



ST. BEDE'S
COLLEGE

OCTOBER BEDE'S NEWS



Mrs M Kemp
Headteacher

Dear parents,

October, though a short month for us due to half term, has been a great one for our pupils.

We started the month preparing displays to show their fantastic work all around the school; many of the 500+ people who attended Open Morning commented on how inspiring it was to see pupils' achievements being celebrated. The virtue of the month, Friendship and Loyalty, was particularly lived throughout the wonderful trips that have taken place during the holidays in Iceland, USA and Spain. I want to thank our teachers for their dedication and commitment in providing these opportunities for our pupils. During the month of November the school will offer morning Masses for all of our family members and friends who have passed away, thanking God for their lives and example. I look forward to seeing you during the parent teacher evenings which will run this half term.

Kind regards,

Maria Kemp

Dear parents,

I hope our latest edition of Bede's News finds you well and that you enjoyed a lovely half term break.

We were delighted to provide a two-day holiday club run by Arts & Minds, focussing on creativity and wellness. The club enables children to explore their feelings and emotions in a multi-sensory environment promoting their wellbeing and we look forward to further sessions becoming available in due course.

During the month of October, we focused on instilling the values of friendship and loyalty in our pupils. Through various activities, discussions and classroom exercises, we encouraged the children to build strong relationships based on trust and mutual support. It is heartening to see them embracing these values in their daily interactions with their peers and teachers.

Recently, we held a Virtual Parents' Evening, where teachers had the opportunity to share information regarding pupil progress and overall development. I am pleased that the event was successful, with a high turnout from our parents. Working in partnership with our parents enables us to support our pupils fully and we highly appreciate your continued support.

Our Prep 5 pupils presented their Harvest Assembly, which highlighted the significance of giving and gratitude in this season of abundance. We were pleased that our school community wholeheartedly contributed to the Manchester South Central Food Bank, with generous donations from our families. Your compassion and generosity will go a long way in supporting those in need during this challenging period.

I would like to express our sincere gratitude to our Parent and Friends Association (PFA) for generously covering the cost of transport for our whole school pantomime trip. We know the joy and excitement that this annual outing brings to our pupils and staff during the festive period.

Finally, we are delighted to announce that our annual Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday, 2 December. This event promises to be a morning filled with festive cheer, delightful activities, and opportunities for families to come together to support our school. We encourage you to mark your calendars and join us for a morning of fun and community spirit. Further details will be shared closer to the date.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support, and we look forward to the exciting events that lie ahead this half term.

With my best wishes for November,

Mrs C Hunt, Head of Prep



Mrs C Hunt
Head of Prep



Dr A McMonagle
Acting Head of Sixth Form

Dear parents,

October was a busy month for our Upper Sixth students preparing for university.

The College personal statement deadline has passed and students' top five course choices were firmed up over half term. Our 'early entry' students have already submitted their applications and recently sat admissions tests for courses such as Law, Medicine and PPE. The next step on their journey will see them supported in preparing for interviews. We wish all of our Upper Sixth the very best of luck in their upcoming mock examinations and delight in seeing them truly take ownership of their futures.

Dr A McMonagle, Acting Head of Sixth Form

Virtue of the Month:

Friendship & Loyalty

Friendship and loyalty are two pillars of human connection that hold immense significance in our lives. Friendship enriches our existence, offering a support system, a source of joy, and a refuge during life's trials. Loyalty, on the other hand, underpins the trust and reliability that strengthens these bonds. True friends stand by us through thick and thin, demonstrating unwavering loyalty even in the face of adversity. This symbiotic relationship between friendship and loyalty is what makes human connections profound and enduring, reminding us of the deep value in cherishing these ties that help us navigate the journey of life.



September Virtue Winners

Order



SAFEGUARDING

The National College

For several years, St Bede's has had a subscription to The National College which is an online training provider for professional development in education.

What does this mean for you?

As part of our membership, The National College provides dedicated training and resources for parents and carers – particularly, around online safety and keeping children safe online.

Online safety advice on any topic

Of course, staff will continue to teach children about the risks online. But with the internet so readily accessible, the most effective approach to online safety needs everyone involved, including parents and carers.

The National College provides access to **hundreds of courses, explainer videos and online safety guides** to support your awareness of the online world. Topics range from understanding apps like TikTok and Instagram to recognising the signs of online harm and what you can do to help.

Sign up is easy

Signing up to the platform is simple. Just follow [this link](#) and complete your details. Under job role, you should choose 'Parent/Carer' as your user type and get instant access to all training and resources.

Download the app for free

Another fantastic benefit of The National College is its National Online Safety app, which you can download for free. It gives

you access to all their parent and carer resources on the go, whenever you want. You can download the National Online Safety app using the links below:

[App store](#)

[Google Play](#)

They're always here to help

The National College has a brilliant support team if you have any questions. Their [help centre](#) provides a comprehensive bank of answers to most FAQs, but if you still can't find the answer you're looking for, you can always get in [contact](#) with them.

I hope you'll sign-up and make the most of their resources.

Mrs C Boylan. Assistant Head (Safeguarding & Ethos)



St Bede's is now a Google Reference School

Google for Education's Reference School programme is a prestigious project in which schools and teachers around the world collaborate to digitally transform classrooms and use technology as a teaching resource to improve the learning process. Find out all the details at an exclusive event on 30th November.

