

OCTOBER BEDE'S NEWS

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COLLEGE

Dear Parents,

Voltaire said "appreciation is a wonderful thing. It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well".

I couldn't find better words to express the joy and pride I felt when looking back at this half term. School life is thriving, trips, clubs, speakers, authors and our first fundraiser event all took place in October. I was fortunate to be able to witness the students living the virtue of the month, friendship and loyalty, first at the "Comedy Night" where Isobel and her friends came together and gave us a super enjoyable evening for a great cause. And finally, having breakfast with the pupils who had the most house points, seeing them enjoy the reward, being proud of their achievement, it made me so grateful to be able to share in their moment.

I would like to mention a special thanks to those parents who have volunteered to join the Parents Association and have started putting together the Christmas Fair, it will be my first in St Bede's and I am looking forward to it very much.

Starting after half term, I am pleased to inform you that Mr Pogliano has accepted a position in the College Achievement Centre where he will work with small groups of students helping them gain confidence with their Mathematics. Mr Chan, an experienced teacher who worked in the College before, has joined the team to take over the classes currently taught by Mr Pogliano.

In November we will celebrate Remembrance Day, in gratitude to those who gave their lives for us to have a present. Also during the whole month, every Mass in the College will be offered for family and friends who have passed away, may they rest in peace.

I hope you have all rested this half term and look forward very much to the month ahead.



Mrs Maria Kemp

Headteacher

As we finish the first half of our Autumn Term, we would like to express our gratitude for your donations to our Harvest Collection.

Mrs Hibbert's final appeal resulted in a huge outpouring from our students and families. We realise how busy you all are, and your kindness and generosity will make a huge difference to the Manchester food banks.

Thank you to the parents who attended our virtual parents' evening last week. We are grateful for your trust and support and I am very proud of the start of the new academic year the children have made with their teachers. Parents will receive a summary report at the end of term and our Spring term parent meeting will be a face to face meeting where you will have the opportunity to see your child's work in their learning environment.

Also during this term our PFA (Parents and Friends Association) held their first meeting focusing on the organisation of the Christmas Fair to be held on Saturday 3rd December. The meeting was very well attended and we had a very enthusiastic and motivated group of people who are now fully committed to making the fair a wonderful occasion. The next meeting will be held on Friday 4 November at 14:00 to ensure the effective organisation of the event. If you can offer help or support, please email PFA@sbcm.co.uk.

With regard to pupils we are delighted with the implementation of our Virtues Programme across the Prep. There has been an additional focus on pupil character development and we have had positive discussions and outcomes around our virtues of Order (September) and Friendship and Loyalty (October).



Mrs Claire Hunt

Head of Prep

Virtue of the month:

Friendship & Loyalty

True Friendship: "When I met her"

Friends we meet at school always hold a special place in our lives. With them we share tons of fun, as well as our first difficulties. We grow up together making a huge influence on each other. Finding a true friendship is like finding a treasure, sometimes it requires time and perseverance, but others it is just a matter of seconds and luck to have that special connection. This is the case for Harriet and Phoebe, who in this video share how they met each other and their favourite things in the Prep.

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE VIDEO](#)



Virtue of the month:

Friendship & Loyalty

Fundraising for a Friend

Using his own initiative, Jayden prepared a presentation for his peers in Prep 6 to highlight a fund-raising activity that his mum undertook earlier this month. She climbed Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain on the continent of Africa to raise money for a very worthy and personal cause.

Jayden's 12 year old friend, Amy, suffers from cerebral palsy - a disease which weakens your muscles and for which there is no cure. Amy struggles to walk, talk and move her hands. Jayden wanted to help his mum by raising awareness of her climb to raise money for Amy's day care centre. The staff there help to manipulate Amy's muscles and slow down the degeneration in her muscles because eventually they will not work at all.

The Day Care Centre runs purely on charitable donations so Jayden was looking to have a fundraising day in school. In his presentation, Jayden talked about the six day climb his mum undertook, the lack of oxygen near the summit, the base camp, her training and even the need for insurance. The rest of Prep 6 were fascinated by his mum's trip and asked lots of questions about her trip and how to donate.

With Mrs Hunt's permission, Jayden decided to arrange a 'Wacky Hair' day for the Prep 6 pupils on the last day of term. We saw some amazing weird and wonderful hairdos and, even better, the Prep 6s raised over £85 for an excellent cause. I think everyone would agree that Jayden really has excelled with our Friendship and Loyalty virtue this month!

