



ST. BEDE'S COLLEGE

BEDE'S NEWS

6 December 2019

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The Headmaster's Review of the Week

Dear Bedian Family,

As I write to you towards the conclusion of an exhilarating week here at St Bede's, I am still glowing after attending my first St Bede's College Christmas Fair last Saturday morning. My wife and daughter also really enjoyed the event and we came away not only with some lovely gifts but also with a great sense of how wonderful it is to be part of our Bedian family. Thank you once again to the great many pupils, colleagues, parents and other volunteers who year in, year out help to run and support this invaluable event and it is by far the best one that I have attended in my 17 years in education!



The theme of the week in the College is "Preparing" – as scripture says "I baptise you in the water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11). Last Sunday marked the start of Advent and the start of a new liturgical year - a time of preparation and holy longing for the Baby Jesus. We remember the feelings of anticipation and the many preparations that mothers make as they wait for a new baby to be born. We too are in a time of preparation of our hearts and souls, waiting for the second coming of Christ and reflecting on the holy birth in Bethlehem.

You will probably be most unsurprised to learn that this week has been extremely busy here at the College, with some of our many highlights including our annual Champion House Mass which was celebrated in the Chapel on Monday and a busy and exciting Open Morning held here yesterday. I am very much looking forward to hosting our latest meet and greet event for parents with my Senior Leadership Team colleagues after school today in the Vaughan Library, which will also provide our parents with the opportunity to ask questions about the life of the College.

We have an incredibly busy conclusion to the term and I am hugely looking forward to attending our annual Hidden Gem musical performance on Monday, our Christmas Music and Dance concert on Tuesday evening, our inaugural St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Party for the elderly in the Academic Hall on Wednesday and the College's Carols by Candlelight concert on Thursday evening. I am hoping to also very proudly support our College Choir as they visit The Christie Hospital on Thursday morning next week to sing to patients, their families and staff.

I am also really looking forward to hosting a Celebratory Lunch in the Joseph Refectory on Thursday of next week for our victorious U16 indoor and outdoor Girls' Athletics Manchester Schools' Champions and their coaching team, and I have already met with them in my study to offer my warmest congratulations. I am extremely proud of them and you could also not meet a more modest, engaging and friendly group of young people!

You can learn much more about the life of the College via our website and social media channels and do please sign up to follow the College Twitter accounts and my own (@LouisdArcy1 is my handle) if you can.

As we continue through the season of Advent, we are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers here at the College.

Mr L d'Arcy
Headmaster
@LouisdArcy1



COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

SATURDAY 11 JANUARY 2020 - 9.00am ~ 1.00pm

Football Success - Samson's Story

St Bede's has blessed me with many sporting opportunities. My schoolboy football experiences this past 12 months have been truly amazing. Last season, Mr Mitchell and Mr Wilson give me my outfield debut as a centre back playing for school. I enjoyed this very much and I feel that it has helped my understanding of football beyond my usual perspective as a goalkeeper.

Earlier this year, I was selected to be part of the ISFA U13 North West regional squad. ISFA is the Independent Schools Football Association and the players are made up of what are considered to be the best Independent schoolboys in the North West. We played against some local professional academies, with the aim of preparing us for a showcase football event at the renowned Shrewsbury School.

At this National Football Festival, we played matches against all of the other regional ISFA squads. The common aim was not only developing us as individual players, but also to allow ISFA to select England squads for further national events. While having the privilege of boarding at Shrewsbury School, I also made some very good friends among the North West ISFA squad. These boys were from other Independent Schools in the North West and boys whom I have previously been competing against.

My performances throughout the festival led to my selection for the ISFA England squad. We played and boarded at the prestigious Harrow School. I was amazed to learn that Harrow school is over 500 years old. I felt so honoured to be there and so inspired on all levels. My room was on a hill overlooking North London and had the perfect view of Wembley Stadium.



At the beginning of this season I was lucky enough to be selected to play for Manchester Schoolboys FA U14 at District Level. I am especially proud of this achievement as this tradition dates back over 100 years. Many players whom I admire, including many from St Bede's, have played for Manchester SFA. My highlight has been a recent win against a very strong Knowsley Schoolboys FA team, played at Liverpool Football Academy. We are currently unbeaten and are top of the ESFA Northwest District League and through to the next round of the GMCSFA Cup.



"I will always be grateful to Mr McGrath for giving me my debut as a goalkeeper in Prep 4, aged 8 and playing two years up at Under 11. It was a 9-0 defeat at Cheadle Hulme School. I may have even scored a couple of those goals, but to be given the start for St Bede's Prep B team was so exciting and my proudest moment ever. I feel I have come a long way since then. I hope that I can continue improving and developing as a player."

Samson T U4

#JumpersForJimmy

Please wear your Christmas Jumper on Wednesday 11 December and donate £1, as part of our support for the Jimmy Mizzen Foundation.



