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At the end of every term it is important to look back and reflect on what has been achieved by Challney High School for Girls. It has been another vintage year! You will see some details of recent events so I will not delay your enjoyment too long. I'm delighted to

see that so much of the news here is made up of congratulations to students and staff on their many wonderful achievements this term. A highlight for me was the first House Sports Day Event. Students and staff cheered the girls on as they ran in the 100m, 200m and 400m as well as the relays. Staff also competed in the House relay which was fiercely competitive! Brady were the overall winners in the House Sports Day. Well done to them.

We say good bye to the following members of staff who are leaving at the end of the year. We thank them for all their hard work and wish them well for the future.

Mrs Malak	Mrs Baskerville
Mrs Ahmed	Mr Calvo
Mrs McClymont	Ms Tetteh
Mrs Yearwood	Mrs Siddique
Mrs Sheik	Mrs Thompson
Ms Abdul Aziz	Mrs Scholes
Ms Potter	Mrs Noreen
Mr Naidoo	Mrs Trotman
Mr Wallbank	Mr Craze
Mrs Bashir	Ms Fentor

A special farewell to Mr Naidoo and Mrs Trotman who are retiring. Mr Naidoo has completed 16 years at the school and Mrs Trotman an awe-inspiring 23 years!

Arrangements for the start of term

Monday 2nd September: INSET DAY for teachers and support staff.

Tuesday 3rd September: Year 7 students and Year 10 students. Year 11 students and parents have appointments with tutors.

Wednesday 4th September: All year groups in.

Please encourage your girls to keep learning over the summer. You will find details of activities and events locally within the newsletter. The summer is a great time to read. Please visit Luton Library with your daughter over the summer.

I am pleased to say that we are fully staffed for September and I will introduce our new staff at the start of the new school year. In the meantime, thank you to staff, students, parents, governors and friends for everything you have done to support CHSG this year. It seems to have passed in a flash, but we have all accomplished so much and I am incredibly proud to look back over our successes. I wish everyone a restful and relaxing summer and look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Joanne Mylles, Headteacher

Important dates:

Autumn term begins

Tuesday 3rd
September: Year 7 and
Year 10 start school

(Year 11 in for appointments with form tutors)

Wednesday 4th September: all year groups in school



Awards Evening

Thursday 3rd October

Open Evening

Thursday 10th October

Year 12 Reunion Event

Thursday 7th November

More Able Information Evening

Thursday 14th November

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Thursday 5th December

School Success

We were absolutely delighted that Challney Girls successfully won the award for School of The Year at the 2019 Apps for Good ceremony.

There has been such inspirational work from Mr Hussain and all the pupils involved this year - hugely well deserved!



Working with UCL!



We were fortunate to have Stuart Foster from UCL, Centre of Holocaust Studies, meet with some of our Humanities staff to discuss how the Holocaust is taught in schools and educational institutes across the UK.

Chemistry at Work

Our girls loved the range of workshops and opportunities available at the Chemistry at Work day. The day involved different professionals delivering a range of sessions - each providing a deeper insight in to the world of Chemistry.



Well done to all of our year 11 students who sat their GCSE exams. Here are some pictures of our year 11 students enjoying their final rewards trip!



Community Engagement

First Give - Noah



An amazing effort from 8A who chose Noah as their First Give charity this year. Paul came in to collect the items and was overwhelmed by the generosity of our students and staff.

Inspire FM – Race for Life

Our Prefects in year 10 made an appearance on Inspire FM to discuss some more charity initiatives - this time it was Race for Life.



Student Achievement

Alumni

A pleasure to have some of our Alumni students to talk to our year 10 students about aspirations, life at university and top tips for starting year 11.



First Give

We had an amazing evening at the First Give UK final! We are very proud of all our year 8 participants and well done to 8S for winning £1000 for Happy Days UK.



Brilliant Club : Aiming High!



Our fantastic students have been working on a university project with the Brilliant Club! They began their launch at the University of Nottingham where they had a tour and experienced university lectures. They then met with a PhD tutor for several weeks working on the topic 'Disease Detectives'. Here they had to identify both the causes and effects of malaria and analyse effective methods of prevention.



They then completed their 1500 word assignments and graduated at Cambridge University, Clare college. Well done to all!

