



Headteacher's Message



This week, pupils have learnt about safety online and shared their thoughts about the challenges they face. A challenge for everyone over the half term break, is to try one day without a device!

Have an enjoyable half term break.

Mrs S Pike
Headteacher

Contact Details - Update

It is important that college has update to contact details for you and your child's emergency contacts. Please note a minimum of two emergency contacts are required.

Have you changed address recently or updated any telephone numbers or emergency contacts? If so, please get in touch via email

College: office@sbcm.co.uk Prep: prepoffice@sbcm.co.uk

Thank you for your co-operation and support.



Theme of the Week

Happy?

"Happy are you who are poor, who are hungry, who weep" Luke 6: 20-22

Challenge:

Happiness what is that? One minute you can feel happy the next you don't. Jesus says **"Happy the poor, happy the hungry, happy the meek."** How can they be happy?

Life can be hard!

Sometimes our days can be filled with tears, but with God there is hope. God promises us a happiness that never

comes to an end. We can be poor, hungry and meek but if we have God we have an internal happiness that won't fade away. Challenge yourself to understand what that means for you.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus we praise you for offering us life, joy and love. We ask you to come into our lives and show us the truth of your love that goes beyond all suffering and pain. Show us what true happiness is. Amen



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Admissions Open Mornings:
Wednesday 2 March, Wednesday 27 April &
Wednesday 15 June
Year 5 Taster Morning: Saturday 11 June

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Year 7 Assembly Celebrations



Photo above: Tiffany, Lulu, Ines, Caoimhe, Thomas, Leo & Carmela

A huge congratulations to all recipients of the Headteacher's Commendation awards.

Photo below: Joel, Alfie, Ines, Anna & Carmela

A huge congratulations to all of the House Points Prize Winners.



Year 8 & 9 Assembly Celebrations

Year 8 (photo below) Congratulations to:

House Ace award (House Point Winners)
Hamza, Joshua, Poppy

Headteacher's commendations
Scarlett, Joshua

Year 9 (photo below) Congratulations to:

House Ace award (House Point Winners)
Miren, Malaika, Faith, Harry, Ayyan, Seth

Headteacher's commendations
Sam, Paddy, Connie, Lily, Yoshi, Hilda





Year 10 Assembly Celebrations

Congratulations to:-

Headteacher's commendation:

Hebe

Ace Award Winners:

Fitevee - Bosco House

Joy - Magdalene House

Cahner - Champion House

Siena - Siena House



CFA Update

There have been several International call ups for our students which included Justin and Lakyle who are currently in Portugal with England Under 16s in addition to True, Jacob and Ezra who represented England Under 17s in Scotland this week.

Last weekend Jack, Oliver and Kian represented England Under 15s at St George's Park with Kian was selected as England captain in both of their matches.

Gabriel travelled to County Westmeath last weekend to represent the Republic of Ireland U16s. Max has been selected to play for Wales Under 15s at their national training camp next week.

Congratulations to all of the boys, we are very proud of them.
Mr C Woan



Campion News

Campion Cupids

Over the last few weeks you may have noticed our Campion cupids visiting your form and patrolling the playground, encouraging you to buy a Valentine's Rolo for your friend, teacher or crush.



After an incredibly successful selling campaign, the cupids (with some help from honorary cupid Mr Wilson) have spent breaks and lunchtimes putting together the individual boxes, ready to be delivered today.

We are delighted to announce that we have made over £300 for our House charity, The British Heart Foundation. And even better, we have spread some much welcomed Valentine's cheer across the College!

Huge congratulations to Lower Fourth, for whom love was most definitely in the air, winning the award for most Rolos bought-well done!

And an enormous thank you to our cupids: Malaya, Liliella, Scarlett, Cliona, Lily A, Lily S and Robyn.



Mrs Barber
Head of Campion House



Let's Dance-Spring Term Round Up

Dance is a huge part of the Bedian family, and we have been loving slowly getting back to normal in the Dance department!

Our Lower Seniors have been enjoying getting involved in the co-curricular clubs, including jazz, contemporary, stretching and choreography. Some of them have also been selected to take part in the upcoming 'Strictly Bede's'.

