



Headteacher's Message



A moving moment during our Remembrance Service is when we hear about Bedians who sacrificed their lives. Thank you to everyone who made this service so special. *So be thankful today and every day. Live a life that is generous and kind. Work hard to make this world a better place. Our school motto is now as it was then, Nunquam Otio Torpebat; we owe it to their memory to never rest in idleness.*

Mrs S Pike
Headteacher

College Memorial Book

Thank you to all the families that have written their loved ones names in the College Memorial book in the chapel. We are remembering them at mass each week. If you would like the names of family and friends who have died to be entered into the book of remembrance please email Mrs Hibbert: chibbert@sbcm.co.uk

Mrs Hibbert

Theme of the Week



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Theme of the Week
Refocus



"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." Mark 13:31

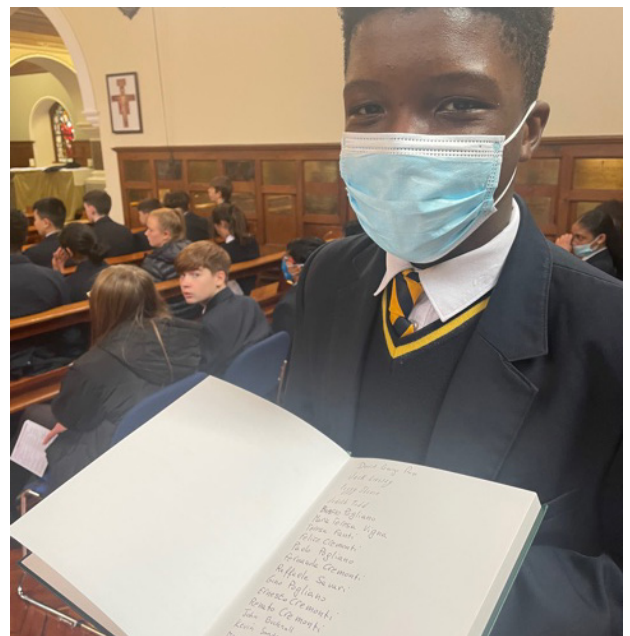
Challenge:

What do you depend on the most? Your phone? Television? X Box? Snacks? Try giving them up and focus on each other, challenge yourself to spend time with God in prayer and with friends and family as times goes by so quickly.



Prayer:

Lord Jesus, you teach me that time passes so quickly and that I must check the focus of my life. Lord you are always there and you love me. Help me to focus on you. We pray especially for all the people that have died, and we remember those who lost their lives at battle may they rest in peace. Amen



Remembrance Service 2021

On Thursday morning the whole school came together to commemorate our fallen Bedians. For the first time in two years, we had a live remembrance service in the Sports Hall, which was also live streamed into the Academic Hall for the lower school. This was the largest gathering that the school has had since 2019 and it was a sombre and fitting tribute to those Bedians who lost their lives in both conflicts.

The Senior Prefect team read out meaningful reflections on what it means to commemorate our war dead, as well as reading about some of the Bedians who sacrificed their lives during both of the two World Wars. They did so splendidly and with very little notice.

There was wonderful accompanying music by Martha, Karena, Peter and Ted, who all stepped up to play and sing in front of the entire school, an incredibly daunting task for anyone. Finally, the wreath procession was ably led by our Upper Third CFA regiment.

The theme of this year's service was 'Bringing Them to Life'. Over one hundred and twenty former Bedians lost their lives in both conflicts and as a College it is essential that we keep their memories alive. Moreover, during a time when so many of us face challenges in our lives, the service provided us with a reminder to be grateful for the freedoms and luxuries we all enjoy each day. We live in a time of unparalleled peace and prosperity, things that those fallen Bedians died fighting for. The service ended with the following reflection, one which I hope our pupils take away with them:

So be thankful today and every day. Live a life that is generous and kind. Work hard to make this world a better place. Our school motto is now as it was then, Nunquam Otio Torpebat; we owe it to their memory to never rest in idleness.

Mr Lee Rodriguez



Magazines are Back!

