

Committed to Continued Improvement

At St Bede's, we strive to be the best we can be. Changing for the better is an essential part of the DNA of our College, which is one big family. We are committed to the overall satisfaction of parents, the human and professional quality of our teachers and employees and our students. At St Bede's, we believe everything works better with the cooperation of everyone. Over the past 12 months there have been improvements in the infrastructure of the College which have improved our facilities, making our positive atmosphere even better! We are proud of these changes that everyone can enjoy.



New high-speed Wi-Fi network throughout the College.



Prep School playground.

Newly refurbished outdoor play provision, including our environmentally friendly, solar-powered outdoor classroom.



Highlighting Sport, Fitness and Well-being.

Our pergolas have been key meeting points for chats. We have new minibuses for College trips.

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AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

Be

part of a tradition, of a family, of the future...



Dear Parents

What you hold in your hands is the first of what we hope will become a regular newsletter to help us build closer links with parents. As a Catholic school, we are deeply mindful you are the first and most important educators of your children and that we are privileged to be able to share in this most precious responsibility. This shapes the work we do.

In allowing us to share in this core developmental task, we know that we have to work with you to ensure that your children become the best possible version of themselves. One of the recent mottos which the College has used is particularly apt: "Be the Best You Can be".

This phrase incidentally is not just aimed at the children and young people of our community, but every member of the Bedian family. We are part of a long educational tradition which has as its aim the all-round development (academic, physical, spiritual and moral) of everyone who comes in touch with it: primarily the pupils, of course, but also teachers and parents.

This tradition, long and rich, is something we intend to build on by looking forward, embracing progress and investing in the future.

We are delighted that you are part of this new chapter for St Bede's College and look forward to working with you. Thank you for your support.



Xavier Bosch

Chairman of the Board of Trustees



Dear Parents

We have a reputation for excellent pastoral care,

so our pupils enjoy coming to the college and are supported by teachers who are subject specialists. We are keen to track our pupils' progress and work closely with parents to share pupils' outcomes on a regular basis. This enables pupils to move on to universities of their choice including Russell Group Universities.

There is a broad and varied curriculum enabling pupils to study for 9 GCSEs and a maximum of 4 A levels as well as the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). Pupils are encouraged to have a "Yes" brain mentality and be always the best person. Co-curricular life of the College is important to everyone. We are fortunate to have many talented Sports people as part of our community and are recognised nationally for our success. Our pupils excel in the Performing Arts due to our outstanding provision and over the last few years productions have included Hairspray and Westside Story.

As Headteacher, I am fortunate to work with a dedicated team of staff who have a wide range of skills and we work together to enable every child to achieve their full potential in a safe environment. Highlights of my job include seeing young people develop their love of learning, respect for each other and friendships that last for life. Once a Bedian always a Bedian!



Mrs Sandra Pike

Headteacher

Dear Parents

At St Bede's Prep, our families choose us

because we provide an exciting, vibrant, education within a safe and secure learning environment.

On their primary journey, children form habits that will last a lifetime and in the Prep, we want them to develop a life-long love of learning and instil confidence in each individual for the next part of their educational journey.

Our pupils love the Prep because each day is different, each day is challenging but each day is fun and happy here.

We are hugely proud of our diverse and unique multi-cultural community at St Bede's. It is not just Roman Catholic children that we educate here. It is children from all faiths and all walks of life.

It is a huge privilege to be Head of Prep here at St Bede's. To lead a school where consistent care for the individual goes hand in hand with excellent teaching and learning, developing children's powers of resilience, courage, enquiry, and interest alongside helping them to care for others and become really good people is the most rewarding part of my job.



Mrs Claire Hunt

Head of Prep

A Digital Revolution to Help Students to Reach Their Potential

From the start of the pandemic, teaching and learning has changed, and St Bede's has taken on the challenge of this **new educational scenario**. Due to the current situation, we have grasped this opportunity to continue improving and innovating, launching an important **digital transformation**.



Although face-to-face teaching is completely irreplaceable, during the last year our students were able to continue their **learning and personal growth journey** thanks to the great effort of teachers, parents and students themselves, and thanks to technology.

After an extensive study considering the best educational, methodological and technological options, we have decided to adopt the platform **Google Workspace for Education** for the next academic year 2021/2022. All pupils will use **Chromebooks** from Prep 3 through to Upper Sixth.

Substantial improvements will be made to **improve technological facilities** in classrooms and refurbish spaces that promote collaboration and experiential learning.

Each student having an electronic device offers endless learning opportunities. At St Bede's we recognise the importance of writing and creative work in learning, and this will continue to be the case. The purpose of technology in the classroom will be to **enhance learning**, by using it as a tool and not as an objective.

Why Chromebooks?

-  **Easy-to-use, fast and secure.** A favourite device for education, eliminating the hassles of technology to focus on teaching and learning.
-  **Google Workspace for Education offers total security.** It meets all legally required standards to be used with students.
-  Google Workspace for Education is totally different from Google personal accounts. **No tracking of pupils' data.**
-  Google Workspace tools + Chromebooks = **a connected learning environment** in the cloud. Real time **collaboration** and advanced **communication** between teachers and students.
-  We will install **supervision and control profiles** on students' devices. Both teachers and parents monitor and control activity.
-  Rest assured all **safeguarding issues** have been considered.

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