[Learn more](#)

Mr F Calmaestra. Assistant Head - Strategy and Innovation



Open Morning

On Saturday, the College and Prep were abuzz with visitors for our Open Morning. Departments were eager to show off all they had to offer, and tour guides from Preps 5 and 6, U3 and Sixth Form confidently and enthusiastically showed our guests their favourite places at St Bede's and the projects they have been working on throughout the academic year so far.

Before the tours of St Bede's began, families had the opportunity to hear a welcome address from Mrs Kemp, Head of College and Mrs Hunt, Head of Prep and former St Bede's pupil, outlining the vision and ethos of the school.

*Mrs C Boylan. Assistant Head
(Safeguarding & Ethos)*

In her brief address, Mrs. Kemp said that in addition to academic excellence, there are many educational and co-curricular opportunities, and what makes St. Bede's special is that each child is treated as a gift from God, as a unique and invaluable individual.

Similarly, Mrs Hunt remarked how wonderful it was to witness the enormous academic and personal growth of the pupils at St. Bede's from early stages to Sixth Form, something that visiting families could witness simply by talking to the pupils.

It was a pleasure to welcome some of the future pupils of St Bede's and their families!



ASSEMBLY

Harvest Assembly

We are incredibly proud of all the Prep 5 students who worked hard to produce a wonderful Harvest Assembly. They conveyed a message of gratitude for the food we have been blessed with and explained the importance of sharing and helping those in need around the world.

Mrs C Casson, Prep 5C Class Teacher



During the wonderful Prep 5 Harvest Assembly where students reflected on the importance of caring for those in need, a food drive was organised.

A food drive was also held during the Harvest Festival. The student chaplains loaded the collection from the school. Then Sixth Formers delivered, weighed and unpacked all the items to the Manchester South Foodbank, which is part of the Trussell Trust.

In total 378.5kg of food was collected, which equates to 901 meals. Thank you for your generous support of this initiative!



Mrs. C Hibbert, School Chaplain

Stars of the week



Class of the week





House Point Winners





Sports Stars



Bedian Ambassador

Virtue of the Month: Order



U3

Alfie B
Malachi J
Joel C
Jessica H
Hadasa
Nick O

L4

Ehiabhi A
Amaya F
Heidi O
Thalia M
Noah S
Victoria K

U4

Carmela B
Harris M
Danielle C
Michele P
Izunna E
Leo G
Theo C
Ella N

L5

Kai J
Imogen W
Charlie H
Jay M
Makeda P
Lewis F
Ama A
Divine E

U5

Ruochen J
Elsie H
Stephen M
Cliona D
Austin G
Sarah C
Noah E

L6

Frankie I
Eviemae C
Joy M
Kamwana M

U6

Kuziva M
Ned P
Bink TR
James C

Happy Birthday!

Nursery

Mateo

Prep 2

Louis

Prep 4

Amber

Felix

Jonah

Toby

Peter

Prep 5

Ayla

Imogen

Prep 6

Christopher

Nuoling

Reception

Fionnuala

Prep 3

Henry

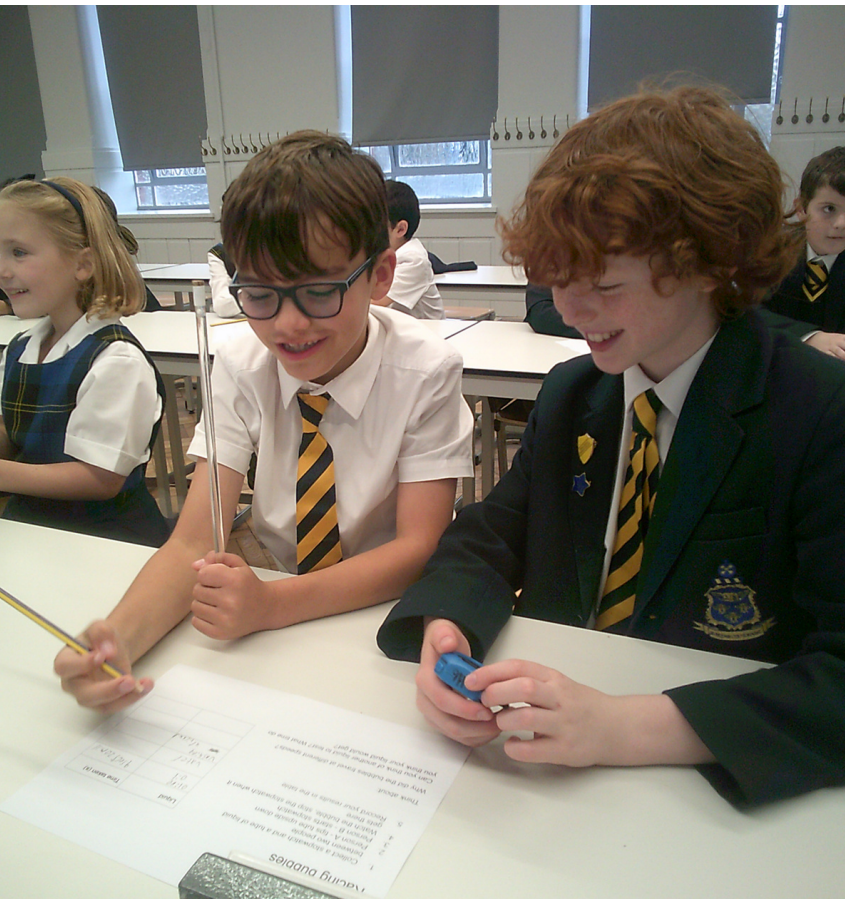


SCIENCE

Prep STEM club

Prep 4 STEM club investigated Viscosity in one of our new Chemistry labs in the College. We found that water moved the fastest, so was least viscous, while glycerol moved the slowest - taking over 3 minutes - so was the most viscous liquid!