We want our pupils to enjoy reading at St Bede's and we aim to provide a range of reading material in the Library so that there really is something for all our pupils to enjoy. We are pleased that we can once again provide a selection of popular magazines for our pupils to browse at break or lunchtime. These include a Spiderman comic, All About Space, How it Works, Play and a magazine devoted to mental health. These magazines can easily be changed so Mrs Poolton is always open to suggestions for future titles.

Mrs Poolton



Football Competition Prizes

Upper Third pupils Olivia, Jack, Marco and Daniel finally picked up their prizes from the Euro Challenge competition run in the Library way back in June. They formed the top performing Prep team, showing speed and very impressive knowledge of European countries and their football teams. As the end of the last academic year was disrupted by Covid it has taken a while to get them together to collect their prizes. They each won an Ultimate Football Heroes book and some sweet treats to enjoy while reading. Well done to all!

Mrs Poolton



Welsh International

Max from U4 attended his second Wales U15 camp of the year last week. He played as goalkeeper for Wales in his international debut against Slovakia in Colliers Park, South Wales. Max is now a dual-international having also been called up to the England U15 squad for training at St George's Park in the Summer.

Mr Woan



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England Cup Winners

Lakyle and Justin travelled to Paris to compete in the Val de Marne Tournament for England U16s last week.

They were triumphant in all three games beating Italy 1-0 with Justin scoring the only goal of the game. They beat Belgium 3-2 in their second match before beating hosts France 3-2 in the Final to lift the trophy. Not only is this a superb footballing achievement, both Lakyle and Justin also completed 14 Mock Examinations between them whilst in camp alongside their training and matches.

The official feedback from England FA about their conduct in the camp was exemplary, describing both players as 'an absolute pleasure to work with' and a 'credit to their families and their school'.

We are so proud of them.

Mr Woan



House Basketball

The Upper Thirds played some highly competitive Inter-House basketball this Wednesday lunchtime. There were four games played, with some very close scores. Siena and Bosco played out a tightly fought 0-0 draw, whilst Campion ran out 2-0 winners against Magdalene. The following round of matches saw Siena this time beat Magdalene 2-0 and Bosco defeat Campion 2-0.

It was wonderful to see the House Captains take on their responsibilities for picking teams and the games were played in a true Bedian spirit. It was especially pleasing to see Rapha, the smallest boy in the year, channel his inner LeBron James and score a basket! We look forward to more inter-House sports to come.

The House Team



St Bede's College
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GREASE

24th-27th
November
2021 7pm

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Book, Music, and Lyrics by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey

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A Career that Did Not Exist Ten Years Ago!

Former Bedian Sarah Lopeman and her colleague Maddie Coutts from digital sports agency 50 Digital visited the College on Monday morning for the first external career talk of the school year. Sarah and Maddie work at the cutting edge of digital technology, in jobs that they admit did not exist when they were at school only 10 years ago!

They spoke to students in the Lower Sixth and Lower Fifth about their experiences working with some of the world's leading sporting teams - including British Lions Rugby and Manchester United - as well as new and growing sports such as volleyball and women's racing.

Career opportunities in the sector range from account management and new business development to creative roles, which often involve working with global sporting superstars, creating videos and using social media including Tik Tok and Instagram.

Sarah admitted that while she left St Bede's to study foreign languages she doesn't use them much at the moment - but as the company grows sees the opportunities to work with more international clients.

Sarah would be happy to answer any questions from students looking for careers in this new and exciting career area - please email them to Mr Hepburn (shepburn@sbcm.co.uk) and he will pass them on.

Mr Hepburn

Houses... Assemble!

Your Heads of House were thrilled this week to share another House assembly. Not only are these a fantastic way of celebrating our individual achievements, but also allow us to bond as another part of the Bedian family.

Mr Lee-Rodriguez's Siena House enjoyed prizes for the current Ace Award winners, as well as thinking about Remembrance Day and all that we have to be grateful for. I've also been told Mr Lee-Rodriguez led some invigorating stretching to wake everyone up!

Mr Wilson's Magdalene House were treated to an inspiring discussion of how they can motivate themselves to be 'light in someone's life', even as the mornings and evenings are getting darker. Mr Wilson also seamlessly managed to weave in a number of positive messages taken from song lyrics...did any of you notice?

Mr Davies' Bosco House also discussed Remembrance Day, and were treated to our resident trumpeter's beautiful version of the Last Post.

