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Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May

Half Term Begins

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

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After Half Term

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

# BEDE'S NEWS

## April 2025

Dear Parents,

Welcome back!

I hope you had a lovely break enjoying family time together. Easter is a season of hope, a time when we are reminded of God's infinite love and triumph of light over darkness.

It is in this spirit that we embrace our last term. U5 and U6 will be starting their exams and all their hard work and commitment will give fruit. The rest of the school will be challenged by the different opportunities for learning, like project week, sports day, and the end of year exams that slowly help our students train themselves in preparing for external exams in the future.

We also have many opportunities to flourish and grow in the spirit of service and community, like "Shakespeare on the Lawn" and the Summer Fair". It is great to see the pupils taking part in these activities.

I find the Diversity Week activities especially inspiring as they are run by the BDI (Bedian Diversity Initiative) which is created and led by students. It is wonderful to celebrate our diverse cultures within the College.

On Easter Monday we heard the news of Pope Francis' passing. We now unite ourselves in prayer to the whole Catholic Church for whoever follows in his footsteps. Leading the Church requires above all great personal sanctity, doing the Will of God, being a point of reference to all for true charity, understanding and spirit of sacrifice.

Wishing you all a very happy and holy Easter!

Kind regards

**Mrs Maria Kemp, Headteacher**







# THE PREP

As we commence our summer term, I hope all our families enjoyed a peaceful and lovely Easter break. Unfortunately, the beginning of this term was marked by the passing of our Holy Father, Pope Francis. The profound impact he had not only on Roman Catholics but on the entire world cannot fail to be recognised, displaying a remarkable influence across cultures and faiths. Known for his humility, simplicity and compassion, he lived by the values he preached, consciously choosing to forgo the opulence traditionally associated with his role. Pope Francis has been an exemplary figure for all of us.

I would also like to take this opportunity to reflect on our recent achievements. Our Spring term concluded splendidly with our stunning Prep 6 show, "The Winner Take It All," based around the beloved story of Charlie and The Chocolate Factory. Each and every one of our Prep 6 pupils was incredible and truly shone during their performance, demonstrating not only their talent but also their dedication and teamwork.

During April, our Virtue of the Month was Diligence, and the children were invited to engage in discussions revolving around key questions that explore this virtue. It has been heartening to witness their reflections and understanding of the importance of perseverance and hard work in their daily lives.

Looking ahead, we have much to anticipate in the coming month, including our Prep 4 residential trip and our Prep 6 overseas trip to France. As we transition from spring into summer, we are excited to utilise our outdoor learning space more frequently. Additionally, we will be sharing some exciting news about the new Pre-Prep outdoor learning space that has been created in the infant playground. We believe that this will enhance our curriculum delivery and provide our children with invaluable learning experiences.

With my best wishes for a fruitful month of May.

**Mrs Claire Hunt, Head of Prep**





# THE SIXTH FORM

As they complete their final days in the College, our Upper Sixth students can be seen committing themselves fully to their studies. They live the virtue of Diligence by applying constant effort to accomplish their goals, regardless of their circumstances. It is a tough time, with examinations looming, but there is so much to look forward to with a long summer and exciting plans ahead. Once their A levels are complete, we will meet again at Upper Sixth Prizegiving and the Ball at the end of June - events which both students and teachers thoroughly enjoy. Meanwhile, Lower Sixth students are preparing for their end-of-year examinations, which will inform their predicted grades for university applications. Their UCAS personal statements are underway; they are enjoying focusing on what they want to pursue in the future and how they can make a positive difference to the world around them

**Dr Anne McMonagle, Head of Sixth Form**





# SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE

Further to last month's article, please find below a link to some parental resources from our digital monitoring provider, Smoothwall. They have prepared some resources to help open up conversations with children about some of the issues raised by Netflix's Adolescence.

It also contains practical advice and useful insights to help parents navigate various digital challenges brought to light by the series, including helping parents to set boundaries around screen time and helping children to process difficult or upsetting content seen online. Smoothwall suggests that the idea is to help empower parents to support their children's digital wellbeing. Of course, the best way to do this is through open and honest communication with your children and taking an active role in monitoring their digital presence. We hope you find the resources useful.

<https://smoothwall.com/adolescence>

**Mrs Claire Boylan - Assistant Head  
Safeguarding & Ethos**



# BEDIAN AMBASSADORS

Students who best exemplified March's virtue of the month, *Understanding*

Upper Third	Lower Fourth	Upper Fourth
Samuel-Praise O Cyrena J Kyra H Beth K Yaw AG Enya M	Sammy C Aayaan K Zachary T Ife S Lily B Ethan W	Martha K Francesca H Justin L Yaw A Sky Y Natalie N
Lower Fifth	Upper Fifth	Sixth Form
Theo C Carmela B Jack L Lina H Caoimhe D Tallulah K Lulu T	Gabriel M Divine E Joe M Niquain M Basima B Ty N Alex O	Carlos L Ilsa P Matthew C Maciej W Brandon G Reuben P





# PREP AWARDS WINNERS

## April Virtue - Diligence





# PREP 6 SHINE BRIGHT IN 'THE WINNER TAKES IT ALL': AN UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT OF MUSIC, MAGIC AND MISCHIEF!

