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BEDE'S NEWS



Mrs M Kemp
Headteacher

Dear parents,

Virginia Lieto, a professor of Theology in Maine, said that "fortitude gives us the courage and strength in moments of fear."

I cannot think of a better way to express what we have witnessed in College throughout this month.

The commitment of our pupils, staff and parents to the success of our musical production was inspiring. Months of hard work paid off and *Legally Blonde* filled the College with outstanding performances and happy faces. My sincere gratitude to all involved for bringing so much joy and contagious music to us all.

U5 and U6 have been working hard in preparation for mocks after half term. This is an important moment to refocus and see what needs to be done in the weeks leading up to the exams. I wish them all the best.

Finally, I wanted to share with you the comments, made by the parents of an U3 applicant for next year, whom I had the privilege to interview a few days ago. When I asked them why they chose St Bede's they replied, "We came to visit the school on an Open Day and your students took us around on a tour of the school. As they were talking to us and showing us around the different departments, we really got to know them and we thought we would like our child to be like them."

I am so proud of our Bedian children!

Have a great month,

Mrs M Kemp, Headteacher

Dear parents,

I hope our January edition of Bede's News finds you well and that you had a wonderful start to the new year.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate all of our children for demonstrating the Virtue of the Month, Fortitude. It is inspiring to see our youngest pupils displaying resilience and determination in their academic and personal pursuits.

In line with our commitment to promoting mental health and wellbeing, we are excited to mark Children's Mental Health Week during the final week of this half term. We will be focusing on various activities to enhance awareness and understanding of mental health. Mrs Whipp has organised a 'Wellbeing Walk' for Monday 5 February allowing pupils and parents to walk together and engage with nature.

Furthermore, our curriculum enrichment programme continues to provide unique learning experiences for our students. Prep 2 visited Staircase House, Stockport to enhance their learning about The Great Fire of London, Prep 3 visited the Liverpool Museum to explore the fascinating world of the Egyptians, and Prep 5 had the opportunity to immerse themselves in history with a trip to Tatton Park. The pupils and their teachers braved the very wet and windy weather to experience the Anglo-Saxon and Viking era, gaining a deeper understanding of this significant period in British history.

In the realm of Performing Arts, Prep 5 and 6 were thrilled to attend the dress rehearsal of 'Legally Blonde'. This experience allowed our aspiring performers to witness the talent and achievements of our older students and we are delighted that Prep 6 students, with the guidance of their class teachers, Director of Performing Arts, Mr Dickson, and his team, have been diligently preparing for their spring term production, which will take place on Thursday 21 March. We look forward to showcasing their hard work and talent.

In Prep sport, I am pleased to inform you that our Prep basketball team emerged victorious in the Excel Tournament held on Wednesday 24 January. Their outstanding performance has qualified them for the City Wide finals on 7 February. We are incredibly proud of their dedication and teamwork.

We also recently participated in the AJIS Indoor Athletics at Robin Park, Wigan. Our athletes demonstrated exceptional skills and determination, resulting in the team achieving one gold, two silver, and two bronze medals.

As we embrace the month of February, we extend our best wishes to all members of our community.

Mrs C Hunt, Head of Prep



Mrs C Hunt
Head of Prep



Dr A McMonagle
Head of Sixth Form

Dear parents,

Throughout the month of January, our Sixth Form students have demonstrated the virtue of Fortitude

by conscientiously dedicating themselves to their studies following the Christmas holidays. Notably, the Upper Sixth students have remained focused, intensively preparing for the imminent February mock examinations.

Despite the demands of study, our students were granted a brief respite on a recent snow day, during which many of them participated in a lively and enjoyable snowball fight on the grounds outside the Regis. Observing their smiling faces and hearing their laughter (and occasional screams) as they engaged in spirited camaraderie was truly heartening.

As our Sixth Formers now embark on the next phase of their academic journey with the commencement of the upcoming mock examinations on February 20th, we ask you to keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Your support is invaluable as they navigate the demands of this challenging period.

Dr A McMonagle, Head of Sixth Form



St Bede's 148th Anniversary

During this first month of the year, we celebrated St Bede's 148th anniversary. The college first opened its doors to fourteen pupils on its original site at Grosvenor Square in the centre of Manchester.

Another twenty one pupils joined the original St. Bede's Commercial College during that first academic year. Very soon, the former Welsh Calvinist Chapel became far too cramped and Bishop Herbert Vaughan's eyes would turn to a larger new site in Whalley Range.



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Ebenezer House on Alexandra Road was duly purchased and plans were put in place for a grand extension. However, the next year the Manchester Aquarium building a few doors down came onto the market, and the rest, as they say, is History!

St Bede's has transformed the educational landscape of Manchester, shaping the lives and aspirations of thousands of students for nearly a century and a half. St. Bede's great tradition makes us inspired, committed and profoundly grateful, giving us the strength to continue its timeless mission for at least another century and a half.



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Virtue of the Month:

Fortitude

Our virtue of the month is fortitude, deliberately placed in arguably the hardest month of the year; after the joys of Christmas, the dark mornings and evenings, plus the particularly stormy weather, really take their toll and test even those with the strongest of reserves. Fortitude helps us live in charity because we continue doing what's good no matter if we are the only ones doing it, such as not gossiping on social media even if others are doing it.

This month our pupils and staff have shown their fortitude with many having taken up a New Year's resolution - there are certainly fewer sweet treats in the staff room than before Christmas. On sports teams, pupils have demonstrated their resolve by regularly attending practices even in the wet, cold weather.

Pupils have reflected on their previous term's work and set new targets for the term ahead.

The U5 and U6 continue to tackle their revision ahead of mocks by creating revision timetables and attending more drop-in sessions, and the L6 have shown strength of mind by choosing a MOOC to complete throughout the month on a degree-related subject.



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Encourage a Growth Mindset

Teach kids that challenges are opportunities to grow. Foster resilience by praising effort, perseverance, and the ability to learn from mistakes.



Team Building Activities

Engage them in team activities that promote collaboration and communication. Working together helps develop resilience and a sense of unity.



Set Achievable Goals

Guide them in setting realistic goals. Celebrating small achievements builds confidence and resilience, showing them the power of determination.



Positive Self-Talk

Teach kids to replace negative thoughts with empowering affirmations. A strong mind begins with positive internal dialogue.

SAFEGUARDING

Online Gaming and Online Safety

I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas break and enjoyed spending quality time together as a family. As well as Stanley cups, Barbies and Lego, always popular as gifts at Christmas are new games consoles, so it seems appropriate to remind parents of the importance of prioritising online safety for our children.

