



BEDE'S NEWS

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Reflections on the Week

This week our Upper Third have continued the College tradition and visited Castlerigg Manor as part of their enrichment programme. Despite the weather they have had a great time and I have enjoyed hearing their stories.



It has been wonderful seeing the preparations for our Christmas Fair taking shape today around the Academic Hall. Thank you to the Bedian Association and volunteers for all their hard work in preparation and to all those who have given such generous contributions. I look forward to joining you all there tomorrow morning.

Mrs S Pike

A Gift Under Our Christmas Tree

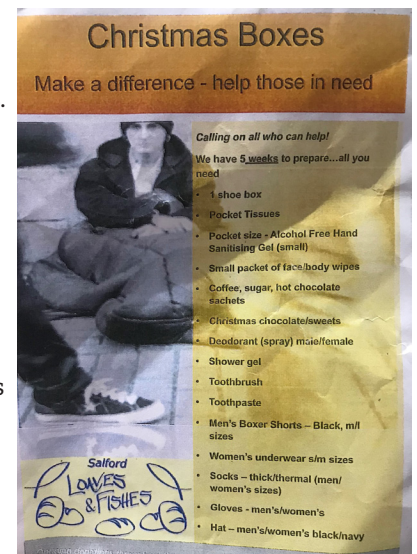
This year St Bede's College are taking part in the Shoe Box Appeal for Salford Loaves and Fishes. Each person who goes to the drop in centre on Christmas day will be given this box of simple items to those in most need of our support, who without us, would not get a Christmas present on Christmas day.

The box needs to be wrapped in Christmas paper and filled with everyday items. These must be completed by Friday 14 December and need to stay open so that we can make sure they are evenly filled.

Each form class is putting together a box, however individual families are invited to fill their own box to donate under our Christmas tree. If your company is able to donate any of the items we would be delighted to accept them.

Please feel free to add a Christmas card to personalise your gift.

God bless and thank you, Mrs Hibbert College Chaplain.



Friday 7th December

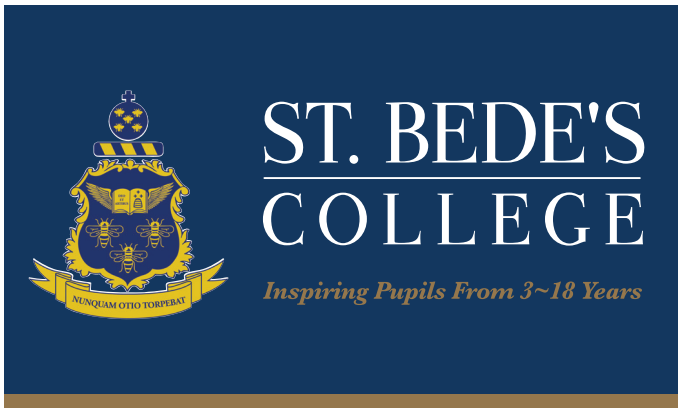
- Bosco House supporting Alzheimer's UK
- Be an Elf for the day
- OR
- Come dressed in green/red.
- £2 donation

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Netball News

The U15 girls are continuing their fabulous run of form and are through to the quarter finals of the ISNA plate competition. They secured this place with a comprehensive victory against Westholme 45-24.

The player of the match was Alanna, who showed real grit and determination matched with an outstanding work ethic. The girls are awaiting the draw.

Mrs McCormick



Counting On Each Other

On Thursday the regional finals of the Senior Team Maths Challenge was held at Manchester University.

The team consisted of Jerry, Willson, Nat and Terry. Unusually at this level of competition the Bede's team included two U5th students in a competition which is largely aimed at A level students, reflecting their mathematical prowess. Jerry and Willson had put in many hours of practice on the competition problems from previous years in the weekly Mathematics Enrichment club (which is held on a Thursday lunchtime), so they had nothing to fear, and both had been part of the victorious team which had dominated last year's regional final of the wonderfully named 'Year 10 Maths Feast'. Nat and Terry were seasoned campaigners in these team competitions in the junior and senior levels respectively.

Prior to departure Jerry and Willson's pre-competition preparation had involved a double lesson on Technology coursework, whilst Nat had been brushing up on his History. Terry had safely negotiated his way through a study period, or perhaps safely negotiated his way to College during his study period. Mr Bargery's paperwork had survived a rigorous last minute check, so spirits and confidence were high on the minibus en route to the University's Great Hall, where generations of talented undergraduate mathematicians had been tested and examined before embarking on illustrious careers in the real world!



