



BEDE'S NEWS

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The Headmaster's Review of the Week

Dear Bedian family,

As I write to you I am experiencing mixed emotions following my attendance at the U15 Plate Final of the Independent Schools National Netball Tournament which took place on Thursday of this week at Belle Vue Sports Village. Our heroic team lost 39-25 in a keenly fought contest and, although disappointed for all of those involved whether playing or coaching, I am incredibly proud of our pupils' achievement to finish 2nd in a national competition which originally had around 150 schools entering. I am sure that the girls will go from strength to strength over the coming years and I would like to congratulate all of those involved in such a fantastic cup run this year. As you might have expected, the Netball squad are retrospectively the College's "Team of the Week" and a surprise is in store for them next week in order to celebrate this accolade!

The College's theme this week is "Bearing Fruit", though it could be argued that it is the permanent theme for all of us who are involved, whether as teaching or support staff, in the education of young people. We have all heard the words "Give me another chance!" and most of us are able to feel pity for and offer forgiveness to someone who has expressed sorrow or regret. We are reminded in this Sunday's Gospel that God is merciful to us and always gives us another chance to bear fruit in our lives. We must challenge ourselves to reflect upon whether our life is bearing fruit or more engaged with simply bringing others down.

I very much enjoyed attending the College Eucharistic Service in the Chapel on Monday before school at 08:30 and would like to warmly invite you all to attend during our Lenten season if possible. Our College Mass on Tuesday was most ably led by our Student Council, who made a tremendous contribution to this solemn event by taking over the tasks usually conducted by staff. It was great to be there as always and to especially witness an encouraging attendance of staff in order to support the students and to offer their prayers. It was also the Feast of St Joseph, our College's second Patron Saint, and the anniversary of the passing of a former colleague Mrs Lyn Harter who was much loved, and we remembered her at the Mass.

On Tuesday afternoon, our U12 Football team were playing in the Manchester Schools' Football Cup Semi-Final against Wright Robinson College (away). I am delighted to report that our U12 team won 4-2 and therefore are in the Manchester Cup Final (next Tuesday afternoon against MGS away) as well as their National Cup Final (probably to take place in May). The boys played exceptionally well and I understand it is the first time that St. Bede's have beaten Wright Robinson College at football in any age group for six years. Many congratulations to all of the pupils and staff involved, and I very much look forward to attending both finals if I am able to.

I really enjoyed meeting a large number of Prep 6 parents and pupils at the annual "Meet the SLT" event, which was held in the Joseph Refectory on Tuesday after school. The numbers of pupils entering Year 7, both internally and externally, for this coming September is looking very positive indeed and it is always a great pleasure for me to spend time with our inspiring Prep pupils and their wonderful families. It has also been a privilege for me to speak at and give out awards at several Celebration Assemblies this week and I pointed out that we are essentially celebrating the many ongoing achievements of all of the pupils and students here at the College, and we continue to be very proud of all of them.

Wednesday was another busy day at the College, with a group of L6th students visiting the Oxbridge information conference held at Aintree Racecourse - I understand that the trip was a highly informative one. During the lunch break that day I very much enjoyed my opportunity to act as a judge on the "Bede's Got Talent" event and I was struck by the extremely high quality of all of the acts. Well done to all of those who took part, thank you to Mr Lee Rodriguez and Mr Yates for their prominent roles in organising the event, and congratulations to Amarachi and Jeanne (both in U3) on winning the competition. Their rendition of "Halo" by Beyoncé was simply fantastic!

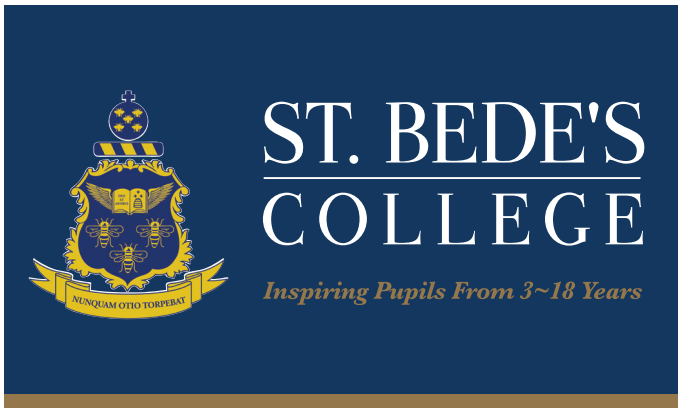
The Sixth Form were also very fortunate on Wednesday to be able to attend the latest lecture in our Alumni speaker series, given by Mr Dan Newport, and the feedback from the students on his talk regarding careers in architecture and its impact upon identity and tourism across the world has been excellent. We are very grateful for the time and energy that he has devoted to the planning of his lecture and visit to the College.

