



CHALLNEY HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS



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A VERY WARM WELCOME



I hope within these pages you will discover our passion and commitment to the girls' education.

We were graded Ofsted outstanding in January 2020, we are immensely proud of this judgement.

At the heart of everything we do is to ensure that our students benefit from the highest standards of teaching and learning and an enriching curriculum which enables them to make progress no matter what their starting points.

However, we know that education is much more than examination results and therefore we aim to give the girls opportunities to develop into well-rounded individuals in all aspects of their lives.

Joanne Mylles
Headteacher



Thank you for taking an active interest in Challney High School for Girls. I am delighted that the school is part of the Chiltern Learning Trust.

Our Trust runs five secondary schools in Luton. We were so proud of the outstanding judgement the school received in January 2020.

Results are outstanding. The school is a place where the girls can thrive academically. We care deeply about ensuring the school continues to improve and that the girls receive a great education. We hope you and your daughter will join us on this journey.

Adrian Rogers
CEO Chiltern Learning Trust
National Leader of Education

I am really proud of what our girls have achieved and am certain that with the support of our staff and parents, this progress will continue.

The outstanding Ofsted judgement in January 2020 reflected the school's commitment to ensuring that all our girls are academically, socially and emotionally prepared for the future. Our teachers work really hard to inspire the girls to reach their full potential through passionate teaching that develops confidence, curiosity and independent learning within a safe, supportive and inclusive environment.

Rehana Faisal
Chair of Governors

'Pupils value the many opportunities to widen their experience of the world. They participate fully in the extensive extra-curricular programme. The 'memorable experiences days' allow all pupils to try new things and develop new interests.' Ofsted 'Outstanding' 2020



VISION AND VALUES

The shared values of the school are summed up by three words which underpin all we do and provides guidance for all we strive to accomplish:

Respect
Opportunity
Achievement

Our vision for the school is to support girls to achieve more than they ever believed possible and who are prepared to make a difference to the world around them, locally, nationally and internationally. In short, to develop influential women of the future.

ACHIEVEMENT AND STANDARDS

Challney High School for Girls is committed to academic excellence and this is reflected in the school's examination results.

The school acknowledges students' efforts and achievements by awarding merits. We use 'Good News!' postcards, certificates and reward tokens to praise and celebrate achievements.

Every year, each year group has an annual Achievement Assembly where we reward academic and sporting successes along with celebrating our students' contributions to the school and local community.

We hold an annual Awards Evening where prizes are presented by some of our inspiring alumni and nationally prominent women.



'Pupils' well-being and success are at the heart of everything the school does.' Ofsted 'Outstanding' 2020



'Leaders, trustees and governors are unswerving in their determination to raise achievement and develop pupils' character. This has a hugely positive impact on pupils' life chances.'

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THE CURRICULUM

The Key Stage 3 curriculum is broad and balanced including: English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography, Religious Education, Modern Foreign Languages, Art, Drama and Music, Technology, PE and a Personal Development Curriculum.

The Personal Development Curriculum aims to enable girls to discuss and debate the world around them and their place in it.

In Key Stage 4 all students follow a core curriculum although there is considerable scope for personalisation. Students are also able to take up subjects such as Business Studies, Computer Science, Photography, Child Development and Engineering Design.

'Pupils make substantial gains in their knowledge, skills and understanding over their time at the school.' Ofsted 'Outstanding' 2020



FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

The school's facilities are probably unrivalled within the school system. PE facilities both indoor and out are state of the art with an all-weather pitch and a purpose built Sports Hall. The girls benefit from a well-resourced and spacious library.

Active learning is supported in Music, Art and Design and Technology classrooms which are purpose-built and well-equipped.

Each department area has an open-plan 'heart space' to enable active and student-led learning.

- Our students benefit from exceptional facilities that enhance their love of the learning process and support their progress.
- All our classrooms are equipped with the latest high definition video/data projectors linked to the teacher's iPad to provide real-time displays of multimedia resources and teaching apps.
- There are over 500 computers across the school.

SPORTS AND HEALTHY LIVING

We believe that developing healthy lifestyles is a vital part of the education we provide and we work in partnership with students to develop a framework of activities that they enjoy and participate in.

The School Council has taken a lead in promoting healthy living and liaises with the school catering company to review options in the canteen.

The school canteen provides healthy vegetarian and meat food options, freshly cooked every day.

Physical Education plays a major role in the promotion of healthy lifestyles and the PE department encourages all students to participate fully, regardless of ability.