The competition started with a group round where the boys worked together for 40 minutes on 10 mathematical problems on a range of topics. Working individually and in pairs, the team managed successfully to solve 8 of the 10 problems. The marks are supposed to be kept secret, but clearly the teacher who was officiating and marking at Bede's table had not accounted for Terry's detective skills!

Next came the crossnumber round, where the boys had to work in pairs to solve a crossword style problem whose solution featured digits in place of letters. Terry and Nat worked on the 'down' clues whilst Willson and Jerry tackled the 'across' clues. The pairs were not allowed to communicate with each other or help with each other's clues, other than by entering answers to their own clues on the answer sheet. To add to the challenge, some of the clues required answers to some of the other clues first, including ones that your partners are working on! The answers are marked as the boys input them. Our score could have been even higher, but at least some of the team have now learned what a palindrome is!

The competition culminated with the shuttle round, the most challenging round, composed of four sets of four questions with the teams again working in pairs on alternate questions, with only 8 minutes per set of four questions. Further complicated since a question can only be solved by using the correct answer from the preceding question. Bonus marks are available if the set of 4 questions is solved inside of 6 minutes.

This young team finished an extremely creditable tenth place out of thirty schools and colleges and the experience gained will no doubt hold them in good stead for next year's competition which Mr Bargery is already planning for!

Mr Bargery



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Greater Manchester Athletics

Congratulations to the U14 Indoor athletics teams who participated in the Greater Manchester Final. There were some outstanding individual medallists including: Riley 1st in 300m, Salma 2nd in 800m, Sarah 1st in Hurdles, Anna 3rd in high jump, Riley, Salma, Sarah and Anna 4th in the relay and Alanna 4th in the high jump. They finished third overall out of thirteen schools.

In the boys events Uwak was 1st in the hurdles and Tom 3rd in the 400m. A fabulous afternoon of athletics.

Congratulations to Riley who has been selected for the U14 England Rounders Team. She was selected from over one hundred pupils to form a squad of 15. Riley has been selected as first base and as a batter. She has been selected for U14 squad even though she is in the U13 category.

Mrs McCormick



From Strong Foundations...

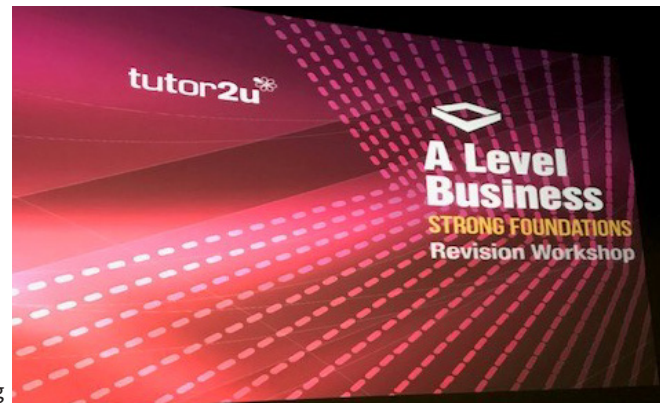
The Upper Sixth A Level Business class joined hundreds of other students from across the North West in attending the day long 'Tutor2U' conference at The Printworks this week. They opted for premium seats at the front so that they were able to access one-on-one advice from leading Business specialists Jim Riley and Geoff Prior. As the co-founders of Tutor2U with decades of experience in industry as Directors for Thomson Travel and PwC, recognised authors and examiners for both AQA and Edexcel, their advice and guidance was invaluable and thankfully balanced out Geoff's terrible jokes!

The three sessions were very much interactive in nature, with students working both independently and within groups, focussing on developing essential examination skills of analysis, application and evaluation.

I was exceptionally proud of the student's knowledge and their confidence to demonstrate this before an auditorium of peers, with the highlight being Natasha offering a response containing a chain of analysis so outstanding it led to her winning Jim's top prize (of monetary value out of his own pocket!), against all other offerings from other colleges. Everyone came away, much clearer on the expectations of an examination and how to access the grade As which we are all aiming for.

From strong foundations, greatness is built upon. Keep up the good work U6 Business- we never said it would be easy, but it definitely will be worth it!

