

## NOVEMBER BEDE'S NEWS

# Be

part of a  
great  
tradition



*Dear Parents,*

### **November has been a successful challenge for our children.**

We started with Mocks, the days have become shorter and "wet breaks" are becoming part of our weekly routines. Our pupils have not only coped but thrived and continued to embrace school life to the full. Our students have enjoyed their experiences outside of school with the U3 residential trip, as well as educational trips for sport and cultural development. Alongside the Evita rehearsals, over 100 co-curricular activities are now well established throughout the week.

In this newsletter, we take the opportunity to introduce our new careers pathway from U3 to U6. The team has worked hard to make sure the programme is filled with a variety of opportunities for our students.

I had the joy of starting our entry to Upper Third interviews with our current Prep 6 students who told me the virtue of 'respect' was easier than 'order' because Bedians cannot be rude. I was very proud of them and very grateful for the opportunity to get to know them.

Christmas lights and celebrations will soon fill the streets of Manchester and of course our School. As in our soul, where the birth of Christ fills us with hope, the lights remove the darkness of winter and they are the symbol of the generosity and kindness which run through the school thanks to the charitable initiatives from our innovative and solicitous students.

I look forward to seeing you in the coming weeks at the many social events held in the college.

Kind regards,



**Mrs M Kemp**

*Headteacher*



## Advent increases our hope, a hope which does not disappoint

As this month's edition of Bede's News reaches you, the season of Advent will be beginning. Our pupils have continued to work incredibly hard with their teachers on their learning and I have really enjoyed reading their end of term reports which parents will receive during our final week. They have also been busy preparing for our Christmas events and we have so much to look forward to including our Prep 3 Advent assembly, Early Years and Key Stage 1 Nativity, and our Key Stage 2 Carols by Candlelight. We are also delighted that our Prep Choir will perform alongside the Senior College Choir as we return to sing at St Mary's, The Hidden Gem on Tuesday 6 December.

I would like to thank all of our families in advance of the Christmas Fair for their support and generosity, and I hope to see many of you on Saturday 3 December when this great tradition returns thanks to our amazing PFA team!

With my best wishes for the month of December,

*Mrs C Hunt*



**Mrs C Hunt**

*Head of Prep*

# Virtue of the month:

# *Respect*

## Respect for others and for oneself

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Respect is a fundamental virtue for every Bedian, it is a positive feeling that motivates us to be more attentive and to recognise others for their personality, efforts and accomplishments. In this way, Bedians always respect their teachers, parents and are courteous in all aspects of their daily life. Moreover, this virtue also helps us to respect ourselves, and to recognise that we are all unique and valuable.

During November, Bedians have been discovering more about the virtue of respect and have been incorporating it in their daily routine in class, at home and in their leisure time.



# Safeguarding

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## Safeguarding children on TikTok

Continuing with our theme of Digital Wellbeing, you may have seen that TikTok has recently taken steps to tighten up parental controls. This is a positive move to help reduce overexposure to the app. An Ofgem report in March this year stated that 16% of toddlers use TikTok. As of January there were 3.7 million users of TikTok in the UK.

It is largely a fun and harmless app, however, it can be addictive for young people, and expose them to inappropriate content. Some new controls include Family Pairing, which enables parents to link their account to the child's account, limiting the amount of time spent on the app each day, restricting the content and limiting who can send direct messages.

Many of our pupils have accounts, nevertheless, users are required to be a minimum age of 13 years old and we strongly advise that pupils do not make TikToks in their school uniforms for their own personal safety, as well as to avoid bringing themselves or the College into disrepute.

Please see this guide for more information about how to set up parental controls.

[CLICK HERE TO READ THE GUIDE](#)

## Video Challenge

Many people elect to make donations to charities instead of sending Christmas cards which is admirable for the virtue of generosity. But some people may feel they have missed out on wishing others well for the Christmas season. Making a Christmas video message could be a great alternative. Why not spend some time together having fun and creating a family Christmas message to send to relatives or even to the Bedian community?

If anyone would like to share a short Christmas message to the Bedian community in place of a Christmas card please send it to [marketing@sbcm.co.uk](mailto:marketing@sbcm.co.uk) and mark the subject as Christmas message. In next month's newsletter we will publish the messages for you to view.

*Mrs C Boylan, Assistant Head (Safeguarding and Ethos)*





# Stars of the Week





# Class of the Week





# House Points



*And we have a lot of birthdays!*



Ottie, Nursery

Jackson, Prep 4

Dara, Prep 6

Ozzy, Prep 1

Sara, Prep 3

Faith, Prep 5

Jysiah, Prep 6

Isabelle, Prep

Sommie, Prep

Victor, Prep 5

Paul, Prep 6

Sylvie-Rose, Prep 3



# HISTORY



## Learning Outside the Classroom

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In the Prep School we are always looking for ways to enhance our children's learning. Educational visits are a fantastic way in which pupils can achieve a richer understanding of the topics they are studying by giving them greater context and bringing the subject to life for them.

In November our children were able to experience what it was like to be a Victorian working child, the mummification process in Ancient Egypt and the life of a Roman Legionnaire.



## *There's Trouble at Mill!*

Field trip to Quarry Bank Mill, Styal, Cheshire.  
November 16th.

"Children should be seen and not heard!" At least this was the case during Queen Victoria's reign. As part of their studies into Victorian Britain Prep 5 became Victorian apprentices for the day at Quarry Bank Mill. They dressed up wonderfully in period costumes and spent a day in the life of a working Victorian child.

In the Apprentice House, they were under the strict rule of Superintendent Shawcross. It was a shock when the children were ordered to make the stained straw-filled beds, empty the foul chamber pots, clean the clogs, iron and sweep up. They were horrified to discover these chores would all have to have been done after a 13 hour shift working under the machines in the hot, dusty, deafening and dangerous mill. They compared their lives to those of the poor children of the same age; orphans or workhouse children from all over England who were signed up as property of the mill owner, Samuel Greg until they were 18 years old. The children were not impressed with the leeches they would have placed on their eyes to heal infection from the mill dust nor did they wish to sample the treacle and gunpowder constipation remedy!