On the evening of Thursday 10th April, the Academic Hall was transformed into a world of pure imagination, as Prep 6 took to the stage with their dazzling adaptation of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', titled 'The Winner Takes It All'. With an enthusiastic audience of parents and staff, the show was a joyful celebration of talent, teamwork, and creativity.

From the moment the curtain opened, it was clear that this would be no ordinary school play. With colourful sets, toe-tapping musical numbers, and confident performances from every child, the audience was swept away into the whimsical world of Willy Wonka and his magical chocolate factory.

The children worked incredibly hard in the weeks leading up to the performance, learning their lines with determination and throwing themselves into every dance rehearsal with energy and enthusiasm. Their commitment truly paid off, as every scene sparkled with polish and personality.

The Academic Hall looked spectacular on the night, giant Wonka Bars lined the stage and the imaginative props and stunning lighting created a truly magical atmosphere. From the vibrant shop scenes to the glowing chocolate river, every detail helped bring the story to life and had the audience completely spellbound.





Each pupil in Prep 6 had their moment to shine, whether on stage delivering lines with flair, singing their hearts out, or being a truly wonderful dancing Oompa Loompa. It was a collaborative effort showcasing the children's confidence, creativity, and community spirit.

A special thank you must go to the dedicated staff who directed and supported the production, and to the parents for their encouragement (and help with costumes!). The result was an evening that will be remembered for years to come - not just for the performance, but for the joy and pride it brought to everyone involved.

As the final bows were taken and the audience rose in applause, it was clear: in Prep 6's magical world of chocolate and dreams, 'The Winner Takes It All' and the winners were all of us lucky enough to be there.

**Ms Laura Horsefield - Prep 6 Teacher**





# THE PREP 4 EASTER PLAY

The Prep 4 Easter play is a wonderful tradition that brings pupils together to celebrate the true meaning of Easter. This year's Easter play was truly exceptional, with our Prep 4 pupils delivering a captivating performance in the College chapel. Their clear, confident speaking and beautiful singing captured the audience's attention from beginning to end.

Dressed in colourful costumes, the children reenacted key moments from the Easter story, conveying its profound messages of hope, love,

and renewal. The performance was both powerful and captivating, showcasing the pupils' remarkable talent. Family and friends were impressed by their ability to bring the Easter story to life, emphasising the theme that, despite pain, suffering, and sacrifice, Easter ultimately brings a message of joy and hope. We are incredibly proud and overwhelmed by the reverent display of talent and enthusiasm from these 8 and 9 year old pupils. Well done to Prep 4!

