 2nd

Hockey; 8R 1st, 8P & 8E joint 2nd

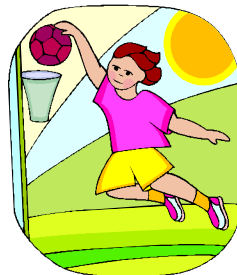
Year 9

Netball; 9B 1st, 9O 2nd

Basketball; 9B 1st

Badminton; 9B 1st,
9I 2nd

Hockey; 9B 1st, 9I 2nd



Year 10

Netball; 10D 1st

Basketball; 10D 1st

Badminton & Hockey; – still to play

Year 11

Netball; 11C 1st, 11H 2nd

Basketball; 11H 1st, 11C
2nd



Primary Schools

Trampolining Festival

On Wednesday February 6th 2008 the 2nd Challney Junior School Festival of the year took place. After a really successful football festival held back in November, this time the focus was on trampolining and gymnastics for Years 5 and 6.

Both the primary pupils and the Challney young leaders who helped run the sessions had a terrific time and got a lot out of the experience. Everyone now eagerly awaits the multi-activity festival which will be held in June.



Year 9 are Town Champions Again

On 22nd January the highly talented Year 9s retained the Town Basketball Tournament crown for the third year in a row. After convincing victories in all their round robin matches they faced Barnfield South in the final, a team which they had already beaten previously in the competition. As they had throughout, all pupils played with amazing grit and determination and, once they had drawn ahead, there was no catching them. All the girls were absolutely delighted with their well-deserved triumph.

U14 County Indoor Hockey Tournament

It was with excitement and a little trepidation that the Year 9 Indoor Hockey Team travelled to Bedford for the County Tournament. As expected, the opposition was strong but our girls held their own. A win against local rivals Icknield, a draw against Cedars and two losses to Dame Alice and Bedford High left us in a creditable third place behind the two private Bedford schools. The tournament was an excellent experience for the girls and the result reflected their commitment to training throughout the year.

Sainsbury's Sports for Schools 2008

The PE Department is collecting Sainsbury's vouchers for Schools and would be grateful if you could send any vouchers into the school which we can then exchange for equipment.

Many thanks.



Chinese New Year display by the Culture Club



World Art by Sadaf Batool for her GCSE coursework

Diary Dates 2008

Mon 7th April Training Day
Tue 8th April Term begins
 Mon 21st April Language Oral exams start
 Mon 5th May Holiday
 Tue 6th May Year 9 SATs week
 Mon 12th May Years 7 and 8 exams week
 Tue 13th May GCSE exams start
Mon 26th May Half Term week
 Mon 2nd June Years 9 and 10 exams week

Summer Term

Thu 26th June Consultation Day
 Fri 27th June Day Trip to France
 Tue 2nd July Sports Day
 Mon 7th July Yr 9 Parents Info evening
 Mon 14th July Yr 10 Parents Info evening
 Thu 17th July Certificate Presentations
 Fri 18th July Chemistry at Work Day
 Mon 21st July Off Timetable Day
Tue 22nd July Term ends

**HAPPY HOLIDAY,
EVERYONE**

To: Mr Palmer

I have received the March 2008 issue of Challney News.

Signed: Parent/Carer of

Pupil Form



Parent Information Evenings

Over the last two years we have organised a good number of Monday Information Evenings at the school for parents and carers with the aim of helping you to support your daughter's education.

These have been so well received by those parents and carers who have attended that we intend to continue to organise similar events next year. In order to ensure that as many people as possible can attend, we would like to consult with you about when we might stage them.

Also a new development this year has been the introduction of coffee mornings on the Friday of the same week that we have staged the Monday Information Evenings. We would also like to know your views about these.

Please would you complete the questionnaire below and return it to Mr Palmer at the school via your daughter's form tutor by Thursday 20th March.

Parent Information Evenings

I have attended a Monday Information Evening at the school this year

Yes No

I would like to attend Information Evenings at the school in the future

Yes No

I would like information evenings to start at

4.00 pm 5.00 pm 6.00 pm

7.00 pm Any time

I would prefer them to take place on

Mondays Tuesdays Wednesdays

Thursdays Any day

Coffee Mornings

I have attended a Coffee Morning at the school this year

Yes No

I would like to attend Coffee Mornings at the school in the future

Yes No

I would like Coffee Mornings to start at

9.00 am 9.45 am 10.30 am

11.30 am Any time

I would prefer them to take place on

Mondays Tuesdays Wednesdays

Thursdays Fridays Any day

I would like to attend an Information Evening about:

Ways of helping my daughter to revise

Ways of helping my daughter with homework

Good use of IT and the internet

Study skills

Preparation for SATs

Options for my daughter after Year 11

A tour of the school

The school curriculum for my daughter's year group

Requirements of individual GCSE exams

Coursework procedures

Options at the end of Year 9

Other (please specify)

Daughter's name..... Form

Signed

Parent/Carer