Mrs Hatton





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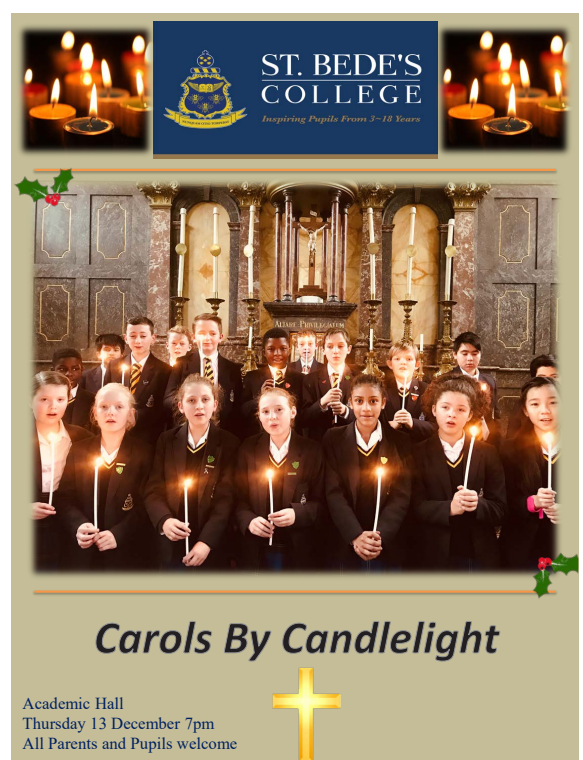
Bridging the Gap

Geography and Geology A Level students joined forces to attend an Earth Science lecture at Aquinas College in Stockport last Wednesday evening. The lecture was given by Professor Iain Stewart, a professor of Geoscience Communication at the University of Plymouth and Director of its Sustainable Earth Institute. Additionally, he has presented numerous Science BBC documentaries on tectonic processes, most notably 'Earth: The Power of the Planet'.

His key focus for the lecture was based around applying Earth Science to pressing societal concerns - climate change, geo-resources, geo-energy and disaster risk reduction. In particular, he exemplified the mistakes made in the events leading up to the LAquila, Italy event in 2009. He highlighted the need to educate and inform society about the more pressing awaited event along the Anatolian fault in Turkey, thinking about disaster risk reduction. Ultimately our Sixth Form students were made to think about how to engage and make science accessible to societal members in order to mitigate impacts from natural hazards. His closing statement was about the pressing need for Earth Science to bridge the gap with Social Sciences.

Our students found the lecture thought-provoking. Comments included;
 "The combination of practical and Social Sciences was very interesting"
 "It was interesting he mentioned how we should incorporate other Sciences into Geology"
 "He conveyed the significance of taking other people's perspectives and opinions into consideration when trying to convey information to them."

This was a fantastic curriculum enrichment experience and we are wholeheartedly looking forward to the Geology Christmas lecture here at St Bede's on Monday 3 December.





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Prep 4 Egyptian Escapade

Prep 4 have been studying all about Ancient Egypt this term. To enhance their learning, they went to The World Museum in Liverpool yesterday where they had the opportunity to discover, handle and

investigate authentic, ancient artefacts in a very interesting museum-led session.



They also had a wonderful time exploring the River Nile trail and analysing in detail the many Mummies in the fascinating Mummy exhibition room. They were very excited to look around the gift shop and the day flew by far too quickly.



They all said they would love to return to look around the many more fascinating galleries there.

A great day, enjoyed by all.

The Prep School's Christmas Schedule



We are looking forward to welcoming you all to our wonderful Christmas events coming up in the Prep over the next few weeks.

On Wednesday December 5 the Prep 3 children will be presenting their Christmas themed assembly starting at 2.50pm in the Chapel.



The Key Stage One Christmas Concert is on Thursday December 6 in the Academic Hall starting promptly at 2.30pm.

On Tuesday December 11 the EYFS Nativity will be held in the Academic Hall at 2.30pm. In the evening the Prep Choir will be performing at Manchester Cathedral starting at 7.30pm.

The annual Prep School Carols by Candlelight will take place in the chapel on Wednesday December 13 starting at 2.30 pm when we hope to be joined by Mr d'Arcy.



Photography and filming of the upcoming events is not permitted under any circumstances.

We shall be taking photographs of all the events and filming the Christmas Concerts.





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The Travelling Crib

The first Sunday of Advent on 2 December signals the start of our preparations for this Holy Season.