During their shift in the mill, Prep 5 scavenged the raw cotton from under the machines, carried the giant cotton-filled cans and doffing bobbins, whilst communicating by lip-reading and sign language, such was the deafening din of the machines.

The experience was a fantastic insight into what life would have been like for children their age in the Victorian times.

*Mrs C Casson, Prep 5 Teacher & MFL Coordinator*



## *Unravelling the Secrets of the Mummy!*

Field trip to Liverpool Museum. November 15th.

The Ancient Art of mummification and the secrets from the crypt were rediscovered by a group of young archaeologists in Prep 4. When studying Ancient Egypt all children are fascinated by the mysteries of the Pharaohs and the Pyramids of Giza. Since Howard Carter first discovered Tutankhamun's tomb scientists have been creating ways to unlock the enigma of the mummification process. The children of Prep 4 visited the Liverpool Museum to learn first hand how pharaohs were preserved. They worked together to carry out the process on a dummy and learned how the vital organs were removed prior to mummification; the gory details always resonate well with the children. After carrying out this ancient ritual the children were able to explore the Egyptian relics and learned about ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics. They were given a list of questions to answer by exploring the gallery and observing the wonderful array of artefacts on display. The experience is incredibly beneficial to their learning on the Egyptians and the work they produced afterwards was amazing.

*Mrs L Horsefield, Prep 4 Teacher*



*Ave Caesar!*

## Ancient Roman Fort of Deva, Chester. 9th November.

“Si vis pacem, para bellum!” Let he who desires peace, prepare for war! The Prep 3 legion marched to the Ancient Roman Fort of Deva, known today as Chester, to undertake their military training as Roman Legionnaires as part of this term's topic in humanities: ‘The Romans’. They visited the Grosvenor Museum where they were able to look around the two main exhibition galleries of the museum and were then invited to take part in a workshop including learning about the archaeological aspects of Roman history. The afternoon was lots of fun as the Prep 3 legion donned their military regalia, followed by a Roman soldiers’ prayer ritual, and marched around the city chanting at full volume! The day also included a visit to the amphitheatre where their legion legate (group leader) put them through their paces with some battle formations. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all and a superb learning experience for Prep 3.

*Mr K McGrath, Prep 3 teacher*



# GEOGRAPHY



## Geography in Action: Engaging students in practical learning tasks

In order to engage students across KS3 in their learning, the Geography Department has been implementing more practical activities where the students are out of their seats and in front of the class. L4 were presenting weather forecasts, learning their UK nation locations and weather symbols as part of their Weather and Climate topic. Practical learning with U3 has included latitude and longitude coordinates to locate places globally, with the teacher handing over the whiteboard pen to students.

They would have to locate their favourite world destination with coordinates and with the rest of the class having to deduce or guess the country. U4 effectively demonstrated ridge push and slab pull tectonic plate movement with a human chain of students oldest to youngest, the youngest representing 'new crust' at the Mid-Atlantic ridge.

*Mrs C Smith, Teacher Geography Department*



# MATHS



## UKMT Senior Mathematical Challenge Success

On Tuesday 4th October over 50 students from the Upper Fifth and Sixth Form took part in the UKMT Senior Mathematical Challenge. Once again we have had lots of success with Tara being the best student in Upper Fifth and Zachary being the best student in Sixth form.