**Miss Eleanor Harrison - Prep 4 Teacher**









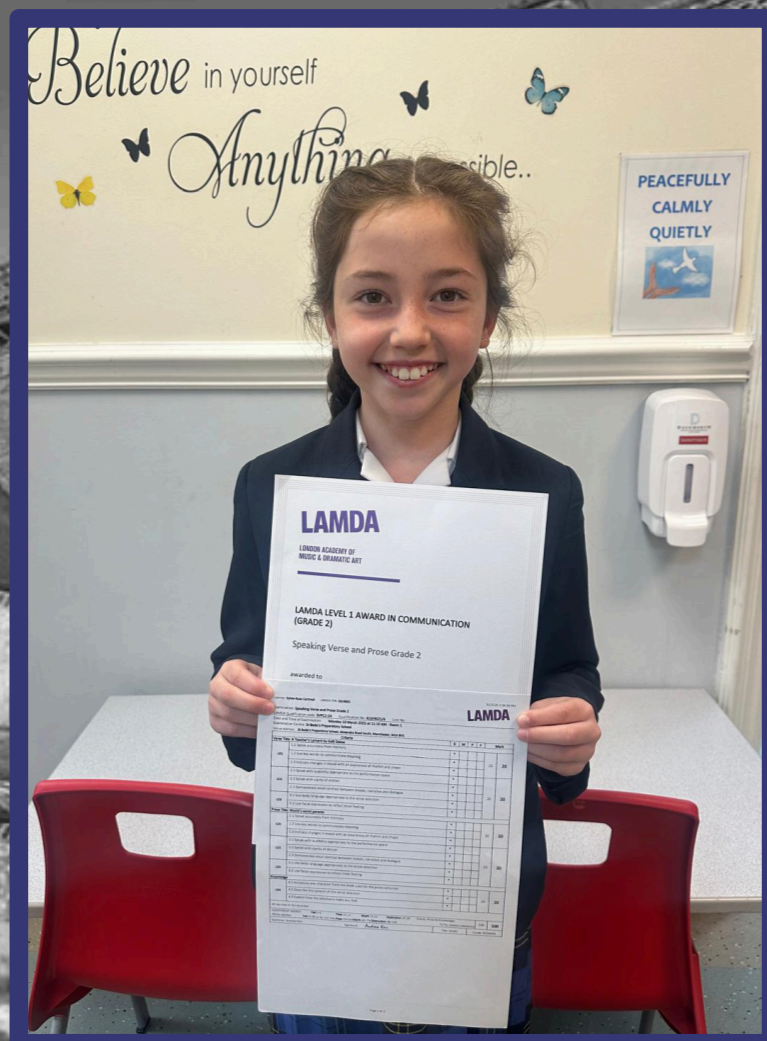
# PREP LAMDA SUCCESS

Our fantastic Speech and Drama tutor, Mrs Sara Macdonald was thrilled to share the wonderful news of the recent success of our Speech and Drama students in their annual LAMDA exams. 34 participants showcased their talents and hard work, performing verse and prose for our examiners, achieving exceptional results. Of these, 26 students earned distinctions, while 8 received merits—truly impressive accomplishments!

A special congratulations goes to Sylvie-Rose, who attained a perfect score of 100%, making her the highest-scoring pupil in the school. What an incredible achievement!

We are so proud of all the students involved for their dedication and outstanding performances. Well done to each and every one of you.

**Mrs Claire Hunt - Head of Prep**





# FRANCIS HOUSE VISIT

On Friday 4 April we were delighted to welcome Kate Puc from Francis House Children's Hospice to our Prep assembly. Kate has worked on the Fundraising Team at Francis House for over 30 years, and spoke with our pupils about the amazing work that is done at the hospice to support children with a short life expectancy as well as their families.

Kate was very grateful for our continued fundraising support

including our Christmas Jumper Day, and most recently, selling the Easter chicks.

Our Prep 6 Student Council pupils have done a wonderful job selling hundreds of chicks! Thank you to everyone who contributed to this very worthy fundraising initiative during the spring term.

**Mrs Claire Hunt - Head of Prep**





# PREP 5 RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO PATTERDALE HALL

On 26th March, Prep 5 embarked on a memorable three-day residential trip to Patterdale Hall Activity Centre, nestled in the heart of the stunning Lake District. Surrounded by breathtaking scenery, the trip offered a perfect blend of outdoor adventure, teamwork, and personal growth.

## Exploring the Great Outdoors

Students took to the waters of Ullswater for an exciting, giant paddle boarding session where teamwork was key. It was a fun challenge that encouraged everyone to support one another and push their limits. Even more exhilarating was the Ghyll scrambling in the beck, where students clambered through tunnels, slid over rocks, traversed above rock pools, swam, floated and some ultimately jumped from the cliffs into the fast moving water of the beck. It was the most fun you could have in a wet suit!

Rock climbing on local mountain crags was a highlight for many students, who learned the basics of movement on the rock, and the use and control of the specialised equipment. Students gained appreciation of the roles within a team, whilst enjoying the views that you can only experience in such a stunning location.

## Learning New Skills

The trip was not just about outdoor adventures. The students also developed practical skills through activities like bush craft, building

mini- shelters and building campfires in the wild. Orienteering challenged their navigation and decision making skills as students worked together to find their way around the grounds.

The low ropes course offered a perfect opportunity to test students' balance, courage, and teamwork.

## Teamwork and Personal Growth

While the activities were fun and challenging, the trip also helped to develop important personal qualities. Sleeping in dormitories, some on triple bunks, gave students the chance to build camaraderie, learn to share spaces and develop empathy. By the end of the trip, everyone had developed greater resilience, fortitude, and mutual understanding. All the students learned the value of cooperation, perseverance, and retaining a positive attitude in the face of challenge.

## Memories Made

We hope that this Prep 5 trip to Patterdale Hall was an unforgettable experience for the students. Friendships were strengthened, new skills were learned, and memories were made that will last a lifetime. The Year 5 students returned to school with a sense of pride and accomplishment, having made the most of every moment in one of the most beautiful parts of the country.

**Mrs Claire Casson - Prep 5 Class Teacher**







# PREP SPORT IN APRIL

At this stage of the year there are lots of tournaments and final stages of cup competitions. Football and netball featured a lot in the run up to Easter.

## **AJIS Boys' U11 Football Competition**

The team had qualified earlier in the season for the AJIS U11 Cup competition which was held at Finch Farm, Everton's training ground. Although the results did not go our way the boys enjoyed the experience of playing at a Premier League training facility. Well done to Flynn (Prep 5) and Rayhan (Prep 4) on being selected for the team.