Encourage open communication with your children about the potential risks associated with online gaming and staying safe online. By fostering a safe online gaming environment, we can ensure our children enjoy their new consoles while learning responsible digital citizenship.

Remind them never to share personal information, always to use strong passwords, and be cautious when interacting with others online. Pupils often don't realise the dangers of talking to unknown people online in the same way as they would face-to-face.

Use parental controls to create a secure gaming environment and establish reasonable time limits.

The Internet Watch Foundation recommends the TALK acronym to help ensure your children's online safety.

- **Talk** to your child about online sexual abuse. Start the conversation – and listen to their concerns.
- **Agree** ground rules about the way you use technology as a family.
- **Learn** about the platforms and apps your child loves. Take an interest in their online life.
- **Know** how to use tools, apps and settings that can help to keep your child safe online.

[iwf.org.uk](https://www.iwf.org.uk)

For further support, please visit <https://talk.iwf.org.uk/additional-help/>

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

Stars of the Week





Class of the Week



Prep 3



House Point Winners





Sports Stars



Athletics medal winners



Athletics medal winners



Bedian Ambassador

Virtue of the Month: Generosity



U3

Frederick W
Simone P
Bobbi J
Rae M
Edwin L
Joshua C

L4

Ethan M
Zain P
Alfie O
Sam J
Jacob L
Mark L

U4

Ines A
Marley H-S
Tiffany C
Nahum T
Nana Yaw F
Jack L
Jayden O
Rachel C

L5

Hamza B
Tom O
David
Emana A
Alex E
Julia Y
Tyrees N
Vincent T
Malaya F

U5

Paddy M
David C
Solomon T
Faith T
Hannah T
Henry R
Ellie S

L6

Maciej W
Reuben P
Genevieve O
Oliver T

U6

Rebecca L
Luca C
Aaron A
Arran C

Happy Birthday!

Reception
Thiago

Prep 1
Tia
Oliver

Prep 2
Jesselyn
Valerie
Noorah

Prep 4
Kyra-May

Prep 6
Harrison
Inaaya



Snowy Day at St. Bede's

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This year we were not lucky enough to enjoy the snow over Christmas, but fortunately we didn't have to wait much longer as, in the second week of January, we were able to enjoy the lovely sight of St Bede's covered in snow.

The students greeted this moment with excitement, and furtive glances at the playground were frequent until break time when everyone could enjoy the snow by throwing balls or building snowmen. Here are some of the images of the day:





PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

A Christmas Fair to Remember!

As many hearts make a school, many hands make a Christmas Fair! Preparations began months ago, during regular PFA meetings in St Joseph's Refectory. Amy Carline was our Director of Festivities, and she brought together a wonderful event full of fun, activity and seasonal treats. Our beautiful school is the perfect backdrop for a Christmas Fair; set-up began the day before and the volunteers laid out the tables under the lights of the tree and by the wonderful Nativity scene.

Many elements of the St Bede's Christmas Fair have become established and firm traditions: the Bottle Tombola, the fabulous Prep Sweet Jars, Gaelic Coffee and the Grand Raffle. We also tried new things this year, including a very popular German food and drinks stall, some misbehaving inflatables and a busy Karaoke space.

The PFA would like to sincerely thank all stallholders, volunteers, staff, children and families for making this year's event so successful, and most importantly, so joyful. We worked together with true Bedian spirit and the PFA elves are already thinking about what we can do to make next year's Christmas Fair even better. We are also planning other events for 2024 and would love to hear your ideas and have your help and support. Please come to the next PFA Meeting on Monday 15th January at 7pm. There will be other meetings throughout the year, and you are welcome to attend whenever it suits you.

Please contact us if you wish to attend the next meeting at pfa@sbcm.co.uk

Mrs L Sousa, PFA Secretary

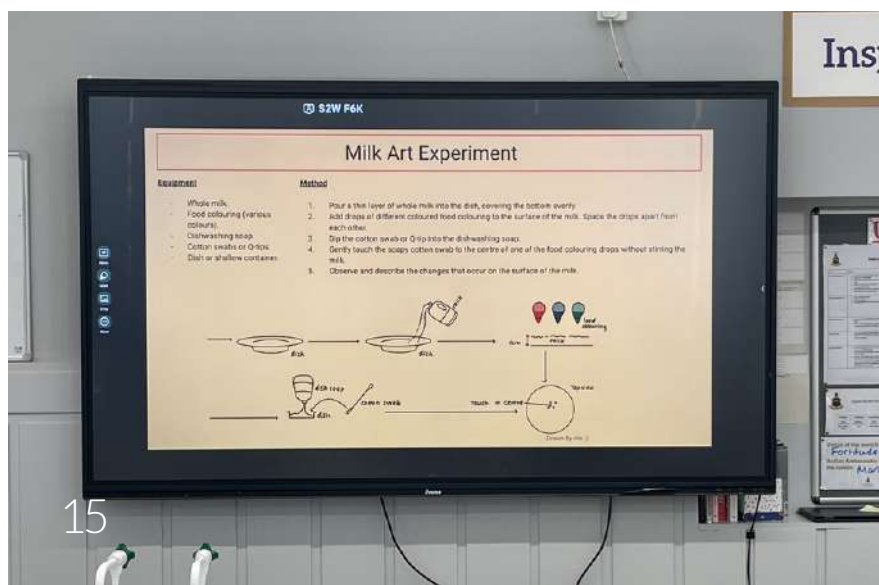


SCIENCE

Milk Art Experiment

Lower Sixth Chemistry pupils planned a fun experiment for our Upper Third and Lower Fourth pupils to take part in, using milk, food colouring and dish soap. They explored the cohesive force between the different molecules and the hydrophilic and hydrophobic tendency of the different compounds used. The moving colours looked super impressive!

Mrs R Prince, Head of Science, Chemistry Department



HISTORY

Egyptologists for a Day

On Wednesday 17th January Prep 3 became Egyptologists for the day as they explored the World Museum in Liverpool. During the morning session, the children were able to walk through the main gallery where they researched the pyramids and the rulers of the various kingdoms.

They learnt about different beliefs and some of the names of the Gods and Goddesses. The highlight of the morning was undoubtedly seeing the tombs and mummies, some of which were over three thousand years old.

After lunch, the class enjoyed a workshop about mummification. Theo was dressed as a priest whilst Maysa and Mohammad played the role of the slicers! All of the children were then able to join on stage and identify the body parts which were removed before the Egyptians were buried.