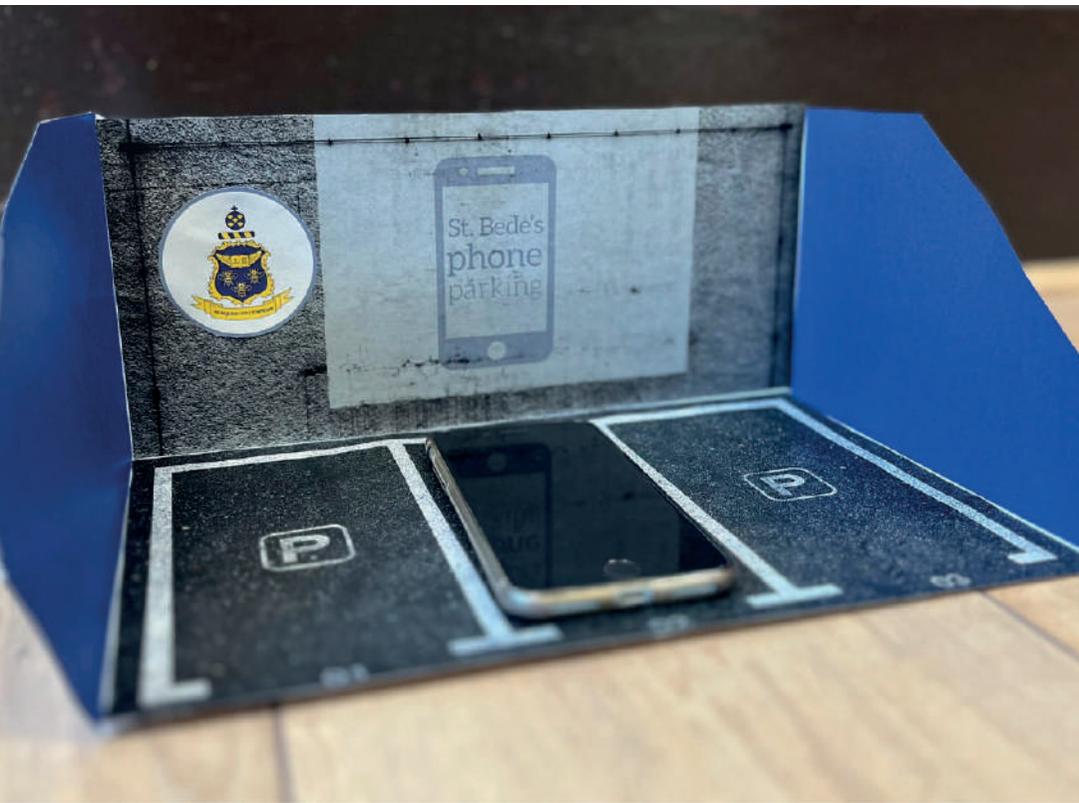
Mrs C Harrison, Deputy Head of Prep



Safeguarding

Build Your Own Phone Parking

Do you have a 'no phones at the table' policy? Do you have a cut off point in the evening for using devices? As mentioned last newsletter, quality time with the family is vital to our relationships. It is important to 'connect' with others at home, whether that is having family meal times, playing games, reading books or watching your favourite TV shows together. But quality time with your loved ones should be without a device in hand, because the most important people are in front of you, not on Instagram, Tiktok, YouTube, Whatsapp etc.



Where do you keep your phone at night? Do you keep your phone on your bedside table? Similarly we try to educate our pupils in the importance of quality sleep. There is much evidence to show that using devices immediately before bed disturbs sleep patterns. It is also difficult to resist the temptation to check your phone if it pings in the night, thus making it harder to gain the quality sleep needed. So ideally phones should not be kept in bedrooms during the night.

Therefore our challenge of the month is to Build Your Own Phone Parking. This should be placed next to a plug where they can be charged. You can use the template attached or build your own. Please send us photos of your completed Phone Parking to bedesnews@sbcm.co.uk

We look forward to seeing the most creative designs and will publish our winning entries in next month's newsletter.

Good luck!

Mrs Claire Boylan, Assistant Head (Safeguarding)

[DOWNLOAD YOUR OWN PHONE PARKING HERE](#)



Bedian Ambassador



U3

Joe J
Matthew F
Erin F
Cleon N
Jayden S
Sophie C

L4

Anna H
Collins K
Harris M
Grace K
Karen Z
Jackson S

U4

Kenawa M
Tristan A
Imogen W
Josh P
Hamza B
Farren D
Luca C

L5

Connie J
Keane O
Daymeon A
Gemma K
Maeline B
Xander D
Zipporah O-L

U5

Dara S
Michael Q
Irma R
Max G
Rebecca W
Daisy G-M
Thomas L
Josie O'B

L6

Ned P
Bink T
Joaquin T
Cormac G

U6

Patience M
Roselle S
Markel M
Veronica S

★ Headteacher Award ★



ST PETER'S COLLEGE

St. Peter's College
Dear Ruby,

I am delighted to inform you that you have been given the Headteacher's Award for 2024.

You are so gifted that you can do so well in all that you do. We have been impressed with your hard work and the way you have taken on a new country, understanding its culture and language.

The work that you have done to overcome the language barrier and the time you have spent in the job and the way you have taken on a new country is a true testament to your hard work, determination and ability.

Yours truly,
Mrs Hunt

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Stars of the Week





Class of the Week





House Points





Half-term House Points Winners



Every half term the students with the most points in their houses are invited to have breakfast with the headteacher, Mrs M Kemp.

During this event, they have the opportunity to talk with each other and celebrate their achievements from the first few months of the term.
Congratulations!

And we have a lot of birthdays!

Louis, Prep 1
Henry, Prep 2
Jonah, Prep 3
Felix, Prep 3
Peter, Prep 3
Amber, Prep 3
Imogen, Prep 4
David, Prep 4
Kai, Prep 4
Christopher, Prep 5
Alexander, Prep 6
Bally, Prep 6
George, Prep 6
Kyra, Prep 6



MATHS



College Mathematics Department Initiatives

The Mathematics department at St Bede's prides itself on celebrating the success of students and the support offered to help students achieve their full potential. Last year ten students in Upper Fifth sat the challenging Further Mathematics GCSE course, in addition to their IGCSE Mathematics course. The achievement of these pupils was plain to see with a 100% pass rate and 90% of the grades being 9-7.

This year we are aiming to double the number of students sitting the course and are expecting results to be of a similar standard. We offer our students many enrichment opportunities throughout the year. The popular Maths Challenge and Puzzle Club run by Mr Segura-Renau is restarting after half term; this will build upon the success of students in the three UKMT Mathematical Challenges during 2022. The College received over a hundred certificates between the Junior, Intermediate and Senior challenges, with Michael from Upper Sixth qualifying for the follow-on Senior Kangaroo Challenge.

2023 will also see the return of the team challenges, which have been interrupted by Covid. The department will be holding trials for the Year 10 Maths Feast, the Year 8/9 Team Challenge and the Senior Challenge over the next few months. The support offered by the department is second to none, with three lunchtime drop-in sessions, run by Mr Lucas, Mr O'Reilly and Mr Cooper on Monday, Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes. Sixth Form also have a dedicated drop-in afterschool on a Thursday run by Mr Wright and Mrs Brewer.

Mr C Wright, Academic Coordinator

Maths in Autumn at the Nursery

The Nursery children have been using seasonal resources to count in sequence, recognise numbers and try to match numerals to quantities. They are learning to write numbers to five and then to ten. They are also expanding their vocabulary learning new words of objects they may not have recognised before, learning to take turns and listen to each other.