Pembroke College



Some of our year 9 students had an amazing day at Pembroke College. The girls had a great day which included a tour of the College, Q&A sessions with current students and a taster lecture from a PhD student.



Duke of York – IDEA Award

Students in the school have embraced the opportunity to undertake the difficult but rewarding Duke of York's IDEA Award. Here students are faced with digital problems to solve using a variety of skills. They need to develop and utilise their digital skills along with their computer science skills to complete badges.



We are proud to announce that the following students have successfully completed their bronze awards:

Maheen Atif	Mahia Tahaium
Zanib Iqbal	Rabia Boshory
Fajr Bilal	Ruqayyah Ishtiaq
Ahriya Punithalingam	Aleena Razaq
Zipporah Oppong-Kyekyeku	Laaiba Ali
Sanaa Abbas	Lia Noor Mehmood
Bareera Faisal	Sorifa Begum
Tahsina Hamid	Zaynab Ul-Haq
Irfa Khuram	Seerith Shah
Ayesha Zeeshan	Hamnah Baig
Maalika Tariq	Safeya Ibrahim
Aiyla Mahmood	

These following students have completed the Silver award:

Mahia Tahaium	Zaynab Ul-Haq
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Debate Team

We are very proud of our year 10 debating team who reached the Semi Finals of the inter school debating competition at Luton Sixth Form.



Building Student Leadership Group Leaders

Last year I decided to trial an idea of requesting volunteers to become group leaders, my original intention was to ask the volunteers just to hand out and collect books. As the weeks progressed the role evolved organically, with the group leaders taking on more responsibilities by making sure their groups had the correct equipment, such as dictionaries and other resources needed for the lesson. The girls were so enthusiastic and took their roles so seriously that eventually I asked if they were happy to take a lead on various tasks or activities, which they agreed to do. The group leaders also lead project-based homework and made sure that the entire group contributed towards the homework task.

The group leader gradually became the first point of contact in the lesson to answer simple queries and reassure students that they were doing the right thing. They now act with autonomy and this has helped to build the confidence of all students. This also ensures that the classroom runs with quiet efficiency, with the group leaders making sure that all members of the group are on task.



Feedback from group leaders and peers:

Group leader Alia Yacub 7A

The work can be a bit tricky sometimes, but once Miss has gone though it and I understand it I am able to help other people on my table.

Student

Sometimes I find the work hard and confusing but I can ask the group leader who helps me with my task.

Homework task Kianna Shah 7A

For Myths Legends and Fairy tales. For our play 'Robin Hood' my group and I made a puppet show. This made our story more creative and entertaining for our classmates.

We assigned roles and practised so that we would have the best version of the play before performing in front of the class. It took about a week to make all the props and we used cardboard, paints and other craft items. This was an amazing opportunity for our group, everyone enjoyed our puppet show and we were awarded a distinction for it.

by Mrs Tellis-Kent

House Success

Sports Day - Our first House Sports Day!

An amazing sports day - House Brady were our overall winners of sports day 2019!



Here are the amazing staff relay teams from each house! Well done House Ennis-Hill on your win.



House Jemison

The house system has now been running at Challney High School for Girls for one academic year and what a great year it has been. Students have benefited from being given opportunities to participate in many different events and competitions including art, baking and sports. Well done to every single student in Jemison House who has taken part. We have many more exciting events planned for the next academic year.



Sports Day took place on June 28th. Students and staff from Jemison House competed in events including running,



shot put, javelin and even a staff relay. Well done to the students and staff who represented Jemison House and also a massive thank you to students who showed their support for those competing by making the amazing banners shown in the photographs.

Miss O'Donnell, Head of House

House Brady

I am immensely proud of Brady house this term as we have managed to maintain our lead in terms of house points. The girls have worked so hard in their lessons in and around school. A huge well done to our House and Vice captains this year, sadly we have said bye to Hafsa and Mayesha in Year 11 who did a fantastic job. It is left in the very capable hands of Ummayyah and Rhoda who have outdone themselves this year demonstrating excellent leadership and communication skills around school and more importantly in house assemblies. Brady house showed exceptional teamwork, resilience, commitment and dedication on sports day and a huge thank you to everyone that took part. Our girls were brilliant and came out on top with the overall win!! A special mention to the form 10C who won the trophy for the most overall points on sports day with some amazing individual performances. We still have inter-form to complete in PE lessons so I am hoping for a winning streak! I look forward to congratulating the house in our last assembly in July but in the meantime, well done House Brady and let's keep it up for next year!!