Mrs Rachael Prince, Head of Science, Chemistry Department



MATHS

UKMT Senior Maths Challenge

On Tuesday 3rd October, our Lower and Upper Sixth A level Mathematics pupils, along with 40 Upper Fifth pupils, took part in the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge. This 90 minute, 25 multiple-choice-question first-round Challenge was aimed at pupils in Upper Sixth and below, with the questions providing stimulating opportunities to develop problem-solving skills. The pupils did very well; 19 were awarded Bronze certificates, 10 achieved Silver certificates and Dara S and Alfie O gained Gold Certificates.

We are delighted that Dara and Alfie have been invited to the next round of the competition, the Senior Kangaroo Challenge, which will be held on Wednesday 15th November.

Mrs A Collard, Head of Mathematics



HISTORY

Black History Month

October is Black History Month, which St Bede's celebrated with the launch of an exciting new campaign to promote diversity and cultural appreciation across the college: the Bedian Diversity Initiative (BDI). This initiative was founded and co-chaired by Jeanne B and Dara S (both L6) who introduced it to the College via engaging and comprehensive Black History Month assemblies.

Their assemblies placed particular emphasis on celebrating lesser-known Black History figures whose stories and contributions often go unrecognised. They explained that the more we learn about these figures, the more inclusive our understanding of history as a whole becomes, and we acquire the ability to challenge traditionally-centred narratives. Dara and Jeanne gave an overview of 350,000 years of black history, starting with the first homo sapiens that originated in Morocco; Mansa Musa of the Mali Empire, the wealthiest person in history; Blackamoors in Tudor England and their role in society; Queen Nzinga of Angola, 'The Warrior Queen'; the Fulani Conquest and how it established Islam in Nigeria; and the formation and dissolution of the Zulu Empire. The assemblies ended with a prayer inspired by Simon of Cyrene, a man from Libya who helped Jesus carry his cross, reminding us of the importance of the virtue of friendship and loyalty.

Jeanne B and Dara S (L6), Co-Chairs of BDI
Dr A McMonagle, Acting Head of Sixth Form



HISTORY

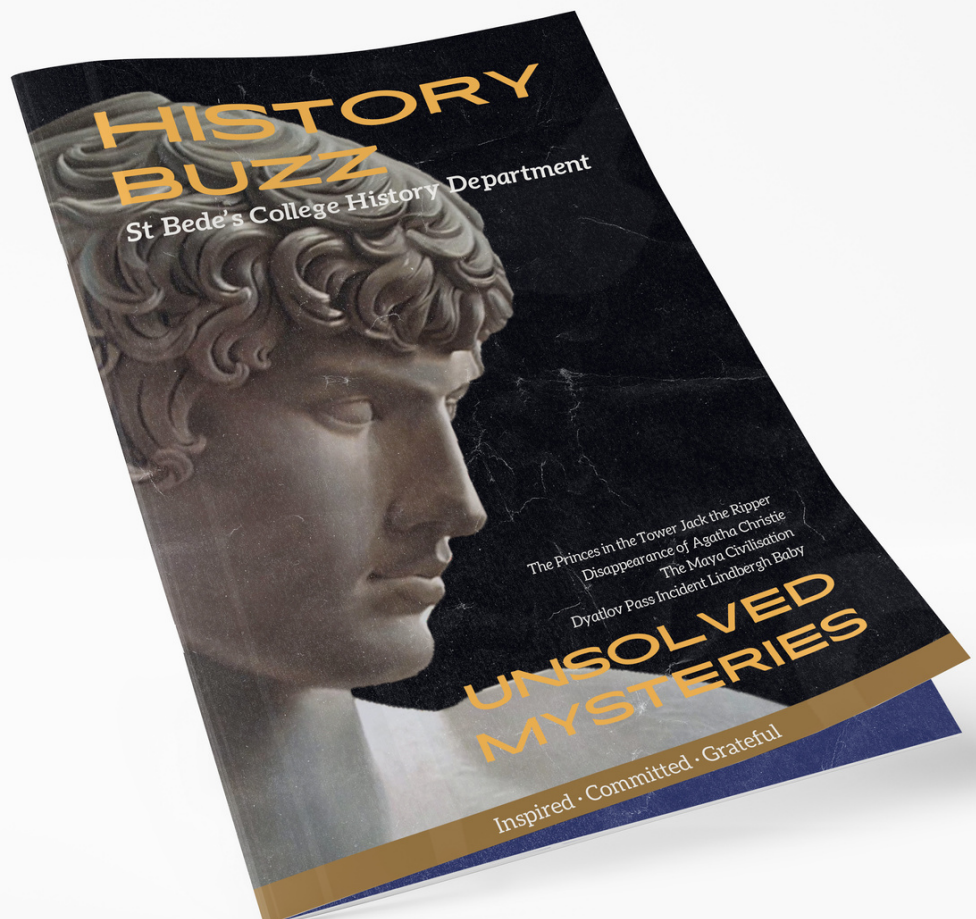
The History Buzz is back!

