



## Bishop Challoner Catholic Federation of Schools

14 July 2022

Dear Parent / Carer,

### **Proposal to amalgamate the Girls' School and the Boys' School for September 2023**

During this year the governors at Bishop Challoner have been examining how best to secure, protect and develop Catholic education and the provision we offer that will allow your child to fully flourish. One option the governors have been keen to explore is whether amalgamation to become a single mixed school would be a positive development.

Initial investigation and discussions have led the governors to believe that an amalgamation will offer additional opportunities to use expertise and resources across our staff group and for us to work together for all of your children. We are confident that the joining together of both schools will not be detrimental to our young people's learning experience since so many aspects of our schools are jointly organised. The governors understand that as parents / carers you may have questions or concerns about the proposed amalgamation. Please be assured that you will receive the opportunity to have concerns addressed in full. Also, as a governing board we will continue to meet and discuss the amalgamation so that we have a clear picture of the benefits and risks as perceived by you.

We will be seeking advice from the Diocese of Westminster and the Local Authority and will not be pursuing any actions further until there has been a full consultation. If the first stage of consultation goes ahead, it is likely to run from **9<sup>th</sup> September to 14<sup>th</sup> October**, to allow plenty of time to explore the risks and benefits before governors decide to ask the Local Authority to consult formally on a possible change.

We wanted to take this opportunity now to make you aware of our potential plans so that you have adequate time to consider the proposal. We value your opinion and welcome your questions and comments. We are very excited at the prospect of becoming one school and hope that you will consider this to be a really positive next step for our community.

Yours in Christ.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Evans".

**Fr David Evans**  
Chair of Governors

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**JP Morrison**  
Executive Headteacher