*Mr C Wright, Assistant Head (Academic)*



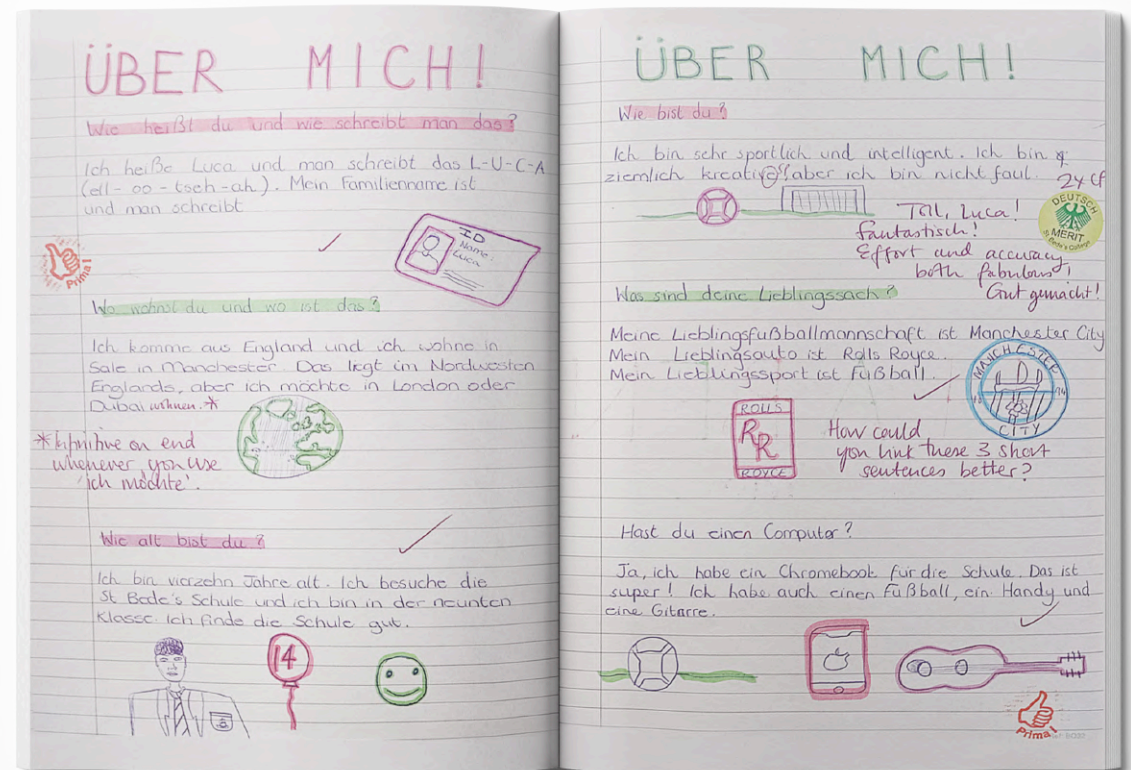
# LANGUAGE



## Über Mich (About Me) German students' work

U4 students who are new to learning German have done a wonderful job these last months. This writing is a culmination of all of their learning in the first unit of work (introducing themselves, name, age, where they live, favourite things). The pupils have put in a great deal of effort and their level of accuracy is fantastic; they are really making good progress.

Mrs J Di Paola, Teacher of German



# CAREER DEVELOPMENT

## Visit from Professor Francis L Martin

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On 8th November, Professor Francis L Martin delivered a talk to the Sixth Form on 'The Need for Interdisciplinary Approaches to Advance Modern Healthcare Technologies'. Prof. Martin spoke about his years of work as a research scientist, including his investigations into various cancers. He outlined the development of a spectrochemical approach that shows a need to understand the biological/clinical problem, the physics to develop a sensor applied to analyse this problem and the mathematics needed to handle the complex datasets generated.

Prof Martin also shared some very useful advice on university pathways and the career opportunities arising from current scientific research. We are very grateful for his time and hope he will return to engage further with our prospective medics, dentists and scientists.

*Dr A McMonagle, Deputy Head of Sixth Form*





# The Bedian Careers' Pathway

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We are excited to announce that we are launching a new initiative at St Bede's College in September 2023 to prepare our students to plan for their future A Level studies, undergraduate degrees and potential careers. Our Bedian Careers' Pathway will provide a holistic experience of the steps that must be taken for our Bedians to become successfully established in their chosen field.

## Upper Third - Upper Fourth

Introduction to Unifrog for career support plus PSMEE lessons on...

- U3 What's Your Dream Job?
- L4 What does success mean to you?
- U4 Identifying Interests

Lower School Careers' Day with guest speakers (parents and alumni) at the end of the year and support with GCSE choices.

## Lower Fifth

### Autumn Term

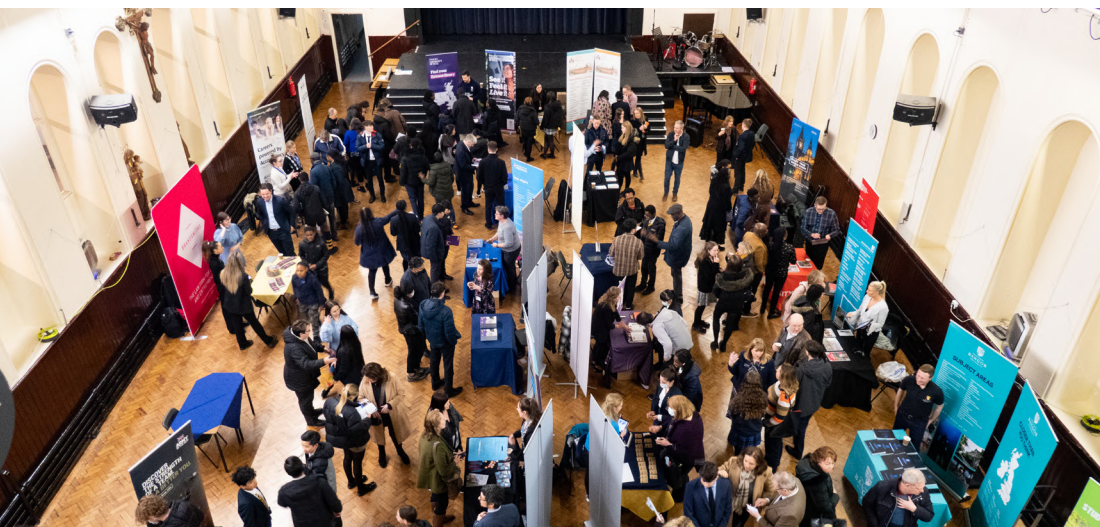
- Introduction to the Sixth Form Assembly including information on recommended entry requirements, The Academic Scholarship, The Oxford Character Project and volunteering for Citywise.
- Use of Unifrog Locker to store achievements and events attended.

### Lent Term

- Sixth Form A Level Subject Carousel / Introduction to career-related forums e.g. Medicine, Law and Engineering.
- Universities and Careers Fair.

### Summer Term

- A Level Taster Lessons.
- Involvement in career forum events especially post-exams (visits, talks, research projects).
- Regular external talks from alumni.



## Upper Fifth

### Autumn Term

- Sixth Form Subject Information Evening.
- Apprenticeship Focus Group.
- Involvement in Forum events - visits, talks, research projects, competitions.

### Lent Term

- Preparation for Interviews.
- Introduction to CAFOD Young Leadership Programme / Citywise / Character Project / EPQ.
- Universities and Careers Fair.
- Regular external talks from alumni.

## Lower Sixth

Careers introduction - with the aim of an early selection into one of the groups below.

1. UCAS preparation, with special groups looking at:

- Oxford, Cambridge and other top universities (e.g. St Andrews, Imperial).
- International university support (e.g. Ireland, USA).
- Medical Forum - University Admissions Tests and Interview Preparation.
- Law Forum - LNAT preparation and mooting competitions.

2. Apprenticeship preparation - specific training in interview techniques used, talks from employers, attendance at apprenticeship fairs and other events:

- Extended Project Qualification.
- University / Careers Days at the end of the L6 including trips to universities / UCAS Convention.
- Universities and Careers Fair.
- Regular external talks from alumni.