Miss Hayes, Head of House

House Yousafzai

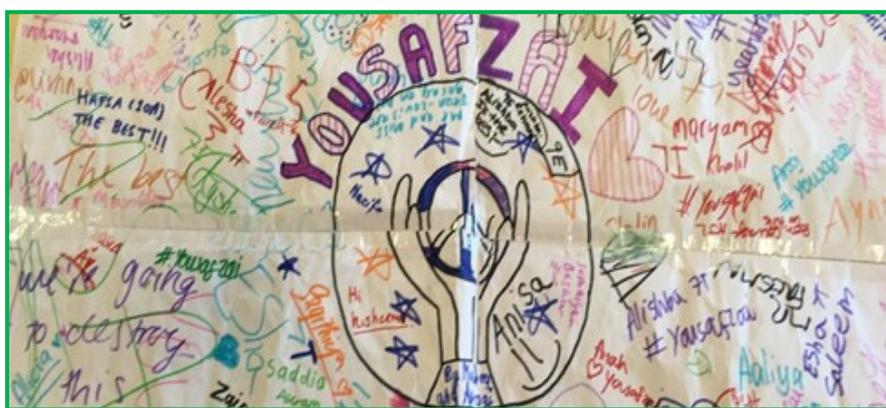
Once again House Yousafzai students make us proud. For our first House Sports Day event, our runners, relay teams, high jumpers, javelin throwers and shot-putters gave it their all! Thank you for representing our house with so much passion, determination and enthusiasm. I appreciate your contribution and I am extremely proud of you!

A particular congratulation to all the participants from 7T who won the House cup.

"In House Yousafzai, we do not give up!"

Miss Jean-louis, Head of House

Well done to **Maheen Atif and Arooj Farhan (7T)** for our amazing banner!



Well done to **Miss Hourihan, Ms Grau & Ms Moules** in joining me for the Staff relay and taking the **second** place!



House Ennis-Hill



House Banner Competition



Well done to Mr Malik,
Ms Baskerville &
Ms Donaldson-Roach
in joining me for the Staff
relay and winning those all
important bonus points for
the House!

Another great term for Ennis-Hill with students showing their competitive streak in Challney's first ever House Sports Day Spectacular. A great effort by all Ennis-Hill forms saw us narrowly miss 1st place! Well done to all the participants from 9A who won the House cup. You showed great passion and sportsmanship and are a credit to the House.

Remember Team work makes the Dream work!

Mr Mehta, Head of House

Upcoming House competitions and events for September 2019.

Lots of opportunities for students and staff to get involved in inter-form House competitions and win House points for the House. Subject captains will be taking a lead in informing form groups of the programme for the Academic Year 2019/20.

Wishing all staff and students a restful and enjoyable Summer break!

Congratulations to:

8I (1ST Place)

8O (2ND PLACE)

7U & 10E (JOINT 3RD PLACE)

Careers at Challney

Apps for Good

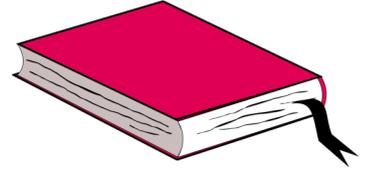
Students participated in numerous industry engagement sessions as part of their Apps for Good projects. They had the opportunity to discuss their ideas with large companies such as LEGO and IBM. They gained valuable experience with how to communicate with professionals.





