



ST. BEDE'S
COLLEGE
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A Warm Welcome to St Bede's

150 Years of Inspiring Knowledge, Faith, and Leadership

Dear Parents,

We are delighted and honoured to welcome you and your children to St Bede's College. Together, we aim to create a supportive community where all the assistance, services, and guidance you may need are readily available.

Our commitment to holistic education means we strive not only for academic excellence but also to provide the best opportunities for each pupil to shape their future according to their unique talents and aspirations.

When our founder, Cardinal Vaughan, opened the doors of the College on 7 January 1876, he was inspired by St Bede's pursuit of knowledge and truth. He established the College on a foundation of profound love for learning. Christ remains at the heart of our College, and our faith inspires us to view every pupil – regardless of their background or personal faith journey – as a child of God.

Our vision is to see our pupils grow into true leaders of the 21st century.



We believe that character development will empower them to reach their potential, lead responsibly, and contribute to building a better world. To support this, pupils will participate in our Virtue and Leadership Programmes, developing the inner strength to face life's challenges and gaining a deep understanding of our world and its needs. Life at the College is rich with opportunities – from the house system and co-curricular activities to initiatives led by the pupils themselves – all fostering the positive growth mindset inspired by our founder.

Next year, as we celebrate our 150th anniversary, leading St Bede's is both an honour and a significant responsibility, one that I undertake with the support of an exceptional team. We look forward to meeting you soon and working together to provide the best future for your children.

Warm regards,

Maria Kemp
Headteacher



To Be Bedian

We are intellectually curious

“St Bede’s thrives on its Bedian spirit. After nine years at the College, I can confidently say that I’ve not only experienced all the incredible opportunities it has to offer, but each one has shaped me into the person I am today - more confident, driven, and ready to take on new challenges.” - Harry

At St Bede’s, we foster a vibrant culture of curiosity and inquiry, inspiring our students to explore the world around them with enthusiasm and open minds. We believe that learning extends beyond the classroom, and we encourage our pupils to delve deeper, ask probing questions, and seek out new perspectives. Our enriched learning programme offers a diverse array of co-curricular activities – from engaging debates and innovative research projects to stimulating clubs and societies – that nurture

critical thinking and a lifelong love of learning.

Our dedicated and expert faculty are passionate about guiding students on their intellectual journeys, providing personalised support and mentorship. They challenge pupils to think independently, analyse critically, and communicate effectively. By cultivating these skills, we prepare our students not only to excel academically but also to seize new intellectual and professional opportunities that align with their passions and aspirations.

At St Bede’s, intellectual curiosity is not just encouraged – it is celebrated. We aim to ignite a spark in every student, empowering them to pursue their interests with confidence and to contribute thoughtfully to the world around them.

Inspired

We are forward thinking

“During my time at St Bede’s, the College has not only given me the support I need to succeed academically but has also sparked my excitement for learning and helped me form meaningful bonds with friends and teachers.” - Siena

At St Bede’s, we embrace innovation and prepare our students to navigate the future with confidence and adaptability. We recognise that the world is rapidly evolving, and we are committed to equipping our pupils with the skills and mindset needed to thrive in an ever-changing landscape.

Our dynamic curriculum is designed to be responsive to global developments, integrating emerging technologies and forward-thinking methodologies. We encourage our students to think creatively, question assumptions, and explore new ideas. Through initiatives like our digital literacy programmes, STEM projects, and interdisciplinary

learning opportunities, we inspire pupils to engage with cutting-edge concepts and develop a proactive approach to their education.

Our dedicated teachers stay at the forefront of educational innovation, continually updating their teaching practices to reflect the latest advancements. They foster an environment where experimentation and originality are valued, and where students are empowered to take intellectual risks and pursue their passions.

At St Bede’s, being forward thinking means anticipating the needs of the future and preparing our students to be leaders and innovators. We cultivate a spirit of curiosity and openness, ensuring that our pupils are not only ready to face the challenges ahead, but are also poised to shape the world of tomorrow.