Our U4ths have been exploring a variety of dance styles, learning a ballet routine from Swan Lake (see photo above), a musical theatre piece from Jamie and a lyrical contemporary piece. We are now working on our commercial work, a Beyonce medley, ready for the upcoming showcase! You can see our wonderful U4ths attempting to make the costumes from Jamie out of newspaper!

Our L5ths have been working hard on their choreographies, based on a piece of photography. They have explored lifts and contact work, finally getting the chance to enjoy group work!

Our wonderful GCSE dancers have been busily revising for their mocks, as well as finalising their choreographies for their exam. Watch out for the GCSE showcase evening to see pieces based on photography, poetry and even the O-Zone!

And our A Level cohort have been exploring a variety of dances by the Rambert Dance Company, putting the final touches onto their choreography and perfecting their performance pieces. All this whilst auditioning for professional Musical Theatre degree courses.

After half term we are looking forward to preparing for our whole school show, GCSE and A Level showcase and some very exciting workshops and trips! See the Dance board for how to get involved!

Mrs Barber - Head of Dance

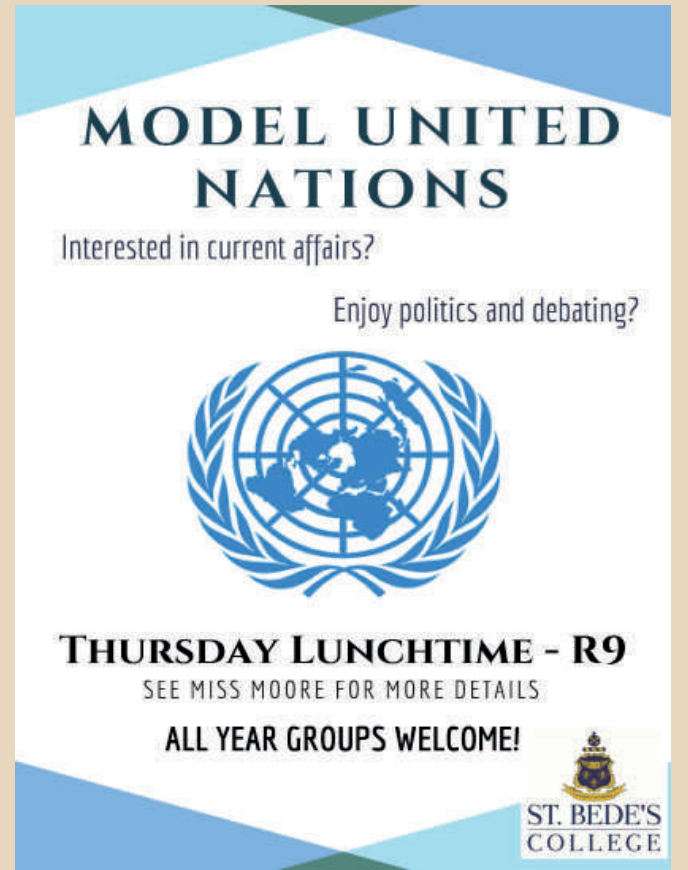
Model United Nations

The St Bede's Model United Nations club is a co-curricular activity that encourages students to engage in current events and debates with their peers that models the structure of the United Nations.

MUN is open to all year groups from U3-U6 and is at Thursday lunchtimes in R9. It is a fantastic opportunity for all students to get involved in and is a great way to boost UCAS and job applications for those looking at their post-18 options.

Over the past few weeks we have been debating the use of chemical warfare and the morality capital punishment! All of the students involved so far have shown extensive knowledge and exceptional debating skills!


For more information see Miss Moore in R9 and we look forward to welcoming you to the MUN team!



MODEL UNITED NATIONS


Interested in current affairs?

Enjoy politics and debating?



THURSDAY LUNCHTIME - R9
SEE MISS MOORE FOR MORE DETAILS

ALL YEAR GROUPS WELCOME!



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Blind Date with a Book!

Do you judge a book by its cover? Are you willing to risk reading a book you haven't seen?