We are absolutely thrilled to see the return of our celebrated History Department magazine. Our theme for this edition was Historical Mysteries. This volume has been brilliantly edited by Aaron Ankrah (U6) and has been causing quite a stir around College - people have been coming up to me wanting to talk about Richard III! This magazine has been written, designed, and edited wholly by students and the quality of the work and production is absolutely astonishing. I already can't wait to get my hands on the next edition in January, which will be a Special Upper Sixth edition featuring the essays recently entered for the Versus History Essay Prize.

Mr A Power, Head of Classics, History and Politics



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Business

Savvy Consumers' Club

The Business department launched their Savvy Consumers' Club on Thursday with the question - Do Brands Matter?

After a short discussion about how brand loyal they were, students did some taste testing of various confectionery and drinks to see which they preferred. Brand winners were Cadbury Chocolate Buttons, Swizzel's Squashies and Coke the real thing! Non branded preferences included Aldi Salt and Vinegar crisps over Walkers and Aldi Jaffa cakes over McVities.

Our Savvy Consumers know that shopping around can pay dividends and brands aren't always the best value for money!

We look forward to welcoming students to future sessions with topics including - What kind of shopper are you? Does it matter where our products come from? Why is my shopping so much more expensive? What marketing tricks do businesses use to make you buy? Should I have to pay to go to University?.... and are credit cards bad?

Mrs M Corbett, Head of Business, Economics and Psychology



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Business Trip to LA

Students from **Upper Fifth and Lower Sixth** lived an unforgettable experience on their Business Trip to the United States, where they had the opportunity to learn more about the musical theatre and film industry, as well as meet some former Bedians.

After arriving on **Saturday evening** in New York we made our way to St Patrick's Cathedral for a spectacular Mass on Sunday morning. Following this we met Christina, an actor currently performing in *SIX* the musical and Michael, a Director, both of whom answered questions and gave advice to students about getting into creative careers in performance. Then onto sightseeing round Central Park before dinner at the Hard Rock Cafe and watching *SIX* the musical on Broadway. Times Square at night was a sight to behold!!!

Monday morning saw us dash over to the United Nations for a really informative tour round the buildings where we saw the various institutions and live debate, including from the Deputy Secretary General, UK ambassador Aamina J Mohammed, who is also chair of the Sustainable Development Group. The students were very impressed with the detail of the guide's knowledge and the varied work that the UN is involved with - no doubt there will be more to come on this.



On Tuesday, following a hearty American breakfast we travelled by Metro to Universal Studios where the students saw first-hand the sets used for many of their favourite programmes/movies past and present. There were the Desperate Housewives, Jaws, War of the Worlds, Jurassic Park and Psycho to name but a few, as well as experiencing the 3D/4D experience for both King Kong and Fast and Furious. They were able to immerse themselves in the world of Harry Potter, flying and playing Quidditch with Harry, Hermione and Ron before taking in the other themed rides and attractions which included the pyrotechnics and drama of Waterworld.

Wednesday saw us at the Grammy Museum in the morning, discovering the music, the people and the technology behind this lucrative industry. Students were able to experiment with their own ideas and see memorabilia related to the Grammy awards, with a special feature on Columbian singer Shakira, including some of her most famous performances and costumes. There were original lyrics and surprise in some quarters that the meaning of the song was actually quite different to what had been thought. There was also a special feature on the Roxy Nightclub - the most famous in Hollywood - on its 50th anniversary, which has played host to some of the most famous artists on the globe. To commemorate such a special occasion the club commissioned a mural which covered the whole side of the building and included every artist that had ever played there. The artist who created it was none other than Luke McGarry (@lukeymccgarry) who we were to meet on Friday!

The afternoon saw us take a metro out to Santa Monica to meet Bedian alumni Ged Tarpey who invited us to Lionsgate HQ to speak to us about the role of social media and promotion in the film industry. Ged is Managing Director, Global Media and Entertainment for X (formerly Twitter) and gave his time generously to speak about X's role in movie promotion, as well as the global strategy behind their rebrand and the future direction of the company. Being the father of a teenager, he also advised the students on their personal use of social media and answered questions on careers within the industry.

On Thursday we visited the Academy Museum that was next on the list in our quest to find out about the film industry. It was so exciting to get up close to a whole range of artefacts and original drawings/scripts and costumes from some of the most iconic movies of all time. It was astonishing to see how technology developed to change the experience of the consumer, for example with Avatar, making sure that every facial movement and expression was captured in the character to animation scores and drawings; it made us appreciate how all the elements of the movie come together through costumes, music, scenery, script and special effects to create the magic that we get to enjoy. It was also great to meet Oscar!

Then it was off to Venice Beach and Santa Monica for some chill time, seeing iconic sites such as Muscle Beach (sadly lacking) and the beautiful Pacific Ocean.

BUSINESS

Friday was another exciting and packed day as we headed into Hollywood itself to meet Bedian alumnus Steve McGarry who has worked for national newspapers on both sides of the Atlantic as a cartoonist, as well as being responsible for some iconic record sleeves such as Joy Division, and was an animation storyteller on Minions and Despicable me. We also got to spend time with Jillian Bell (of Goosebumps and SNL fame, actor, writer and producer) and Luke and Joe McGarry, Steve's sons, who are cartoonists, have their own pop band and are editors within the industry. This was a huge opportunity to find out about the industry, ways into it and to make connections. All four participants were eager to share their knowledge and experience with our students during the Q&A session at the Groundlings Theatre, the iconic home of comedy in Hollywood.