Mrs Linda Sivori, Nursery Manager



Power Maths in the Prep

It has been a very exciting start to the year in the Prep as the children have taken advantage of the lovely weather and taken their mathematics learning outdoors! Pupils in Prep 1 enjoyed investigating the part-whole method using hoops and leaves before heading in doors to use their new found knowledge in a more concrete way. This practical, hands-on approach to learning runs through the heart of the Prep and enables mathematical concepts to become more embedded and allows children to gain a deeper understanding. One of the key focuses of Power Maths is to develop the children's ability to problem solve, therefore every lesson the children are presented with a problem to solve. They really enjoy working together to find the answer, or answers!

Mrs Emily Kennerk, Maths coordinator





Measuring the Solar System

Prep 5 took their mathematics lesson out of the classroom as part of their STEM topic 'Space' the children used their mathematical knowledge to calculate and measure the relative distances of each planet from the Sun. The Earth is 93 million miles from the Sun which is a difficult distance to visualise, however by measuring the 'relative' size of our Solar System this helped them better understand the distances of each planet from the Sun.

They then visited Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre which reinforced their learning of our place in the Solar System. There they explored the Planet Pathway around the Lovell Telescope, learned how the air pressure on Mars would make a body expand, and discovered the night sky in the Planetarium. It is a fantastic trip to enhance the children's knowledge and learning in such an engaging way.

Mrs C Casson, MFL Coordinator



GEOGRAPHY



5th grade visits Rhyd y Creuau Field Studies Centre

Our U5th Geographers went to Snowdonia, North Wales to complete compulsory fieldwork for their GCSE. Upon arrival at the Rhyd y Creuau Field Studies Centre near Bewts-y-coed, students were issued with waterproofs and boots and had a brief introduction to the 6 steps of the geographical enquiry process. Then, we all layered up, and headed into the nearby town of Llanwrst to carry out human fieldwork data collection on flood management.

A mixture of bright sunshine, clouds and torrential rain made the use of data recording sheets and iPads quite challenging, but resilience and a great sense of team spirit meant information was successfully collected.

The following day, the weather was again rather mixed, but some more beautiful Welsh sunshine did manage to occasionally break through the gloom, and students gathered their physical fieldwork data like they were now field trip experts. They collected a range of data on the Afon Conwy (River Conwy) with a few students taking sizeable volumes of water out of the river channel in their wellies! Mrs Smith and I were impressed with the way the students worked late into the afternoon during an intense follow-up session and it was a pleasure to see how much progress was made over the two days. We returned to College after two extremely busy days, with plenty of fieldwork data, happy memories and bags of soggy washing!

Mr D Parkes, Head of Department Geography



MONTHLY EXHIBITION

Geography and MFL Exhibition

All departments within the College have been allocated a month when it is their turn to Exhibit the wonderful learning and work that has been taking place throughout the college - October is the month for Geography and Modern Foreign Languages!

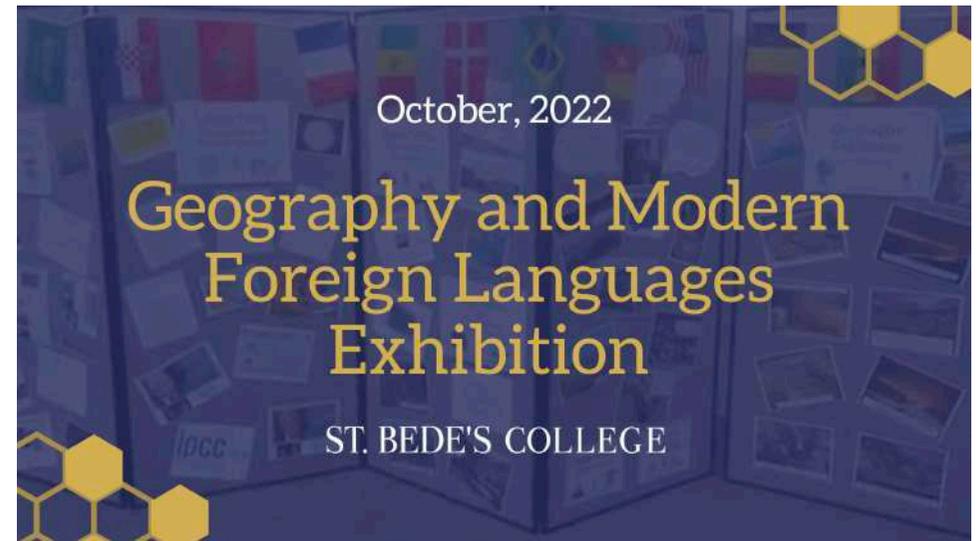
The displays represent work, recent activities and course content from across the different year groups in College from Upper Third (Year 7/First Year) to Sixth Form (Years 12 & 13/Lower Sixth and Upper Sixth).

For example, the photos of students doing the Geography fieldwork in the river and the town (Lanrwst) in Wales, are from the GCSE Geography field trip to FSC Betws-y-coed on 28 - 29 September - hence the Welsh flag as part of the display!

You can take a look at the MFL Exhibition

[CLICKING HERE](#)

Mr D Parkes, Head of Geography



LANGUAGE

Prep sings in sign language

At the end of last month, Prep students celebrated Language Day with a World Song Contest. The event ended beautifully with the whole Prep signing and singing Louis

Armstrong's 'What a Wonderful World' in sign language. It was a great sight to see! You can now take a peek on St. Bede's Prep's instagram.

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE VIDEO](#)



ENGLISH



Character Concept Creation

In preparation for their Imaginative Writing coursework, L5 students were asked to create a character based on a selection of stimulus images. Below are some samples of what they produced in response.

His legs were frail and infirm. His black shoes were extremely worn-out and you could see his filthy feet through the wide holes at the front. His hands were severely wrinkled and filled with distinct lines. His fossil-like fingers were moist and clammy. The slender sticks joining his hands to the rest of his feeble body were thin and bony. His skin was excessively stretchy and shrivelled, scattered with old age spots like a leopard. The unkempt cloud of hair on his pale skull whirled in the ferocious wind. His deep black eyes were barely open because of the heavy distinct bags underneath that were keeping his eyelids predominantly shut. The malodorous smell of his creature infested sweater was enough to kill. His tattered joggers, now of a mud-like colour, were filthy and ripped and looked as if they had been through centuries of war.