In the week leading up to Valentine's Day, pupils have been encouraged to choose a book in a paper bag with only a few clues about what sort of book they are borrowing. They are being asked to give it a try for a 30 minute "date" during the half-term break before deciding whether to develop the relationship further and finish the book!

Pupils who give feedback when they return the book will receive a small chocolate reward. Enjoy reading! Mrs Poolton



Athletics

On Friday 4th February the Year 7 Athletics Team took part in the Sale Harriers Indoor Athletics Invitation for Manchester Meet. The team did really well competing with over 20 schools. We look forward to the summer athletics programme.

Medalists and Photo below:

1st photo - Ella 3rd Place in the Shot Putt

2nd photo - Alfie 3rd Place in the 200m

3rd photo - Mason 3rd Place in the 300m

4th photo - Eniola 3rd Place in the 60m



Well done to all participants!
Mrs A Sharp - PE Department



Netball



Saturday Netball practice turnout has been good from prep 3 upwards, lots of learning going on, the Year 10 helpers have been fantastic in helping the younger ones engage and get better.

We look forward to welcoming you back the first Saturday back after half term.



Football News

The St Bede's footballers faced a tough weekend against the elements but also a tough opposition in Merchant Taylors. This is the first time we have welcomed them onto the Saturday programme and certainly a fixture we would love to keep. I want to say a massive thank you to all players and coaches for their commitment towards the programme and more importantly thank you to the parents for their continued support and dedication.

I hope you all enjoy your well earned rest over the half term.



Saturday Fixtures

U12's

Drew 2-2

The U12's played some superb football in the first half and hit the woodwork 5 times. They did manage to convert a lovely flowing move finished off by Edson meaning they would go into halftime 1-0 to the good. The second half began and more of the same from the Bede's footballers they continued to press and dominate possession. Edson again took his opportunity to further the lead to 2-0. Davi had a third goal chalked off by the referee which the decision did seem to baffle all on lookers as to why. Merchants pressed with ten minutes to go and were rewarded by their effort with two late goals to finish the game 2-2. The U12's will feel the result is harsh but the performance was very promising.

Goals: Edson X2

POM: Patrick V - Immense up and down the left both in attack and defence.

U13's

A game which unfortunately the weather ruined any possibility of football being played. The strong winds meant the whole game was to be played in one third of the pitch. Bede's created several chances early on and should have been 2-0 up within the first five minutes but failed to take their chances. Merchant's took the lead through a dubious penalty decision also against the run of play. Merchants were aided in the second half by the strong winds and scored two long ranged efforts. Bede's continued to battle and never gave up, Joe M managed to grab a goal back for Bede's but unfortunately the game finished 4-1. A disappointing result for the U13's with unfortunately a depleted squad.

Goals : Joe M X 1

POM : Joe M



U14's

Lost 2-1

The U14's faced tough opposition against a strong U14's Merchants squad. Bede's started the game impressively playing some lovely combinations and moving the ball very well. Against the run of play Merchants countered and were awarded a penalty which they converted to go 1-0 up. Bede's continued to fight back into the game with the "never die spirit" and were rewarded for their continued pressure and went into half time 1-1 after a lovely team goal. Bede's continued to dominate the game and hit the woodwork twice in the second half. Merchant's out of nowhere stole the lead back after a corner which was assisted heavily by the wind ended up straight in the back of the net. A match which the Bede's players felt they were on the wrong side of the result but showed a first class attitude to never giving up in such hard conditions.

Saturday Fixtures continued...

U15's

Drew 4-4

A really good game of football contested by two very talented teams. With a squad depleted by injuries there was a lot of rotation in positions throughout the game. Bede's started the game in ruthless fashion punishing Merchant's mistakes and playing some lovely football took a commanding lead at half time through two superb strikes from Harry O and a lovely finish from Padriag to complete the first half scoring send Bede's into half time 3-0 up. Merchants grew into the game into the second and responded well, pegging Bede's back by scoring two quickfire goals to make the score 3-2. Fiyin finished a lovely solo goal give Bede's breathing room but Merchants continued to knock on the door and eventually with two late long range efforts the final score finished 4-4. No complaints from either side as a very fair scoreline.