Committed

We are determined

"I'd love to fulfil my dream of becoming an aeronautical engineer, but as long as I'm helping people through the power of physics, I'll be happy." - Maciej

At St Bede's, we champion the virtues of perseverance and hard work, believing that determination is the cornerstone of excellence. We inspire our students to set ambitious goals and to pursue them with unwavering commitment. By fostering a strong work ethic, we equip our pupils with the resilience and grit needed to overcome obstacles and achieve their full potential.

Our approach emphasises the power of effort and patience. Through collaborative projects and independent learning, we encourage students to take initiative and to embrace challenges as opportunities for growth. Our integration of

innovative technology enhances learning experiences, enabling students to engage with subjects in dynamic and meaningful ways.

We understand that every student's journey is unique, and we are dedicated to supporting each individual along their path. Our teachers provide personalised guidance and encouragement, helping pupils to build confidence and to recognise the value of persistence. We celebrate hard work and recognise that true achievement comes not just from natural ability but from dedication and determination to succeed.

At St Bede's, being determined means more than just striving for personal success - it means developing the character to contribute positively to society.



Grateful

We are creative

"The positive atmosphere at St Bede's is unlike anything I've ever experienced, and it's all thanks to my fellow students. It's their energy and passion that make St Bede's such a special place." - Tara

At St Bede's, creativity is woven into the very fabric of our community. We believe that nurturing the imagination is essential to personal growth and academic success. Our students are encouraged to think outside the box, explore new ideas, and express themselves with confidence.

Across all subjects, we promote innovative problem-solving and original thinking. Whether in science experiments, literary compositions, or historical analyses, our pupils are guided to approach challenges with creativity and curiosity. Collaborative

projects and interdisciplinary learning opportunities allow them to connect concepts in unique ways, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of the world around them.

While the creative arts hold a special place in our College, with vibrant programmes in art, music, drama, and dance, we ensure that creativity permeates every aspect of the educational experience. Our dedicated teachers inspire students to embrace their individual talents and to use creative thinking as a powerful tool for learning and personal development.

At St Bede's, being creative means more than producing art - it means cultivating a mindset that values innovation, flexibility, and the courage to explore new possibilities. We strive to empower our students to harness their creativity to overcome challenges and inspire growth.



We are Bedian

“I’ve grown so much as a person, thanks to the College’s welcoming and supportive environment.” - Jolie

At St Bede’s, we cultivate a spirit of gratitude and service, encouraging our students to make a positive impact on the community around them. We believe that each pupil possesses unique talents and abilities, and we inspire them to use these gifts to benefit others. Through a variety of charitable initiatives and leadership programmes, we instil compassion, empathy, and a strong sense of social responsibility.

Our pupils actively engage in community service projects, fundraising events, and partnerships with local organisations, learning the value of giving back and making a difference. We

encourage them to take initiative, lead by example, and work collaboratively to address real-world challenges. These experiences not only enrich their understanding of the world, but also foster personal growth and a lifelong commitment to helping others.

Our small tutorial groups are integral to building strong relationships and nurturing confidence. By creating a supportive and inclusive environment, we ensure that every student feels valued and heard. Regular communication with parents further strengthens this community bond, allowing us to work together in guiding our pupils.

At St Bede’s, gratitude is more than a virtue - it is a way of life. We teach our students to appreciate the opportunities they have and, by embracing a culture of service, we empower them to have a positive impact on their community wherever they go.

Our Curriculum

A Balanced Education That Challenges and Inspires Every Student

At St Bede’s, we provide a comprehensive and balanced curriculum that challenges and inspires. We nurture a strong academic foundation while fostering a love of learning beyond the classroom, equipping students with the knowledge, skills, and confidence for future success.

GCSE Programme

Students typically undertake nine GCSE subjects, offering both breadth and depth. All pupils study English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Science, and Religious Studies. Most undertake the Trilogy Science course, covering Biology, Chemistry, and Physics - equivalent to two GCSEs - while keen scientists will take Separate Sciences to earn individual GCSEs in each.