## **AJIS U11 Girls' Football Competition**

The AJIS under 11 girls' football tournament was again hosted at Platt Lane this year with a total of 20 teams competing. St Bede's fielded a very strong team that managed to

win 4 matches on the day and only losing one to a very skilful Birkenhead side. There were some brilliant goals scored and Eden put in several 'player of the match' performances. It was also great to be able to field two teams for this competition and many Prep 5's were given the opportunity to showcase their skills. The second team managed to win just one of their matches but gained a lot from the experience and many of the girls will be able to compete in next year's tournament.

## **AJIS Boys' U9 Football Festival**

This was the first time the boys competed in such a high level tournament. It was a lovely sunny day, there were lots of schools present and it was a very enjoyable experience for all. The team won two, drew two and lost four matches.





### **AJIS Boys' U7s Football Festival**

A very excited team travelled to Finch farm for their first experience of playing for school. Not a bad start to be able to play at such an impressive premier League venue. The boys played many matches across the afternoon and scored plenty of goals. A special well done to Bruno in Prep 1 for making the team

### **AJIS U11 Girls' Netball Tournament**

This tournament was held at King's Macclesfield. We were in a very tough morning group, against many big schools, where most of the girls also play for clubs outside of school. The team worked hard and progressed to the Plate competition. We came 14th out of 20 schools. There is a link in the March Bede's news about how to join a local netball club.

### **Manchester Schools U11 Netball Excel competition**

Two teams competed in the Excel competition, which is the highest standard for the Manchester Schools competitions. Unfortunately five schools withdrew from the competition so only four teams took part. We have qualified for the Manchester Schools finals which are held at Wright Robinson College on the 19th June. It is nice to see that the girls have been practising their shooting at lunchtimes in readiness for this.

Unbelievable umpires!

A special thank you to Dara, Gray, Elsie and Rosie. The girls umpired for both the Inspire and Excel competitions. For the Inspire competition it was lovely to see how they helped set up some coaching drills and encouraged pupils from other schools that were less experienced. Several staff from other schools commented on how impressive they were.





## Sports Day reminder

Nursery to Prep 2 - 19th June at School 9:15am - 11:am

Prep 3-6 - 20th June at the playing fields (M16 8NA) 12:45 pm - 3pm

At Sports day the PE department will be selling a sports pack for £10 that comprises:

a Slazenger drawstring bag

Large hoop

2 plastic tennis bats

4 small cones

Skipping rope

1 bean bag

1 tennis ball

1 small sponge ball

Also there will be some Early years PE kit for sale.

(cash or card will be accepted)

**Mrs Nora Lavorini - teacher of Prep PE**





# DANTE HEADLEY: ENGLAND U17S EUROS QUALIFIER

Dante is an Upper Fifth pupil who has recently been called up to play for England U17s squad. He played in the first two victories against Israel and Slovenia in the European qualifiers; an outstanding achievement.

The three qualifying scores for the England U17s tournament are below:

After the tournament, Dante was interviewed about his experience. It is clear he has a great mindset, balancing both football and academics! The way he focuses on his family as motivation is inspiring and genuine. He approaches both his football career and his studies with discipline and determination. His maturity in handling pressure and leading by example are some of his main qualities on and off the pitch.

His thoughts on being a successful Upper Fifth pupil are also really insightful. Managing school work alongside such a demanding sport requires excellent time management and focus. It's impressive how he maintains his commitment to sport and academics—definitely qualities that serve him well both on and off

the field.



During the interview, Dante said it was a great experience to be away with the national team and represent his country in the European qualifiers, and he is working hard to get the opportunity again. His top tips for preparing for fixtures of this magnitude while studying an extensive GCSE programme are to think about his family and how he can make them proud in his exams and in his performances. He always tries his best, leads by example and blocks out any distractions.



Finally, when asked about the benefits of playing football to this level while doing his GCSEs, he believes both commitments help him keep disciplined and grow and evolve as an individual.



We are extremely proud of Dante's achievements and we wish him the very best of luck in the remainder of his football season with Manchester City and England, and in his upcoming GCSE exams.

**Mrs Michaela Parker - Assistant Head City Football Academy**



League A • Group A7		
	England	2
	Israel	0

League A • Group A7		
	England	3
	Slovenia	2

League A • Group A7		
	Northern Ireland	0
	England	5





# INTERNATIONAL PUPILS ENJOY A DAY OUT AT THE ETIHAD!

On Wednesday 2nd April, our visiting international pupils had a brilliant day out at the Etihad Stadium, watching Manchester City take on Leicester in the Manchester sunshine. We were lucky enough to arrive in time for a walk around the outside of the stadium and a chance to enjoy the atmosphere of arriving fans and players. The pupils soaked up the full match day experience, including a good sampling of the famous stadium fast food. One item in particular caught everyone's attention – the intriguingly named 'Spanish hot dog'. Despite a lot of interest, no one was quite brave enough to give it a try this time. It

was an exciting match with City securing a 2-0 win - with 2 early goals from Jack Grealish and Omar Marmoush – much to the delight of our group, who joined in with plenty of enthusiastic cheering from the stands!