Then it was off to downtown Hollywood for some final shopping, the Hollywood Walk of Fame and the Dolby Theatre - home of the Oscars - to experience the glamour and stunning sound of a Japanese orchestra who were preparing for a show in the evening. Students received a guided tour and saw how the iconic statues are made before making the journey down the famous staircase for the inevitable photo opportunity!

Having experienced the Hard Rock cafe in NY it would have been remiss of us not to do the same in LA - it's fair to say the burgers and the service were just as good in both!

Mrs M Corbett, Head of Business, Economics and Psychology



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ECONOMICS



GEOGRAPHY

Upper Fifth Geographers' Fieldwork at the Cranedale Centre

On the 10th and 11th of October our Upper Fifth Geographers went to the Cranedale Centre, Yorkshire, to complete compulsory fieldwork for their GCSE. Upon arrival at the field study centre, students were issued with worksheets and clipboards and then had a brief introduction to establishing their Human Geography investigation title.

Then, having travelled to the nearby town of Bridlington, students sat in some beautiful sunshine on the steps of the impressive town centre leisure complex, discussing how best to proceed with their fieldwork and dividing into groups. They then headed off to collect data on footfall and completed Good Public Place surveys at different locations around the town centre. The focus of their study was to quantify the level of success of the regeneration of the area. Students took photographs to capture typical characteristics of areas and geolocated them to support their data collection. A mixture of clouds, sunshine and delicious locally made ice cream meant the data collection process was thoroughly enjoyable, with an excellent spirit throughout the group and a great sense of teamwork. Information was successfully collected.

The following day, the weather was significantly different with thick clouds and rain, so donning our waterproofs we headed off to various sites along the course of the River Derwent to complete the Physical Geography aspect of the fieldwork. This involved getting into the river channel to measure width, depth, velocity and dissolved load. The students worked sensibly and efficiently, collecting data without fuss despite sometimes challenging, soggy conditions. There was plenty of water and mud, but the students were a credit to themselves and St Bede's College. In fact, members of staff at the Cranedale Centre made a point of commenting on the exceptional manners and good nature of our students.

Mrs Smith and I were impressed with the students' work ethic and commitment. In addition, they were excellent company and a pleasure to be around. We really were very proud of them. As a side note, we enjoyed and approved of the tuneful atmosphere in the minibus, including several renditions of some classic songs from Abba. Super (Trooper)!

Mr D Parkes, Head of Geography & Mrs C Smith, Teacher of Geography



GEOGRAPHY



Geography Trip to Iceland

Upon arrival in Iceland, we were introduced to the stunning natural beauty of the country. This included the bridge between continents where we literally walked from the Eurasian to the North American plates. The highlight of the day was a relaxing visit to the Blue Lagoon, a geothermal spa renowned for its rejuvenating waters. It was the perfect start to our Icelandic adventure.

On the second day of our trip we explored Iceland's iconic Golden Circle, beginning with Þingvellir National Park, where we witnessed the unique tectonic plate boundaries and their historical significance. Geysir Geothermal Area showcased nature's fury with erupting geysers, and the powerful Gullfoss waterfall left us in awe with its power - around 110 cubic metres of water per second passing into a 33m long gorge.



GEOGRAPHY



Our adventure concluded with a visit to LAVA, the Iceland Volcano & Earthquake Centre, where we delved into Iceland's geological history. We had a guided tour of historic Reykjavik and saw first-hand the rapid development of the city. As a grand finale, we embarked on a Fly Iceland experience, soaring above the dramatic Icelandic landscapes, offering a bird's-eye view of the island's unique beauty. This was followed by a celebratory meal at the famous Icelandic Hamburger Factory - which counts the birth of each new Icelander!

Our four-day trip to Iceland was a perfect mix of nature's wonders, geological marvels, and cultural experiences. This journey was not only educational but also an unforgettable adventure that our pupils will cherish for a lifetime.

Mrs C Smith, Teacher of Geography



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ENGLISH

Cheadle Hulme School Model United Nations conference (MUNCH)

This half term, students from Upper Fourth to Upper Sixth took part in the annual Cheadle Hulme School Model United Nations Conference (MUNCH) where they debated a wide range of issues and topics currently prominent within the world political sphere. Model United Nations is a co-curricular club whereby students replicate the real life United Nations by debating current affairs from the perspectives of their allocated countries. The countries that we represented within this conference were Argentina, Nigeria and the Netherlands with Shula S, Jeanne B and Dara S (U6) taking on the roles of ambassadors.



Our Head Boy and Head Girl, Aaron A and Hannah M, were both guest chairs for the conference with Aaron chairing the Future Committee and Hannah chairing the Youth Committee. Topics debated by the students ranged from the need for diverse representation within national legislatures, AI development and the protection of citizens against war crimes in Ukraine - there was certainly a lot to discuss and debate!

It was a brilliant conference and a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to meet like-minded people and to make long lasting friendships. If your child is interested in attending the next conference with us, please contact Miss Moore (mmoore@sbcm.co.uk) for more details and information on this. Model United Nations is open to students from Upper Fourth all the way through to Upper Sixth.

Miss M Moore, English Teacher and Head of House for Siena



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ENGLISH



BE BEDIAN



Bedian Talent: Max

Max has been competing in tennis at a high level from a young age. He is currently ranked number one in Lancashire for 11U and competes at a national level against the best players in the country.