Accelerated Reader

Congratulations to all our
Accelerated Reader Millionaires



NAME	WORDS READ
Zara Ahmed 8D	5,000,000
Rinaz Khan 7L	3,000,000
Amira Fatima Shah 7J	2,000,000
Aleesha Hamid 8D	2,000,000
Taqwa Suleman 8N	2,000,000
Halima Fatima Mohyuddin 7B	2,000,000
Taskin Amin 8D	2,000,000
Rahmah Kouroughli 8I	2,000,000
Sanaa Abbas 7B	2,000,000
Alia Hussain 8S	2,000,000
Wajihah Ali 8D	2,000,000
Alae Bouk 8L	2,000,000
Aleena Umayya Razaq 8D	2,000,000
Safeya Ibrahim 8N	2,000,000
Ayesha Zeeshan 8N	2,000,000
Alina Choudhury 7B	2,000,000
Maryam Qureshi 8I	1,000,000
Hagra Tasadduq 7A	1,000,000
Aliza Arshad 8A	1,000,000
Faheemah Khan 7N	1,000,000
Iqra Ali Chuadry 8D	1,000,000
Fatima Ali Nisa 8L	1,000,000
Ishrat Ahmed 8D	1,000,000
Aysha Tariq 7J	1,000,000
Anisha Tallat 8N	1,000,000
Zoe Potter 8O	1,000,000
Maheen Atif 7T	1,000,000
Hannah Ayaz 7L	1,000,000

NAME	WORDS READ
Mulaika Malik 8L	1,000,000
Khadijah Islam 8R	1,000,000
Aysha Khanom 7I	1,000,000
Esha Israr 7U	1,000,000
Muqaddas Hussain 8S	1,000,000
Aylah Khan 7N	1,000,000
Sara Ahmed 8L	1,000,000
Sorifa Begum 8L	1,000,000
Haleema Mehmood 7L	1,000,000
Mehnaz Begum Naqeebi 7U	1,000,000
Aksa Khan 8D	1,000,000
Zaynab Ul-Haq 7T	1,000,000
Marium Tanha 7L	1,000,000
Dania Akhtar 8L	1,000,000
Bareera Faisal 7B	1,000,000
Narges Alizada 8A	1,000,000
Iram Ahmed 8D	1,000,000
Aleesha Hassan 8O	1,000,000
Ruqayyah Ishtiaq 8S	1,000,000
Mariam Gillani 8L	1,000,000
Summaiya Mazar 7U	1,000,000
Zara Islam 8O	1,000,000
Hana Mansour 7A	1,000,000
Liza Riaz 8A	1,000,000
Aiyla Mahmood 8D	1,000,000
Liyana Khan 8I	1,000,000
Sehrish Shafique 8D	1,000,000

Staff Yoga

Some yoga from the staff Well Being sessions on our inset day! Great fun and a nice way to unwind each day! Thanks Mrs Norsworthy for running this session and thanks for great participation staff!



Five ways to Wellbeing

Fantastic assemblies this week on '5 ways to well-being' from the wonderful team Luton Total #mentalhealthmatters #MentalHealthAwarenessWeek



Our students also participated in a wellbeing enrichment day and made candles, played Gaelic Football and took part in a murder mystery, to name a few activities.

Supporting Yourself - 5 Ways to Wellbeing

There is good evidence that there are lots of things we can do to improve our own emotional wellbeing:

1. Connect – connect with the people around you: your family, friends, colleagues and neighbours. Spend time developing these relationships. Read more at [NHS Choices – Connect for Mental Wellbeing](#)

2. Be active – you don't have to go to the gym. Take a walk, go cycling or play a game of football. Find an activity that you enjoy and make it a part of your life. Physical activity can boost self-esteem, mood, sleep quality and energy, as well as reducing your risk of stress, depression, dementia and Alzheimer's disease. There are lots of tips on how to get started at [NHS Choices - Active Lifestyles](#)

3. Keep learning – learning new skills can give you a sense of achievement and a new confidence. So why

not sign up for that cooking course, start learning to play a musical instrument, or figure out how to fix your bike? [Luton Adult Learning](#) offer lots of courses.

4. Give to others – even the smallest act can count, whether it's a smile, a thank you or a kind word. Larger acts, such as volunteering at your local community centre, can improve your emotional wellbeing and help you build new social networks. There are lots of volunteering opportunities in the Luton area listed on the national volunteering database at www.do-it.org

5. Take notice – be more aware of the present moment, including your thoughts and feelings, your body and the world around you. Some people call this awareness "mindfulness". It can positively change the way you feel about life and how you approach challenges. Find out more an [NHS Choices - Mindfulness](#)

Holiday Learning

Opportunities on the doorstep!

The summer holidays are a fantastic opportunity to make the most of some of the opportunities on offer in and around Luton. Here are some ideas below to keep you all busy and learning over the summer.