The week concluded with a highly informative Lower Sixth Higher Education Evening held in the Academic Hall, which was very well attended, and it is an exciting time for those about to embark upon their preparations for applying to universities. Whether students wish to embark upon university study, go travelling, start an apprenticeship or enter the world of work, we continue to strive to give the most appropriate advice to all of them.

We of course continue to keep you all in our thoughts and prayers here at the College and I would like to personally wish you every strength and blessing over the coming week.

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Siena Support Cindy Appleyard Foundation

On Monday, Emily Lyons and Helen Bidwell from the Cindy Appleyard Foundation visited the Siena House assembly. The trustees spoke about the tragic story of Cindy's death and the work that the charity does to provide financial relief for families who have to spend prolonged periods of time in children's hospitals.

Their visit was particularly timely ahead of the Siena House 'Bede's Got Talent' event. Their moving presentation reminded our pupils and staff why the Cindy Appleyard Foundation is Siena's chosen charity for this academic year and of the importance of engaging with charities, both within school and the wider community.

Mr Lee Rodriguez



Denied By The Crossbar!

On Wednesday we travelled to MGS for the 2nd XI tournament with a youthful U17 side. The lads produced some fine displays in the group stage which saw them draw 1-1 with Cheadle Hulme following a fine goal from Jack. In the second game we faced past champions Repton, but a Mr Wright 'park the bus tactic' and an incredible work ethic from the lads, restricted the opposition to minimal chances and we ground out a 0-0 draw.

Knowing that only a win would be good enough in the final group game we conceded a poor early goal to leave us at risk of exiting the tournament early. Despite an overly physical performance from Crompton House the boys maintained their composure and scored three great goals with a fine finish from Nat and two incredible free kicks from Luigi. This result ensured that we did not only progress but also won the group. Repton would also progress from our group as the best placed third team.

In the quarter final we drew a very strong Bolton side, but the boys dominated the game and Theo worked tirelessly in midfield initiating attack after attack. In the last minute Danny made a storming run down the wing and was fouled. Up stepped Luigi who fired a free kick into the top corner from thirty yards. Three free kicks in two games, what a specialist he is! The semi-final paired us once again with Repton and we decided to abandon The Mourinho-esque tactic and go all out for the win. We started incredibly well with good pressure from Louie, Nat and Theo which saw the latter win the ball and drive fifty yards up the field on the counter, he then calmly slotted the ball to Jack who cut inside two players and drilled his effort home.

The lads were one up and on a roll! As the game went on Repton grew in stature and their incredible fitness levels saw them complete two fast breaks, one just before half time and one just after, which both resulted in goals. St Bede's were 2-1 down with a minute to go when a free kick was awarded. It was forty yards out, could Luigi do it again? Unfortunately, not! His effort cannoned off the cross bar and he was millimetres away from taking the game to penalties. The lads conducted themselves superbly and gave an incredible account of the College, well done!

Mr Mitchell

**The
Breakfast
Club**

Parents are cordially invited to attend a breakfast meeting with Mr d'Arcy and some members of the Senior leadership Team on Friday 29 March from 8am to 9am, in the Parents' Cafe. In addition, the St Bede's College Parents' Association (SBPA) -formerly known as the Bedian Association -will be in attendance.

SB PA

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Parents' Association**



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Upper Fifth Careers Talk

Upper Fifth pupils enjoyed hearing about two very different careers in their PSMEE lesson this week. Laura Dench left St Bede's in 2015 to study Automotive Engineering and is now on a placement working for Bosch Engineering. She is thoroughly enjoying her role and sometimes gets to drive fast cars around a track!