Seth C.

A Flame Flickers and Dies

She leaves the house at ten to seven
limping down the street
The morning frost is biting
But still she moves her feet

At seven thirty her front door opens
she hobbles back inside
As people come on out to play
She goes back in to hide

She's fearful of a world renewed
Scared of what she'll find
Scared of the comparison
To a woman of sounder mind

For she once had a skin of moon
And hair of dancing flames
Eyes as blue as sapphires
And lovers of many names

Her lips a puckered rosebud
Her neck was ringed in pearls
She laughed as she was dancing
As she turned and leaped and twirled

Her face is less pretty now
As lined as a wizened tree
Her hair all leached of colour
In tangles wild and free

Her eyes no longer sparkle
A stormy sky they are
Her lover goes by one name
although he may be far

Her lips are dry and thinning
Her Sunday pearls are gone
She thinks she can go dancing
She kids herself, a con

Her knees they knock together
As she stands to make her tea
Her fingers shake and stutter
Fragile as can be

She bids her love come back to her
To squeeze her, hold her tight
To gaze upon his face
She just might be alright

For just one glance could heal her
Restore her to her health
But he left her for another
With fame and face and wealth

Now the moon is waning
A smile in the sky
The only smile she'll see
A thousand miles too high

The chair to her left is empty
The right one just the same
She wonders if they'll notice
If she leaves just as she came

Her health is set to fail her
Her money running dry
Would it be a bad thing
To join the Lord up in the sky?

To dance until her feet hurt
To be happy to be home
To see her eyes atwinkling
For she would not be alone

Gray C.

Beowulf comes to life in class

The U3 class have been studying the old classic, Beowulf. They have been acting out different scenes and taking photos in order to be displayed as a comic or exhibition telling this epic story in a visual way. All the students have been involved and have enjoyed learning more about this fantastic and ancient poem. Here you can see some of the pictures and the headlines written by our U3 actors and actress.

Mr Sean Howes



Grendel grabs Hondscio and tears him limb from limb!



Beowulf grabs Grendel's shoulder in the dark



Grendel comes to the door!



Beowulf and Grendel wrestle, smashing up the mead hall!



Beowulf pulls Grendel's arm off!

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Extended Project Qualification Launches for Lower Sixth Students

EPQ is an independent project for which students earn a qualification worth half an A level. Highly respected by universities, it demonstrates academic capacity, critical analysis and research skills, self-motivation and independence. It has been statistically proven that students with these skills are more likely to achieve higher results in their degree course. The EPQ involves:

- Completing a log book recording independent research and critical analysis.
- Writing a 5000 word research project or
- Researching and creating an artefact accompanied by a 1000 word report (E.g. A performance, a garden design, a piece of sculpture, a computer programme etc)
- Presenting findings and partaking in a questions and answers session.

Students choose a topic that interests them and is different to their A level courses; to help, there are hundreds of ideas on the purpose-built microsite on the Sixth Form Hub. This topic is researched by students whilst they embark on a specially-designed 30 hour programme on university level skills such as research ethics and critical thinking. Prompted by the questions they learn to ask as a result of their training and research, students form a specific title which their deeper research sets out to answer. These findings are presented to an audience and the student reflects on the success of their findings and their experience. Finishing the course by July 2023, the impressive experience and skills acquired can be detailed on their UCAS application.

Lower Sixth students who are interested in standing out from the crowd can attend a launch presentation at 1:35 pm in the Sixth Form Quiet Room on Tuesday 1 November.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT EPQ](#)

[WATCH THE VIDEO](#)

Mrs S Bolton, EPQ Coordinator / Teacher of Economics & Business

**Set yourself apart from the rest
with an EPQ**

L6 students, are you interested in standing out from the crowd?

Find out more at the launch presentation on
Tuesday 1st November at 1:35 in the Quiet Room

Improve chances of a 1st or 2:1 degree

Receive lower offers from universities

Have something interesting to discuss in interviews

Increase chances of an A level A-B by up to 29%

What is EPQ?

EPQ is an independent project for which students earn a qualification. It is worth half an A Level and is highly respected by universities as it demonstrates academic capacity; critical analysis skills; and ability to work independently; all at a level beyond A level.

To find out more sign up using this link below, contact Mrs Bolton or visit the microsite on the 6th Form Hub!

[CLICK HERE](#)

Careers Advice: The Field of Medicine

On Tuesday 4th October, members of the Upper Sixth who have applied to read Medicine at university were joined in PSMEE by members of the Upper Fifth and Lower Sixth who have expressed an interest in a career in the field of Medicine. The guest speaker was Dr Jack Murgatroyd, a former student of Mr Rose, and a qualified doctor who, after some years working in Emergency Medicine, is training as a General Practitioner.

Dr Murgatroyd gave a candid account of his own journey to becoming a qualified doctor and answered any questions posed to him by those assembled. He pulled no punches in explaining how competitive Medicine is, but gave some extremely valuable advice regarding work experience and the academic requirements necessary for admission to medical school.



Mr Dominic Rose

Head of Sixth Form



Apprenticeship event

Forty pupils from the U5 and Sixth Form attended an introductory session to apprenticeships on Wednesday 5th October. Apprenticeships have traditionally been seen as an alternative to degree-level study, but many companies are now offering attractive packages including degrees and work experience to those leaving school at 18.

Speakers from local financial services provider AJ Bell and national digital giant Virgin Media outlined the benefits of their schemes and the skills needed to be selected for these programmes.

We discovered that Virgin Media is recruiting over 3,500 apprentices this year, while AJ Bell offer a number of options working from their base in Exchange Square Manchester.

The talks were well received with many of those in the audience taking copious notes and logging on after to the employer's websites!

Mr S Hepburn



CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

The Harvard 'Human Flourishing Program' Launch

On Monday 17th October, the College was pleased to receive a visit from Dr Christina Hinton from Harvard University. In collaboration with the University of Navarra and the Universidad Internacional de La Rioja (UNIR), Dr Hinton came to launch the 'Human Flourishing Program' here at St Bede's College.