They were told about the afterlife beliefs and the riches that were buried in the tombs. Prep 3 had a fantastic time and their knowledge of the Ancient Egyptians was impressive throughout. It was a trip to remember!

Mr K McGrath, Prep 3 teacher



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ART

Artwork of the Term Awards

This year we have begun an Artwork of the Term award for Art and Photography students from all years. At the end of each term, the most accomplished work from each year group is selected, framed and displayed on the art corridor in the Regis Building.

Well done to all those who were selected for the Autumn Term! Please come and have a look at the displayed work.

Mrs Kemp also selects one of the Artwork of the Term pieces to receive the Headteacher's Choice Award.

This term the Headteacher's Choice Award went to Ailish G! Well done, Ailish!

Mrs H Park, Head of Art & Design Technology



PERFORMING ARTS

Legally Blonde

The premiere of Legally Blonde, the Performing Arts Department's musical of the season, was a huge success, filling the stage of St. Bede's with music and pink.

Legally Blonde is an award-winning and fabulously funny musical based on the beloved film of the same name. The story follows the transformation of Elle Woods as she confronts stereotypes and scandal in pursuit of her dreams.

Legally Blonde provided St. Bede's audiences with five shows full of fun, joy and laughter. With high-energy dance routines and enthusiastic performances from the cast, this musical gave us memorable performances such as the "Oh my God you Guys" number.

The Performing Arts Department has once again managed to outdo themselves with this elaborate musical. Of course the talent of the St Bede's students on stage and the dedication of all those who worked behind the scenes did not go unnoticed, and the audience showed their appreciation with bursts of applause at the end of each performance.

Special appreciation goes to all those who made possible this great celebration of music, art and theatre that fills the College with joy and excitement every year.



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Designing Merchandise for Legally Blonde

Upper Fourth students carried out an entrepreneurial project in Design Technology. They worked in teams, with each group competing against the others to earn the most money.

They first researched the Legally Blonde film and decided which items they wanted to make. They then designed and manufactured all the merchandise, which were sold during production.

The pupils also completed market research on existing products and calculated the prices of their items. The merchandise was very well received and at the end of the production there were only a few mugs left!

Mrs D Foster, Teacher Design Technology Dept



Legally Blonde in cartoon

St Bede's actors and actresses are not the only ones involved in staging this season's fantastic and funny musical 'Legally Blonde'. The Illustration Club also supported this great event by helping to publicise it with the creation of an animated spot.

The club members, led by Mr de la Puente, drew a series of images, which were then put together to create a short promotional clip. These illustrations show the great talent of the students of the Illustration Club, and the efforts of the Club head to train students in different techniques and media.

Mrs H Park, Head of Art & Design Technology



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SIXTH FORM

Prefect Team 2024

The official introduction of our new Prefect Team took place during the College's Celebration Assembly preceding the Christmas holidays. I am pleased to introduce them now to the wider Bedian community, and have no doubt you will be hearing a lot more from the team in the coming months.

I asked each prefect to put together a few words about themselves and am genuinely so proud of the thoughts and

plans shared by these young people. It is particularly gratifying to read their lovely comments about the College and the profound significance that being part of St. Bede's holds for them. I hope you enjoy reading all about our new team.

Dr A McMonagle, Head of Sixth Form



Tara - Head Girl

Hello there, I'm Tara and I am absolutely thrilled to be Head Girl for 2024. I've been a student at St Bede's since Lower Fifth and I have really enjoyed my time here. The positive atmosphere at this school is like nothing I have ever seen or experienced and it's honestly all thanks to my fellow students. They make St Bede's what it is by bringing so much enthusiasm and joy to everything that they do, whether it's sports, performing arts, academia or simply

hanging out on the yard. I've noticed how passionate so many of them are, and I really admire that.

I am currently studying Maths, Chemistry, Psychology and Drama A levels which, I won't lie, is a lot of work but it is also really interesting and fun! A levels have really allowed me to grow as a learner and to be more independent with my study. Of these four subjects though, Drama is my absolute favourite. Some of you may have seen me in past St. Bede's productions, for example I was lucky enough to be in our student-led play 'Machinal', directed by Kathryn Kennedy. I also enjoyed my role in Legally Blonde. Outside of school shows, I also take drama classes every Saturday. I have been acting since I was about four years old and I love it more than anything, so it shouldn't come as a surprise that I want to pursue a career in it. Psychology is also a passion of mine, specifically psychopathology, which is the study of mental disorders such as OCD and depression. I am considering doing a Psychology degree sometime in the future. I am really looking forward to working on the projects we are planning, especially those for Mental Health Awareness Week (13th - 19th May).

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Maciej - *Head Boy*

Hello, my name is Maciej (pronounced match-ay - don't worry, everybody gets it wrong). I am honoured, excited and delighted to be the Head Boy at St. Bede's College for 2024. I am currently studying Physics, Chemistry and Further Maths and as you can tell, I like science. In particular, Physics takes the prize as my favourite subject and it is with Physics I wish to progress in my academic journey - I would like to study it at university and then head I into a career which allows me to really apply my knowledge.

In the best case scenario, I'd love to fulfill my dream of becoming an Aeronautical Engineer, but as long as I'm helping people whilst using Physics, anything goes. I also love everything there is to love about military aviation and dedicate most of my free time to exploring features of jets. When I'm not filling my time with such plane activities, I enjoy playing volleyball, both inside and outside of school, and tennis at my local club. I've also been learning classical guitar since the Prep and as my playing has become more reasonable to hear, I often find myself playing guitar as a break from studying.

When I first applied for the position of Head Boy and was asked about new ideas for the Sixth Form, I wasn't too sure on anything I could improve - everything already seemed to be optimised for the best academic and social experience possible and I was experiencing this first-hand. However, as the application process continued, it became increasingly common for people to ask me what my plans were for St Bede's. Being asked this question made me realise that, as Head Boy, it would not be my duty to simply improve the Sixth Form experience, but improve the college experience as a whole. Having had three older sisters who all attended St Bede's, I have always had people whom I could consult for help regarding academic progression; however, I am aware that for many students this type of help is not readily available. On the day I was offered the role of Head Boy, the idea was clear in my mind of what I wanted to achieve - a more tightly-woven connection between the Sixth form and the rest of the College, one which allows for Sixth Formers to use their experience to be able to relate to these younger students and help them as much as possible through more challenging parts of their academic growth. Ultimately, I wish to expand the amazing sense of community present within the Sixth Form all the way through the College and I look forward to working with all my peers in order to make this happen.