Top-set Mathematicians can challenge themselves further by taking a qualification in Further Mathematics. Pupils choose three additional options from a diverse range, tailoring their studies to their interests. Optional subjects include Art, Business Studies,

Classical Civilisation, Computer Science, Dance, Design and Technology, Drama, Economics, French, Geography, German, History, Latin, Music, Physical Education, and Spanish.

We offer a curriculum that is both rigorous and flexible, designed to meet the individual needs of pupils. Our dedicated teachers provide guidance and support, encouraging pupils to achieve their utmost and develop a lifelong passion for learning.

Holistic Education

While we emphasise academic excellence, we also recognise the importance of a well-rounded education. Learning at St Bede’s extends beyond the classroom; our rich co-curricular programme complements academic studies and contributes to personal growth. Pupils participate in clubs, sports, performing arts, and community service initiatives, fostering essential life skills like leadership, teamwork, resilience, and empathy. By engaging fully in College life, our pupils grow into confident, capable young adults.

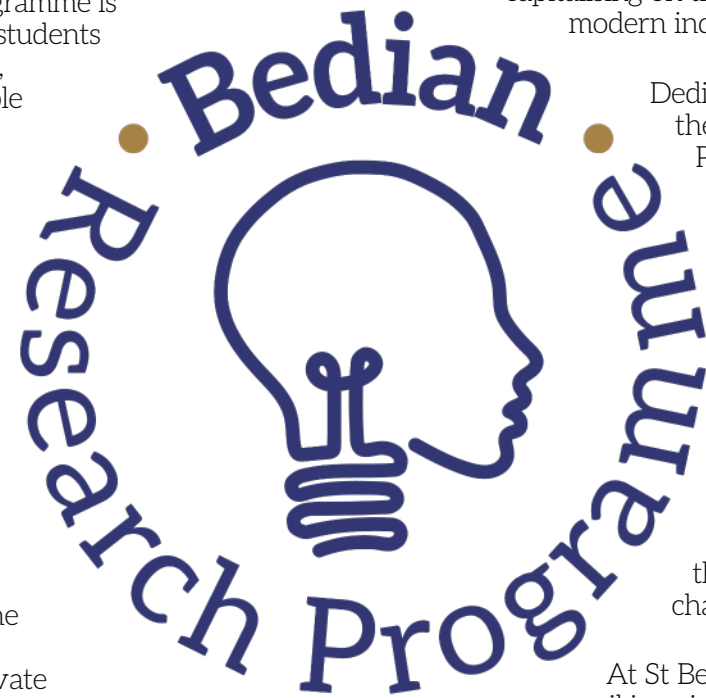


Bedian Research Programme

Preparing Our Students for a Rapidly Evolving Future

At St Bede's, we recognise that our pupils are entering a world that is rapidly evolving - one that may be unrecognisable compared to previous generations. The Bedian Research Programme is designed to help our students grow into innovative, creative, and adaptable individuals, ready to embrace the future's challenges and opportunities.

Artificial intelligence and machine learning are fundamentally changing the nature of work. Success will favour those who are most innovative, creative, and flexible in their approach. Through the Bedian Research Programme, we cultivate inquisitive minds enriched with cultural capital and guided by a strong work ethic. Our pupils are not only expected to excel academically but are also challenged to use their achievements to make a positive impact on their families, friends, and communities.



This programme is a journey that spans from Prep through to Sixth Form, embedding essential skills and providing experiences that enable pupils to become independent learners. Pupils take an active role in their education, becoming confident speakers, effective project managers, and inquisitive problem solvers. They grow into trustworthy adults, capable of capitalising on the challenges presented by modern industries.

Dedicated time is allocated to the Bedian Research Programme to facilitate true focus, but its success lies in how this learning is brought to life across all subjects. By applying these skills broadly, students reinforce their innate abilities and establish habits for life. Participation in the programme is a privilege for both teachers and pupils, preparing us all for the uncertainties and challenges of the future.

