



## AN INCREDIBLE END TO A BUSY YEAR

I am delighted to announce that this year has been our best ever with some magnificent individual and whole school achievements. Some of which have been truly outstanding.

The Trust has grown quite considerably this year with the addition of Putteridge High School, Challney High School for Girls and Marston Vale Middle School. We are also well on our way to providing Luton with two further secondary schools which will ensure high quality outcomes for even more young people.

Although this is a time of rapid growth we have continued to improve the quality of education and pupil experiences at all of our schools and we have made some excellent appointments to the central team which will lead to further improvements and the successful development of the Trust.

I would like to thank all of our staff for your dedication and the tremendous amount of hard work that you have put in this year. I would also like to thank all of our parents and carers for the support and encouragement that you have provided at home and above all the pupils for your resilience, creativity, hard work and determination. I am very proud of you all and I am honoured to lead such a fantastic Trust.

I hope you all have a very enjoyable summer and I look forward to seeing you again in September.

**Adrian Rogers – Chief Executive**





## TOP TEN HIGHLIGHTS 2016-2017

Our Top 10 highlights of the year in no particular order are:

1. Denbigh High School and Challney High School for Boys GCSE results placing them within the top 3% of schools in the country.
2. Dallow Primary being judged as Good in all areas by Ofsted. The school moved from a grade 4 to a grade 2.
3. Marston Vale's SATs results rising by 15% for combined Reading, SPAG, and Maths.
4. Denbigh High School becoming the National Runner Up and East of England Champion in the Department for Education's Pupil Premium awards.
5. The development of a strong Primary Hub that includes some excellent schools and the forming of a closer relationship with Denbigh Primary.
6. There has been a vast improvement in the ethos, pupil attitudes and teaching and learning at Challney High School for Girls.
7. Bringing forward the new build at Putteridge and improvements to their team.
8. The strengthening of the senior team at Marston Vale and some very strong Central Team appointments. Lorraine Hughes and Rob Parsons joined our senior team at the start of the year and have been wonderful additions to the Trust and schools. More recently, to support our expansion, we have appointed several other talented people. Steven Tingey, Lydia Braisher and Sam Simkins have joined our operations team. Caroline Shinn has joined our central finance team and Deb Garner and Rachael Rochester have joined us as Administration Assistants. Karen Bateman has been appointed as head of our training team, with Bori Woulds as additional support, and Anna Rogers to be the part time primary SCITT lead. Lorraine has expanded her school improvement team, and this now includes several SLEs, and leaders in maths and English.

Meet our new team members:



Steve Tingey



Lydia Braisher



Sam Simkins



Caroline Shinn



Deb Garner



Rachel Rochester



Karen Bateman



Bori Woulds

9. Establishing our Primary School Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) provision.
10. A huge uptake of our Teaching School activities and events including the BAME course.



## CHALLNEY HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS EXPANSION PROGRAMME WELL UNDERWAY

The Chiltern Learning Trust and the school have been working very closely with Luton Borough Council to make sure that there are enough school places in really good schools for all the young people in Luton. A major part of this programme is the expansion of Challney High School for Boys from a school of 825 students, to one of 1200 students. The planned growth of Challney is now very visible. On Thursday 29th June we welcomed our first intake of 240 students who will be joining us in September. This is a significant increase on the previous years' intake of 165 and it was splendid to see the school hall full of smart, intelligent and eager young boys who will shortly become the Challney gentlemen of the future. Our current students did a magnificent job as transition ambassadors, reinforcing the school's expectations that Challney boys will always be Ready, Respectful and Safe.

Another highly visible sign of the expansion programme is the new SEA block (Science, English and Art) which is nearing completion to the east of the site and which will provide fourteen new classrooms, including specialist science laboratories and art rooms. These classrooms will be kitted out with the very latest in touch-screen technology and purpose built furniture, providing a safe, stimulating and comfortable learning environment for our students and our staff. The final touches are well on track to be completed by September, complemented by major upgrades to our student entrance and the boys' central toilets.





## CHALLNEY BOYS' TEAM INNOVATE TRIUMPHS IN APPS FOR GOOD TECH AWARD

Six pupils from Challney High School For Boys have been announced winners at the national Apps for Good Awards at The Barbican in London.

Apps for Good is a national open-source technology education movement that works with schools and learning centres to help young people learn coding and the fundamentals of the digital world. Each year teams are invited to enter a nationwide competition in which they compete to have their apps launched commercially with the support of Apps for Good and their sponsors.