Goals : Harry O X 2, Fiyin X 1 and Padraig X 1

POM : Dom B



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Drew 2-2

The seniors faced a very physical encounter against a well drilled Merchants. Overall a great game with Merchants dominating the first 20 minutes but Bede's stood strong and managed to counter with two breakaway goals through captain fantastic Billy and Bede's very own "David Villa" in Joaquin continuing his great start to football life at Bede's scoring 3 goals in 3 games. Bede's took full control of the game until Merchants took advantage of an error at the back letting Merchants back into the game 2-1 at halftime. Bedes continued to put pressure on the Merchants' defence and created several guilt free opinions to give themselves some breathing space but simply couldn't convert. Credit due to Merchants who never gave up and threw the kitchen sink, fridge and washing machine at the Bede's defence! The Bede's defenders stood strong throughout the majority but unfortunately Merchants managed to pinch a late equaliser. Great spectacle of football, shame about the result but a great performance.

Goals: Billy x1 and Joaquin X1

POM : Joaquin

Well done to all players!
Mr A Brown and Mr M Fogel - PE Department

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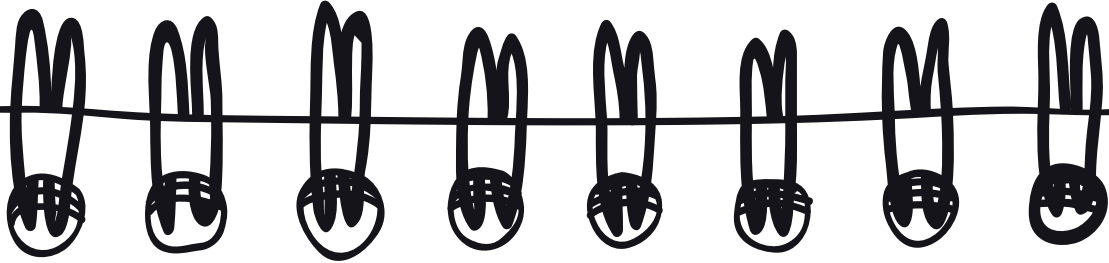
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Upcoming Events



St Bede's College presents..... 

Spring Concert



An evening of beautiful music performed by students of the college

**WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH
6:30PM**
Academic Hall





Universities and Careers Fair 2022

Explore your future!



Over 20 exhibitors plus talks on choosing universities and careers in law, engineering and finance

Tuesday 1st March, Academic Hall, 6-8 pm

Open to all from U4 - U6 and parents /carers
See Dr McMonagle or Mr Hepburn for more information

Calendar Dates

Week commencing 21/02/22

- U5 & U6 Mock Examinations

Week commencing 28/02/22

- Careers/Universities Fair Tue 1/3/22 18:00-20:00
- Open Morning Wed 02/03/22 09:45-11:00
- Spring Serenade: 2/3/22 18:30-20:00
- UCAS Convention 2/3/22 (external) 13:30-15:00
- Remote L4th Parents' Evening Thur 03/03/22 16:45-20:00

Twelfth Night

OPEN AIR SHAKESPEARE (PICNIC PERFORMANCE) 29 & 30 JUNE 2022

Rehearsals are already well underway for this year's Shakespeare production and what a treat we have in store! One fun thing about a play written so long ago is that it's easy to adapt it to suit your cast, audience and the whims of the director when it comes to a choice of era and setting.

And so our Twelfth Night will be unlike any version of the play you may have seen before. Just as the comedy plays around with subversion and confusion, we will be drawing upon much-loved 1980s pop hits to tell a story with lots of quirky surprises.

Over the next few editions of Bede's News, we'd like to share a rehearsal photos, beginning this week with Orsino and his entourage. At the start of the play, the love-sick duke can do nothing but sit around and sigh, asking his cool and ever so slightly "alternative" friends to play depressing songs by Joy Division and The Smiths amongst others.

No-one feels the pain of unrequited love as strongly as Orsino but rest assured, as this is a comedy, he'll have a smile on his face by the end of the show!