Ndirira - *Deputy Head Girl*

Hi everyone, my name is Ndirira Jeanne and I am Deputy Head Girl. I've been at St Bede's since Upper Third and, since then, have been involved in multiple school projects. As the co-founder of the Bedian Diversity Initiative, I find cultural empowerment to be incredibly important and significant in my life. My name is 'Ndirira', which is something I felt embarrassed by because nobody could pronounce it. Generally, I have gone by 'Jeanne' because it's easier for everyone else to say, but our names are significant as they carry deep personal, cultural,

familial and historical connections. Going by 'Jeanne' meant that, in a way, I was hiding behind a different identity and not being who I truly am. That's why I, alongside Dara, started the BDI, so that we can be proud and embrace our heritage. It's allowed me to be more grounded and confident in who I am and realise that my name alone carries value. I have a range of initiatives in the works, and hopefully I will impact even one person the way the BDI has impacted me. I'm so excited to collaborate with other students.

I study Biology, Chemistry and Psychology (my personal favourite) which are all academically rigorous. I love interacting with and helping people and this, combined with a love of learning, has led me to be interested in pursuing a career in medicine as that is a culmination of those things. I am also an artistic, creative person with a deep passion for singing and music, so I would also love to pursue a career in music. As a hobby I really enjoy running as it has physical benefits alongside benefits for mental health, which is something that is increasingly becoming more important to take care of. I would describe myself as ambitious, self-disciplined and lively. As well as being Deputy Head Girl, I am also an Upper Fifth prefect and am excited to mentor them through their GCSEs and make the process as smooth as possible.

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Oliver - Deputy Head Boy

Hi, my name's Oli and I am this year's Deputy Head Boy. I have loved my time at St Bede's and am grateful for the amazing opportunities I have been given. My aim as Deputy Head Boy is to help everyone get the most out of their time at the College. We all have to face challenges from time to time (and often these challenges are not visible to others). We should all be encouraged to be open minded and support each other through these difficulties so we can become the very best versions of ourselves.

I joined St Bede's in U3 and am currently studying History, English Literature and Politics A-levels. My aim is to read History at a University which offers an elite cricket programme. Outside of school I play cricket for Ashley 2s and have been selected for Cheshire Under 18s excellence programme. I bowl leg-spin and am an aggressive batsman. I am a keen sportsman and have enjoyed being part of many teams at the College. I have played football and rugby and have captained the boys' cricket and hockey teams.

Academically, my passion is History. We are lucky to have an incredible History Dept who are so committed to sharing their love of the subject. I attended the first History Club when it launched six years ago and have rarely missed one since. I have also written articles for the History Buzz and the school newspaper and attended the recent Model UN event at Cheadle Hulme School. Every subject offers opportunities to develop your academic interest and we are lucky to have the chance to do this outside of our lessons.

The College also has a fantastic reputation for Performing Arts. I can really recommend being part of the productions, even if you are not a talented singer or dancer. I have been involved in Grease, Twelfth Night, Evita and am currently preparing for Legally Blonde (which is shaping up to be the best show yet!). The camaraderie when you are part of the cast is amazing and I have made friendships across the year groups as a result of being part of the shows. Every student should aim to have a role in at least one show during their time at St Bede's.



House Captains of Bosco House: Dara and Lyndon



Dara

Hello, I'm Dara. I am Bosco House Captain alongside Lyndon and I'm eager to make a positive impact on our school community. I joined St Bede's in Upper Third and am currently studying Biology, Chemistry, Maths and Theatre Studies. My aim is to study Medicine so I can use my interest in science and the human body to help people. I have been very active in school, including captaining sports teams, participating in school musicals, and representing the school in Model UN, so I can thoroughly vouch for the benefits of joining these

clubs. As hobbies, I enjoy swimming and baking, and I spend weekends volunteering at a nursing home. Fundraising holds a special interest for me, having worked with the National Deaf Children's Society over the summer. As House Captain, I'm excited to work with everyone so that we can use our talents to improve the lives of the less fortunate. I co-founded the Bedian Diversity Initiative with Ndirira Jeanne and I'm passionate about creating a platform for celebrating cultural heritage before I leave the College, aiming for students to be able to confidently express their authentic selves. As a prefect, my goal is to extend the success of BDI to the lower school, working towards a vibrant Culture Day. I'm grateful for the opportunity to be on the prefect team and work with the school community and my peers who are all very talented and driven.

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Lyndon

Hi, my name is Lyndon. I'm so grateful and delighted to be a part of the Sixth Form prefect team. I am studying A level Drama, Physics and Maths, and I hope to create a career in the Theatre and Film Industry in the future. I'm a very creative person; I like to write music and raps and produce beats as a hobby. I also enjoy working with my Dad in engineering as I hope (if a career in acting isn't possible) to pursue a career in engineering, specifically aeronautical engineering. I love sports. I'm currently involved in combat sports (boxing) and

I spar with other people, some better than me, as I like to face most challenges that are thrown at me. I am the Sixth Form House Captain for Bosco alongside Dara and as part of the BDI, I serve as the vice president of the African-Caribbean society. I took part in Legally Blonde and was a part of Evita, Twelfth Night and many more productions in the past. I look forward to working with the other prefects and staff in 2024 and to help the College where we can.



House Captains of Campion House: Eviemae and Jolie



Eviemae

Hello, my name is Eviemae and I have been at St Bede's College since the Upper Third. I am delighted to be House Captain of Campion and grateful to have been given such an amazing opportunity. I am studying A level Biology, Chemistry and Psychology in the hope of pursuing a degree in Veterinary Science. After completing my degree, I would like to become a small-animal practice vet, a dream which was confirmed for me during my work experience. My interests and hobbies include football, boxing, running and going to the

gym as they all help me stay physically active, boost my mood and contribute to my overall well-being. I think it is very important to maintain a balance of physical activity alongside your education. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in the Sixth Form, in particular, I love the community and how close everyone is with one another. I can honestly say that I have made friends for life.



Jolie

Hi everyone! My name is Jolie, and I am overjoyed to be Campion House Captain this year. Hugely passionate about Science and human life, I am studying Chemistry, Biology, Physics and Mathematics for my A-levels. I aim to become a biomedical or clinical scientist in the future. Outside of school, I enjoy watching Formula 1, reading, and cooking. I founded our school's F1 in Schools team, Neutrino Racing, which is a part of the STEM careers forum.

