



Headteacher's Message



We have all faced many challenges this week with isolation due to the ongoing pandemic!

Tuesday saw St Bede's at its best as pupils took part in our Sports day. The atmosphere was electric and I am sure everyone enjoyed watching the teachers' relay race.

Well done to Siena!

Enjoy your weekend.

Mrs S Pike
Headteacher

Theme of the Week

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A Prophet

'A prophet is only despised in his own country' Mark 6:1-6

Challenge

God sends his people as prophets to tell others about him and his will. When Jesus returned to his hometown the people knew him as the son of a carpenter and questioned his wisdom and the miracles he performed.



Have you ever felt rejected by others?
Have others challenged your ability or doubted you?
Have you ever doubted Jesus?



Prayer

Lord, you were not accepted in your own hometown. Help me to accept others and work with them. I give you all my achievements and challenges from this academic year. Help me to accept you as my Lord and receive the miracles you have ready for my life. Amen

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Year Five Taster Day
Saturday 4 September

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Sports Day 2021

On one of the hottest days of the year so far, our pupils showed real grit and determination and delivered a very competitive performance, without buckling under the heat. Mr Power was the voice of the day marshalling competitors to the start of events and encouraging them home. The four houses were evenly matched with highs and lows for each in the various track and field events. After a few minutes of anticipation Mrs Boylan and Mrs Girolami were able to deliver the results to be read out by Mr Park. Magdalene secured the girls' trophy and Siena the boys', with Siena as overall points winner being awarded the main trophy. A great day was had by all!



Congratulations to Mr Peden, Mrs Lockett and Mrs Collins on their Retirement

B V Peden is a stalwart of the Bedian staff, and currently the longest serving. He joined the staff in 1985 to a very different St Bede's which was still predominantly all boys. Although he was a pupil at a local rival school, he is certainly pre-eminent among those who can be said to have been 'born Bedian'.

Mr Peden launched himself into the life of the College, attending the legendary First Year Summer Camp in Ullswater, splashing about on the Ardeche on the Watersports Trip and joining countless French and Spanish exchanges.

He served as Head of U5 for many years, with several glamorous assistants, balancing an avuncular approach with a more firm disposition when necessary.

The breadth and depth of his English subject knowledge and expertise will be greatly missed and we wish him well in his retirement.

Mrs Boylan

Mrs Lockett

Ruth Lockett, then Ruth Herman, was part of the vanguard of female staff who joined the college in the eighties, taking over the fledgling Politics Department from Ann Jefcoate. She lost no time in introducing the Model United Nations and consolidating the profile of the subject at A level.

In the early years she was a keen camper with the Upper Third at Ullswater, where her experience as a horsewoman made her a valued asset during the pony trekking sessions. Horses and especially ride and drive, have always been an important part of her life. With Mr McKeogh of the Economics Department she helped organise visits to the United States, the Soviet Union and a host of other locations. Closer to home, she has long masterminded Oxbridge visits and trips to Birmingham and Leeds Universities. These coach trips often made for interesting political discussions with the late John Moynihan, whose political views were often amusingly at odds with Ruth's!

Closer to home, Ruth's organisation of the Higher Education Conference gave pupils priceless access to admissions tutors from scores of universities, assisting them in their choice of course and location. It is in her capacity of UCAS coordinator that so many Bedians have reason to be grateful for her shrewd and thoughtful advice. In latter years she has taken up the management and teaching of Psychology, demonstrating her academic breadth and reach.

Ruth is happiest in the countryside, whether it be walking with old friends or pottering around her smallholding. I am sure the coming years will be full of both activities and may the sun shine on her endeavours.

Mr Peden

Mrs Collins

Design Technology will not quite be the same as we bid farewell to Maria Collins this term. Her quiet, understated, and calm approach to her teaching will be remembered and missed by all her pupils. She has been a stalwart behind the scenes in many productions and her commitment to the Liturgical life of the College is an example to all. She joined the College in January 1999 and leaves with nothing but our best wishes.



Farewell and Good Luck - Mrs Girolami

Mary-Bernadette Girolami is the embodiment of our College motto – Nunquam Otio Torpebat. From her time as a pupil and hockey captain in 1999, to pastoral head of Upper Seniors, Mrs Girolami has given her time, effort and energy tirelessly. Understated and unassuming, she has the respect of both pupils and colleagues alike. Never one to shy away from a school trip, she could often be found taking to the pistes, canoeing down the Dordogne and sampling le chocolat in Senlis. Not only a talented linguist, she also ably assisted in the PE department with girls' sports, and even gave the men a run for their money in Friday night staff football. She will be greatly missed by the Bedian community and we wish her all the very best in her new post.