Challney Boys' team Innovate's app idea "Advantage" is designed to help young people share their CVs with industry professionals and access job and apprenticeship opportunities.

The pupils were presented with the prestigious Tech Prize, sponsored by Barclaycard, at the Apps for Good Awards in June.

The award follows the pupils' participation in the Apps for Good course, a programme provided free of charge to teachers, to transform technology education; empowering students to use these skills to create innovative solutions to the problems they care about. Pupils who complete the course can then continue onto the Apps for Good Fellowship programme, which provides opportunities within the tech world.

Daniel Connor, Headteacher at the school, said;  
*"We are thrilled beyond words about our pupils' success in the Apps for Good Awards 2017. Their winning of the Barclaycard Tech Prize is tremendous recognition of their hard work and commitment; not to mention their technical ingenuity. Many, many thanks are due to Barclaycard and the Apps for Good programme for giving Team Innovate the opportunity to showcase their prodigious potential."*





## PARTNERSHIP IN ACTION - CHALLENGE BOYS AND PUTTERIDGE HIGH STUDENTS TALK IT OUT ON THE AIRWAVES

Listeners to Inspire FM on Wednesday 28th June were treated to a masterclass in high order speaking and listening skills as teams of students from years 8 to 10 from Putteridge High School and Challney High School for Boys showcased formal debating at its best. Inspire FM, the foremost community radio station in Luton with over 21000 followers, supported this exciting event as part of their ongoing project work with the Boys school. In addition to debating and presentation, Challney Boys also continue to work closely with the radio station on production and station management, serving their local community and developing employability skills for the future.

Two teams from each school discussed the advantages and drawbacks of single-sex education versus mixed education and, in a second debate, the relative importance of English and mathematics on the curriculum. They highlighted not only the issues at stake, but also the fundamental importance of debating, negotiating and discussion skills. As the Challney debating team never fails to point out, "*Challney Gentlemen never hate, they debate!*"

Our thanks go to Inspire FM presenter Raheed Salam and Station Manager Mohammed Tariq for supporting this exciting partnership.





## 2017 NATIONAL RUNNER-UP AND EASTERN ENGLAND CHAMPIONS OF THE PUPIL PREMIUM AWARDS

**As this school year draws almost to a close, staff and pupils at Denbigh High School are celebrating a range of awards and successes, including recognition at a national level.**

On Thursday 29th June, Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion, Christopher Carter, was joined by Denbigh's SENDCo, Anna Walczynska, and Year 10 pupils Samirah Ahmed and Oman Khan at the Department for Education Pupil Premium Awards ceremony at the Houses of Parliament.

Pupil Premium seeks to support pupils in all schools whose circumstances present potential disadvantages to their educational success or progress. At the ceremony, Denbigh High was recognised as the national runner-up for secondary Pupil Premium School of the Year, and the regional East of England Champion School.

I am delighted by the award. A great education is central to young people's life chances, choices and opportunities. Many of our youngsters encounter challenging personal circumstances. A bedrock of our success is recognising and supporting that individuals overcome any individual barriers to success whilst resolutely never lowering the bar or expecting a lesser standard.

Earlier in the year, Denbigh High was saluted by the Department for Education for having GCSE outcomes in 2016 that placed the school in the top 5% of secondary schools in England for pupils' progress from KS2 to KS4. This subsequently led to receipt of a 2016 Pupil Outcomes Award from the SSAT – the Schools, Students and Teachers Network.

**Colin Townsend** | Headteacher





## VOICE IN A MILLION | WEMBLEY ARENA

It has taken the Denbigh Choir seven months of dedication and preparation for its debut performance at Wembley Arena in the VIAM event (Voice in a Million), which took place on the 8th of March. As always, our pupils were expected to give their best in their performances of solo songs and 14 chosen songs. The choir started the day with a two hour workshop, working with the creative director of Wembley Arena, Jo Garafalo. This was followed by auditions on the Wembley stage, singing in front of an audience of 10,000.

Not only were the Denbigh Choir chosen out of 150 schools nationally to be on stage, three of our pupils, **Zaynab Shahid**, **Leman Basharat** and **Monique Duncan-Beckford**, were invited to return and lead the stage choir on the 8th and 9th of March, as the VIAM event runs over two days. This VIAM stage choir consisted of the best voices nationally including primary and secondary schools.

Our Denbigh Choir worked extremely hard on their choreography and vocals, our stage soloists were attending Sunday rehearsals, ensuring that Denbigh are on the map for their musical talents. This event created a memorable experience for all of our pupils and made all us teachers proud.