Phil Slater left in 1994 to pursue a career in Surveying. He is now a civil servant working for the Department for Education as Head of Technical Services in the Priority School Building Programme. He is involved in transforming dilapidated school buildings into exciting and attractive spaces.

We are really grateful to Laura and Phil for giving up their time to inform and inspire our pupils as they consider their future.

Mrs Poolton



Book Fair 2019

We are hosting a Book Fair in College Monday 25 – Friday 29 March, giving pupils the opportunity to buy good quality books at discounted prices.

The selection of books will be available for pupils to view and buy in the Maher Library during Library opening hours. Parents are also welcome to visit the Book Fair from 4pm to 6pm from Monday to Thursday while the Fair is running.

Books can be purchased using cash or pre-purchased gift vouchers. The gift vouchers are a simple and secure way for pupils to buy books and will give them an extra 20% to spend. For example, if you spend £5.00, you will receive a £6.00 voucher to spend. These can be purchased online at www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers.

Pupils may also use World Book Day vouchers to receive an extra £1.00 discount on any of the books sold.

Please do not hesitate to contact me in the Library if you have any further queries or visit www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk and follow the parent link to find out more about the books on offer.

Mrs Poolton

Theme of the Week

Bearing Fruit

“Leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.”

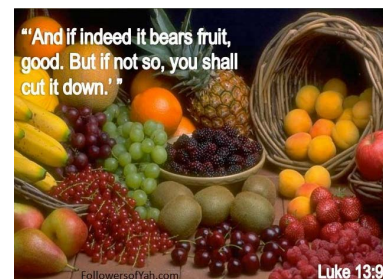
Challenge:

“Give me another chance!” we have all heard these words. We all can feel pity and offer forgiveness to someone who is sorry. We are reminded in this Sunday's Gospel that God is merciful to us and gives us another chance to bear fruit in our lives. We must challenge ourselves to see if our life is bearing fruit or just bringing others down.

Prayer:

Jesus thank you for always being ready to give me another chance when I get things wrong. I know that I just have to say sorry for my mistakes and you are there to pick me up and help me move forward. Help me to produce good fruit in my life. Amen.

St Bede - pray for us





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Bede's Got Talent 2019

Wednesday saw the grand final of Siena House's 'Bede's Got Talent' competition. The competition was judged by our very own Mr d'Arcy and Mrs Burnage, as well as Emily and Nick Lyons from the Cindy Appleyard Foundation.

After weeks of intense practice and preparation, the pupils sang, danced, played the piano and drums and even performed some magic, with confidence, skill and precision. The ABBA tribute act which opened the show was decidedly less skilful.

It was wonderful to see five members of the Upper Third represent themselves and the College so ably in front of their peers. Ultimately, there needed to be a winner, or two. That honour went to Jeanne and Amarachi, followed by Chantelle, all of whom sang beautifully. Edward came third, expertly playing 'Für Elise'.

Over £115 was raised for the Cindy Appleyard Foundation by Siena House, an excellent donation to a worthwhile cause.

Mr Lee Rodriguez





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Another Final for U12

The U12 football team travelled to Wright Robinson for what was to be an enthralling Manchester Cup semi-final tie. The boys had already seen off St Matthew's, Chorlton High School South and Parrs Wood, to reach this stage but they were facing their toughest test against a school that St Bede's had not beaten at any age group during the past six years.

The boys started incredibly well and took the lead two minutes in when Benat lobbed the 'keeper from 25 yards out. Wright Robinson seemed shell-shocked and St Bede's dominated the first twenty minutes playing some lovely football. Harry C beat his full back every time he got the ball and created a number of chances for Benat and Harry O. St Bede's doubled their lead following a corner to the back post from Padraig which was powerfully headed home by Louis.



Wright Robinson began to dominate the game and following successive corners managed to get a goal back with a wonderful header that left Dominic rooted to his line. Following their goal, Wright Robinson pushed forward and put the U12s under pressure but the defence stood firm and they went in at half time 2-1 up. The second half began in the same vein as the first with St Bede's dominating the play. Kwame won every 50/50 in the middle of the park and Padraig showed off his unbelievable passing range. However, it would be left to Benat to seal the result as he completed his hat-trick with two fine finishes which saw him go round the goalkeeper and slot home on both occasions.