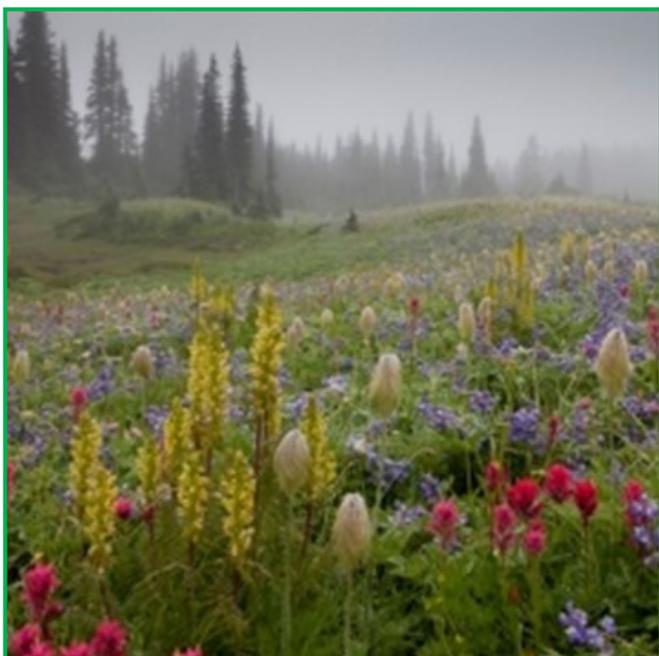
Stockwood Discovery Centre can be visited free of charge. There are interesting and informative displays on social history and rural crafts, lovely gardens to visit and a nice café. It is a great place to learn more about life in the past in Bedfordshire.

Please click below for more details

<https://www.lutonculture.com/stockwood-discovery-centre/>

For budding photographers!

There is a fantastic display of photo entries in the 2019 International Garden Photographer of the Year competition. This display is in conjunction with Kew Gardens and is free of charge.



A selection of inspiring entries into the 2019 International Garden Photographer of the Year competition will be displayed in an exhibition at Stockwood Discovery Centre.

With stunning work from both amateur and professional photographers, the exhibition captures beautiful images of plants, habitats and amazing landscapes. The opening exhibition takes place annually at Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, with a rolling programme of touring exhibitions in the UK and in countries worldwide.

Wardown House and museum: a great place to learn about the History of Luton

Wardown House, Museum and Gallery is situated in the beautiful landscaped Wardown Park, on the outskirts of Luton town centre. The house was formerly the home of the Scargill family, then a military hospital and is now a museum and gallery.

Step back in time and glimpse an insight into a wealthy family home during the Victorian period. Explore the different rooms with hands-on displays for a fully immersive experience.

The museum tells the story of Luton's transformation into the exciting and diverse town it is today.

Venue details:	Special Exhibition Gallery
Start date:	Monday 23rd September, 2019
Finish date:	Sunday 24th November, 2019
Days of week:	Everyday (10:00 - 16:00)
Cost:	Free, donations welcome
Booking information:	Drop in, no need to book

For more details click below

<https://www.lutonculture.com/wardown-house/>

There are 2 exhibitions which are well worth seeing this summer. There is an exhibition of landscape paintings by Theodor Kern (details below).

Start date:	Monday 6th May, 2019
Finish date:	Friday 30th August, 2019
Time:	10:00 - 17:00
Cost:	Free, donations welcome
Booking information:	Drop-in, no booking required

New display of Theodor Kern oil paintings from our collections, focusing on Landscapes.

Austrian born artist Theodor Kern (1900-1969), trained at the Viennese Academy of Fine Arts. Kern was a skilled artist, notable in a number of different styles. Kern travelled extensively across Europe painting and holding exhibitions, developing his craft as an artist. Kern's travels influenced his work, using many of the places he visited as subjects. As an artist he showed diversity and worked in a number of different styles from Impressionism to Cubism and in a range of mediums from watercolours, oils and pencil, to glass and sculpture.



Hats!

Luton is famous for hat making and at Wardown Park museum this year there is an exhibition on making hats from recycled materials.



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RESPECTFUL
To everyone and
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Respect is for those
who deserve it, not
for those who
demand it...



We are
READY
On time and
equipped to learn



We are
RESILIENT
Prepared to take risks
Willing to make mistakes
We never give up

Take risks:
if you win you will
be happy;
if you lose you will
be wise.