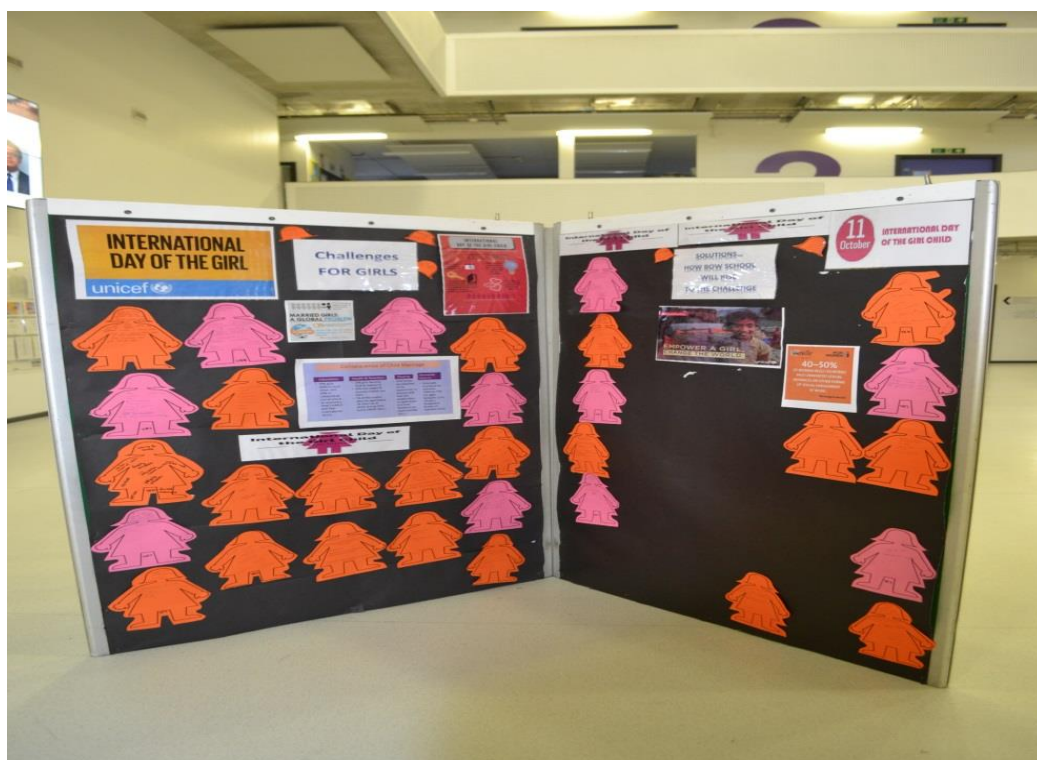


International Day of the Girl Child



International Day of the Girl Child is an international observance day declared by the United Nations. The **Day of the Girl** increases awareness of the challenges faced by girls, identifying solutions so as with help and support girls can overcome the challenge and improve their life chances.

The day is important for Bow School as it is an opportunity to celebrate the girls we have in a school that was a 'boys' only school up' until 2014. The whole school identified solutions to the challenges girls face.



Southbank Centre, Women of the World Festival 11th October 2017

Girls from Y9 attended the 6th International Day of the Girl celebration held at the Southbank Centre, joining hundreds of other girls from schools across London and beyond. The event started with an all-female takeover of the London Eye where the girls took part in speed mentoring, talking about their aspirations and career goals. Each London Eye pod was named after an amazing girl from history and each mentor session started with an introductory reading about the achievements of each girl.

Once back at the Southbank Centre, the day continued with opening speeches followed by Workshops exploring a number of issues affecting girls. The girls heard from radical female trailblazers doing brilliant work across different disciplines and sectors. The girls took part in Zine Making (facilitated by fashion designer Nelly Rose) in the morning and after lunch took part in a Body Confidence Workshop delivered by the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art.

The day ended with a celebratory moment with girls enjoying music from Born N Bread Female DJ Set.



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Girls Assembly - Thursday 12th October 2017

To mark **International Day of the Girl** we held a special Girls Assembly. All 300 girls and their form tutors heard from Y10 girls, who delivered a 'Girls only Assembly'. It was very powerful seeing all the girls together in one space especially as we near to becoming a fully mixed gender school next year (KS3 & KS4). Kiya and Kacey 100 addressed the sad and damaging reality of 62 million girls not accessing education globally. Mahira, Eva, Ervilte, Aleyna, Nazirah and Megan talked about the still taboo issue of periods and how girls are treated/excluded from normal everyday lives because of their periods.