The trip was a fantastic way to share a bit of local culture and football passion. Huge thanks to Mrs Prince, Mr Cooper, Mr Lee (with exceptional mini bus driving and parking skills) and Mr Cooke for making the day such a memorable one!

**Mrs Rachael Prince - Head of Science**





# WELCOMING THE SPRING WITH AN EVENING OF EXCEPTIONAL MUSIC

The St Bede's College annual Spring Concert was a resounding success, demonstrating the exceptional talent and dedication of our students. A packed audience of parents, staff and friends filled the hall to enjoy a varied programme of exceptional music, and we are immensely grateful to all who attended in support of our young musicians.

The programme featured a diverse range of performances, with many standout moments that left a lasting impression. A particular highlight was the moving rendition of Lloyd Webber's John Nineteen Forty-One, which captivated the audience with its haunting beauty. Reuben P. delivered breathtaking solo piano and violin performances, demonstrating both technical skill and extraordinary musicianship. Another moment to celebrate was the wonderful opening by the St Bede's Prep Singers. To have Prep students integrated into a College event was magnificent and served to demonstrate the success and

strength of our 3-18 vision. The evening concluded with a rousing choral finale, bringing together voices in a powerful and uplifting gospel finisher. The students (and I) were blown away by the audience's response and engagement, and to have the concert end in such a lively and uplifting way was remarkable.

We are also delighted to share that many of our students have recently achieved brilliant results in their London College of Music (LCM) and Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) examinations. These outstanding achievements reflect the hard work and dedication of our students, as well as the invaluable guidance provided by our peripatetic music tutors. A heartfelt thank you to them for their continued support and inspiration.

Congratulations to all our performers on a truly memorable evening of music-making.

**Mr Ashley Stillburn - Director of Music**





# A LORD VISITS ST BEDE'S

Pupils at St Bede's welcomed a Lord to our college on Friday the 4th April. External Speaker Lord Bishop David of Manchester came to speak to students about how economic policy is developed and how decision making works in the House of Lords. Most interestingly, he shared current thinking about how House of Lords Reform aims to ensure that the House of Lords functions optimally to serve today's society.

Bishop David described how the House of Lords works with "The Other Place" (their name for the House of Commons) to develop Economic and Political Policy. He explained the composition of the House of Lords which includes - Hereditary Peers where he outlined proposals to reduce the number and introduce a retirement age or maximum service time to ensure the contribution is most appropriate.

Lord Bishop David spoke of how some Peers join the benches because of their work in society or industry. Examples are Baroness Ruth Hunt for her work in the equality and

human rights charity Stonewall; and Lord David Sainsbury of Turville for his contribution to industry. He described the selection of Lords Spiritual, of which he is one, and addressed challenging question from students regarding representation of a broader range of UK faiths. Finally, Bishop David described his own private members bill which is focused on increasing wellbeing of looked after children in educational settings.

St Bede's was honoured to welcome such a prestigious external speaker who, after addressing students in a packed Academic Hall, enjoyed a walkabout and a meeting with our Chaplain Mrs Hibbert, Academic Deputy Head Mr Sanders and Deputy Head of Ethos, Mrs Boylan. He then sat for an interview with student journalist Oliver T for our internal newspaper The Buzz, while photos were taken by Student Photographer Ben H.

**Mrs Sarah Bolton - Bedian Research Programme Director**





# RSC CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD SUCCESS!

The Chemistry Department is incredibly proud to celebrate the achievements of our students in this year's prestigious Royal Society of Chemistry Olympiad.

This challenging national competition tests pupils on advanced chemical concepts, often well beyond the A Level syllabus. The 2025 paper covered a wide range of challenging topics, from fuel cell calculations to a creative look at Charli XCX's Brat Summer. Despite its complexity, students rose to the challenge with enthusiasm and determination.

We are delighted to report that 80% of the pupils who entered received an award – a fantastic accomplishment. While the Olympiad is primarily aimed at Upper Sixth students, we were

especially impressed that six talented Lower Sixth pupils chose to take part a year early; Elsie H, Alfie O and Curtis W all achieved Bronze awards. Jolie in U6 also achieved Bronze, whilst prestigious Silver awards were earned by Siena, Dara and Maciej.

We are thrilled to share that Frankie I (U6) was awarded a Gold certificate, placing her among the top 8% of entrants nationally. Following on from her Silver award last year, this is an outstanding achievement – congratulations, Frankie!