Mrs Barber's Champion House focused on bonding together as a house family, and working on our competitive spirit. An inter-year cup stacking challenge saw an exciting final, with Upper Third David taking on Lower Fifth Dom. Youth eventually won out over experience with the U3's being crowned the first champions.

We are all very much looking forward to seeing you at the next assembly. Keep an eye out on the House noticeboards to check where and when you can get involved!

Mrs Barber

Head of Champion House



Safeguarding Tips - A Parent's Guide


A quick weekly guide in one area of Safeguarding from Safeguarding Lead **Mr Sanders**.

Age ratings on games, websites and apps can sometimes be bewildering for parents. It is often not clear what the age rating is for certain apps, for others it is not obvious why age ratings are needed. Below is a guide to age ratings and ways to discuss with young people why some apps are not suitable.


Credit National Online Safety.

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and educators with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. Please visit nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

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What you need to know about... AGE RATINGS



What are they?

'Age Ratings'

A game's age rating can be used by adults to make an informed choice as to whether or not a game is suitable for their child. The PEGI (Pan European Game Information) system rates games and, instead of indicating the level of ability required to physically play a game, it indicates the suitability of content for that age group. 3, 7, 12, 16 and 18 are the labels that can be awarded to games and a variety of content descriptors such as violence, bad language and fear are used to further clarify why the label was assigned.


Know the Risks

- 18+** **Inappropriate content**
The biggest and most obvious risk of not following the age rating system is that children may view or hear age-inappropriate content. Many games now include scenes of a violent or graphic nature which could be upsetting or considered too intense for younger players.
- Peer pressure**
Peer pressure has a large role to play in age ratings being overlooked. Children don't want to be the ones left behind and can put their parents under pressure to allow them to play a game beyond the recommended suitability, especially when all of their friends are playing it already.
- Level of 'Kudos'**
Playing a game with a label that is higher than their age can be viewed by some children as a challenge and to gain a good reputation amongst friends. Kudos is attributed to the child playing the age inappropriate game resulting in more children wanting to follow suit.
- Free Platforms**
In order for a game to be released on popular platforms, such as Playstation and Xbox, game developers must pay for a PEGI rating. However, smaller development teams are sometimes reluctant to pay these fees and games are often released on other platforms, such as Steam, without any age restrictions.

Spot the Signs

- Being vague**
Be aware of children being vague around the content of what they want to play. If they are unwilling to supply you with information about what the game is about, this can be an indicator that you wouldn't allow them to purchase it if you knew.
- Unofficial sites**
There are plenty of indie games that can be bought using online stores that don't necessarily have age restrictions. If you notice your child using sites such as GOG or itch.io rather than official channels such as the Google Play Store, they might be accessing games that aren't officially rated but still aren't age appropriate.
- Unfamiliar terminology**
Your child might start using phrases or terminology that is new to them or mimicking actions that they have learnt from a game without realising their inappropriateness.
- Wanting to be secluded**
Be aware if suddenly your child wants the move the device that they play their games on into a more secluded area of the house away from adults. It is a good idea for your child to play online games in a shared area where you can see the screen.
- Be aware of spending**
Setting up accounts with online stores require bank account details. Keeping an eye on your bank balance means that you will be able to tell if there has been a new purchase and can provide you with an opportunity to ask about what new game they've purchased.

16 & UP ONLY




12-15

Safety Tips

- Do your research**
If you've noticed a new game that your child has downloaded then use quality resources to make sure that your knowledge is up to date. Online websites, such as National Online Safety, can provide you with the information you need.
- Review parental controls**
Review your parental controls on the stores where you buy games from. Most sites allow parents to set passwords to block games with certain age restrictions from being downloaded.
- Encourage open dialogue**
Encourage open dialogue with your child. You don't want to be in position where they won't talk to you if something has made them feel uncomfortable in a game because they are worried they will get in trouble for playing the game in the first place.
- Discuss ratings**
Talk to your child about why the game has been awarded a certain label. Debate the positives and negatives of playing a game and decide on some ground rules together.