I would encourage anyone interested in STEM to attend the forum. Neutrino Racing would also love to help our new generation of aspiring engineers set up their team to go racing!

Although I only joined St. Bede's in Upper Fourth, I have grown so much as a person since then because the school is so welcoming and supportive. I hope to utilise this opportunity as House Captain to give back to the community by supporting my fellow students to flourish and grow as individuals. I am looking forward to our various Campion charity activities, such as our upcoming Rolo sale.

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House Captains of Magdalene House: Lamie and Ross



Lamie

Hello everyone, I am Lamie, and I am truly honoured to have been selected as a school prefect representing Magdalene House. I joined St. Bede's in the Lower Fifth and it has provided me with a supportive learning environment where I have been able to grow and explore my personal interests. In return, I am eager and committed to contribute positively to the school community. In pursuit of my academic interests, I have chosen Biology, Chemistry, Maths, and Further Maths as my A levels and I hope to pursue a career in Veterinary Medicine, with the ultimate goal of becoming a veterinarian. My passion extends beyond providing care and love for animals; becoming a vet has always been my biggest dream and I aspire to actively engage in improving animals' wellbeing by treating and diagnosing their ailments. I run a Biology Club every Blue Tuesday, where we engage in hands-on activities such as dissecting various biological specimens like rats. If you share a curiosity about the intricacies of life or have a passion for biology, feel free to drop by and be a part of the Biology club! I look forward to working with the prefect team and arranging different charity events. Together, we can make our time at St. Bede's not only memorable but also impactful!



Ross

Hi, I'm Ross. I joined the school in year 4 and I'm currently studying Drama, History and Politics after getting GCSE results I'm really proud of. I am Magdalene House Captain and I'm going to do my best to make the House as successful as possible. Outside of school I enjoy watching F1 and football; I also like bouldering, rugby and playing pool. I am currently looking forward to boosting school morale through participating in Legally Blonde and the upcoming adaptation of Shakespeare's Hamlet. I have loved my time at this school and I hope to improve it in any way I can by the end of the Upper Sixth.

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House Captains of Siena House: Harry and Siena



Harry

Hi, my name is Harry. I am very happy to be representing my College house as House Captain of Siena. I have attended St Bede's for nine years having joined in Prep 4, so I can safely say that I have experienced all of the amazing opportunities that the College has to offer. St Bede's thrives on its Bedian spirit and I hope, in my role, to be able to promote my positive experiences and allow younger students to embark on a similar

academic journey. I am currently studying Maths, Chemistry and Biology; however, despite my studies being science-based studies I would like to go into a career surrounding finance and investment banking, hoping one day I can end up on Wall Street. Outside of school, I am massively passionate about playing football (supporting Manchester United...which can often be difficult) and music; I have also recently taken an interest in sports such as darts, snooker and tennis. I hope that I can combine my passion for sports to influence younger students to get involved in new sports. I want to inspire students to get involved with extracurricular activities as I have as part of the performing arts backstage crew, so they can broaden their learning, friendship groups and passions beyond the classroom. I am very grateful for this opportunity and will fulfil it to the best of my ability.



Siena

Hi, my name is Siena and I am this year's Siena House Captain. Although I've only been studying at St Bede's for three years, I absolutely enjoy it and I'm extremely grateful for everything the school has provided me with. Currently I am studying Biology, Chemistry, Maths and Art and I am an aspiring medic. Alongside my interest in science, I am also exceedingly passionate about Art and Philosophy. With medicine being

the mixture of both of my passions, philosophy and science, I believe studying medicine is more than just about learning how to save lives. I enjoy attending lectures about medicine from experts for fun in my free time. During my time at St Bede's, the school has not solely provided me with the support I needed to succeed academically, but has also made me feel excited to learn and form bonds with friends and teachers; everyone is so supportive. And I think being a prefect is the best way to give my thanks to the school, to make others experience what I've experienced here.

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Senior Prefects



Bridget

Hi, my name is Bridget. I'm a prefect for the Upper Fourth this year and I'm excited to be helping out this year group. A little bit about myself: I am a Catholic and my faith is very important to me. I like to write stories, go hiking and paint, and I love to spend quality time with my beautiful family. I've been studying at St Bede's since the Lower Fifth and I am now studying English Literature, French and Theology A levels which is

honestly very challenging but is helping me grow as a person at the same time. In the future I am really hoping to do Catholic missionary work in Ireland and spread the good news of Jesus to others.



Frankie

Hi, my name is Frankie. For A levels I am studying Physics, Chemistry, Maths and Further Maths. I'm thrilled to be a prefect and give back to a school that has been so amazing to me. Sixth Form has allowed me to delve into my favourite subjects and be a part of a tight-knit community that I have grown to love. Besides playing the violin and being an avid reader, Chemistry is my passion, both academically and as a hobby.

While planning to study it at university, my ultimate goal is a career in research, though the specifics are yet to unfold. As long as I am able to witness the exciting developments in the field and continue to marvel at the intricacies and detailed structure of the world around us, no matter the role, I will be very happy. I'm looking forward to helping students become enthusiastic about learning and gain a really positive outlook surrounding college life.



Genevieve

Hello, I'm Genevieve. I am honoured to be a part of the Prefect Team as an Upper Third prefect. I have been in St Bede's since Prep and have enjoyed every second of my time here. I am currently studying Business, Psychology and Computing and hope to take my love of computing further in the future. Outside of school I enjoy baking, reading and spending time with my family. I also help my mum with her charity that

she has in Uganda for underprivileged children. This year I joined Model UN as I really enjoy debates. I am so thankful for this opportunity and look forward to getting to know the Upper Thirds.

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Isobel

Hello, my name is Isobel and I'm very excited to be a prefect to the Lower Fifth. I am currently studying Maths, Physics, Computing and Drama at A-level, and I hope to take a degree apprenticeship in Aerospace Engineering. Space and engineering have always been passions of mine, as well as programming, so I am excited to explore the different roles within this large industry. Outside of lessons, I am an active member of the school's STEM forum, which I hope to bring to more students across the school. I am also interested in backstage theatre, which I study in A-level drama, as well as taking part in school productions such as Legally Blonde. As a Lower Fifth prefect, I hope to provide support to students as they start their first year of GCSEs.