Recently, at the Lancashire County Championships, he won the 12U Doubles and 12U Mixed Doubles categories. He also played for Lancashire in the 12U LTA County Cup last week. Lancashire were crowned winners of their division including five other counties, and will be promoted to Division 1 next year.



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Bedian Spotlight: Jess

Jessica H in U3 received this trophy at the Manchester Harriers awards night.

Jessica competed in 4 events for the Cheshire League Track and Field for Manchester Harriers over the summer months. Jess came 1st in the U13 Vertical Jumps and Throws. She also came 3rd in sprints and horizontal jumps.

Well done Jess!

Mr J Dickson, Director of Performing Arts



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SIXTH FORM

Mental Health Champions

50% of mental health problems are established by age 14.
1 in 6 children aged 5-16 are likely to have a mental health problem.
1 in 4 young people aged 17-19 experience mental health issues.

Despite this, 75% of people with mental health problems in England may not be able to access the treatment they need. As Head Girl, this issue is something I felt needed tackling, starting by highlighting access to, and availability of, mental health support at St Bede's.

In June, six Sixth Formers were selected to receive Mental Health First Aider training with MHFA England to qualify as Mental Health Champions (MHC). Our role is to provide support to other students using our training.

We have been into year group assemblies to make students aware of all the support available to them in St Bede's, including one-to-one mentoring sessions with form tutors, counselling and drop-in counselling, the School Nurse, the Nurture Group in the Achievement Centre, designated staff members, Sixth Form mentors and the Mental Health Champions.

Throughout this year we plan to create additional resources. We are going to produce leaflets and create targeted social media posts as signposts to external support and as a spotlight on particular issues such as bereavement, social anxiety and stress. The MHCs will also begin spending time on the yard at certain lunchtimes as an informal way to listen to students' issues and act as reminders that there is support. The MHCs are going to be available to talk to pupils who would like to be listened to by people closer in age and in similar situations to themselves. This will occur in the Achievement Centre where the Nurture Group is set up to provide a safe space for these conversations.

The MHCs are open to new initiatives and are encouraging pupils in all years to contact us with any ideas or concerns surrounding the mental health support at St Bede's so that we can begin to implement new, beneficial support.

Hannah M, Head Girl



[Click here to read some tips on Health & Support for young people](#)



SIXTH FORM

Sixth Form Open Evening

Sixth Form Open Evening provided an opportunity for students to find out all about the A level subjects we offer at St Bede's. Teachers and Upper Sixth students were on hand to explain what the subjects involve; our visitors were particularly interested to find out the significant difference between English Language at GCSE and A level, as well as the intriguing topics on the Psychology course. Careers, UCAS and EPQ were also popular points of interest. A whole range of subjects were on display, from DT and Dance to Theatre Studies and Theology. We now look forward to our next Sixth Form open event: our Universities and Careers Fair on Thursday February 8th.

Dr A McMonagle, Acting Head of Sixth Form



SIXTH FORM



The Bedian Diversity Initiative

The Bedian Diversity Initiative is a central platform which encourages and supports other students in creating cultural societies; it was created, and is co-chaired, by Jeanne B and Dara S (L6).

Currently, the BDI consists of multiple divisions:

The International Club founded and run by Jessica W in U6. The international division aims to welcome students who have come from abroad and create a community for them.

The Asian Bedian Society (ABS) founded by the BDI and run by Sienna H (President) and Jolie S (Vice President).

The African Caribbean Bedian Society (ACBS) founded by Jeanne and Dara, run by Shula S (President) and Lyndon M (Vice President).

These clubs are open to all, and the BDI hopes to expand the initiative and foster an inclusive atmosphere for all. We are looking forward to organising events, such as a Culture Day, in which everyone can participate in appreciation of diverse cultures.

Jeanne B and Dara S (L6), Co-Chairs of BDI

SPORTS

Our girls' team won 3 and drew 1 in the Manchester Schools' League.



SPORTS

Bedians selected to play for England U17s

Congratulations to Leke, Oliver and Stephen who were selected to play for England U17s in a fixture camp against Norway at St George's Park. The feedback from England was excellent which described the boys as 'ambassadors' for the College and Manchester City.