All of our Upper Third and Lower Fourth pupils are going to take part in the programme. This involves activities promoting character skills that support loving relationships and ultimately flourishing.

Dr Hinton met with the Heads of Year, as well as staff and student focus groups to adapt the programme to our setting. The students were incredibly helpful and Dr Hinton was very impressed with their interest and enthusiasm.

We look forward to beginning the programme in January with the Upper Third and March with the Lower Fourth. Hopefully, we will quickly begin to see the positive effects of the programme, both in and outside the college.

Mr A Hughes, Head of Upper Third

The Oxford Character Project

Sixth Form students are well underway with the Oxford Character Project, an initiative by a team of research fellows at Oxford and Harvard Universities which focuses on character as the core of responsible leadership. Run by Mrs Kemp once a week in the Common Room, the project sets out to inspire a new generation of leaders in our Sixth Formers. It helps them to develop the moral and intellectual qualities needed to think with clarity, embrace diversity, navigate ambiguity, and persevere in the face of complex challenges. Students will earn a certificate from the Harvard Flourishing Program at the end of the Project.

Dr A McMonagle, Assistant Head of Sixth Form

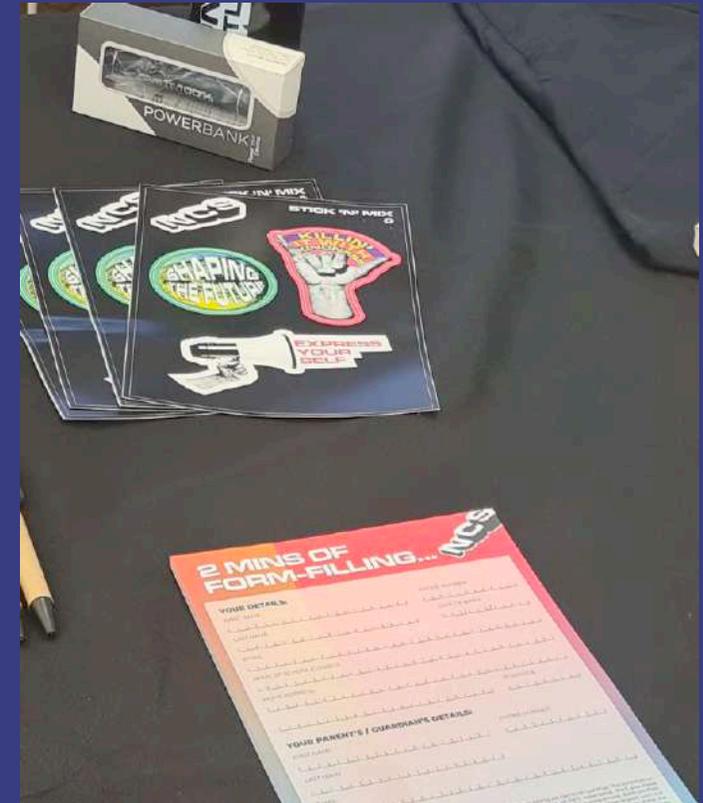


National Citizenship Service Visits the Sixth Form

The National Citizen Service delivered a talk to our Sixth Formers on their voluntary personal and social development programme which takes place during school holidays. They offer fantastic opportunities for young people to gain a taste of independent living, learn a variety of skills for their future and engage in team-building. Participants in the scheme also plan and deliver a social action project in their local community, often to raise awareness of or fundraise for a particular cause.

The NCS programme offers young people, aged 16-17, a once in a lifetime opportunity to do something meaningful with their Autumn half term break, as well as a chance to develop skills and take on new challenges that will set them up for adult life. We had many interested students who took application forms away and engaged in helpful conversations with the NCS representatives.

Dr A McMonagle, Assistant Head of Sixth Form



PERFORMING ARTS



Evita rehearsals in Full Voice

Rehearsals this term have been extremely busy but we are making progress. The cast are working hard at this complicated musical show with the direction of Mr Dickson, musical direction by Mr Davies and some fantastic choreography from the talented Miss Stark.

Next half term sees rehearsals switch up a gear as we move on to act two. We have some exciting workshops with Andrew Lloyd Webbers vocal coach Fiona McDougal plus a surprise workshop with west end star Emma Hatton who last played Evita on the West End.

Emma is widely known for her role As Elphaba in Wicked. A total joy and privilege to have the opportunity to work with the industry's top professionals.

[CLICK HERE TO BUY YOUR TICKETS](#)

Mr J Dickson, Director of Performing Arts



Accidental Death of an Anarchist

Lucky A Level Drama students had the chance to see a professional production of their set text, *Accidental Death of an Anarchist*, by Italian dramatist Dario Fo on Thursday 6th October.

It was well worth the long trip over the moors to the Sheffield Playhouse in the school minibus to see how the political comedy, first staged in 1970, could be updated to be relevant to an audience in the UK in 2022.

Performed at a cracking farcical pace (with a virtuoso performance by the highly-acclaimed actor Daniel Rigby as the Maniac who dismantles the false stories spun by a trio of corrupt police officers), the hilarious escalations did not detract from the seriousness content of the play's message: that the record of 3,000 deaths of UK citizens in police custody since 1970 and only 2 prosecutions of those responsible is a very shameful one. Food for thought as we discussed the play on the long journey home...

Mrs N. J. Alderson, Drama and English Department & Sixth Form Tutor



#BeBedian

Music at the
Green Room



Presents:
The Roth Guitar Duo
Feat. Solomon To
Tuesday 4th October

Carlton Club, Chorlton, M16 8BE
Doors 6:30
Tickets: Please use QR code
or Call 07927006855



Bedian Talent: Solomon

We are very proud of our L5 student Solomon, supporting a local guitar duo at a concert in Chorlton. Solomon is an active member of the performing arts co-curricular programme, having performed in Grease, Twelfth Night and the upcoming show Evita. Well done Solomon.