Mrs Boylan

Miss Patel

Since joining the College in September, Miss Patel has thrown herself into Bedian life and quickly become a staple part of our community. Not only did she volunteer to help with testing, but she has also been part of the innovation working group trialling new school initiatives and helped to run the Sixth Form Biology in Action day and STEAM Club. She is much loved as a Biology Teacher and Form Tutor and will be missed by all. We wish her the best of luck as she relocates to another school.



Ms Kane

Also departing this Summer are Mr Gallagher, Mrs Gallagher, Mrs Michael and Mr Park we wish them all the very best for the future.

Siena Triumph in the Summer Sun

Siena House celebrated winning Sports Day on Tuesday, with pupils and staff alike enjoying a wonderful day in the sun at Brantingham Road.

There were some outstanding individual performances by the likes of Ophelia in Lower Fourth, Shula in Upper Fourth, Temi in Lower Fifth and the entire boys' team in Upper Third. All of them demonstrated incredible speed on the track, whilst others, such as Qais in Lower Fifth led the way in the shot put. However, this was a victory built on teamwork and resilience rather than individual brilliance.

Mr Lee Rodriguez, Mrs Ball, Mr Pogliano and Mr Lucas had to only watch and encourage as the team captains from each year adeptly and actively organised their athletes. Some, such as Isobel in Upper Fourth, volunteered to run in other age groups' races, whilst Joseph in Lower Fifth ran both the 800m and 1500m, despite never running either previously. Everyone sought to get involved and everyone was willing to volunteer. I know that this sentiment was echoed by the other Heads of Houses and staff members who assisted them. The pupils were a credit to themselves and the College.

When the result was read out there was a sense of togetherness and collective celebration that I have not seen previously in my time as Head of House. It showed what we have missed during the last 18 months but also what St Bede's is so great at: creating a sense of community and allowing everyone to shine.'

Mr Lee Rodriguez - Head of Siena House





Holy Communion

Congratulations to Joseph, Fia, William, May, Beth and Emily who made their Holy Communion recently in their respective parishes. We look forward to our celebration in school next week.



Superstars!

Prep 5 & 6 received their Superstar Crest Awards today. They completed ten hours of science challenges in their after-school Stem Club. Some of the challenges included building bridges, testing the viscosity of different tomato sauces and setting up a Rube Goldberg machine. The children really enjoyed each challenge and thoroughly deserve their award. Well done!



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Greek Treats

On Wednesday 30 June, Prep 6 enjoyed a trip into Manchester as part of their history studies on the ancient Greeks. The trip would normally include a visit to the Manchester Art Gallery, but this was not possible due to the Covid restrictions. However, we were able to book into our favourite Greek restaurant, Rozafa, for a delicious traditional Greek lunch. As always, the children were delighted by the plentiful banquet which was followed by ice cream treats from McDonalds. It was lovely to walk through the city centre in the sunshine, spotting some of the Greek inspired architecture along the way. The children's behaviour was excellent, and this was a wonderful way to conclude our topic on the ancient Greeks.



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*Housepoint Winners & Stars of the Week
Nursery & Reception*



Housepoint Winners and Stars of the Week - Prep 5 & 6



Housepoint Winners and Stars of the Week - Prep 3 Prep 1 & 2



Class of the Week - Prep 6

NURSERY

NOAH

RECEPTION

AURELIA

DANNY

PREP 1

ISABELLA

LEXI

PREP 2

ANNABELLE

ELIAS

MIA

ROSIE

TOLU

PREP 3

OLIVER

WILLIAM

PREP 4

BEN

JAYDEN

TOBI

PREP 5

CASEY

CLEON

FRANCISCO

IRIA

JOJO

LUCA

NATHAN

ORLA

PREP 6

DAVID

JAMES

KATIE

OLIVIA

SOFIA

TOBI

Monday Motivation



Word of the week

Loved

Notices

Please Note the school term ends at Midday on Wednesday 7 July.

All children must be collected by 12pm midday.

There is no after school care provision.