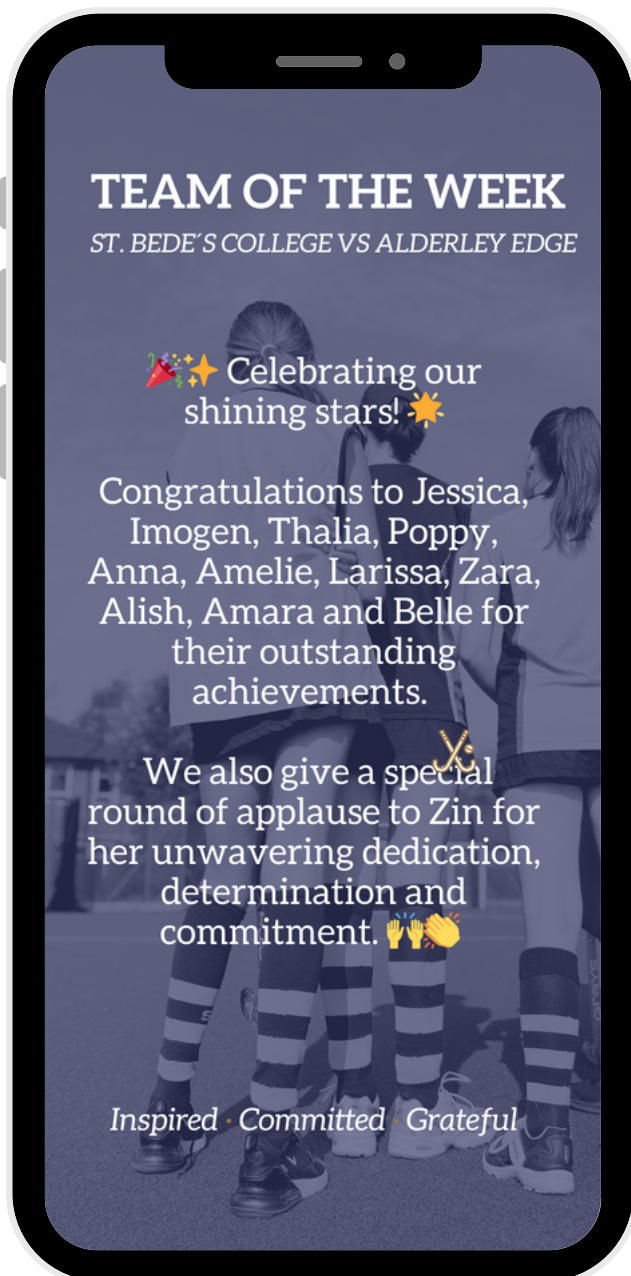
Manchester Schools' Cross Country

Prep children running in the Manchester Schools' cross country.



SPORTS

Prep 1, 2 and 3 enjoying their last football session!



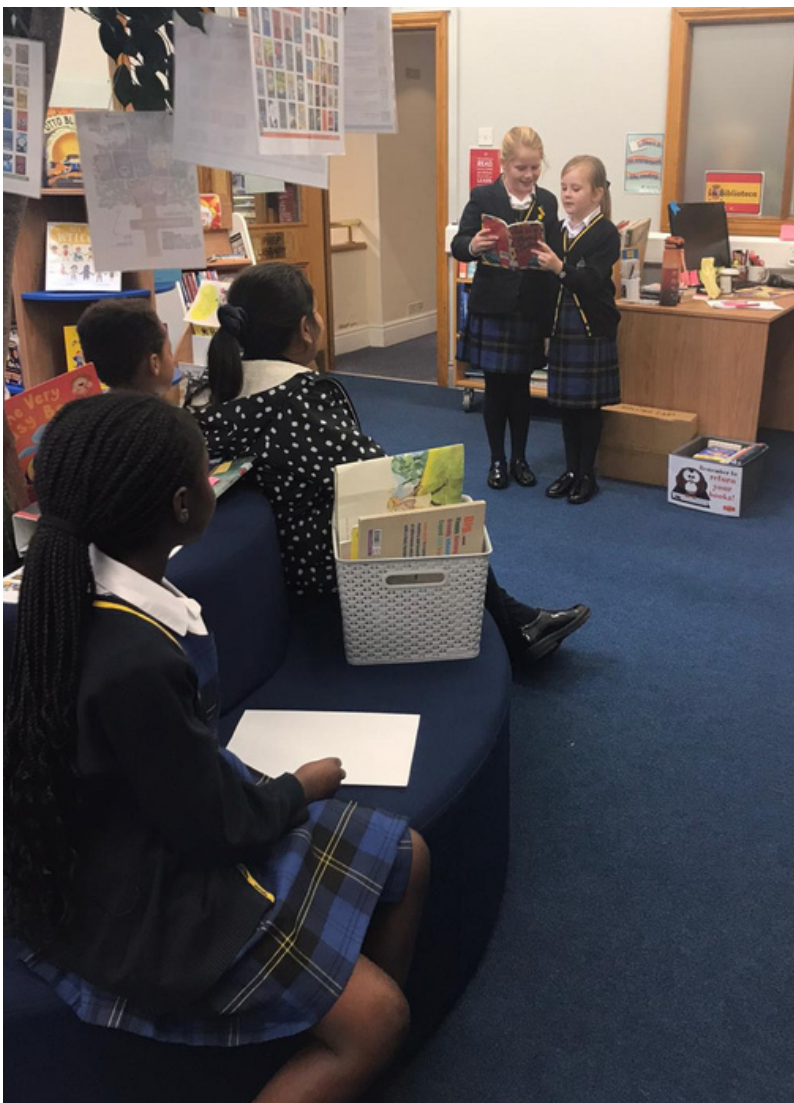
LIBRARY

National Poetry Day

On October 5th we celebrated National Poetry Day in the Reading Club. Gathered in the Maher Library the students, as well as the staff, read poems aloud and listened to poems with the theme of shelter.

It was a very inspiring and enjoyable moment that brought poetry closer to the students of St. Bede's and encouraged them to deepen their knowledge of it.

*Mrs G Leyden, Prep Librarian &
Miss M Pocas, College Librarian*



Library's Assistants at the British Library

Have you been to London? For some of the Maher Library's Assistants, their first trip to London was to go to the British Library! What a memorable experience!

An incredible building, it is located less than ten minutes' walk from Euston train station, and no more than a two minutes walk from St. Pancras Hotel.

Twelve students boarded the 9:35 train on a very exciting day out with Ms Theriault and myself. Once in London, we went to admire the architecture of the St. Pancras Hotel and then signed in at the British Library for our day there. The weather was really pleasant so we had our lunch by the Planets sculptures by Antony Gormley, opposite the building.