Wright Robinson managed to score from the penalty spot making the final score 4-2 to St Bede's. There were some wonderful cameos from the bench with Justin showing incredible composure on the ball to retain possession for the team and Cameron smashing into challenges to win the ball back and ensure Wright Robinson could not break away.

The final will take place on Tuesday 26 March with a 16:00 kick off versus Manchester Grammar School. All Manchester Cup finals are hosted at MGS so the boys will have to enter the lion's den to bring the trophy home! Good luck boys, we are incredibly proud of the season you have produced thus far.

Mr Mitchell

Economics Boost!

Upper Sixth A Level Economics students attended the Tutor2U Grade Booster conference at The Printworks on Tuesday together with four hundred other students from across the North West.

Hosted by leading expert Jon Clark who was able to promulgate his 22 years knowledge and experience extensively in order to refine and sharpen key examination techniques for the students ahead of their forthcoming summer examinations.

Our students maintained pace for the four hour duration by completing theoretical revision tasks, data interpretation and analytical development of written essays.

They came away with a clear focus on the next steps towards their revision with invaluable advice of how to make the most effective use of their revision time.

Keep up the good work Upper Sixth Economists - we have faith in you to achieve your very best!

Mrs Hatton





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Prep 4 Visit Cadbury's World



Prep 4 enjoyed a wonderful trip to Cadbury's World last week to support their Literacy work on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Once there the children were met by a tropical rainforest which transported them to the place where the cacao beans grow and followed the journey of the traders and the Aztecs as the process from bean to bar begins.

They were then whisked into the British history of J Cadbury & Sons who set up their first shop in Bull Street and explanation of how the famous brand began. The process of winnowing, roasting, extracting cocoa butter and adding milk and sugar was demonstrated through a moving theatre and then it was time to get hands on!

The children had a try at tempering the chocolate and also how to write their name in liquid chocolate. This was followed by a ride into chocolate land and then on to the main event - the tasting!



Once their tastebuds had been satisfied, they watched the process of decorating eggs in the factory and following lunch, they enjoyed a fantastic experience in the 4D moving cinema.

Once on our VIP bus home, they reflected on their fabulous day and there was much consensus that they were coming back to school from the "Best Trip Ever!!"

AJIS Netball Success

Last Friday, on a wet and windy day, St Bede's took part in the AJIS netball tournament at Stockport Grammar.



We had three games in the first round and were drawn against tough opposition losing to Queen's Chester, Cheadle Hulme and Withington Girls. Despite the losses the performances were good and development in skills and movement over the year was evident.

After lunch the girls entered another group and had to battle with the elements as the strong wind blew passes and shots awry but they beat Newcastle 3-2 and Stockport Grammar also 3-2. In the final game the team had to beat Kirkham Grammar to win the Group D League. Their performance was outstanding which saw them score a triumphant eleven goals to zero. That result saw them top the Group D League. Congratulations to all the girls who took part.



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Headteacher's Award Winners

Congratulations to Elsie and Holly who received a Headteacher's Award in the post this week. Both of these young ladies have blossomed since joining the Prep. Their ever-growing confidence has been a delight to behold. They are both such intelligent girls who are a delight to teach.

Elsie and Holly start each morning happy and eager to learn. They absorb everything they are taught and rise to every challenge they are set. They go about their learning in such a humble and understated way. The content of their work speaks volumes for them.

Both Holly and Elsie were members of the Prep AJIS Quiz Team who performed fabulously at the recent AJIS Competition held at Bury Grammar School. They were also members of the Prep Book Quiz Team who took on teams from the College on World Book Day and won!



You are both wonderful children. This award is richly deserved.

Marvellous Mathematicians!

Almost one thousand six hundred United Kingdom Primary and Prep Schools took part in this year's Primary Mathematics Challenge, a national competition organised by the Mathematical Association. The children are set twenty five problem questions which become increase in difficulty throughout the test.

Following the initial round in November, two thousand, three hundred and seventy-five individual pupils from the schools were invited to participate in the Final Round in February. This included ten of our Prep pupils, eight from Prep 6 and two from Prep 5.

One thousand, four hundred and ninety-six awards were allocated, consisting of: 103 Gold Medals, 657 Silver Medals and 736 Bronze Medals.