## Upper Sixth

UCAS preparation, with special groups looking at:

- Oxford, Cambridge and other top universities (e.g. St Andrews, Imperial)
- International university support (e.g. Dublin (Tiernach), USA)
- Medical Forum - University Admissions Tests and Interview Preparation,
- Law Forum - LNAT preparation, mooting competitions

Apprenticeship preparation - specific training in interview techniques used; Gap Year event; Universities and Careers Fair; Regular external talks from alumni.

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*Mrs S Hepburn, Head of Careers / Mr D Rose, Head of Sixth Form*



# PERFORMING ARTS



## Masterclass with Fiona McDougal

The Evita cast had a wonderful masterclass with world renowned vocal coach Fiona McDougal. Fiona coaches Oscar-winning actors, chart-topping singer-songwriters, and the stars of Broadway and the West End. For almost a decade, she has overseen vocals globally for Andrew Lloyd Webber's production company, the Really Useful Group.

From mediocre to maestro, Fiona takes every singer way beyond their limits. Feelings of awkwardness and tension turn into excitement and possibility, at the revelation that they are capable of so much more.

Fiona was extremely impressed with the talents of our students and their dedication in working toward an extremely challenging show.

Our students represented the school to the highest standard and showed true Bedian spirit in their hard work and determination to look and sound professional.

A once in a lifetime experience to work with this level of expertise, we are truly grateful to Fiona for her time and the lovely workshop she delivered. Tickets for Evita are now on sale through ParentPay.

[CLICK HERE TO BUY YOUR TICKETS](#)

*Mr J Dickson, Director of Performing Arts*



# Orchestral Scholars set to hit the high notes!

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We are now in the third week of our Orchestral Scholarship scheme and Ethan, Ruadhan, Gabriel, Caidan, Sky, Zain and Joan are making great strides. In this new initiative, pupils were invited to apply for this free scholarship which provides a brand new instrument and learning materials and will eventually reach the standard when they are good enough to join the College Orchestra.

Andrew Davies, Music Teacher said, "I identified a need to encourage pupils to take up more traditional instruments with a view to augmenting the orchestra.

We have plenty of pupils applying to study Piano, Guitar and singing but very few for brass and woodwind instruments. As a young lad growing up in East Manchester, I had the opportunity to have free lessons and to get involved in brass bands. Music quickly became a major part of my life which led to a career as a professional musician which has spanned for some 39 years. I still feel very privileged to be working with talented musicians every day."

*Mr A Davies, Music Teacher*



# #BeBedian

Bedian talent



Francesca

## Francesca at Children in Need

Francesca had a fantastic evening performing at Children in Need on Friday 18th November. She had rehearsals in the afternoon at the BBC in Media City and then performed in the evening at 19.50. She was part of the in-studio choir and sang 'Somewhere Only We Know' by Keane. It was an amazing experience for her.

*Mrs M Ballard*



# Annabelle performs with Hallé Children's Choir

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Annabelle will be performing with the Hallé Children's Choir at the Bridgewater Hall in Manchester this December. Having auditioned for the prestigious choir earlier in the year she has been rehearsing each week for the past few months and will be joining her choral members to participate in a Christmas Carol Concert with renowned conductor Stephen Bell.

Annabelle is also a member of the Royal Northern College of Music Junior Strings orchestra playing the cello in a number of concerts across Manchester. Annabelle follows the footsteps of her mother who performed at the Bridgewater Hall while seven months pregnant with brother Michael who is in Upper Sixth.

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Bedian talent



Annabelle

## 'Student Spotlight'

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From the age of eight, Faith T in Lower Fifth and her family have been celebrating Christmas Day at a local homeless shelter by making hot meals and providing gifts for those who attend. She also currently volunteers at the Tree of Life Centre in Wythenshawe every week, providing necessities to families and individuals in need. Faith consistently displays selflessness, charity and promotes the values that we hold in such high esteem at St Bede's College. She is a true Bedian and we are incredibly proud of her effort and commitment to such important charitable causes. Keep up the fantastic work Faith!