JUMPERS FOR JIMMY

Help raise money For Jimmy this Christmas by wearing or decorating a Christmas jumper.



Tweet out your photos with the hashtag #JumpersForJimmy



All money raised goes toward building safer communities for our young people.
Registered charity number: 1158974

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Cresswell Park
Blackheath,
London SE3 9RD

Careers Talk

We were delighted to welcome Mrs Dada-Mascoll into College this week to talk to Upper Fifth pupils about her career as a pharmacist. In an inspirational session, we heard about her varied career which has included work in hospitals with tiny premature babies and in the community with people with mental health problems and addictions.

We are really grateful to Mrs Dada-Mascoll for giving up her valuable time to give our pupils lots to think about as they start to consider their own career paths.

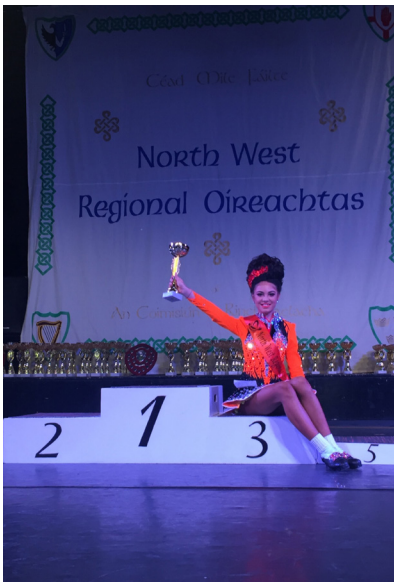


Mrs Poolton

Irish Dancing Success

Congratulations to Upper Third pupil Louisa K, who has been successful in qualifying for the Irish Dancing World Championships 2020. It was a very proud moment as she came third in the Under 11 North West Regional qualifiers. This was an amazing achievement for Louisa and her dance school, The Grace Kennedy School of Irish dance. Grace Kennedy herself also happens to be a #BedianAlumni.

The Championships will be held in The Convention Centre Dublin for its 50th anniversary, from 4th - 12th April 2020. This event is the largest and most coveted Irish dancing contest on the global circuit and we wish Louisa the best of luck.



ADVENT APPEAL

DO YOU HAVE A BACKPACK AT HOME THAT YOU NO LONGER USE?



FILL IT WITH SNACKS, HATS, GLOVES, SOCKS
HAND GEL, TISSUES, WIPES ETC.



If you don't have a bag then please fill an empty shoe box

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St Bede's College
Parents' Association



TEZ ILYAS

TOM WRIGGLESWORTH
MC, JUSTIN MOORHOUSE



FRIDAY 24 JANUARY 2020

DOORS OPEN: 7.30PM

TICKETS: SIMS-PAY

ADULTS ONLY

CASH ONLY BAR

ENQUIRIES: RCAMPBELL@STBEDESCOLLEGE.CO.UK



A Calendar For 2020 ?

This year we had our first Art and Design Department Calendar Competition. We had a lot of excellent entries from students in all year groups, which we whittled down to the final selection that have been included in the calendar. We are really pleased with the end result! Well done to everyone who entered their work and particularly those whose work was chosen.

The calendars cost £6. If you would like to buy one, students can pay for them and collect them from the Art Department or parents can enquire at the College reception.

For any further enquiries, please contact Mrs Park at hpark@stbedescollege.co.uk



Computer Science Education Week

"The most important aspect of computer science is problem solving, an essential skill for life."



MONDAY

U3: Code your own Flappy Bird Game during lunchtime. (1.20-1.55)

TUESDAY

U3 & L4: Code your own "Dance Party" with music and moves. (1.20-1.55)



FRIDAY

All Years: Introduction to create your own mini website! (1.20-1.55)

<CSEdWeek>

December 9-15, 2019

Made possible by:

Miss Thomas @ St Bede's College

Computer Science Education Week



Competition

U4/L5: Design a solution to program A in a language of your choice.

U5 & Sixth Form: Design a solution to program B in a language of your choice.

Christmas Selection Box for the first girl and boy in each year group to bring a solution either printed or electronic to V9 by Friday 15th 4pm.

(No bugs allowed, it must be working!)



Theme of the Week

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(Matthew 3:11)



Challenge:

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Carols By Candlelight

Academic Hall
Thursday 12 December 7pm
All Parents and Pupils welcome

Refreshments from
6:30pm



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I'm Gonna Shine

Pupils in Key Stage 1 were delighted to present this year's production of 'I'm Gonna Shine' and shine they did! A dazzling stage set the scene for our sparkly Christmas show.

Gloria, the brightest star in heaven, takes the stage to light up the tricky journey to Bethlehem for the wise men. As Mary and Joseph and the shepherds also make their way on long journeys, we meet Gabrielle, her host of angels and an angry King Herod.