Our Expert



Heather Cardwell

Heather Cardwell is a practising Online Safety Lead and senior school leader who is passionate about safeguarding online and educating children around online risks. She has over 10+ years as a Computing Lead and has successfully developed and implemented a whole school approach to online safety in schools, delivering online safety training to both school staff and parents and helping to roll-out a bespoke online safety policy across her local network of education settings.

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Football News

After a two-week hiatus it was wonderful to see the teams back in action after enjoying warm weather training camps this Autumn!

This week saw the return of cup fixtures for both U13s and U15s, as well as Saturday fixtures against Bury which were full of goals galore and very competitive, which was great to see.

Home fixtures on Saturday were started off fittingly with all the teams and parents paying tribute to Remembrance Day. Many thanks to Mr Davies for playing the last post beautifully and the well observed two minute silence. The football was a great homage to those fallen and served their country with honour and dignity.

As always it is delightful to see so many pupils represent the College on a Saturday home and away with over 50 boys taking part in four matches and massive well done to the U13s and U15s who progressed in the Romance of the ESFA Cup.

Parents thank you for your continued support towards the football programme and turning out to support the teams for both cup and Saturday fixtures. FORZA St Bede's!!

Thanks

Mr Brown & Mr Fogel

U12s Bury 6 - 4 St Bede's

Bede's lose in 10 goal thriller

A very entertaining game in which the team found themselves 2-1 down at half time. The team rallied in the second half, though with a much more united team effort and took a 3-2 lead with some good goals from Laurence and Daniel. However, a goalscoring display from the Bury forward took Bury back into a lead in which the team could not salvage anything from. The team performance was good and lessons will be learnt.

POTM - Davi - Goals - Daniel x 1, Davi x 1, Laurence x 1 & Luca x 1

U13s Bury 2 - 2

Desmond at Bury!

In a close contest, which the score line reflects. This was a game of few chances for both sides with either team struggling to gain control of the midfield battle. The highlight of the game was a composed lobbed finish from Femi on the edge of the box. Conor capped a fine performance with a goal and was described by his manager, Mr Mitchell as "Unplayable!"

POTM - Conor - Goals - Conor x 1 & Femi x 1

U14s St Bede's 3 - 3 Bury

VAR comes to St Bede's!

A brilliant game which had all the drama of a blockbuster movie. The team went 2-0 down early on but rallied and reduced the deficit to 2-1 at half time. A goal soon after the break saw Bury open a two goal cushion once again, but some outstanding performances from Tom C, Noah and Harry S helped rally and bring us back to 3-2. We then had some 'VAR' controversy as the ref allowed a Wilson equaliser (cue wild celebrations!) only to have it chalked off for offside by those at Stockley Park! However, the team were undeterred and kept fighting to the end, scoring a late equaliser to earn a very fair draw (cue wild celebrations take 2!). A credit to the school and well worth a watch on MOTD!

POTM - Cian - Goals - Cian x 2 and Noah x 1



U15 B Team St Bede's 5 - 2 Bury

5 star performance

A quick start out of the traps saw Bede's 2-0 up after 3 minutes, an unfortunate own goal followed by a nice finish from Patrick K. Two goals from Patrick G in the second half, both coming from good link up play with wing wizard Patrick K, gave us a comfortable lead. Tom Lewis completed the scoring by firing in from close range. Bury kept going to the very last whistle and were rewarded with two late goals. The Bury keeper kept the score line to 5-2 with some wonderful saves as the team continued to play some fluid football and create chances. Well done boys!

POTM - Patrick G (close second Joy) - Goals - Patrick G x 2, Patrick K x 1, Thomas x 1 & OG



1st X1 St Bede's 4 - 4 Bury

Fergie time equaliser breaks Bede's hearts!

A slow and sloppy start saw Bede's trail by 2 goals after 15 minutes. A few tactical adjustments and a wakeup call saw the team finally click into gear. Scoring a goal off a set-piece through a predatory finish from Pat. 1-2 Bury at half time. The presence of Tom and Pat upfront, who were unplayable, the team were buoyed into action. The rampant wing backs of the skipper down the left and Ciaran Alves on the right! These two combined for Ciaran to score a stunner from the edge of the box. The team soon found themselves in the lead at 3-2. This would be short lived as a very strong Bury team were resilient and found an equaliser. With 15 minutes left a sweeping move down the right saw Temi released from the Bury defence to coolly slot past the keeper. However, with 2 minutes left and a lapse in concentration the ball was given away and Bury equalised! Onwards and upwards, we learn and move forwards together.