*Miss M Moore, Head of House for Siena*



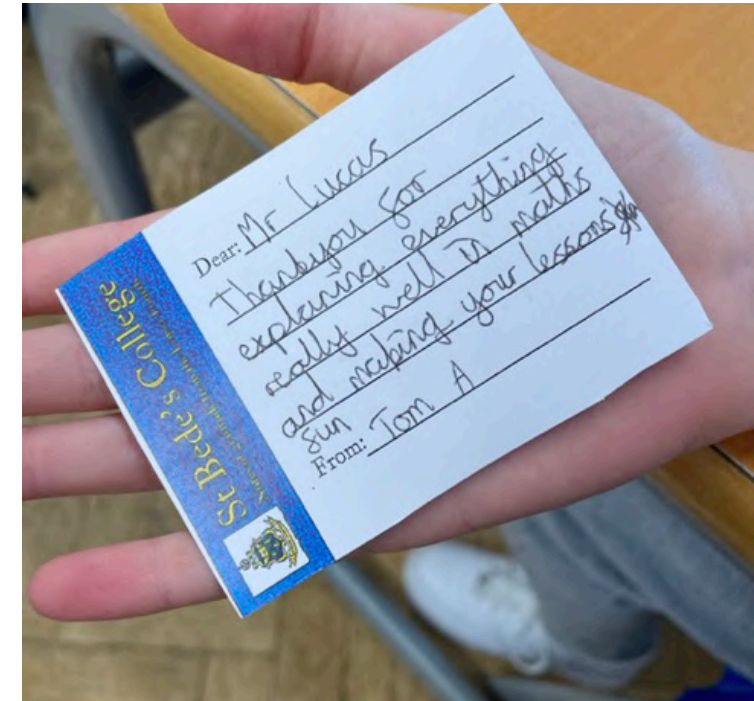
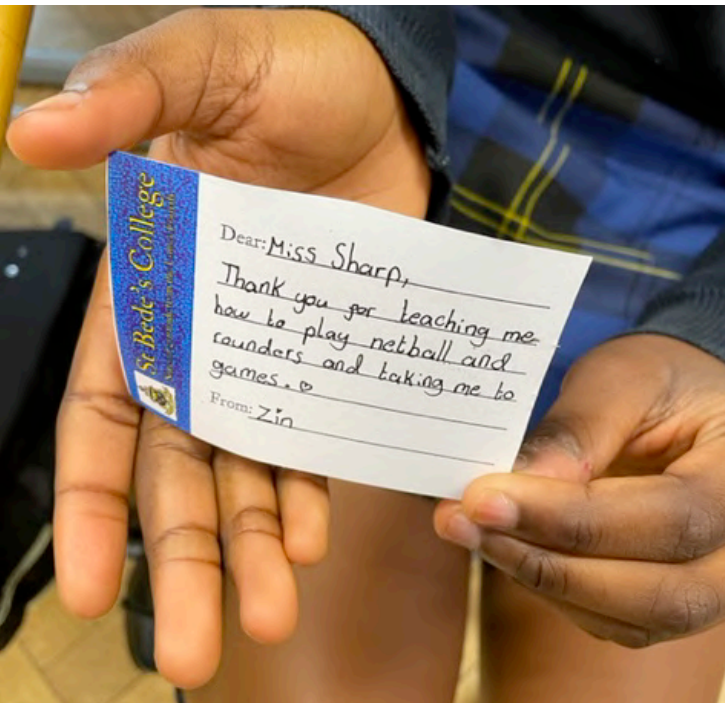
# HOUSES

## World Kindness Day 2022

On Monday 14th November, we celebrated World Kindness Day in association with Anti-Bullying Week 2022. When speaking to students about World Kindness Day, Ethan DS in Upper Third said: 'With all the negative things happening in the world, it's good to have a day where we help each other out and show kindness.' We asked students to write a 'Gratitude Postcard' of thanks to a teacher or member of staff in the College who has helped them or that they are grateful for.

This was a whole school initiative from Upper Third to Sixth Form and it was fantastic to see so many pupils share these postcards of thanks with their teachers, reflecting on our Virtue of the Month 'Respect' and how a small moment of gratitude makes a difference in our attitude!

*Miss M Moore, Head of Siena House*





# Solidarity Race

A 6:30 am start, combined with foggy and cold conditions, meant the hilly 5km race was going to be even more challenging. This didn't faze any of our students and after an intense warm up all students ran their best.

An absolutely tremendous effort in fundraising meant that over £2000 was raised in total for the house charities. This is an incredible sum that will definitely make a difference.

*Mr D Piskorz, Head of Campion House*





# Houses Captains

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Congratulations to the newly elected House Captains of the Fundraising, Chaplaincy and Sports Houses. Being elected House Captain is a recognition that comes with great responsibility. Elected students are expected to provide leadership by setting a good example and to be dedicated to the development of the house and the students.

Sports Captains are responsible for leading and organising sports teams for inter-house sporting events and inspiring students to participate in a range of sports.

The main role of the Fundraising Captains is to organise and implement multiple fundraising activities to support charities and communities around us. They also inspire and educate students about the value of charity.

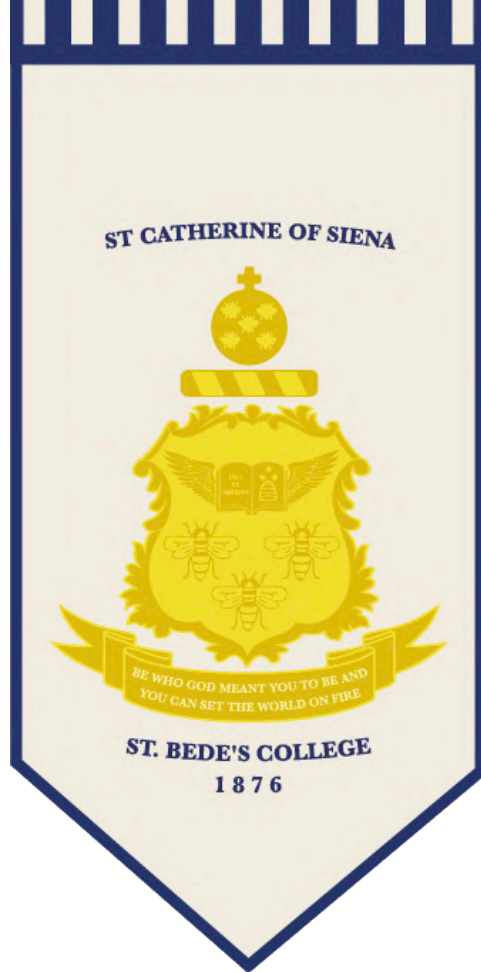
Chaplaincy Captains help with the leadership, organisation of masses and parties. At the same time, they help pupils who need support and guidance.