Well done to everyone who took part. The whole department is incredibly proud of your hard work and passion for Chemistry.

**Mrs Rachael Prince - Head of Science**



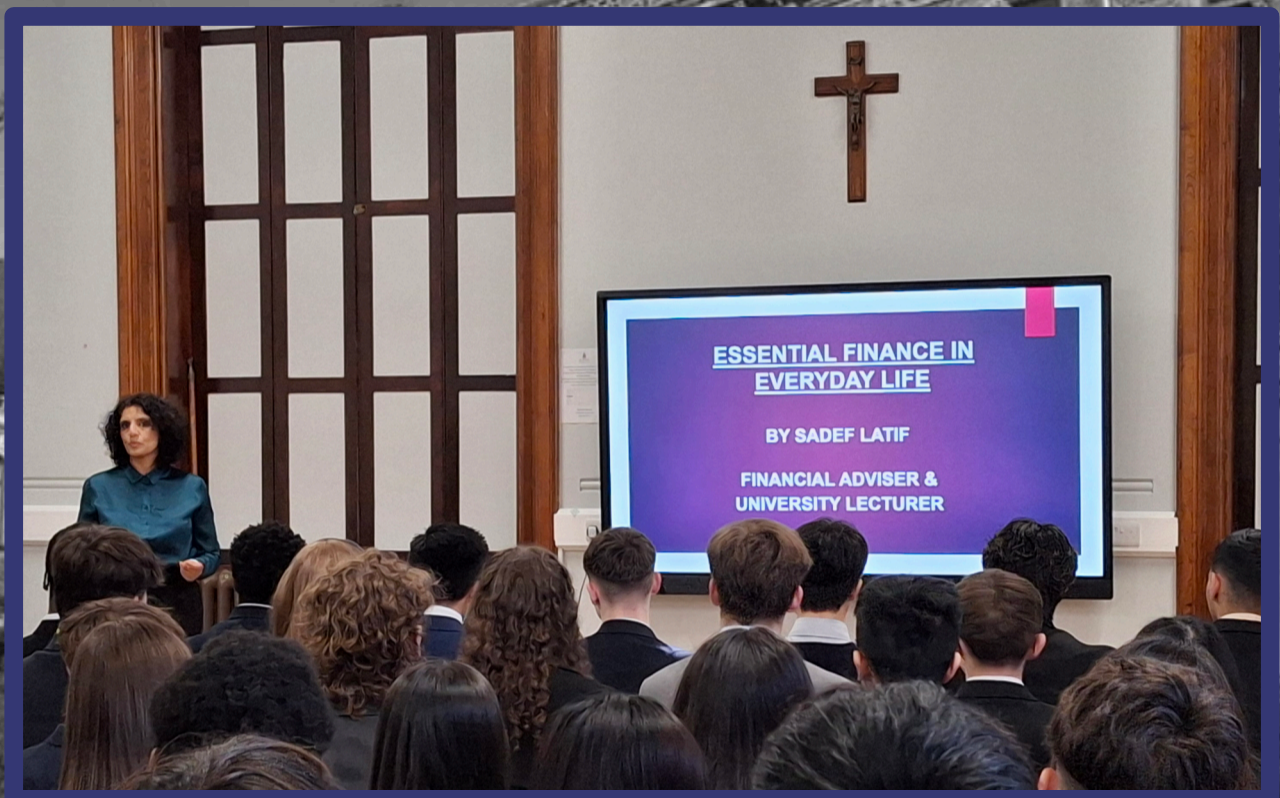


# MANAGING MONEY

As part of encouraging our students to look to the future, Sadeef Latif, independent financial advisor, recently returned to St Bede's to give our students information and practical strategies to allow them to plan financially for their future. Sadeef discussed the bills a young

person has to pay when they leave home, credit scores, how to live frugally as a student and how to invest in stocks and shares. Thanks to Sadeef for another engaging talk!

**Dr Anne McMonagle - Head of Sixth Form**





# SIXTH FORM SHOWDOWN: STUDENTS AND STAFF CLASH IN LEAVERS' NETBALL MATCH

It was a wonderful, sunny afternoon for our much-anticipated annual Upper Sixth Form Leavers Netball Match – a fitting backdrop for what has become a spirited tradition. Both the staff and Upper Sixth teams arrived with strong line-ups and a healthy dose of competitive energy.

We were delighted to welcome back guest umpire Mrs Andrews, who famously officiated the very first leavers' match all the way back in 1990 something! Her experience and whistle were as sharp as ever.

Cheered on by enthusiastic crowds from both the Prep and Senior College, the game got off to a rapid and feisty start. The staff team came out firing, being commanded by Mrs Prince in the centre third, with Miss Sharp and Dr Shipley finding the net early and often, putting immediate pressure on the leavers' defence.