Once it was time for our Art book workshop with Maria, we made our way to the classroom area. She first showed us different art books and then set us a task at the Treasures of the British Library gallery - with clipboards, paper and pencils, we were to find a word that we liked from a text in the gallery. We also saw different types and forms of books.



Back at the classroom, we discussed the chosen words and our new discoveries from being at the gallery: how artists have used experimentation and imagination to break the mould of the traditional book form. Next came the practical part: with the word we had chosen earlier and using our creativity and imagination with embossing, printing, collage and a range of art and design techniques, we made our own artist books! We had great fun.

Before we went to get the train home, we visited the shops. Of course, we couldn't leave before seeing the Magna Carta and learning about its importance. It was very impressive! Come and see our creations at the Maher Library, and see art books you've never seen before.

Miss M Pocas, College Librarian

Bookbuzz 2023

Book Trust runs a yearly programme, Bookbuzz, for U3rd and L4th students to encourage reading for pleasure. It consists of a selection of books carefully selected by a panel of experts to ensure quality and suitability.

The Maher Library gives St. Bede's U3rd students a book of their choice from the selection, which they then keep. These are exciting fiction and non-fiction books for their age group. Topics range from a teenager connecting with nature, fear and fun in *Dread Wood*, to science fiction adventure and space with astronaut Tim Peake!

Look out for choices made in your year group, U3rds, and see who you'd like to swap with to continue Bookbuzzing. It doesn't end after your choice!

These books are also available at the Maher Library for anyone to borrow.

Miss M Pocas, College Librarian



Author Visit: Diana Anyakwo

Have you ever met an author in person? A group of U4 St. Bede's College students can say that they have! They were specially invited to attend Diana Anyakwo's talk, author of recently published 'My Life as a Chameleon', and I had the fortune of attending her book launch.

The students learnt all about the process of getting a book published and Diana took them step-by-step in her journey up to where she is today. Those present picked up from the talk, that the most important thing is not to give up but to keep going. Diana read some parts of her book which related to our local area, Moss Side, and also to some history of the UK and Nigeria. She showed us pictures of her family from when the novel was set, and one could imagine what was happening from the real life footage and from what she was reading. However, her real starting point in her writing was nature around her. Both these aspects were inspiring for the young writers and set them thinking about where their families came from.

Part of her talk was also a question and answer session where St. Bede's students surprised us once again in inspiring others and being inspired. They filled a good 30 minutes with questions and answers! The second part of the morning consisted of writing workshops where participants had the opportunity to write a poem with the theme of 'I come from' and other creative writing activities. Everyone really enjoyed the morning and got a lot out of this experience. The young writers gave Diana extremely positive feedback and we wish Diana all the best in the rest of her journey. We look forward to reading her next book!

Miss M Pocas, College Librarian



CHAPLAINCY

Diocese of Salford Synod meeting

Two pupils from each year group were selected to represent the College and their peers at a meeting on 16 October. Bishop John Arnold is conducting a listening exercise in the Diocese mirroring the synod in Rome led by Pope Francis. The youth chaplains of Salford Diocese met with the focus group to discuss 4 key questions:

- 1) What do you hope for in life?
- 2) How does faith fit into your hopes and dreams?
- 3) What makes it hard to engage with faith?
- 4) What would you like to see the church doing that would help you in your life?

From the responses of the various groups, the Youth Office hopes to get a sense of how they can better serve the young people in our Diocese. The pupils were confident and articulate with their answers and hope to lead further responses within the College as well.

Mrs. C Hibbert, School Chaplain



Upper Third Retreat at Lake Windermere

Upper Third pupils had a great time at their annual retreat held at Ghyll Head on Lake Windermere. The retreat consisted of outdoor team-building activities, plus the students helped with domestic responsibilities indoors. There were also times of reflection and prayer each evening.

Each day of the retreat focused on one of the words of St Bede's motto. The theme of the first day was 'Inspired' as everyone felt uplifted by the beauty of the landscape. On the second day the students focused on what 'Committed' means to them and then said goodbye to the fantastic experience; they all agreed that they were very 'Grateful' to have been able to share this time with classmates and teachers.

Three days full of fun and new experiences!

Mrs C Hibbert, School Chaplain and Mrs Jessica Ward - Head of Upper Third



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SCHOOL DAILY MASS TIMETABLE

Monday 11.05am
Tuesday 8.20am*
Wednesday Year Group Mass 9.05am
Thursday 11.05am
Friday 11.05am

Confessions on Thursdays from 10.45am
and any other time on request.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS



Wednesday, 1 November

9:00am All Saints Day Mass

Tuesday, 7 November

9:00am Prep 5 Trip to Jodrell Bank

Wednesday, 8 November

7:00pm Maths Foundation Examination

Thursday, 9 November

5:00pm Ski trip (Grandvalira) - Parents' Evening

6:00pm Photography Exhibition

Friday, 10 November

12:00pm Maths Foundation Examination

Monday, 13 November - Friday, 17 November

Anti-Bullying week

Thursday, 16 November

16:30pm L4 & L5 Parents' Evening

Monday, 20 November - Friday, 24 November

U5 & U6 Mock Examinations

Thursday, 23 November

16:30pm U3 & U4 Parents Evening

Thursday, 30 November

10:30pm Transform your school with Chromebooks and Google For Education Tools. - St Bede's College experience

16:30pm Sixth Form Parents' Evening

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