U3 - Ann-Sophie (Fund), Sheriff (Chap), Rudy (Sport)  
L4 - Ailish (Fund), Ruth (Chap), Oreshay (Sport)  
U4 - Malaya (Fund), Ryan (Chap), Devine (Sport)  
L5 - Lily (Fund), Sofia (Chap), Shriya (Sport)  
U5 - Eviemae (Fund), Andrew (Chap), Matthew (Sport)  
L6 - Charlotte (Fund), Rebecca (Chap), Sarah (Sport)



U3 - Ethan (Fund), Ehiabi (Chap), Joan (Sport)  
L4 - Anna H (Fund), Carey (Chap), Angel (Sport)  
U4 - Elnathan (Fund), Amara (Chap), Joe (Sport)  
L5 - Georgia (sport), Havana (Fund), Solomon (Chap)  
U5 - Emannuela (Sport), Rebecca (Fund), Oli (Chap)  
L6 - Aaron (Fund), Martin (Sport), Erin (Chap)



U3 - Caleb (Fund.), Sophie (Sport), Zinzile (Chap)  
L4 - Ines (Fund), Cass (Sport), Caoimhe (Chap)  
U4 - Hamza (Sport), Selisha (Fund.), Kitty (Chap)  
L5 - Paddy (Sport), Faith (Fund), Zipporah (Chap)  
U5 - Tyreek (Sport), Isobel (Fund), Bridget (Chap)  
L6 - Zachery (Sport), Erin (Fund), James (Chap)



U3 - Sophia (Fund), Jason (Sport), Iria (Chap)  
L4 - Carmela (Fund), Oliver (Sport), Rosy (Chap)  
U4 - Poppy (Fund), Abdulsamad (Sport), Matilda (Chap)  
L5 - Bosco (Fund), Elsie (Sport), Michael (Chap)  
U5 - Lyndon (Fund), Alexander (Sport), Rafał (Chap)

# LIBRARY



## Meeting authors and book nomination awards

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One of the greatest things for me at the start of this academic year was attending the Cheshire Schools' Book Award with Cynthia Murphy's book launch of *Win Lose Kill Die*. I was very privileged to meet the author at her book launch! She has also written *Last One to Die* and *The Midnight Game*, which will be out soon.

Student attendees held posters, showing us which were the nominated books. This award was entirely student-led, where students nominated and voted for their favourite books.

Of the 10 books selected, two of the authors were at the launch! It was inspiring to see enthusiastic students have such a range of questions for Cynthia about her books, inspiration and journey as an author.

I look forward to Bedians nominating their favourite titles and taking a group of students to the next book launch. The nominated books and Cynthia's books, are available to borrow from The Maher Library.

*Miss M Pocas, College Librarian*



# Remembrance Day at the Maher Library

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November is a special month to remember those who gave their lives for us in the First and Second World Wars. In the Maher Library, we have a special 'We Will Remember Them' display which includes war poetry, fiction and non-fiction books. It has been lovely to see students look at the display and reflect on what others have done for us all.

College students were invited on Remembrance Day to take part in activities at the Maher Library. Bridget S. completed a wordsearch and won the poster competition which was announced to her during form time. She received positive points on Class Charts and chose a prize to celebrate her participation. Well done Bridget!

Look out for activities and events in the Maher Library. You will receive positive points and a choice of a prize!

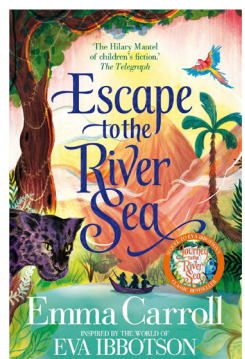
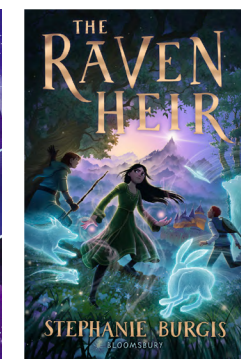
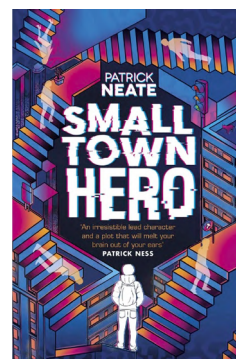
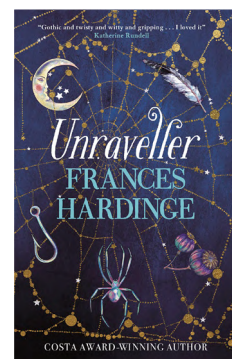
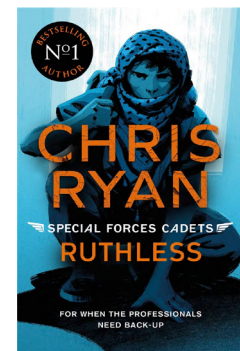
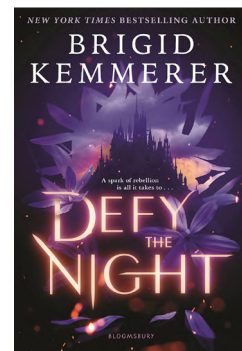
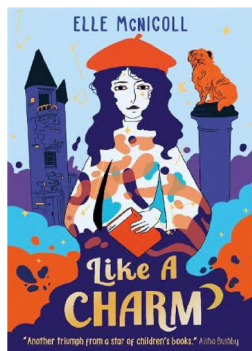
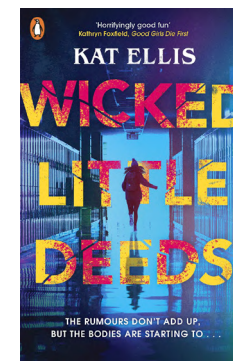
*Miss M Pocas, College Librarian*



# New titles in!

Come and check out new titles in the College Library. A mixture of new graphic and teenage novels and young adult books are available to borrow. Grab a new title for St Bede's Reads to raise money for Mary's Meals and earn 3 class chart points when you complete a book review. This is your chance to try reading something new. Amongst the new titles you'll find: fantasy, Adventure on Train Series and 'I broke the internet' co-written with Phil Earle, author of 'When the Sky Falls'. Can't wait to see you check these out!

Miss M Pocas, College Librarian



# SPORTS



## Senior Football Tour in Cologne

During half term, 28 pupils from U6, L6 and U5 travelled to Cologne to take part in the Senior Football Tour. The first fixtures were against FC Rot-Weiss Lessenich's Under 17s and Under 19s in Bonn. The first fixture saw Harry O score in the final minute to secure a thrilling 4-3 victory after goals from Harry C, Joaquin T and James C. This was followed by a great performance in the second fixture which St Bede's won 3-0 thanks to a hat trick from Benat M.