At St Bede's, we believe that every pupil is unique, created with purpose. Through the Bedian Research Programme, together with our character development initiatives, we empower our students to understand themselves and recognise the gift they are to others.

EPQ

Inspiring Critical Thinking and Self-Guided Learning

At St Bede's, we offer the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) to our high-achieving students as an opportunity to enrich their academic experience. The EPQ is a self-directed research project that allows pupils to explore a topic of their choice in depth, culminating in an extended piece of writing. This qualification not only fosters independent learning and critical thinking but also enhances university applications by contributing valuable UCAS points.

The EPQ complements our Bedian Research Programme, building upon the research skills and intellectual curiosity cultivated throughout our pupils' journeys at St Bede's. By undertaking the EPQ, students develop advanced abilities in planning, research, analysis, and presentation -

skills highly regarded by universities and employers alike. Participation in the EPQ demonstrates a student's commitment to learning and their ability to manage a significant project independently. This experience sets them apart in the competitive landscape of higher education admissions. The additional UCAS points earned can provide an advantage when applying to sought-after courses and institutions.

We support our students throughout the EPQ process with dedicated mentorship and guidance. Our teachers offer expertise and encouragement, helping students navigate challenges and achieve excellence in their work. The EPQ is an enriching endeavour that empowers our students to take ownership of their learning and prepares them for the rigours of university study.



Sports

Promoting Physical Wellbeing for a Healthy Mind and Body

At St Bede's, we believe that a healthy body is essential for a healthy mind. Our commitment to physical education is woven into the fabric of College life, recognising that sports play a crucial role in the development of teamwork, discipline, and self-confidence. We offer a comprehensive sports pupils to participate, learn new skills, and discover their passions.

Our pupils engage in a wide range of sporting activities, from traditional team sports like football, rugby, and netball to individual pursuits such as athletics, tennis, and swimming. Our dedicated coaches and excellent facilities provide an environment where pupils can thrive, whether they are seasoned athletes or trying a sport for the first time. We take pride in our competitive teams, who represent the College with enthusiasm and pride, often achieving remarkable success in local and regional competitions.

A highlight of our sports programme is our unique

partnership with Manchester City Football Club (MCFC). This collaboration allows MCFC academy players to study at St Bede's, enriching our College culture with their dedication and professionalism. The presence of these talented athletes inspires all our pupils to strive for excellence both on the field and in the classroom, and we are proud of our alumni who have gone on to achieve great success in the professional world of sport.

At St Bede's, we are dedicated to nurturing not only the intellectual but also the physical development of our students. Through sports, we instil values of perseverance, teamwork, and fair play, equipping our pupils with the skills and confidence to lead active, healthy lives.

Performing Arts

Fostering Confidence and Lifelong Skills Through the Arts

At St Bede's, the Performing Arts are at the heart of our vibrant College community. We believe that engagement in music, drama, and dance enriches our pupils' educational experience, fostering creativity, confidence, and collaboration. Our exceptional Performing Arts faculty inspires pupils to explore their talents and express themselves artistically, supported by outstanding facilities and resources.

Innovative productions showcase the depth and breadth of our programme. Shakespeare is performed in promenade, leading audiences through our beautiful campus - from the historic Academic Hall to the scenic lawns. Immersive experiences bring classics to life in a unique and memorable way, highlighting the creativity and dedication of our pupils and staff.

Similarly, our musicals embrace energetic performances, vibrant choreography, and captivating music, and they are always met

with enthusiastic acclaim. An expectation of high standards and collaborative spirit defines our Performing Arts department.

Beyond major productions, we offer a wealth of opportunities for pupils to engage with the Performing Arts. Our programme includes concerts, dance recitals, and workshops that cater to a wide range of interests and skill levels. With the support of our incredible peripatetic teachers, pupils receive specialised instruction in music and performance, allowing them to develop their talents individually.