In the picture- Surrounding Orsino (Jacob) are and his cool friends Oliver, Will, Robyn, Tara, Francesca, Lily and Cliona



Catenians Public Speaking Competition



Congratulations to Isobel M and Matthew K for representing the College at the Catenians Public Speaking Competition, held at the Manchester Conference Centre at the weekend.

Both Isobel and Matthew prepared intelligent speeches from a list of challenging topics. Isobel spoke about whether the media is to blame for society's ills, while Matthew mused on whether the idea of peace on earth is just a naive concept.

They competed in a strong competition against other North West sixth form schools and colleges, in front of a panel made up of the Right Reverend John Arnold, Bishop of Salford; Branda Pozzoni, LAMDA examiner; Cllr James Power, managing director at Barclays, consultant in the NHS and MP; and a packed Catenian crowd.

The judges agreed that the standard of entries was of a very high quality making it very difficult for them to make a decision. Eddie O'Donnell, sponsor of the competition, was 'blown away' by the standards, acknowledging that the past two years had been 'horrendous' and going on to say, 'the fact that you were able to come to the competition and be able to address people in the way that you have done is amazing. Every single one of you are winners.'

Isobel was commended by the judges for her refreshing presence on the stage, great diction and intelligent content. Matthew's intelligence and clear line of argument were commented upon, along with his thoughtful and engaging speech. Both received certificates for their participation, presented by Eddie O'Donnell and Bishop Arnold.

Unfortunately, the winner's trophy was not to return to St Bede's this year, but Dr McMonagle and Mrs Boylan were thoroughly impressed by Isobel and Matthew's commitment and the way they represented the College.

Sixth Form Ace Award Winners

Congratulations: Iyad , Patience, Chloe & Saif



Headteacher Commendation Awards

Congratulations to:-
Michael, Jessica, John K and John T



Headteacher's Award

It is a pleasure to announce that Aleena in Prep 6 has received a Headteacher's Award from Mrs Hunt. The whole school has been participating in World Faith Week and in true Bedian spirit, Aleena joined in the celebration of learning about other religions by helping her class and Prep 1 understand her faith. It was such a delight to hear Aleena talking about her religion with such knowledge and passion. Well done Aleena!

well done



Preparation for Sacraments



The pupils in Prep 3 have begun their 'I Belong' journey, as some of the pupils prepare for the sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion this summer.

The pupils have been exploring this week the merciful nature of God, reflecting on Luke 15:11-32 the story of the Prodigal Son. God loves us all and welcomes us home into his fatherly embrace. Please continue to pray for the children on their journey of preparation.



Valentine's Fundraiser

A huge well done to the Student Council for raising £125 this week for organising friendship Valentine's bags. The Student Council wanted to raise some money to buy some new books for our Prep Library, so they came up with the idea of Valentine's bags which were a huge hit. Thank you to all involved and Happy Valentine's Day!



The Prep have been celebrating World Faith Week this week. It is a highly anticipated event in our calendar as classes collaborate together in their learning.

Prep 6 and Prep 2 have been learning about Buddhism during World Faith Week. They have learnt that Buddhists follow the 'Middle Way' which means they don't desire luxuries but they don't deprive themselves either. They learnt about Siddhartha Gautama, the first Buddha, and how he came to be and meditated together, focusing on our own minds and bodies and giving us all a sense of calm. The two year groups also enjoyed a joint art lesson and produced some super Buddha drawings.

Prep 5 and Prep 1 worked together to study Islam. They really enjoyed a combined art lesson where they made Ramadan moons. They also worked on the five pillars of Islam and listened to prayers from the Qur'an that were sang.

Prep 4 and Reception Class were excited to be working together when learning about Judaism. They have learnt about what Jewish people believe in and had the chance to look at some special Jewish objects. In class they made their own Menorah candle sticks and listened to a story about the festival of Hanukkah. They also looked at a special scroll called a Torah. The Torah contains prayers and lessons written in Hebrew. The children were excited to be joined by Prep 4 who came to help us and to share in some of our activities.