The squad had a tour of FC Koln's RheinEnergie Stadium and a training session with FC Koln coaches before visiting the Michael Schumacher Karting Centre. This was followed by a visit to Bayer Leverkusen's BayArena stadium to watch the Bundesliga fixture against Wolfsburg.

The fixture was extra special as it featured three Bedians in Wolfsburg's team Lukas and Felix Nmecha and Bayer Leverkusen's goal scorer on the day, Jeremie Frimpong.

The squad were unbeaten throughout the tour as they also racked up three victories against ESV Olympia of Cologne winning 1-0, 4-0 and 2-1. There were also visits to Phantasialand Theme Park and mass at Cologne Cathedral. The boys were exceptionally well behaved and a credit to the College, themselves and their families. It was great to end the tour unbeaten; Mr Griffin, Mr Morgan, Mr O'Reilly and myself, couldn't have shared a tour with a better set of pupils.

*Mr C Woan, Assistant Head (MCFC)*





# Netherlands Hockey & Football Tour Oct 20th - 24th

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On the first day of half term, 75 excited students and 8 members of staff, met at Manchester Airport ready to head off to the Netherlands for a combined football and hockey tour. The itinerary over the four days was packed full of activities with excursions, training sessions, fixtures and some lengthy coach journeys leaving very little time to relax.

## Day 1

A long day to start the trip. After landing at Schipol Airport we journeyed South to our hotel in Rotterdam where we just about had time to eat dinner before heading back out and up to Amsterdam for an evening spent bowling and playing mini golf. A variety of skills were on display, but I think it's safe to say none of us will be challenging Rory McIlroy any time soon!



## Day 2

The football and hockey training sessions at FC Utrecht and Kampong HC were excellent and it was pleasing to see both groups fully engage in the sessions. Kampong HC has over 4000 playing members and we were lucky enough to be in the company of two of their international legends; firstly our coach two-time World Goalkeeper of the Year, David Harte, and then the Netherlands legend that is Lidewij Welten - four times Olympic Gold Medallist and World Player of the Year in 2015.

We played our first fixtures in the afternoon and came away with some very pleasing results:

## Football v DSVP

- U13 won 6-0. St Bede's controlled the game from the start and limited DSVP to a handful of chances.
- U14 won 10-0. Fabulous performance from everyone, totally dominated and outclassed the opposition.
- U15 v Rotterdam United, lost 1-6. Tough opener, strong opposition with some exceptional players.

## Hockey v Ommoordse Mixed Hockey Club

Split up into four teams of 7, each team played three highly competitive and fun games.



## Day 3

Another set of fixtures played in a fair but highly competitive manner. In the football St Bede's played three matches against Voetbal Vereniging Oost Rotterdam (Football Association East Rotterdam)

- U13 drew 4-4. Classic end to end, free flowing game. A draw was a fair result.

- U14 won 6-0. Another superb performance, a masterclass of possession football and accurate finishing.

- U15 won 4-2. Fairly even game on chances created but St Bede's made the most of their opportunities,

In Hockey St Bede's took to the field against HC Feijenoord in a fabulous arena in the shadow of FC Feijenoord Academy.

- U13/14 lost 2-5. Feijenoord were the better team but the main difference was that they took their chances when our girls didn't. A lesson in being clinical.

- U14/15 lost 0-4. Intense, hard fought game against a well organised and more experienced team. The girls played well but conceded a goal in each quarter and went down 0-4.

- U15 v HCF U18. This was an extra game and one we hadn't planned for. It was a big ask after just finishing a full 70 minute game and they were duly given the run around by a much faster and bigger team. Whilst they lost 0-4, I believe the score would have been more in our favour on another day.



## Day 4

A day of excursions saw us heading off to a live Premier League women's hockey match and Eredivisie football match. The hockey, SCHC v Amsterdam (women), pitted the top two teams in the league together and with twenty two international players on the pitch, it was an opportunity for the group to watch the world's best in action. The teams didn't disappoint. It was an end to end game with balls flying at near to 100mph! Armed with vuvuzela's given to us by the home support, we tooted and cheered SCHC on to a 3-2 victory. The football, FC Utrecht v Sparta Rotterdam also saw a home win and concluded what was an excellent day and tour.

The trip was highly successful and beneficial with the experience of playing in a different country, certainly an educational one for the pupils. Miss Whitney, who led the tour said, "All the pupils represented themselves and the College with distinction, both on and off the pitch. They were a pleasure to be with and their attitude and application was superb throughout".

*Miss Whitney, Teacher of PE, DofE Manager & CFA Assistant Manager*



# Trust Exercises at Stretch and Relax

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Upper Fifth girls took part in partner exercises in Stretch and Relax on Wednesday afternoon. The students had great fun experimenting with a variety of poses such as supported boat, partner downward dog, cat & wheel, demonstrated in the photos, plank double, superman, partner tree pose, and more. It was a great practice in communication, trust, and spatial awareness. Stretch and relax is offered as an option for Games to students in Upper Fifth and Sixth Form.

*Miss G Bruckner, Teacher of Psychology*



# CHAPLAINCY



REMEMBRANCE DAY  
*Lest We Forget*

## Lest We Forget!

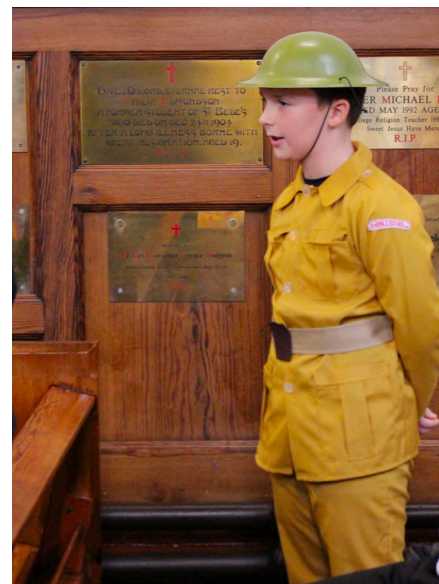
It was wonderful to welcome Prep 5 families into the chapel this morning to share in a very special and moving Remembrance assembly. The Prep 5 children shared some of their own special memories before explaining the importance of remembering key events on a greater scale, both nationally and internationally.