POTM - Tom - Goals - Ciaran x 1, Pat x 1, Temi x 1 Tom x 1

Football - Cup Results

U13s Small Schools ESFA

St Bede's 5 - 3 All Hallows

The team trailed early on through the opposition danger man. A tactical switch saw the boys combine together to mark the threat and nullify chances. St Bede's pressure told and the team took 4-1 lead at half time through an equaliser, a couple of minutes after they scored from the penalty spot, slotted home by Joe. Further goals from Femi, Conor, Michael capped the half. St Bede's dominated the second half and added a goal from Conor to make the scoreline more comfortable at 5-1. The opposition battled all the way to the end scoring two more. In the end it was a well earned, hard fought place in the next round.

POTM - Conor

Goals - Conor x 2, Femi x 1, Joe M x 1 & Michael x 1

U15s Small School ESFA

Hulme Oldham 1 - 8 St Bede's

St Bede's booked their place in the next round of the cup thanks to an emphatic performance. The team took an early lead through captain Louie grabbing his second of the week. Another neat finish made it 4-1 at half time. The second half saw a highlight reel of a free kick masterclass from Danny with a top corner finish from 25 yards! The scoring was completed with Gabriel's first goal of the season from the spot. The team will look to continue to defend their trophy in the next round.

POTM - Benat

Goals - Benat x 2, Louie x 1, James x 1, Gabriel x 1, Harry C x 1, Danny x 1 & Padraig x 1

Mr Brown and Mr Fogel

COP26

We have been learning about COP26 and discussing how important it is for our leaders to prioritise our planet. We took part in the CAFOD campaign called "The Eyes of the World" which reminds our world leaders that the eyes of the world are upon them, making decisions for all our futures.

We were challenged to create some eyes to remind our world leaders that we are watching the decisions they make. Well done to all the children who took part in the competition - you produced some fantastic art work! Below are the winners of our competition - congratulations to everyone!



Remembrance Assembly

Prep 5 presented this year's Remembrance Day Assembly. It was an emotional afternoon as it has been nearly two years since parents were able to come into school to watch their children in an assembly or play. The children's performance was brilliant, full of passion and reverence for such a solemn occasion, but also bursting with hope for the future with a will for peace and compassion for people of all faiths, race and cultures. The children wrote their own poems and prayers to go along side the poem 'In Flanders Fields' and they sang 'Pipes of Peace' beautifully to finish the assembly. Well done Prep 5!

Here is a link to the Prep 5 Assembly:
<https://youtu.be/VLqBMqFVTg8>



STEM Club

STEM Club has started again and it was fantastic that we could hold it in the College laboratories again with Mrs Prince. This week they were forensic crime scene investigators; someone had stolen Mrs Prince's chocolate biscuit at break time. The suspects were Mrs Pike, Mr Parker & Mr Fogel. The culprit had left a note bragging about their biscuit pilfering. So our intrepid sleuths, aided by our STEM Ambassadors, looked at the chemical make-up of the ink from the three suspects. The children solved the mystery of the chocolate biscuit thief and it was...Mr Parker. He said he would have gotten away with it if it wasn't for those 'Pesky Kids!'. Thank you Mrs Prince for a wonderful lesson. The children are looking forward to the next STEM Club challenge.





Stars of the Week



Housepoint Winners



Class of the Week - Prep 5

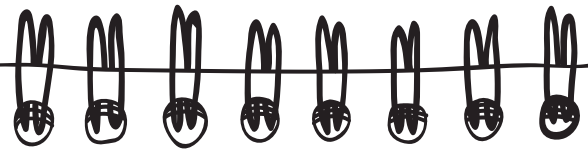
Monday Motivation



As we look forward to our school visit to Van Gogh Alive, we will seek to find beauty in nature this week.



PREP 2 **FELIX**
PREP 4 **VICTOR**
PREP 5J **DARA**



Notices

Monday 15 November
Prep Flu Vaccinations

Tuesday 16 November
Reception - Prep Six School Trip to the Lowry 'Van Gogh Alive'