The wide range of sports on offer includes:

Winter:

**Netball • Football • Basketball
Gymnastics • Hockey • Benchball**

Summer:

Athletics • Rounders • Tennis • Cricket

Our inclusive and positive approach ensures that all students are able to take part in something they enjoy. The dance and dodgeball sessions at lunchtime are particularly popular!

CARE, GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT

Successful learning happens when students feel safe, confident, valued and respected.

On entering the school each student becomes a member of a form group. This marks the beginning of a strong bond with their form tutor who can maintain an overview of each child's personal and academic development.

The form tutor is responsible for the pastoral care of each student and is supported in this role by a Head of Year and an Assistant Head of Year. A wider team support the students and includes a Home School Liaison Officer and Education Welfare Officer led by the Assistant Headteacher for Pastoral Care.

Many of our students are more able and are challenged and supported in their lessons by highly qualified and motivated teachers. Opportunities such as the Oxford University Wadham College project ensure that the girls' aspirations are supported academically.

We recognise that some students need additional support at some point in their school career. The Pupil Support Department works closely with students with learning and physical disabilities and also with students who have English as an Additional Language (EAL).

Learning mentors engage with individual students to ensure that each girl achieves her potential.

'The school is a lively, harmonious place to be. Leaders successfully promote a culture of teamwork, aspiration and trust. Teachers try new things and then share what has worked.'

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‘The personal development curriculum is a huge strength of the school. It contributes significantly to helping pupils to build their self-esteem, self belief and confidence.’

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ENRICHMENT, STUDENT VOICE AND LEADERSHIP

At Challney High School for Girls we believe in equipping girls with the self-belief and leadership experience to become informed citizens and leaders of tomorrow. Our wide range of enrichment activities enable girls to develop new skills, develop self-confidence, broaden their horizons and practise leadership.

Students have opportunities to express their views on school life and to contribute to the school's development and improvement through the Sports Council, the School Council, the Prefects and Students' Senior Team.

We are proud of our formal structures of student leadership. Our House system, named after four influential women, Ennis-Hill, Brady, Jemison and Yousafzai, offers leadership opportunities such as House and Subject Captains.

Many of these opportunities come through lessons in the form of group and individual presentations as well as representing the school in sporting activities or in the equalities forum.



Citizenship is not just about expressing opinions; it is also about taking action to make a difference. At Challney High School for Girls the students are actively involved in planning and organising fundraising activities for local and global charities. The students support Children in Need, Breast Cancer Care, The Luton Food Bank and Keech Hospice. The girls regularly raise more than £10,000 a year.



'In key stage 3, pupils enjoy learning in a wide range of subjects. The addition of music and drama has been extremely popular. Pupils broaden their ideas and get to learn about other cultures and art forms.'

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PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

We believe a purposeful relationship with parents is crucial in ensuring students reach their potential. A good partnership involves honesty and good channels of communication so that parents are fully informed of their daughter's learning and development. This is an area we are always keen to improve and therefore we welcome feedback from parents.



There are numerous ways parents can be involved in their daughter's education:

PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS

Parents from all year groups are invited into school once a year for a formal consultation evening with members of the teaching staff. These evenings allow discussion of student progress, behaviour issues and targets for future success.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

Various information evenings are held throughout the year where we support parents to be involved in their daughter's education.

Our Year 6 Induction evening allows parents to begin their relationship with the school where they meet staff and form tutors. We also hold Year 10 and Year 11 Information evenings so that parents are fully informed of the GCSE specifications and demands and how they can support their daughter. For Key Stage 3 parents we hold, for example, an information options evening to enable parents to fully understand the courses and choices available.

PARENT GOVERNORS

The Governing Body includes a number of Parent Governors who are there to represent the views of parents and to ensure that they have a voice in the strategic decision making of the school.

'The belief that all pupils can develop the skills and confidence to become 'influential women of the future' is threaded through every aspect of school life.' Ofsted 'Outstanding' 2020





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A MESSAGE FROM A YEAR 7 STUDENT

Dear Year 6 students,

I am writing to tell you my experience of Challney High School for Girls, so far.

When I entered the school with my first footstep inside, excitement rushed through me. A new start and a new beginning. But as I got further into the day, my excitement turned in to anxiousness. I was scared I wouldn't make any new friends.

Despite the anxiousness, I enjoyed the lesson I had. My first lesson was French. I loved it.

I have settled in now, and am finding new opportunities. A chance to show what it is really like to be a Challney Girl. Here there are three main mottos: Respect, Opportunity and Achievement. which everyone has here, including me.

I was scared at the beginning of being alone. But now it feels like I have been here forever. This is a new start for me and a chance to discover my true potential here.

I am proud to call myself a Challney Girl.

*Yours sincerely
Year 7 student*

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