Surrounded by their beautiful poppy artwork, the children remembered those who, like Jesus, made the ultimate sacrifice for us. They paid tribute to all those lost in War, through touching songs, poems, prayers and letters from the trenches. In a poignant moment, the children honoured our Fallen Bedians and shared their photographs. May they rest in peace.

The final message of the assembly was peace. We prayed that peace may calm our fears, bring justice to all people and establish harmony among nations. As Mr Davies played the Last Post and we observed a minute's silence, the children, parents and staff reflected on the importance of Remembrance Day, of protecting and comforting those living in fear and praying that peace may prevail. Prep 5 did themselves, St Bede's and their families proud and should be congratulated on producing such an emotive assembly in a respectful and empathetic manner.

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE FULL PREP 5 REMEMBRANCE ASSEMBLY](#)

*Mrs C Casson, Prep 5 Teacher & MFL Co-ordinator*



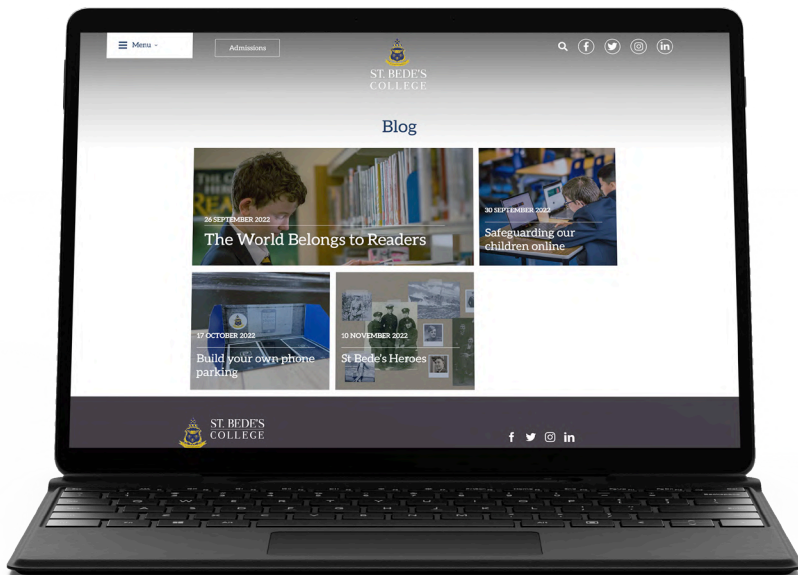
# Blog and Social Media

## Visit the new St. Bede's blog

We are launching a new section on the St. Bede's website, a blog where you can enjoy original content and learn more about St. Bede's and its vibrant community.

Don't miss the last post in which we commemorated Remembrance Day with Mr Alasdair Power, Head of the History Department, talking about the Bedians who served in the Great War and the Second World War.

[CLICK HERE TO READ THE LAST POST](#)



## Follow us on social media

Don't miss any of our latest news! Follow us on social media to keep up to date with everything that's happening at St. Bede's.

On our social media accounts you will find content about the day to day activities of our Bedians and events at St. Bede's.

Click on the icons below to access our social media accounts



# MFL AND ART CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN COMPETITION

*Calling all students!*

Design a card which shows the Christmas tradition of another country

First prize **£10 Amazon voucher** plus Class charts points available!



Prizes for everyone who participates.

Entries can be submitted in any foreign language

Entries containing English language will not be accepted



Each card should be no bigger than one A4 sheet of paper and should be completed by hand, but any form of materials can be used felt-tips, paint, fabric, etc.



Each entry **MUST** be clearly marked on the back with your full name and form group and be handed in to any Modern Languages teacher in the MFL department (Joseph) or Art teacher (Regis) by **Friday 2nd December** at the latest.



Judges will be looking for originality of illustration as well as accuracy of language and content.



# Model United Nations

Meeting every  
**Wednesday lunchtime**  
**1:40 in R9 (English)**

St. Bede's College has been invited to Manchester High School for Girls' annual conference on the 4th-5th February 2023.



*Interested in debating?  
Want to learn more  
about politics?  
Come to MUN!*

Please see Miss Moore for more details



# THE PORTICO

*Sadie Massey Awards*

## Reading and Writing Competitions

Write a short story set in the North of England or review any book of your choice

Come to the meeting in the Maher Library at break time on Friday 25th November for more information!

Open to 7-18 year olds      Free to Enter      Awesome prizes to be won!

Full details:  
[www.theportico.org.uk/portico-sadie-massey-awards](http://www.theportico.org.uk/portico-sadie-massey-awards)



The Granada Foundation



# Sixth Form & Staff

# Book Club

Discuss or hear about...



*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

# FORTHCOMING EVENTS

## **Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> December**

| 9.30am, Feast of St Edmund Campion  
| 4.30pm, FL4 & L5 Parents' Evening (pe/ag)

## **Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

| Christmas Fair

## **Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December**

| L4 taster sessions for GCSE

## **Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December**

| 2.00pm, EYFS/KS1 Christmas Production Ac Hall  
| Prep EYFS/KS1 Christmas Production

## **Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> December**

| 4.00pm, U3 & U4 Parents' Evening (pe/ag)

## **Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December**

| 6.30pm, Carols by Candle light

## **Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December**

| 2.30pm, Prep Carols by Candlelight KS2 Ac Hall

## **Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December**

| 12.00am, End of Term 12 noon

[SCHOOL CALENDAR](#)



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