Mr J Dickson Head of Performing Arts

Prep 6 Harvest Festival

Prep 6 presented their wonderful 'Harvest for the World' assembly to their families and Prep. The pupils sang beautifully, shared their message brilliantly and it was very interesting for us to learn about the different types of harvests from around the world. We especially enjoyed the appearance of storyteller Mr. Dickson, who is working with our Prep 6 students and teachers on their production this year.

Mrs Claire Hunt, Head of Prep



Comedy Night

The fourth Campion Comedy Night took place on Friday 14th October in support of the British Heart Foundation.

Members of the Sixth Form, their parents, staff and guests found that the vestibule had been transformed into a bar area worthy of a hotel before experiencing the recently-refurbished Academic Hall, with its brand new atmospheric lighting system, as an intimate West End theatre!

After enjoying home-made burgers, chicken and fish and chips, the audience found their seats and were subjected to two hours' worth of side-splitting comedy compered by Matt Stellingwerf and starring the legendary Justin Moorhouse, supported by Peter Brush and Howard Anstock.

Showbusiness runs in the Moorhouse family, as Justin's daughter Isobel organised the event on behalf of St Bede's, ably assisted by a group of committed Sixth Form friends.

A substantial amount was raised for the British Heart Foundation and everyone agreed that it was a night that would not be forgotten for a long time.

Congratulations must go to Isobel and her team for organising and running the event with such professionalism.

Mr Dominic Rose, Head of Sixth Form



HOUSES

House Prayer Competition Winners

At the start of the year, Heads of House challenged pupils to enter the House Prayer Competition to write a prayer that could be used within House Assemblies and Feast Day Masses. We had an amazing number of entries from pupils throughout the College and were really impressed with the quality of the prayers submitted by pupils. The winners from each house were: Siena - Collins K and Zinzile T, Campion - Sheriff O, Bosco - Iria C and Magdalene - Lulu T and Danielle C.

We are so proud of these pupils and the hard work that they put into their prayers. They have received 10 House Points each and will be presented with their prizes within House Assemblies next week. Well done to everyone who got involved and a huge congratulations to our winners!

Miss M Moore

Bosco: Iria C (U3)

St John Bosco,

We ask you to help us when we are struggling today.

That God may keep us safe according to the word of God.

We worship God and give you thanks for always being there when we feel sad.

Thank you for the teachings you've taught us.

We pray that you guide us to discover that goodness is within us.

St. Bosco, pray for us.



Magdalene: Lulu T (L4)
and Danielle C (L4)

Mary Magdalene,

You were the first to see Jesus when he had Risen from the dead.

you are our ace of hope,

You told the apostles that Jesus was alive, you are a faithful messenger.

Pure glowing soul with all seeing eyes,

Come help us spread the gospel, and help us see Jesus as the light.

Mary Magdalene pray for us



Campion: Sheriff O (U3)

St Campion,

Help us when we pray and bring back to us the answers to our prayers.

Help us not to be selfish, help us to share.

Help us to be aware of the opportunities we have to bless others in need.

We commit the prayer into your holy hands.

St Edmund Campion help us to be strong in faith like you.

Amen

St Edmund Campion pray for us.



Siena: Collins K (L4)
and Zinzile T (U3)

St Catherine of Siena,

We pray with all our hearts and minds that we are accepted into heaven as you are.

God protect us from evil.

Saint Catherine, guide us to do good like you did.

We pray that when we fall asleep into the hands of the Lord,

That you will be with us.

St. Catherine of Siena, pray for us.





Countdown Contest organized by Magdalene House

Magdalene House ran its first inter house Countdown competition this month with the Sixth Form being the first to take part. Students from both the Upper and Lower Sixth competed with some excellent contests. In the first round, Tom and Matthew from Siena secured a comprehensive victory over Samson and Kathryn from Magdalene by 30 points to 7.

Particular praise goes to Tom who has yet to lose in the competition! In the second round, Katy and Kimberly from Champion overcame Chloe and Patience from Bosco by 29 points to 10 in a slightly closer competition.

The overall scores mean that Magdalene finishes in 4th place, Bosco in 3rd place, Champion in 2nd place and, in first place by 1 point, Siena. All students represented themselves and their Houses extremely well and a final well done to champions Siena. It is fantastic to be back competing and we look forward to the other year groups competing in the future.

Mr Tom Wilson, Head of Magdalene House

LIBRARY



Upper Third Students Have a Buzz Reading

Every upper third student chooses a book from the Bookbuzz reading programme at the beginning of term. This programme is to encourage reading for pleasure and reading as a habit. BookBuzz was launched during the upper third students' library lesson; they watched a special video where each author told them about their book, whilst they received a bookmark on which to choose a book.

After the long wait, or what seemed like one, the books arrived at the College and on Tuesday 11th October, students went to the Academic Hall to receive their chosen book and their bookmark.

But Bookbuzz doesn't end there! The buzz continues on the 'student zone' on the Bookbuzz website where there are authors' blogs, students can write reviews on their chosen book's webpage, and much more. I hope we'll keep the buzz going and that everyone enjoys their new book. The other titles will be in the library so anyone can borrow one of our brand new books! Happy reading!

Miss M Pocas, College Librarian

Meet The Author: Leah Mortimer

The children from Nursery class up to Prep 3 met and listened to the author and illustrator, Leah Mortimer. She read her beautifully illustrated book- *The Great Frog March*. They enjoyed finding out about Fin the frog and his family's bumpy adventure to get to The Big Pond for their holidays.

The children had a wonderful discussion with Leah about Fin.

They had a chance to explore how Fin coped when feeling worried and what we can do to feel better if we are anxious. What a lovely opportunity for some of the children to spend time in the brand new Prep library and experience the joy of reading with a talented young author. They can't wait to see what Fin's next adventure will be.

Mrs C Casson, MFL Coordinator



Book Club: 'Piranesi' by Susanna Clarke

On the last Friday of last half-term, some members of staff got together to hear and discuss each other's viewpoints on 'Piranesi' by Susanna Clarke, a historical fantasy fiction book, winner of the 2021 Women's Prize for Fiction and shortlisted for the Costa Novel Award 2020.