Kamwana

Hello everybody, my name is Kamwana. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to be a prefect supporting Upper Fifth students. I have been a student at St Bede's College for nearly 13 years having joined in reception. I have been privileged and honoured to have grown up in the St Bede's community and am committed to take it to even greater successes. I study Maths, History, Economics and Theatre Studies. It is my aspiration to have a career in Economics after hopefully completing a degree in Economics at University. I have a wide variety of interests and hobbies ranging from playing Classical piano for 6 years, playing Drums for 5 years, playing volleyball both in and out of school, doing music production, video editing and sound engineering. As you may be able to tell from my hobbies, I have a deep passion for music and sound, since I believe music can connect people in a very unique and deep way; this is why I love playing music with my friends. I am also deeply immersed in our school's extracurricular activities: I'm a longstanding member of the Historians' Club, have participated in four school productions to date (the latest being Legally Blonde), I also sing in the school choir and am involved in the school's Volleyball program. As the Prefect of the U5th, my goal is to provide the strongest support system possible for the students as they go through the hardest ordeal of their school career to date. I remember how much of a bumpy road GCSEs were for me and I am completely determined to make their journey a smoother one.



María

Hi everyone, my name is María and I am extremely pleased to be part of the St Bede's Community and, more specifically, the Sixth Form Prefect Team. I have a strong passion for science, with Biology being my favourite subject. I currently study Biology, Maths, Chemistry and Spanish, and subsequently, I would like to study a Biology-based degree, such as Biomedical Science. During my free time, I enjoy working out at the gym and singing with my guitar.

One cool fact about me is I'm good with kids and I babysit on a regular basis. Also, I am a regular attendee at my Church; I believe my faith is a major part of my life. St Bede's Sixth Form is an amiable and wonderful community; as a student I feel comfortable speaking to other students, as if we were one big family. As I embark on the role of a prefect, I look forward to hearing our Bedians' voices and, as part of a proficient and supportive team, decipher any problems students may be facing. I am also thrilled to welcome students to our new Chemistry Club.

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Omar

My name is Omar. My favourite hobby outside of school is kickboxing, however I occasionally go to the park and play pick-up basketball. I am studying Biology, Chemistry, Math and Psychology for a level so that I can go into Medicine. I want to become a doctor to save lives, because saving the life of a human is one of the greatest deeds you can do. I also plan to use the good salary I will make as a doctor to invest it back into my country (Egypt) where people are going through a rough economic time, which leaves many without the monetary capabilities to access basic healthcare. My end goal is to leave behind a self-sufficient medical clinic that can provide affordable healthcare to the lesser fortunate in Egypt.



Rafal

Hi everyone, my name is Rafal and I have been part of St Bede's since Prep. I have been extremely fortunate to spend my learning years here at St Bede's which, in turn, has allowed me to grow as a person with a vision for the future. I enjoy being active and trying out new things; the many co-curricular activities at school have allowed me to learn even more outside of the classroom and expand my friendships between year groups. My true passion is to build and create; this is shown with my love for science and Design Technology, both subjects that I am currently studying with the intention to become a Biomedical Engineer. I am honoured to be chosen as a Prefect who supports the Upper Thirds and will strive to make their first year in the college as wonderful an experience for them as it was for me.



Shula

Hi everyone! My name is Shula and I am very excited to be a part of the new prefect team. I am honoured to have been given this opportunity to support Lower Fourth's; I hope to help as they navigate secondary school life and share my experiences and offer advice to help them make the best of their opportunities here at St Bede's. I have been at the College for ten years now having joined in Prep 3 and have thoroughly enjoyed my time here. I study Maths, Business and Spanish and I am hoping to pursue a career in accounting and finance. In my free time I enjoy reading, partaking in sports such as netball and being part of the technical crew for the production of Legally Blonde. I am also the president of the newly formed African Caribbean Bedian Society and hope to use this opportunity to share our cultural heritage and am looking forward to the younger students getting involved.

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Annual University and Careers Fair

This event, which is for students from the Upper Fourth to the Lower Sixth and their parents, will be held on **Thursday 8th February** between 6pm and 8pm in the Sports Hall.

During the course of the evening, attendees will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from many universities, including some from the Russell Group.

Our students will also be able to meet with professionals and explore apprenticeship options in fields including Law, Engineering, Finance and Public Service/Armed Forces.

In addition to the exhibition in the Sports Hall, we will have six break-out sessions running from 6.15 - 7.45. They will cover topics such as Choosing a University, Careers in Law, Higher Education in Scotland and Northern Ireland, and an Introduction to Engineering.

Dr A McMonagle, Head of Sixth Form



[Click here to get your tickets for the event](#)



SPORTS

The Prep basketball team emerged victorious in the Excel Tournament held on Wednesday 24 January. Their outstanding performance has qualified them for the City Wide finals on 7 February. We are incredibly proud of their dedication and teamwork.

We also recently participated in the AJIS Indoor Athletics at Robin Park, Wigan. Our athletes demonstrated exceptional skills and determination, resulting in the team achieving one gold, two silver, and two bronze medals.



CHAPLAINCY

Lent

Lent is the period of 40 days before Easter. Beginning with Ash Wednesday, it is a time of reflection, repentance, and spiritual renewal. As we journey through Lent, Mrs Hibbert will issue a weekly Lenten reflection of scripture and prayer, enabling us to embrace the opportunity for self-examination and growth,

as we draw inspiration from the teachings of Christ. The three pillars of Lent - prayer, fasting and almsgiving - allow us to deepen our relationship with God in preparation for Easter, and the fullness of life promised by Our Lord's resurrection.



First Week of Lent (14 - 18 Feb)

Scripture Passage

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be careful not to parade your good deeds before men to attract their notice; by doing this you will lose all reward from your Father in heaven. So when you give alms, do not have it trumpeted before you; this is what the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win men's admiration. I tell you solemnly, they have had their reward. But when you give alms, your left hand must not know what your right is doing; your almsgiving must be secret, and your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you.'

Matthew 6:1-6

Prayer

Jesus, as we mark the beginning of the season of Lent, let the ashes on our forehead remind us that we are weak and sinful but the cross reminds us that you chose to save us. Help us to practise humility and greater dependence on what you can do with our lives when we surrender. Amen

CHAPLAINCY

Second Week of Lent (19-23 Feb)

Scripture Passage

Be compassionate towards others, just as Your Heavenly Father is compassionate. Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn others and God will not condemn you. Forgive others and God will forgive you.

Luke 6

Prayer

Heavenly Father, open my heart to Your love. Help me to treat others as Your Son has taught us. Help me to be merciful, kind, patient, and forgiving. I ask this through Christ, Your Son and our Lord. Amen.