Prep 3 and Nursery studied Hinduism during World Faith Week. They have learnt that Hinduism is over 4,000 years old, making it one of the world's oldest religions. It is made up of a variety of different religious beliefs and practices. It originated near the Indus River in India. The name 'Hindu' comes from the word Indus. The nursery children were able to see the Prep 3's making use of their Chromebooks to research information about the religion. Hinduism came to life in the classroom when the children were able to pass around some of the objects relating to Hinduism which were shared across the classes. Here is a link to a video of the collaboration between Prep 3 and Nursery: <https://vimeo.com/675851735/e955fcdac6> (please type the link into your search engine)



Prep Chaplaincy News



Thank you to the Prep Pupil Chaplains who have sold roses to the Sixth Form and College pupils. The pupils wrapped the roses and added the ribbons. They confidently advertised the sale of the roses with the older pupils and managed to exceed their fundraising goal for Caritas Homeless Charity and doubled their target.

Fundraising Championships! Well done.

Mrs C Hibbert
College Chaplain



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The Prep Boys' Football Team attended the AJIS U11 Cup Final Football Tournament. Their first game was against Westholme where despite peppering the Westholme goal throughout the game they were unable to score and went down 0-1 to a breakaway goal. Up next they faced Rossall School and having watched Rossall beat Westholme 5-0 the boys knew they were in for a tough game. They worked really hard, pressing the opposition when out of possession and deservedly took the lead with a thunderous strike from Tom A. Rossall came back at them and equalised shortly after, and with seconds to spare they struck again to secure the win. A draw would have been a fair result and Westholme were gracious enough to acknowledge that.



In the play-offs St Bede's faced Cheadle Hulme School and were dominant in all areas of the pitch racing to a 2-0 lead whilst limiting Cheadle Hulme to very few chances. Ethan and Jayden stood strong in defence, ably supported by Sammy, and sprung attack after attack for Alfie, Jysiah and Oscar to run on to. Tom A stretched the lead with his fourth goal of the day but two late strikes from Cheadle made for a nervy last few minutes. Fortunately, Cleon stood strong in goal and the boys got the win they rightly deserved. The final game was against Abbeygate. This was a hard-fought game between two equally matched teams pushing for a win. It was end to end from the start but both keepers were on form and managed to thwart every attack. The game finished 0-0, with the draw being a fair result.



The boys performed well on the day and supported each other throughout. Well done!



Well done to all players!

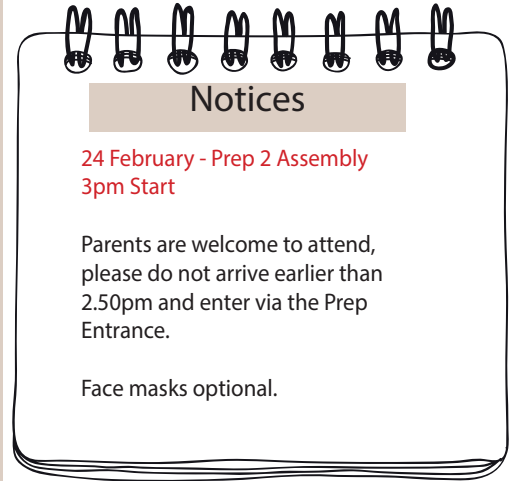
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Monday Motivation



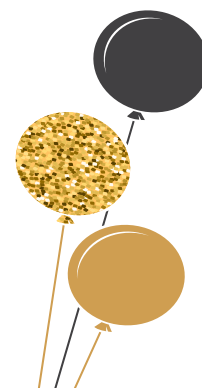
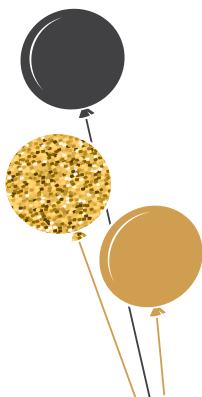
Word of the week: **LOVE**



GWYNNE - NURSERY
ELLIE - PREP 2
JOSEPH - PREP 4

GEORGE - REC
FIA - PREP 4
KNACARA - PREP 5

SIDONG - REC
ROMILLY - PREP 4
GENE - PREP 5





Stars of the Week



House Point Winners



Prep 4 - Class of the Week