It is a darkly fantastical vision with a tale of a very singular house and its mysterious inhabitants. Each of us got something different from the book, as everybody can interpret it from their own perspective.

At the end of the session, we each gave a score of 10 and an average of 7/10 was given for this book. The next Staff and Sixth formers Book club book, is: 'The Power' by Naomi Alderman and we hope to see more of you there. Happy reading!

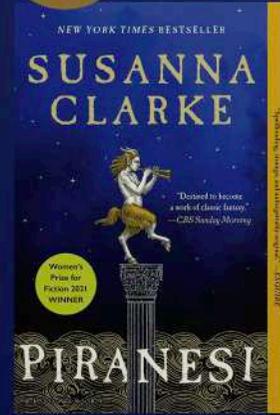
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A promotional poster for the Sixth Form & Staff Book Club. The poster is dark blue with a repeating pattern of the word 'PIRANESI'. At the top, it says 'Sixth Form & Staff Book Club' in white, with the text 'Book Club' inside two large white circles that resemble glasses. In the top right corner is the St. Bede's College logo. A gold circular badge on the left says 'Last Friday before Half-Term'. Below it, the text 'Discuss or hear about...' is written in white. The central focus is the book cover for 'Piranesi' by Susanna Clarke, which is a New York Times Bestseller and the winner of the Women's Prize for Fiction 2021. To the right of the book cover is a white text box containing a summary of the book. At the bottom right, there is a circular badge that says 'Breakfast included' with a coffee cup icon. The bottom of the poster features the text 'Lunchtime in the Maher Library' in white on a dark blue background.

Last Friday before
Half-Term

Discuss or hear about...



Piranesi's house is no ordinary building; its rooms are infinite, its corridors endless, its walls are lined with thousands upon thousands of statues, each one different from all the others. Within the labyrinth of halls an ocean is imprisoned; waves thunder up staircases, rooms are flooded in an instant. But Piranesi is not afraid; he understands the tides as he understands the pattern of the labyrinth itself. He lives to explore the house. There is one other person in the house—a man called The Other, who visits Piranesi twice a week and asks for help with research into A Great and Secret Knowledge. But as Piranesi explores, evidence emerges of another person, and a terrible truth begins to unravel, revealing a world beyond the one Piranesi has always known.

(Summary from goodreads.com)

Breakfast
included

Lunchtime in the Maher Library

SPORTS



Women's teams

Our Girls' Sports Teams have been inspired by the recent successes of England's Lionesses with enthusiastic attendance and participation in a variety of sporting disciplines on offer at St Bede's. The Hockey Teams have taken part in midweek and weekend fixtures playing with passion and fantastic teamwork. The Prep children have enjoyed training with and being coached by their peers in the college.

In Netball the Girls' Teams have represented the school with dynamism in a number of cup competitions, reaching the next round in the Under 13 'Sister 'n' Sport' Competition. The PE staff have organised training on Saturdays for all girls interested in developing their skills and tactical knowledge.

As the England Women's Football Team have inspired so many people over the last few months the PE staff have started a Girls' Football Club on Monday lunchtime and we encourage our next generation of stars like Georgia Stanway and Keira Walsh to come along and follow in their footsteps on the road to glory and to have fun in the process. Elsewhere, Volleyball has entered into the PE Curriculum and the senior girls are really enjoying participating in this. We are looking at arranging some fixtures so they can put into practice these new skills they are learning. Over the coming weeks the Indoor Athletics season starts we will keep you up to date with fixtures and all results can be found on the school website.

P.E Department





Manchester school's indoor athletic competition

On Friday 13th October the U16 Athletics Team represented the college in the Manchester School's Indoor Athletic Competition. There were some great performances throughout the meet, with the points gained from these enabling high-place finishes for both teams, with the Boys' Team finishing 2nd and the Girls' Team 5th from the seventeen schools involved.

There were however some outstanding Individual performances. Havana L was crowned Manchester indoor champion, which replicates her Greater Manchester outdoor championship medal in June. Cameron A finished 1st in the 400m and was crowned Manchester champion. Tyreek C finished 2nd in the long jump, and James W was 2nd in the 800m.

Mrs N McCormick, Head of Physical Education



DUKE OF EDINBURGH

DofE Silver Qualifying Expedition

At the end of August, twelve students from Year 11 arrived at Chinley train station loaded up and ready to set off on their three-day Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition in the beautiful Peak District. Split into two smaller groups, they walked marginally different routes but with the shared aim of getting to the campsite at Newfold Farm, Edale. The walking was tough and to make it harder, they were hit by a deluge at the halfway point up at Brown Knoll. Their spirits remained positive throughout and whilst the fabulous views down the Hope Valley were hidden behind the clouds, both groups managed to successfully navigate themselves to camp.

On day two, the groups walked 17km from Edale to Lockerbrook Outdoor Centre, high above Ladybower Reservoir. Together and the positivity and resilience they showed was fantastic.

It was another punishing day with climbs up towards Mam Tor and Hope Cross and then the final push up to the camp. Dinner tasted good that evening! The final day's route to Hathersage train station was mostly downhill and accompanied by bright sunshine, everyone seemed to have a spring in their step as they packed up camp for the last time. They made light work of the 18km and arrived at the station in plenty of time to catch the 16.35 train.

Over the course of the three days, the students clearly had learnt a great deal about themselves and their capabilities. The whole group agreed that whilst the expedition was a challenge, they had all enjoyed it. They were very proud of having completed it.

Miss C Whitney, DofE Co-ordinator



CHAPLAINCY

NET Ministries Retreat

It has been a great honour for the college to welcome back the NET Ministry Team Scotland, to serve our community. The team consists of 10 young adults 18-23 years old, who are travelling around the UK leading retreats in schools and parishes.

The team are from all parts of the United States including California, Texas, Minnesota, Chicago and have had a massive impact on our pupils with their stories, testimonies, dramas workshops and fun activities for each different year group they have worked with. It has been wonderful to see our pupils relish the opportunity to work with missionaries and they have welcomed the team to Manchester and left them with fond memories and helped open up those important conversations about friendships and a relationship with God. During the two weeks they have worked on the themes of 'Choose Joy', 'Love Thy Neighbour' and 'More than Conquerors'.