A very special thank you to **Miss Rampello**, **Miss Ross** and **Miss Price** who worked tirelessly on all the songs and choreography and **Mr Hatton** who assisted with the Sunday supervision.

*“Wembley was a once in a life time opportunity that I am very grateful to have been involved in. We have learnt a lot of new skills whilst participating and we got to meet celebrities too!”* **Tabitha French.**

*“It was one of my favourite trips. I wish I could sing on the Wembley stage again!”* **Mateusz Sykut.**

*“The Wembley trip was an excellent experience and we met many inspirational people during this memorable trip, plus learnt a lot of different skills.”* **Julia Licbarska.**

*“Wembley was an amazing experience and I have been asked to go again. Not only did we get to meet many celebrities, including Reggie and Bolliie and Road Trip, we got to meet many, many new people and create new friendships. I would definitely recommend this opportunity to anyone who would like to audition for the choir.”* **Monique Duncan-Beckford.**





## SKY SPORTS LIVING FOR SPORT AT DENBIGH

Mike Mullen, the World Master Champion and UK Champion for half pipe BMX riding, has been holding a number of amazing life skills and BMX sessions for some of our pupils at Denbigh High School.

Sharing his own inspirational story, Mike also delivered impressive seminars on goal setting, motivation, time management and how to break down barriers to achieve success.

Pupils across all years learned so many valuable key skills and have already been transferring these across into their own lives. Inspiration achieved, motivation levels fully charged, confidence soaring and desire to acquire new knowledge reaching new heights; a true recipe for success and all thanks to an amazing partnership with Mike and the Sky Sports Living for Sport project.

Mr Stewart – Teaching and Learning Leader for PE and Sport





## CHALLENGE HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS REACHES 757 ALUMNI MEMBERS!

Three years ago, we organised our alumni in partnership with Futurefirst. In that time, we have managed to sign up 757 ex Challney High School for Girls students. One student even left us in 1966! This year, we have had the opportunity to work with our alumni in a variety of different ways. Some examples include International Women's day, where members came into school and spoke to our students about careers, dreams and aspirations and how to be influential women of the future. This was so inspiring for the students and they relished the opportunity to speak to the past students. We also have a number of alumni members who have come in to work with students on a one-to-one basis and some who have agreed to e-mentor some students as of September 2017. All in all, this has been a really successful year with our Alumni and we continue to develop ways to maximise this experience for both our current and past students.



## CHEMISTRY AT WORK DAY

On Thursday 18th May Year 10 students participated in 'Chemistry at Work' day. The aim of the day was to highlight the many different careers that involve Chemistry and to inspire pupils to study the subject at a higher level. The pupils attended eight different workshops. Some of the workshops included areas of fire safety, asbestos, poisons, drug testing and lots more.

All pupils that attended were very impressed with the day's learning. "*The day was fun as well as educating us on the different scientific jobs that we could do when we leave school,*" commented Haleema Sadia.





## LUTON WADHAM PROJECT 2015-2017

We are very proud to announce that Hafsah Hussain, Adelaide Parker, Anjali Pancha, LaRaib Hussain and Rebecca Shaikh have successfully completed their two-year Luton Wadham Project.

Wadham College is one of the 38 colleges that compose the University of Oxford. The College is dedicated to widening access to higher education as a whole, and to the more competitive universities more specifically (not just Oxbridge). One of the regions that it wants to work with to achieve this goal is Luton. This was the start of the Luton Wadham Project that was launched in October 2015.

The Luton Project gives selected Year 10 students from across the area the opportunity to learn more about university-level education, including the range of different courses on offer across UK universities, with the hope that the students on the scheme will learn how to make a competitive application to university in future, should they wish to go.

At the launch, Year 10 students of all high schools in Luton were invited to apply for this opportunity. They were asked to complete a comprehensive application form to convince the Access Officer at Wadham College why they ought to be chosen to take part in the Project. Out of the 24 places available, 6 were taken by Challney Girls.



The participants attended 8 super-curricular sessions on wide-ranging topics such as Classics, Law, Greek Studies, Computer Science etc throughout 2015-16. They were also invited to a day trip to Wadham College in April 2016 to present which super-curricular session they liked best to a panel of judges. They completed a summer reading project, which they presented to their parents and some teachers in September 2016. In Year 11, they were given advice on their A Level choices and took part in GCSE revision session. The final (and the most exciting) part of the two-year project was a residential trip on 30th June 2017. All participants were invited to the College to spend their day with First Year Wadham College student mentors who accompanied them to University lessons on Law, Chemistry and Mathematics. They got an almost-true feel of the social aspect of University life that day including having meals in the Hall (that resembled Dining Halls from Harry Potter films), a Quiz night in the Common Room and sleeping in the student accommodation inside Wadham College. All participants were awarded Certificates to appreciate their dedication to the Project.