To their credit, the Upper Sixth regrouped at half time, making some tactical changes that saw them settle into the game. Their persistence paid off with two well-earned goals from Maria in the second half, much to the delight of their supporters.

Umpires Mrs McCormick and Mrs Andrews ensured the game was played with intensity and fairness, keeping a close eye on footwork and contact – nothing got past their watchful gaze!

At the final whistle, it was the staff who emerged victorious. Despite the result, the match was played in great spirit and full of laughter, marking a memorable send-off for our wonderful leavers.

**Mrs Cornelia Smith - Geography Teacher**





# SIXTH FORM LEAVERS V STAFF FOOTBALL MATCH

Wednesday the 9th April saw the return of the annual football match between the Sixth Form leavers and the staff team. And this year's match didn't disappoint!

From the first whistle, it was clear both sides were up for the challenge. What followed was a fast-paced, end-to-end battle. Goals came thick and fast throughout the game, which saw the game end in an incredible 5-5 draw by the end of regular time.

With the score tied, it came down to penalties. The Sixth Form team kept their nerve and just edged ahead in the shootout, securing victory and bragging rights to take with them as they leave.

But more than just a game, the night was a brilliant celebration of our school community. The sidelines were packed with students, teachers, parents, and even a few familiar faces from past years. The cheers, the support, and the good-natured banter created an excellent atmosphere that made the whole event feel special.

For our Year 13 leavers, this was more than just a football match – it was a moment to remember in their final chapter at school.

A massive thank you to everyone who played, cheered, or helped organise the evening. You made it one to remember!

**Mr Sam Griffin - PE teacher & Head of Football**





# MORE THAN JUST A SANDWHICH:

## THE BUSINESS OF SCHOOL CATERING

Before the end of the April term, our L6 Business students welcomed a guest speaker: Mr Mike Pritchard from Harrison Catering Services. Harrison Catering Services is a family owned business that St Bede's use to deliver our school catering services alongside our fantastic on-site team. It was a great opportunity to hear more about how their operations work beyond selling lunch to our students, helping to enhance the students' understanding of key considerations for a real life business.

Students gained a fascinating inside look into how our daily school menus are put together, how ingredients are sourced as well as the challenges involved in ordering the right amount of stock each day and minimising leftover waste. Mr Pritchard shared his valuable experience on how their business adapts and offers different menus across the school year, the importance of strong relationships with local suppliers, and ensuring the food provided is both tasty and nutritious, with a focus on seasonal ingredients.

This was an excellent opportunity for our A-Level Business students to apply their classroom theories on stock management to the real business world, particularly relevant with a business they interact with

daily and have first hand experience of. It also allowed the students the opportunity to deepen their understanding of stock management, customer needs, staff training and operational processes.

One Student, John H, said he learned about how important the process of stock control is to ensure the right amount of food is available for students while also avoiding unnecessary leftovers, bad for both the environment and business costs. He also learnt about how Harrison Catering take into account the diverse religious and cultural backgrounds of students when building their lunch menu for schools.

Caleb learned the importance of picking the right business partner and the benefits of good supplier relationships that support a business to achieve their objectives. Mr Pritchard spoke about the importance of a nominated supply chain when dealing with food due to health & safety needs. He also learnt about how Harrison Catering use market research by hearing the feedback of students through focus groups, which is then reflected in future menu planning.

**Mr Michael Thomas - Business Teacher**





# PRAYERS FOR POPE FRANCIS

St Bede's College was saddened to hear of the death of Pope Francis on Easter Monday. He taught us to live the values of the Gospel with fidelity, courage, and universal love, especially in favour of the poorest and most marginalised. With immense gratitude for his example as a true disciple of the Lord Jesus, we commend the soul of Pope Francis to the infinite merciful love of the One and Triune God. We can use these prayers offered by the church of England and Wales.

O God, faithful rewarder of souls,  
grant that your departed servant  
Pope Francis,  
whom you made successor of Peter  
and shepherd of your Church,  
may happily enjoy for ever in your  
presence in heaven  
the mysteries of your grace and  
compassion,  
which he faithfully ministered on  
earth.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your  
Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon  
him.  
May he rest in peace.  
Amen

May his soul and the souls of all the  
faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God rest in  
peace.  
Amen

**Mrs Charlotte Hibbert - College  
Chaplain**







# FATHER ALVARO'S APRIL MESSAGE

## THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST: THE REASON FOR OUR CHRISTIAN HOPE.

Christos anesti, alithos anesti! The Lord is risen, the Lord is truly risen. This is the great news of our faith—this is the ultimate reason for our Christian hope! The Resurrection of Christ is not merely a historical event, something of the past, but an action that continues to transform our lives and our world in the here and now.