St Bede's pupils excelled gaining more gold and silver awards than any other independent school in the North West. This is the third consecutive year that our pupils have performed brilliantly in this prestigious national competition.

Congratulations to our three gold award winners Elsie, Kevin and Liam; three silver award winners Hogan, Rex and Francesca; and bronze award winner Miren.

A truly fantastic achievement!





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Nursery - Emma

Prep 5 - Poppy

STARS OF WEEK



HOUSE POINT WINNERS



CLASS OF THE WEEK - Reception



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Thursday 28 March
Parents' Evening

Friday 29 March
Mrs Hunt Coffee & Cakes with Prep
5 & Prep 6 parents at 3.00pm in the
Library.

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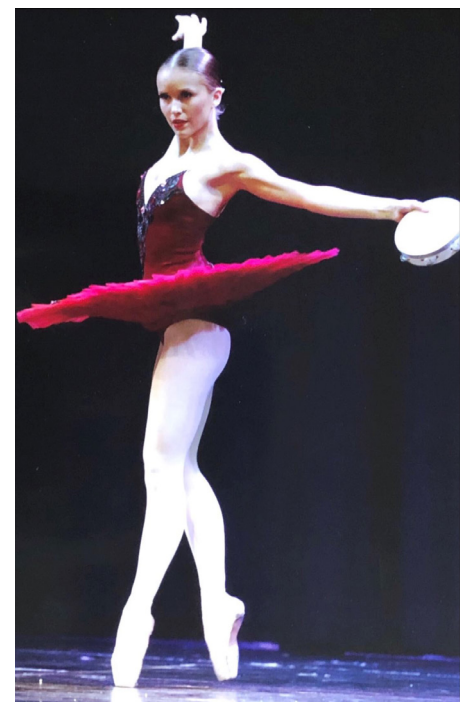
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The showcase also highlighted the sense of community Bede's has, as dancers from across all age ranges were working together to put on an amazing production.

Upper Sixth dancer, Brontë, stated that the best thing about the showcase was 'dancing with people who have the same love for dancing as I do'. Another dancer, Eilise, stated, 'It was a really nice way to celebrate my time dancing at Bede's and it felt like it closed off an era.'

On behalf of the Sixth Form, I would like to thank the dancers who put on an amazing display as well as the staff who made it all happen!



The Sixth Form View Fliss & Anna

Alumni Speaker Fliss



On Wednesday morning, the Sixth Form students welcomed Dan Newport to the College.

Newport gave the pupils an exciting talk on his chosen profession of architecture, and the ways in which it shapes life around us. The architect discussed how buildings can be the focal points of cities and although we may not realise, buildings are incredibly important as to how we operate as a society.

Newport showed students examples of how buildings can generate tourism and stimulate investment in cities, such as the 'Gherkin' building in London, which has become a notorious landmark in recent years.



From showing students the history of architecture, he also gave insightful information about the day-to-day life of an architect and how exciting the planning of buildings is, as well as the pitches to potentially clients. Whilst showing the highlights of being an architect, Newport did not shy away

from discussing the less attractive aspects. He discussed the course duration of seven years and how highly competitive it is to gain entry.

Through his talk, Newport allowed students to think about the daily impacts that buildings have on our lives, from our comforting homes to the luxury of hotels, the design of buildings is essential to how we operate as a society.

Many students were excited to listen to the talk, as it is one of the more attractive potential careers amongst pupils. As one student stated 'I found the talk really interesting, it gave me a realistic image of what lies in store for me if I choose to be an architect.' Another student stated, 'it was really insightful, I never really thought about how much buildings have an impact on our lives.'

On behalf of the Sixth Form students, I would like to thank Dan Newport for coming in and giving us a really inspiring talk, as well as the staff who made it happen!

Last Dance

On Wednesday, the College enjoyed a 'Dance Showcase', which included some of the College Sixth Form students. The College enjoyed a variety of dancing from a range of students who were excited to demonstrate their talents.

The dancing ranged from contemporary, to lyrical, to jazz, which gave the evening a sense of excitement as anticipation. Whilst also showing their own talents, the showcase allowed other younger students to be inspired and showed them how their own talents can be nurtured at St Bede's.

Although an exciting and fun evening, the showcase was tinged with sadness for some students as it was possibly the last chance they will have to perform on a St Bede's stage.