The Project is truly inspiring and will prove to be a turning point in many students' lives. We are very pleased that the Project will continue for a few more years and more Challney Girls will get opportunities to fulfil our School vision of developing influential women of the future.



## SATS RESULTS SUCCESS

Year 6 SATs results have shown a great effort by all Year 6 pupils, parents and staff and the combined Reading, SPAG, and Maths has risen by 15%.

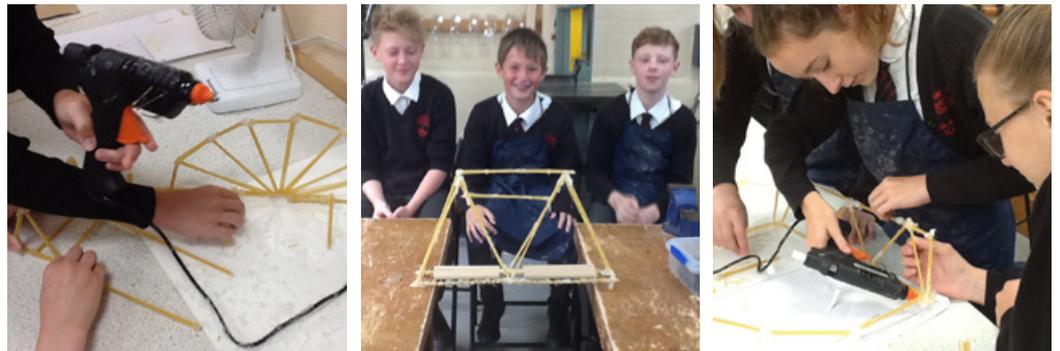
## GREEN FINGERS AT MARSTON VALE

Mrs Guiney and Ms Randall with the help of Mrs Stone, Mrs Simpson and selected pupils have started the Polytunnel Restoration Project. An amazing community project within school that is nurturing respect, teamwork, commitment, and enhancing the School environment.



## ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

Our Year 8's continue with their engineering challenge of designing and building spaghetti bridges which will be tested using a predetermined load to test their knowledge and understanding of forces acting upon structures. The Year 8 Rocket Car software (Autodesk Fusion 360) has been taught to a number of Year 8 pupils during Tech club on Wednesdays.





## DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE

Earlier this term Marston Vale Middle School was invited to take part in a Design and Technology challenge. This challenge requires a small team of pupils to design and model a small car to be raced against other teams from local schools.



## WADHAM COLLEGE (OXFORD)

Four Putteridge Students 'graduated' from Wadham College, Oxford this term. Fabian Kapadia, Alex Potter (pictured) along with Grace Steward and Joel Foreman completed a two year project working with staff and students at the Oxford College. The project culminated in a residential weekend in which the students attended lectures, visited the sites of the city and enjoyed free time in the College – Not least eating in Wadham College Hall which inspired thoughts of Hogwarts and Harry Potter.





## DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Students completed their final expedition for their Bronze Award. Students who achieved this award this year were Alex Potter, Priscilla Oluwasola, Imran Choudhury, Jamie Payne, Sandro Taylor and Max Tansley. This award reflected two years of hard work in developing personal skills, volunteering as well as the physical demands of the expedition. They join an elite group of D of E award winners from around the country.



## MATHS ENRICHMENT DAY

A group of our Year 10 mathematicians took part in a Further Maths Enrichment Day at the University of Bedfordshire. Pictured below, a part of the group who attended after completing their day which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who went along.





## ARTISTIC SUCCESS

Our fabulous Art students put on a magnificent display of their GCSE artwork at the end of their examination. The work was of an outstanding quality and reflected two years of hard work. The Art exhibition was held in school and was well attended by students, parents, school staff and staff from the Trust. Everyone commented on the outstanding nature of the work. Specially thanks to Jo Hewitt, Scott Stanyer and Jonathan Goodman for organising the event



## SUMMER SCHOOL GAMES

Our Year 8 students participated in the Summer School Games at the end of June. Congratulations to them on becoming the best in the league! In addition to this success our PE Department has won a wide range of sporting events this term. We are especially proud of our cricket teams in Year 7, 8 and 9. Many of the boys were new to cricket but all of the teams came in the top half of their leagues – Well done!