At St Bede's, we are proud of our rich tradition in the Performing Arts. We are committed to nurturing the artistic abilities of our pupils, encouraging them to shine both on and off the stage. Through these experiences, our pupils gain invaluable skills that extend far beyond performance - building confidence, enhancing communication, and fostering a deep appreciation for the arts.





From Nursery to Upper Sixth

A Unified Educational Framework Promoting Academic and Personal Growth

At St Bede's, we offer a continuous educational journey for students aged 3 to 18, creating a unique and cohesive learning environment that fosters academic excellence and personal growth. This integrated approach ensures that each stage of education builds seamlessly upon the previous one, providing rich opportunities for every pupil.

Our youngest learners in the Prep benefit from access to fully equipped science laboratories, sparking their curiosity and laying a strong foundation in scientific inquiry. As pupils advance, they experience a smooth transition through each stage of the College, allowing them to develop their skills and knowledge progressively. This continuity means that by the time they reach the Sixth Form, they are well-prepared to excel academically and personally.

In the Sixth Form, our senior students take on mentorship roles, guiding and supporting their younger peers. This peer mentoring not only enhances the learning experience for those being mentored but also cultivates leadership and responsibility among our older students. It fosters a sense of community and collaboration that benefits the entire College.

For pupils joining St Bede's from other schools, our dedicated staff and inclusive culture ensure they are quickly assimilated into the College community. We prioritise creating a welcoming environment where every student feels valued and supported, allowing them to integrate smoothly and thrive alongside their peers.

This consistent and supportive educational environment ensures all pupils develop a strong academic foundation, build lasting friendships, and grow into confident, capable individuals ready to pursue future opportunities.

The Prep

"I am hugely privileged to say that I have spent much of my life at St Bede's, first as a pupil myself, then as a teacher, a mother to Bedian daughters Anna and Emily, and, since 2013, as Head of the Preparatory School."

Dear Parents,

The best way that I can explain the unique advantages of a St Bede's education for your son or daughter is to quote the words of one of our current Prep parents: **"When you choose St Bede's you are not walking into a school, you are walking into a family that will ignite your child's curiosity, imagination, and sense of joy and discovery for life."**

We never take our parents and families for granted at St Bede's, and we fully recognise the challenges and sacrifices that they make. For their part, our pupils are inspired by each other to develop a firmly committed mindset, which grows in fortitude and empowers them to consistently finish what they start. Being grateful is at the heart of life at St Bede's and our pupils learn that they are created uniquely to make the most of their talents. There is never a **one-size-fits-all** approach to learning in the Prep school.

With my well established team we foster a lively culture of curiosity and inquiry where Bedians are encouraged to explore, question, and discover. As we approach a golden era in our legacy of 150 years of education, I warmly invite you to transform your child's learning experience as part of our timeless Bedian family.

Warm regards,

Claire Hunt
Head of Prep





Sixth Form

Own Your Future

Dear Parents,

As Head of Sixth Form at St Bede's College, it is a privilege to guide our senior students as they prepare for their future endeavours.

At St Bede's Sixth Form, our philosophy, "**Own Your Future**," underscores our commitment to empowering each student to take charge of their personal and academic paths. Our small class sizes are integral to this approach, allowing for tailored support and attention to individual strengths and needs. This personalised focus ensures that every student receives the guidance necessary to excel both academically and personally.

Our curriculum is thoughtfully designed to prepare students for professional life and to foster their development as responsible young adults. We offer a range of advanced courses and specialised programmes that build critical thinking, problem-solving, and leadership skills essential for success in today's competitive environment. Additionally, our emphasis on character development ensures that our students are not only knowledgeable but also ethical and community-minded individuals.

The Sixth Form environment at St Bede's is one of quiet diligence and mutual respect. Students engage in meaningful projects and have opportunities to develop lasting relationships with both peers and staff. Our dedicated teachers provide consistent mentorship, encouraging a culture of excellence and integrity. Participation in cocurricular activities and community service further enriches the educational experience, allowing students to apply their skills and values in real-world contexts.

