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St James' RC Primary School welcomed the Sion Catholic Community



In October, St James' RC Primary School welcomed the Sion Catholic Community. For more than 30 years the Sion Community have been running parish missions and school missions across the UK working under the authority of the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales.

They presented the Gospel message in a modern, lively and stimulating way and encouraged us all to take a fresh look at our faith and to live it more deeply. They delivered thought-provoking assemblies, presentations, classroom sessions and prayer times.

A variety of methods were used to bring the Gospel to life during the mission such as drama, video, PowerPoint presentations, puppet shows, music and song, actions,

movement, games, humour, question and answer sessions, personal testimonies, Scripture, prayer, reflection and silence. The mission culminated in a whole school Mass on All Saints' Day and a KS2 presentation to parents, parishioners and governors.

The Sion Community were introduced to the school by the school's Parish Priest and the mission was an example of how our Parish, School and homes work closely together. The four members of the Sion Community worked with the school for three days. They led a session for governors, stayed in parishioners' homes and met with parents at the start of every day after leading staff prayers.

Ursuline College visits with HRH The Earl of Wessex

On Wednesday 4th March 2020 Ursuline College were thrilled to be invited to take part in a visit with HRH The Earl of Wessex at Dover Christchurch Academy to thank local schools and organisations for running the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

The visit was also to showcase how more young people, businesses and schools could benefit from doing the DofE. During the event, silver DofE participants Melody Bayley, Tilly Garratt, Leila Kirby, Jordan Nyirenda, Scarlett O'Donovan and Olivia Read showcased their first aid skills for HRH including demonstrating use of a choking vest, CPR with dummy and their bandaging skills.



HRH was particularly keen to see them using the choking vest to demonstrate and practice how to deal with an incident of choking within their team as he said this was something he had not seen before.

Everyone seeing our participant's demonstration complimented them on their presentation skills and the confident way they interacted with the visiting dignitaries and HRH himself. The participants said of the visit "We thoroughly enjoyed presenting our first aid training to Prince Edward. We are honoured that we were granted this opportunity to meet such an inspirational member of the royal family".

Bishop Challoner – an Outstanding Catholic School in recent Denominational Inspection

Following a recent Diocesan Denominational Inspection in February 2020, Bishop Challoner School in Shortlands has been judged to be an outstanding Catholic School.

Bishop Challoner is an independent Catholic co-educational school educating pupils from 3 to 18 years. Mrs Paula Anderson, Headteacher said, 'We are proud of our pupils, parents, staff and Trustees who have supported and contributed to the success of our wonderful school and we are delighted that the qualities of our Catholic school community have been recognised'.

The report makes reference to; pastoral care being outstanding, a highly inclusive and welcoming learning community where the pupils feel safe and very well cared for.

Bishop Challoner prides itself on its nurturing and caring environment where every pupil is valued and treated as an individual. Experienced staff strive to nurture the God-given talents of each pupil drawing out the best in everyone. High standards and expectations are set at every level with staff working closely with the pupils within one establishment, ensuring a successful transition between the different stages in their education.

Bishop Challoner welcomes all faiths and provides a good moral grounding. The behaviour of the pupils is excellent reflecting the high expectations of the school. The pupils also display strong and positive attitudes to their learning allowing them to make good progress. Schools are about educating individuals and offering an education foundation for life to the full.

We offer a community environment that allows our children a unique opportunity to grow in knowledge and connect their faith to their daily lives. They are able to live out the values upon which their education is based. Our family community is something you will experience when you visit us.



Richard Challoner School is one of the highest performing schools in England



Richard Challoner School in New Malden has been recognised nationally by receiving prestigious awards for its outstanding Key Stage 4 and 5 results last year. The awards are based on 2019 data provided by the Department for the Schools, Students and Teachers (SSAT) network.

Richard Challoner School was found to be among the best performing non-selective secondary schools and Sixth Forms in the country, receiving three awards for being in the top 10% nationally for attainment and for being in DfE Band 1 for student progress at key stage 4. The school was also recognised for being in the top 20% nationally for student attainment in academic subjects at Key Stage 5.

Mr Sean Maher, Head Teacher at Richard Challoner School commented: "We are hugely proud of this achievement. Receiving these awards once again is a wonderful affirmation of all the hard

work of students, staff and parents to ensure that all our students, whatever their background or academic ability, achieve their full potential".

Students from Richard Challoner School will join winners from across the country at a ceremony to collect their award later this year.

The SSAT Educational Outcomes database compares all state-funded schools in England, and the highest performing schools in a range of key measures are awarded SSAT Educational Outcomes Awards. Sue Williamson, Chief Executive of SSAT said:

“Congratulations to Richard Challoner School on winning three SSAT Educational Outcomes awards. This success is down to the superb learning and teaching, outstanding support and inspirational leadership of students, staff, parents and governors. You have made a huge difference to the lives of the young people in your school. Thank you!

Sutton Schools Art Exhibition & Music Success from St Philomena’s

St Philomena’s were really pleased to exhibit artwork from a range of students across the school at the Sutton Schools Art Exhibition. It was a great opportunity for students to have their work exhibited at a public venue alongside their peers from other schools in the borough. Below is a link to the exhibition, we were delighted that St Philomena’s student Brianna Chartrand a Year 13 A Level student, won the prestigious Sutton Youth Arts Exhibition 2020 Pauline Boty Award for KS5. <https://www.ansutton.org/sutton-youth-arts-exhibition-2020>

St Philomena’s Year 7 student Nicola Kudla, has been offered a place at the Junior Guildhall School of Music and Drama which is a prestigious London Conservatoire offering a select number of exceptional musicians nationwide, the amazing opportunity of tuition at a Saturday school. Nicola will be receiving one to one instrumental tuition of the highest standard. She will be heavily involved in high profile concerts and competition, which is all part of the training to prepare her for the possibility of gaining a place at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama for an Undergraduate degree place.



Boosting Morale at Ursuline High School!



These are just a few of the things we at Ursuline High School, Wimbledon, have been taking part in to boost morale in these worrying times..

Making Time For Mental Health

18th- 24th May was Mental Health Awareness Week, ‘Kindness’ is the theme this year in response to the coronavirus outbreak. At the Ursuline, we have been reflecting on kindness each week in Summer term and in acknowledgment of Mental Health Awareness Week, students have been encouraged to carry out Acts of Kindness by engaging in mental health-boosting activities.

Giving Thanks

Another highlight was our ‘Ursuline Gives Thanks’ activity- which took place during our Mental Health afternoon. Students and staff were asked to send a thank you card to a

person in our school community- via email. It was lovely to see joy being shared amongst one another!

Our Environment

Our school theme for the year is ‘The Environment’, answering St Francis’s ‘call to action’ in *Laudato si’*. Students have taken part in an Earth Day afternoon; reading articles about the ways in which COVID 19 lockdown has positively affected our natural environment and taking part in a virtual field trip! Students and staff also took part in a nature photography competition! As a school, we are working towards achieving the green flag award. Under the bio-diversity section of our ‘environment action plan’ key worker students (along with Mr Creasey, Ms Murphy) helped to create a school vegetable patch (pictured above).

Volunteering!

Well done to all our student volunteers who have been helping in their communities during this time. Special mention to Lilly in Year 10- who has been helping to delivering food to vulnerable people in her local area. Year 12 student Mollie and her sister Connie (UHS alumnae) have been working for the Dons Local Action Charity collecting food donations in order to support the wider Merton community.