During the Easter break, I read a beautiful little book on the Risen Christ by the English convert Caryll Houselander. In it, she writes that the Lord has lived each of our lives, he has faced all our fears, suffered all our griefs, overcome all our temptations, laboured in all our labours, loved in all our loves, and died all our deaths. But as she explains, the great joy of Easter comes from the fact that Jesus has come back, as spring comes back out

of the ground, renewing the earth with life, to be a continual renewing of life in our hearts.

And so she concludes with an invitation that I want to make mine too: Be Christ's Resurrection in the world by continually renewing one another's life in his love. In this time of Easter, during this Jubilee Year, let us respond to the late Pope Francis' invitation to become witnesses of hope by becoming witnesses of the joy of his Resurrection.

I cannot finish this article without asking you to pray for the deceased Pope Francis, as a filial act of gratitude and justice. I also ask for your prayers for the upcoming conclave, so that the Holy Spirit may continue to guide his Church during this Year of Grace.

**Fr Alvaro - College Priest**





# UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May - Upper Fourth Immunisations

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May - College Dance Showcase

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May - Early May Bank Holiday

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May - Upper Fifth Exam Leave Begins

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May - Upper Sixth Exam Leave Begins

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May - First Day of Exams

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May - Bede's & Brush

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Half Term Begins

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Pupils Return after Half Term

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June - Last Day of Exams

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July - Break up for Summer Holidays 12 Noon





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# 2025 Dance Showcase

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

Doors open 6:30pm - Show Starts 7:00pm  
Academic Hall



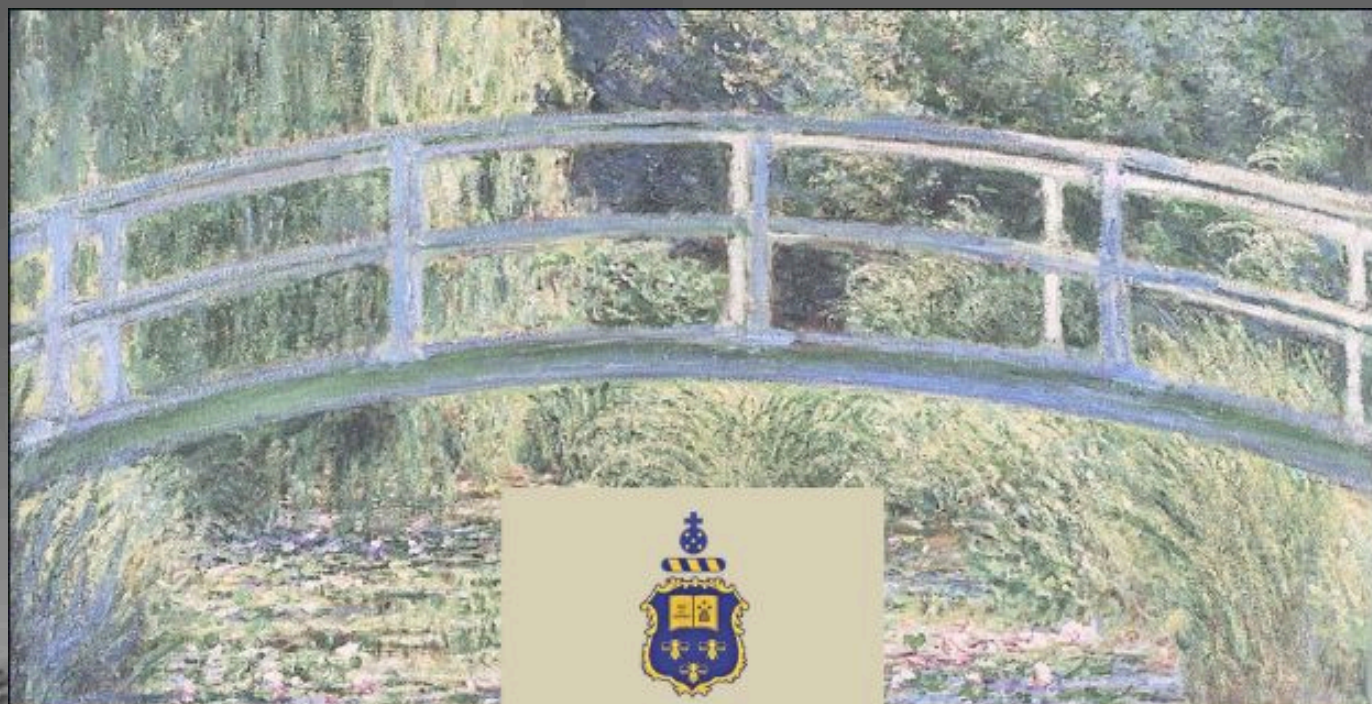
Join us for a night of  
performances by GCSE Dance  
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