Transitioning seamlessly from the lower years to the Sixth Form, our students benefit from a continuity of education that supports their growth into confident, capable young adults. For those joining us from other schools, our inclusive culture and supportive teachers ensure a smooth integration, helping new students feel welcome and valued from the outset.

As we continue to uphold our longstanding legacy of education, I invite you to consider St Bede's Sixth Form as the environment where your child can truly **own their future**. Here, they will be well-prepared to meet the challenges ahead and to make meaningful contributions to society.

Thank you for considering St Bede's College for your child's continued education. I look forward to welcoming you and your family into the upper stage of the College.

Warm regards,

Dr Anne McMonagle

Head of Sixth Form

Once a Bedian, Always a Bedian

More than a School; a Cherished Home for Generations of Families

At St Bede's, we are proud to be more than a place of learning. We are a community where generations of families continue to grow, thrive, and return. Our Headteacher, Mrs Kemp, is herself creating a Bedian legacy, with her children and now grandchildren also pupils in the College. She is a living reminder of the strength of belonging here.

This multi-generational connection is echoed across our community. The Boylan family has seen four generations thrive at St Bede's. Michael Berry first joined the College as a student in 1960, following in the footsteps of his father who started in 1936,

before returning as a teacher in 1980. Claire Boylan, now Assistant Head, has continued that legacy, with her own children excelling as current pupils.

The Hunt family also has a long-standing history with St Bede's. Mrs Hunt, our current Head of Prep, was once a pupil herself, and her daughters have also passed through the College. This is a testament to the nurturing environment that inspires families to remain part of our story.

These enduring bonds exemplify what it means to be Bedian. Once a Bedian, always a Bedian. The values cherished by our alumni are passed down to each new generation, preparing them for the future while honouring our rich heritage.

If you are an Old Bedian and would like to reconnect with the College, scan this code or email alumni@sbcm.co.uk to join our Alumni Network:



Meet the Leadership Team

Stewarding Tradition and Progress with Expertise and Integrity

Our Senior Leadership Team (SLT) plays a pivotal role in shaping the educational experience and maintaining the high standards that define the College. Comprising experienced educators, the SLT is committed to fostering an environment where both students and staff can thrive.



Responsible for developing and implementing the College's strategic vision, the SLT ensures that our academic programmes remain innovative and relevant. They work closely with the staff to support teaching excellence, curriculum development, and the integration of best practices across all departments. By prioritising continuous professional development, the SLT ensures that our teachers are equipped with the latest educational tools and methodologies.

In addition to academic leadership, the SLT emphasises the importance of a supportive and inclusive College culture. They oversee student welfare initiatives, promote cocurricular activities, and encourage community engagement, ensuring that every Bedian feels valued and supported.

Admissions

Start Your Bedian journey

At St Bede's College, we welcome families who resonate with our ethos of excellence, community, and commitment to personal growth. We invite you to discover what makes our College a nurturing home for students from age 3 to 18.

Experience St Bede's Firsthand

Join us at one of our open events to experience the vibrant community and outstanding facilities that set St Bede's apart. These events provide an excellent opportunity to meet our dedicated staff, explore our state-of-the-art classrooms and sports facilities, and see firsthand the enriching environment your child could be part of.

Personalised Visits

For a more tailored experience, arrange a private visit by contacting our admissions team. During a private tour, you'll have the chance to discuss your child's

unique needs and aspirations with our knowledgeable admissions officers, ensuring that St Bede's is the perfect fit for their educational journey.

Get in Touch

To learn more about our admissions process, please contact our admissions at the contact details listed below. Our friendly admissions team is here to answer any questions you may have and guide you through every step of the application process.

Join the Bedian Family

We look forward to welcoming you to the St Bede's community and helping your child grow with confidence and integrity. Discover the difference a Bedian education can make - reach out to us today and take the first step towards a bright and fulfilling future for your child.

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