The performance was jam packed with a cast of characters celebrating the traditional nativity story of the birth of Jesus with a singing and dancing extravaganza.

The cast had worked tirelessly to learn and deliver expressive performances off by heart. Their acting was utterly fantastic and it is hard to believe that the children involved are aged from 5 to 7 years old.

The whole performance, from start to finish was full of entertainment, drama and joy. Well done to the phenomenal pupils of KS1. We could not be prouder of our talented children!

For more images follow this link: <https://www.sbcm.co.uk/gallery/key-stage-one-presents-im-gonna-shine/>

For the video follow this link: <https://vimeo.com/377654139>





Prep 2 - Holly

Prep 5 - Harper

Prep 5 - Nahum

Prep 6 - Eden

HOUSE POINT WINNERS



STARS OF WEEK



CLASS OF THE WEEK - Prep 1 & 2



Notices

10 December
EYFS (Nursery & Reception) Christmas
Production - 2.30pm Academic Hall
Please do not arrive before 2.20pm to
allow the children to prepare for the
production (College Entrance). Thank
you

11 December
Christmas Lunch

11 December
Christmas Jumper and Own Clothes
Day in return for a minimum donation
of £1. Charities to benefit will be The
Good Life Orphanage and The Brain
Tumour Charity

Sport and Dance News

Some Prep 5 children have been busy in the world of sports and dance recently. Carey took part in a swimming gala where she won a total of six medals, one bronze, three silver, two gold and a trophy for competing in the most races.

Edson who plays for Manchester United travelled to Poland to take part in the Legia Cup Tournament. This annual event hosted some of the great teams of European football including: Juventus, Anderlecht, Manchester United, RB Salzburg, Hertha Berlin, Sparta Prague and Legia Warsaw as well as the Norwegian Soccer Academy and SC Vistula Garfield from New York. Whilst Manchester United did not win the cup; Edson was identified as one of the 'Players of the Tournament', a wonderful accolade to receive from the other competing teams.

Rosie recently took up Ballroom Dancing and spent the weekend in Blackpool with Elsie (her sister) and Darcey, who both left the Prep last year. Rosie took part in a variety of different categories reaching the quarter-finals on day one. She got through to the second round in the Latin and Ballroom where she was competing against children in Year 8. Elsie and Darcey came second in their team match and Darcey was in the top 12 in the Latin. These girls started Ballroom Dancing only eighteen months ago and they are already competing in Blackpool and performing brilliantly.

We are blessed to have such talented children in the Prep, who show us that along with their talent they have determination and focus and can achieve great things.



Advent - I Want to be an Elf

The Advent season was introduced in the chapel on Tuesday morning by Prep 3.

They performed an assembly which started with a dance to 'I want to be an elf'. Through their singing they were then able to show the true meaning of advent in the build up to Christmas.

They sang 'Four bright candles' and explained the significance of the Advent Wreath. They made it clear that it is important to use Advent as a time for reflection rather than focus on the materialistic aspects of Christmas.

It was a fantastic assembly. Well done Prep 3!



BEDE'S SIXTH FORM NEWS

 @sbcsixthform



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The Sixth Form View

Christmas Fair

This Saturday we had another successful year at the Christmas Fair with many families in attendance.

As always, the houses didn't disappoint with their stalls. From Magdalene's candyfloss stall, Campion house cupcakes and games, Siena's famous wheel of fortune to the Bosco House 'Fortnite' challenge and chocolate making stall. There was certainly something for everyone.

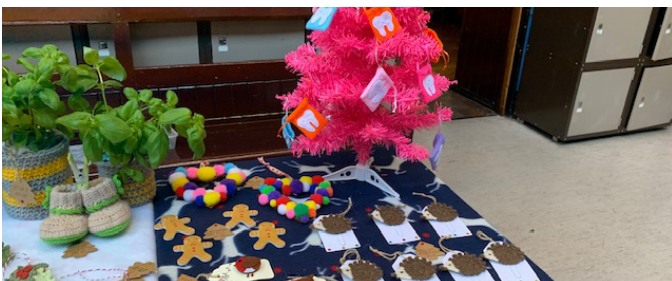
As well as the house-specific stalls, there were also several stand-alone stalls such as Christmas decorations, the bottle tombola and, particularly popular, Gaelic coffee and mulled wine.

Like every year, Santa's Grotto was open for the children to meet Santa Claus and many took up the opportunity to grab a picture with the man himself!

There were also orchestral performances at various points in the day to add to the festive atmosphere.

Whether buying, setting up, running stalls and activities or simply coming to show support, I'd like to say a massive thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's Christmas Fair!

Serena U6



St Bede's College
presents...

A Festive Celebration

Tuesday 10.12.19

Join us for an evening of festive favourites from our dancers, singers and musicians.

Academic Hall
6.30pm-7.30pm



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