Third week of Lent (26 Feb-1 March)

Scripture Passage

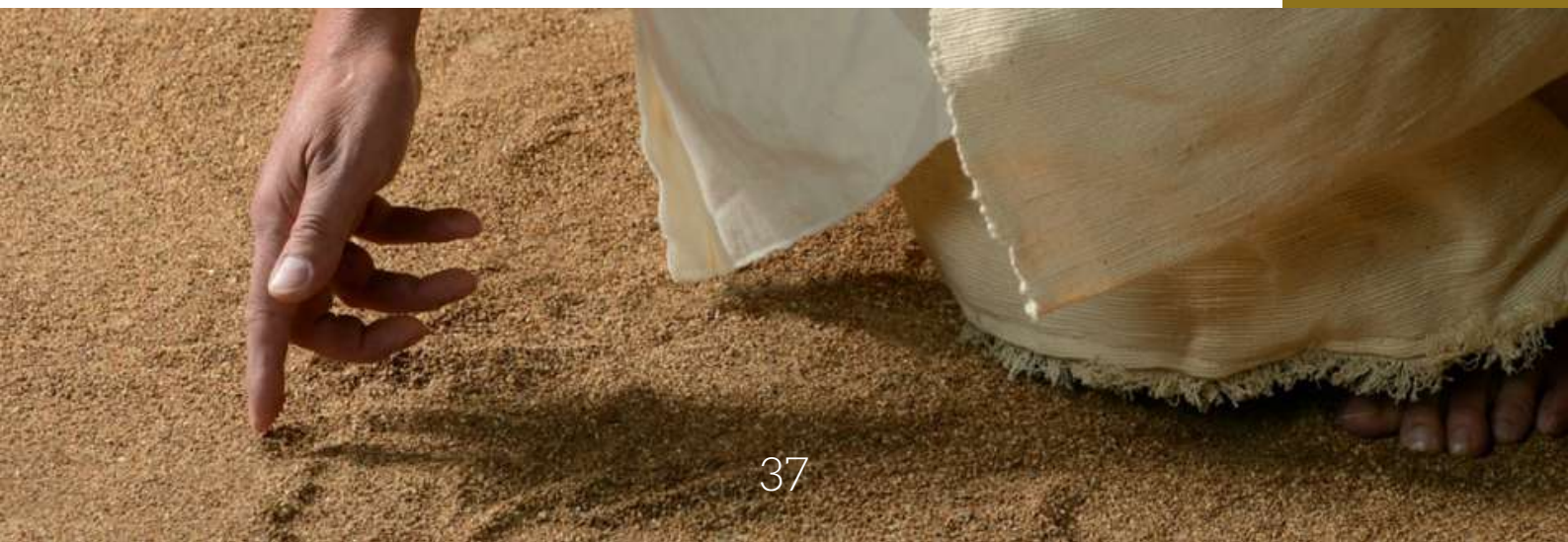
The Lord says: I will cleanse you from all your sins. I will give you a new heart and put a new Spirit inside you. I will take away your stony heart and give you a heart obedient to My will.

Ezekiel 37

Prayer

Through Baptism You cleansed me from my sins and gave me new life. Through my Lenten practices, heal the wounds which my sins and selfishness have caused. Purify my mind and heart so that I might always be obedient to Your will. I ask this through Christ Jesus. Amen.

Mrs C Hibbert, School Chaplain



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The Joy Luck Club

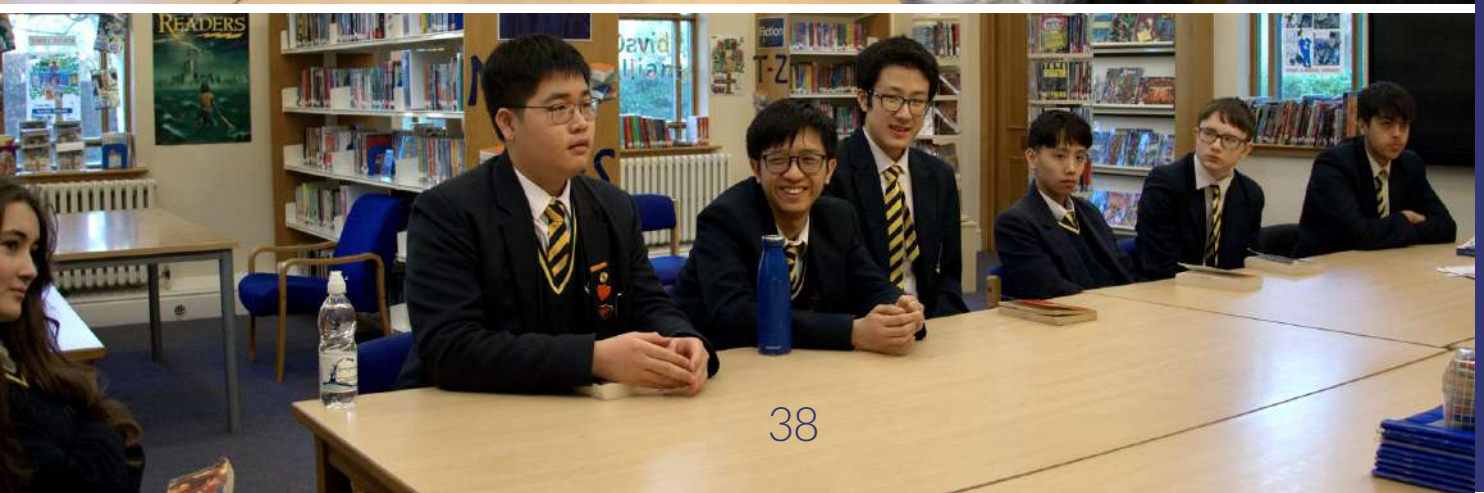
This term's Book Club focused on 'The Joy Luck Club' by Amy Tan. Upper Fifth students, who are studying the novel for their English GCSE with Miss Moore and Miss Brown, attended.

The book consists of sixteen interwoven stories about conflicts between Chinese immigrant mothers and their American-raised daughters. The book hinges on Jing-mei's trip to China to meet her half-sisters, twins Chwun Yu and Chwun Hwa. Jing-mei has taken her mother's place playing mahjong in a weekly gathering her mother had organised in China and revived in San Francisco: the Joy Luck Club.