We would like the children to take part in the Travelling Crib, where children in each class will get the chance to bring home a bag containing a small crib, a candle and prayer. Similar to the Lenten Prayer Bag, the purpose is to give families the chance to gather together at this busy time of year and reflect on this special season. We ask that the bag be returned to school the following day to allow the next family to use it. Many thanks for your ongoing support

If you would like to send in a picture of you all reflecting on the meaning of Christmas with the crib, then Mr Joyce-O'Keeffe will put them together and share them on the Prep School's social media outlets.



A and B Team Football v Stockport Gramamar School



On Friday 23 November the Prep football squad made the short trip to Stockport Grammar School to fulfil their annual fixture. The A Team played in a match which was very much 'end to end' in terms of action where Sam was kept very busy between the sticks. Captain Luke and Joe managed to get on the scoresheet in a game that resulted in a 6-2 loss.

The B Team also faced a tough test and although they did show lots of resilience they went down to a seven goal defeat. Oliver impressed with his battling display throughout. The children gained valuable experience against some physically strong opposition. The bulk of the Prep squad this year consists of mainly Prep 5's which is certainly promising for next season.



Headteacher's Afternoon Tea

On Wednesday afternoon all the children who have received a Headteacher's Award this term joined Mrs Hunt in the Non-Fiction Library for afternoon tea.

When they arrived they were greeted by Mrs Hunt and a tray full of cookies and butterfly cream cakes. It was a well deserved reward for being such outstanding Bedians. They are a credit to their families and our school.

Mrs Hunt and the Prep staff look forward to spotting more children for going above and beyond our already high expectations next term.





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Prep 2 - Jayden

Prep 3 - Etincelle

Prep 4 - Stephanie

STARS OF WEEK



HOUSE POINT WINNERS



CLASS OF THE WEEK - Prep 3



Notices

We look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Fair on Saturday from 9.30am.

Wednesday Prep 3 Assembly, 2.50pm.

Thursday Key Stage One Christmas Concert, 2.30pm.

BEDE'S SIXTH FORM NEWS

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The Sixth Form View Fliss & Anna

Pink Day

Fliss



Today, the Sixth Form is celebrating 'Pink Day' in order to raise awareness of breast cancer. The Sixth Form's participation allows the students to learn more about the disease and highlights how common breast cancer is.

As the illness is the most commonly diagnosed among women in the UK, it is important as a College that we help show our support and appreciation to those who help to overcome the disease.

And so, in order to show our solidarity, the Sixth Form went 'pink' today, as the colour is used and universally recognised as a symbol for breast cancer awareness. From pink jumpers to pink fancy dress outfits, the Sixth Form students showed a magnificent display of force and unity.

Pink day follows on from an insightful talk the students had with a representative from the Prevent Breast

Cancer charity. The talk gave students insightful information about prevention methods and techniques, which may limit the chances of breast cancer. One student of the Sixth Form said, 'the talk gave me so much more information about the topic of breast cancer, it showed me how it isn't always women who are affected, but men are too. This is why I think the College celebrate pink day, it is a way of showing our support and letting people who have breast cancer that they are not alone.' Another student stated, 'the talk was a good way of delivering the facts and information about breast cancer, and now the College can take this information and help create a great day, filled with fun as well as showing a united approach to one of the most common types of cancer in the UK.'

On behalf of the Sixth Form, I would like to thank the staff and students who helped create a wonderful day, which gave students a way of showing encouragement and support to the prevention and limitation of breast cancer.

Alumni Speaker

Anna

On Wednesday morning, the Sixth Form welcomed back fellow Bedian Simon Baxter who left the College in 1998. He gave an inspiring speech regarding his life and what he has done since leaving St Bedes. He started off by telling us, how he became a soil geologist due to his passion for geology that he developed

whilst a pupil. Afterwards, geology students had the opportunity to have a more in-depth conversation with him regarding geology. One geology student stated, "It was great to hear all the different opportunities studying geology can bring". He also mentioned the importance of co-curricular activities and advised us to take full advantage of the wide range of co-curricular at the College.

However, Simon was sadly diagnosed with a brain tumour and had to give up



this career. While talking to the Sixth Form he gave an inspiring speech on how he overcame his brain tumour and the great resilience he showed. He faced the devastating decision of choosing whether to leave his tumour that would probably leave him paralysed from the neck down or having a risky operation. He has now recovered from his tumour, and whilst this was a devastating event for him it enabled him to enter into a different career in geology, giving marketing speeches.

It was an inspiration for the whole Sixth Form to hear how he battled this illness and was able to continue living life to the full. On behalf of all the Sixth Form, I would like to thank Simon Baxter for giving up his time to come and give us such an inspiring talk.