It has been wonderful to see the pupils receive so much from NET Ministries.

Feedback from parent and pupils NET:

"We just wanted to let you know that our son came back from school so happy to share how he felt about NET today. He felt really happy to be in adoration as well! Thank you so much"

"The NET Team were brilliant"

"My daughter had a great experience, thank you"

Mrs C Hibbert, College Chaplain



Dropping off the Harvest festival items at the food bank

The house captains helped the pupil chaplains to deliver all the Harvest Festival items to Manchester South Central food bank in Hulme. The pupils spent the afternoon delivering the items, weighing them and sorting them into boxes.

After the items were sorted they began to date them so that there is no waste and stock is rotated according to the best before dates. The pupils were able to speak to the project manager and workers to learn more about the food bank.

Mrs C Hibbert, College Chaplain



Wednesdays 4pm

Walk and talk? Tunes on, head down?

5k your way

Park Run Club

Couch to 5k or improve your time



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Proven mental health benefits

Contact Mrs Reid to join the group



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Hablemos español Basic Spanish Conversation Club



For beginners:
Staff & Sixth
Form Students



Gold Week
Wednesdays
1.40pm



at the Maher Library

Biology

Drop-in

A-level and GCSE
drop-in sessions

1:10 - 2:05 in H12
on Fridays

Bring the past paper or homework questions you have attempted, or any questions you may have about a particular topic.

Please contact your Biology teacher if you need more information, although you are welcome to just turn up!



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Sixth Form & Staff

Book Club

Discuss or hear about...

THE POWER

NAOMI ALDERMAN

SUNDAY TIMES YOUNG WRITER OF THE YEAR GRANTA BEST OF YOUNG BRITISH NOVELLISTS

The Power imagines a world where women develop the ability to shoot electrical jolts of energy from their palms, allowing them to be the more physically dominant than men. From there, Alderman imagines the consequences of that development both in terms of how it would affect the day-to-day develop interactions between men and women and also on a larger scale in terms of political and global consequences. *The Power* is international and broad in scope, using its premise to highlight areas of the world where women have been oppressed. It also contemplates the nature of power in general.

December 9th at 1:30pm in the Maher Library

Christmas Fayre 2022

The new edition of Christmas Fayre that **will be held at the College on 3rd December 2022** is getting close and **we want you to be part of it.**

If you have a business you can join us with a stall to **sell your products during the fayre.** The cost for the stall will be £35.00 and to show your products to the school community.

We are also selling advertising as part of our **Christmas Fayre programme.** Prices for these are:

- Half page - £25.00
- Full page - £40.00

If you are interested or know about someone who could be, **you can email PFA@sbcm.co.uk** for more details. **Email before the 31st October 2022** and someone will contact you.



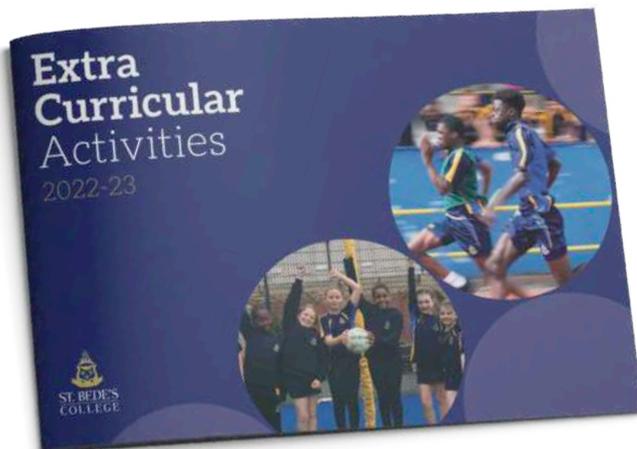
Reminders

Co-curriculars activities

Here at St. Bede's we place a huge emphasis on life outside, as well as inside, the classroom. We pride ourselves on the 'above and beyond' opportunities that we can offer our students, whether they are an expert, enthusiast or complete novice. Our co-curricular timetables change each term and we encourage all students to cultivate and hone their interests by getting involved in a wide range of activities from different sports, music and performing arts, to Historians' Club or Knitting Club and much more.

For more detailed information on the current Co-curricular provision, please contact cwright@sbcm.co.uk

[DOWNLOAD THE BOOKLET HERE](#)



Entrance Exam Upper Third

St Bede's College Upper Third Entrance Assessment Day is here! Book your child's place to be part of our Bedian community. Click on the image below.

Opens Sat 7th Jan at 9:00 AM
Last entry Sat 7th Jan at 9:30 AM
Closes Sat 7th Jan at 12:00 PM



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, 1st November

| 9.00am, U5, U6 Mock Examinations

Wednesday, 2nd November

| 9.00am, U5, U6 Mock Examinations

Thursday, 3rd November

| 9.00am, U5, U6 Mock Examinations

Friday, 4th November

| 9.00am, U5, U6 Mock Examinations

Monday, 7th November

| 9.00am, U5, U6 Mock Examinations

Tuesday, 8th November

| 9.00am, U5, U6 Mock Examinations

| 9.45am, Open Morning

Friday, 11th November | Remembrance Day

| 10.00am, Remembrance Day Service

Monday, 14th November | Anti-Bullying week

| 12.00pm, U3 Castlerigg Retreat

Tuesday, 15th November | Anti-Bullying week

| U3 Castlerigg Retreat

| 9.00am, Prep 4 Trip to Liverpool World Location

Wednesday, 16th November | Anti-Bullying week

| U3 Castlerigg Retreat

| 9.00am, Prep 5 Trip to Styal Mill

Thursday, 17th November | Anti-Bullying week

| U3 Castlerigg Retreat

| 4.30pm, L6 & U6 (pe/ag)

Friday, 18th November | Anti-Bullying week

| 6.00pm, U3 Castlerigg Retreat

Thursday, 24th November

| 4.30pm, U5 Parents Evening (pe/ag)



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