It offers a real insight into Chinese culture. Being in a Western country, like Jing-mei, some students in the discussion shared how they were able to identify with her and what is expected of them in their culture, including Chinese culture. Other themes discussed were tensions that come from high expectations, the relationship between mothers and daughters from different generations, and what could be different if the characters were boys.

It was very interesting to discuss and hear each other's points of views on such crucial topics to our identity.

Miss M Pocas, College Librarian



HOUSES

First three Silver Badge awards of the year

Archie, Iria and Bertie are the first three pupils to be awarded the Silver Badge for achieving 250 Class Charts positive points! This is a fantastic milestone to achieve so early in the academic year. They all have their sights set on the Gold badge for 400 points.

Mrs J Ward. Head of Upper Third



House Stars

The following students are the current House Stars for displaying virtues and getting the most house points:

Virtues Julia Y House Points Archie G House Points Aamir S Virtues Cameron W Virtues Simi P Virtues Bosco C House Points Donell C House Points Alfie O



Campion House Race

In November, some spirited members of Campion House embarked on a unique and lively fundraising venture, joyfully donning fancy dress attire as they ran a 5km course around Alton Towers. Each participating student took on the responsibility of gaining sponsorship for this worthy cause.

The intention was to raise funds for a medical centre in Mecha, Ethiopia, a goal that resonates with Campion House's commitment to making a positive impact beyond our immediate community. The efforts of these students resulted in an impressive total of £3,500. Notably, this amount is sufficient to sponsor a student through medical school, leaving surplus funds for additional support.

We are optimistic that the total will increase with the potential addition of Gift Aid contributions. Everybody who played a part in this achievement should be proud of their accomplishment.

Special acknowledgement is due to the following staff and students who participated in the event:

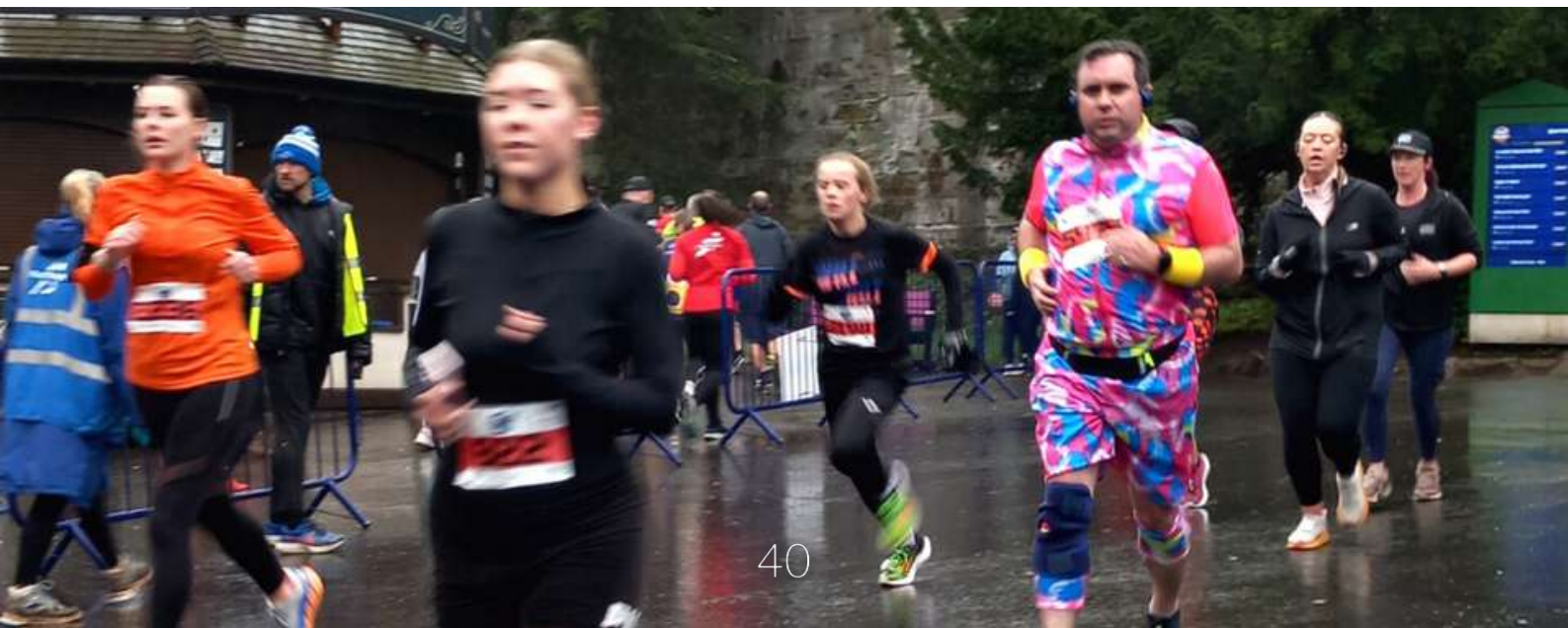
Charlotte C, Bryndon M, Lyndon M, Joel H, Martha K, Charles C, Sky Y, Olivia J, Erica O, Alexander E, Sophie L, William B, Jason A, Lily A, Tomason A, Jacob M, Erin F, Tsz Ting Y, Michail J. A, Zain P, Joseph M, Amelia O, Eliza K, Ireayomide J, Suki C, Lok Y, Makeda P, Zara T, Isabelle K, Rudy V, Isabella P, Juliana F, Mr Piskorz, Mr Wright, Dr Shipley, Mrs Prince, Mrs Corbett and Miss Brown.

In addition, we extend heartfelt appreciation to Charlotte Corbett, our dedicated Campion House Captain, who assumed a leadership role in orchestrating the day's activities. Her unwavering commitment and continuous collaboration with students have undoubtedly played a pivotal role in the success of this fundraising endeavour. Charlotte, your dedication is truly commendable, and you should take immense pride in your contributions.

Mr D Piskorz, Head of Campion & Teacher of Physics



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Tuesday	8.20am*
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Thursday	11.05am
Friday	11.05am

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS



Wednesday, 7 February

9:00am House Point Winners Breakfast

Thursday, 8 February

6:00pm Universities and Careers Fair

Friday, 9 February

3:50pm Half Term Begins

Friday, 9 February - Saturday, 11 February

U6 Maths study weekend

Monday, 19 February

9:00am INSET

Tuesday, 20 February

Return after Half Term

Tuesday, 20 February - Friday, 1 March

U5 & U6 Mock Examinations

Thursday, 22 February

5:00pm GCSE Options Evening

Thursday, 29 February

4:30pm U3 and U4 Parents' Evening

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