## OFSTED SUCCESS

The school had an Ofsted Inspection on 7th and 8th June 2017 and we are delighted to announce that Ofsted has judged the school to be Good in all areas.

This is a truly fantastic achievement and reflects the time and support given by everyone connected with the school and who have shown a huge commitment in helping to make Dallow Primary be the best that it can.

The Inspectors reported that:

- leaders, staff and governors share a strong ambition for all pupils to achieve well
- teaching and learning in Foundation is very effective
- teaching and pupil progress is good
- writing and reading are taught well, in particular phonics
- pupil progress is good overall and attainment is rising
- Dallow is a fully inclusive school where everyone is treated fairly and equally
- the behaviour of pupils is good and pupils work and play well together
- pupils and parents say the school is a safe place
- provision for our special needs and disadvantaged pupils is good
- the curriculum engages and enthuses pupils
- pupils spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is strong, as is their understanding of British Values
- our Family Workers are a strong bridge between school and home
- staff morale is high
- governance is effective and our Governors know the school well.

We are now looking forward to continuing the journey and building on our success, working closely with families to improve Dallow even more.





## HIGH OUTCOMES FOR FOUNDATION PUPILS

Dallow is delighted that our 2017 outcomes for our Foundation pupils are in line with the national figure this year with 71% of the pupils achieving a Good Level of Development.

Our recent OfSTED inspection recognised that our Foundation Team is 'very effective and that the children make good progress'.

Our ambitious team see everything as a learning opportunity and provide a stimulating and interesting environment both in the classroom and the outdoor areas.



## HUGE IMPROVEMENTS IN PHONICS

The introduction of Read, Write Inc to Foundation and Key Stage 1 has made a significant impact on the teaching of phonics at Dallow.

The percentage of pupils reaching the expected standard in the end of Year 1 Phonics Screening has risen by 17% in just 2 years.

Our 2017 outcome of 83% of pupils achieving the required standard is now above the national figure.





## CONGRATULATIONS – CLASS OF 2017

The end of the academic year sees 35 new teachers entering the profession with Qualified Teacher Status including 27 who gained a Postgraduate Certificate in Education. The year-long course run by Chiltern Training Group is an intensive year of training working in partnership with a range of schools in the Luton area. Nearly every one of our graduates has found work in Luton schools, joining an impressive proportion of CTG trained teachers and leaders who populate our local schools.



## NEW PRIMARY COURSE FOR SEPTEMBER

CTG has been working closely with Acorn Teaching School at Lark Rise Academy to design a brand new Primary course that starts on the 4th September. We are looking forward to contributing to the local primary teaching workforce in the same way as we have for decades at secondary level.





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## A BRAND NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR LUTON OPENING SEPTEMBER 2018

### School overview

The Chiltern Academy will be a mixed-sex, 11-16 secondary Free School for 1200 students, when at capacity, with eight forms of entry. The admission number for each year will be 240.

The Academy will follow the National Curriculum with specialist areas of Sport, Engineering and Business.

### Location

The school is scheduled to open in September 2018 on a temporary site before moving to its official site at the 'Brache' which is opposite the Gipsy Lane retail park.

The temporary site will be the former Studio School building on York Street which is adjacent to the Hightown Community Sports and Arts Centre.

The York Street site will be used for the first year and then from September 2019 students will be educated in their newly built school at the Brache.

### OPEN EVENINGS AND DAYS

Thursday 28th September - 6pm to 8pm

Saturday 7th October - 11am to 1pm

Tuesday 10th October - 2pm to 4pm

**Location:** 1-9 York St, Luton LU2 0EZ

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*Artists impression of the new school.*



## KINGSLAND ACADEMY CONSULTATION

As you will be aware, the Chiltern Learning Trust has applied to open another secondary school in Luton called the Kingsland Academy. If successful in our bid the new school will open in September 2019.

We have now completed the formal consultation process which has been very positive but we welcome further comments and feedback as it helps to ensure that we are taking the views of our community into account as we move forward with the development of the new school.

A website containing more details of our proposal is available at the following address: [www.kingsland-academy.co.uk](http://www.kingsland-academy.co.uk). You can register your support and give your views through this website and we will be providing updates, as our application progresses, through the local media and the following social media accounts:

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## JOB VACANCIES WITHIN THE TRUST

As a highly successful and rapidly growing Trust we are always looking for outstanding individuals to join our team. If you are a teacher or have a friend or family member who is an existing teacher or interested in a career in teaching then please get in touch with us.

**Training opportunities:** [info@ctg.ac.uk](mailto:info@ctg.ac.uk)

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