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Save the Date!

Break up for Half
Term

Friday 13th February

INSET Day

Monday 23rd February

Pupils Return

Tuesday 24th February

Break up for Easter

3:50PM Wednesday
1st April

BEDE'S NEWS

January 2026

Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of the first half term and reflect on what a great month it has been, it feels especially fitting to pause and give thanks for all that St Bede's has been and all that it continues to be. Our first day back this term was a truly historic moment, as we came together to celebrate the 150th anniversary of St Bede's College.

Founded in 1876, St Bede's has stood at the heart of Manchester for a century and a half. For generations, becoming a Bedian has meant far more than attending a school; it has meant belonging to a community shaped by faith, service, and responsibility to others. Our anniversary celebrations on Wednesday, 7th January, brought the whole school together in a spirit of gratitude and joy, with a whole-school Mass, birthday cake for every pupil, and time to reflect on our past, present, and future.

While we celebrate our history, this anniversary year is firmly focused on giving back. We have committed to a year-long programme of charitable

fundraising, supporting organisations across Greater Manchester that serve some of the most vulnerable in our society including food banks, hospices, and homelessness and mental health services. This reflects what it truly means to be a Bedian: to live with compassion, generosity, and a commitment to others.

This Bedian spirit was also beautifully evident at our 150th Anniversary Ball at The Midland Hotel, which brought together Bedians past and present for a memorable evening of celebration and connection. Thanks to the generosity of those who attended, £11,684 was raised to support the ongoing work of the College and future generations.

As we continue through this special year, we look forward to welcoming former pupils back to reconnect and celebrate what unites us across generations. This is a year of gratitude for the past, generosity in the present, and hope for the future.

Mrs Maria Kemp, Headteacher





PREP

Happy New Year to all members of our community!

As we embark on this new year, we are filled with hope and excitement for the opportunities that lie ahead.

January has been a truly wonderful month as we celebrated the 150th anniversary of St. Bede's College with a special Mass led by Bishop John Arnold. This significant milestone was marked by a gathering that brought together our entire community. It was particularly heartwarming to see our youngest pupils from Nursery upwards, joining with the college students for this memorable occasion, symbolising the strong bonds that unite us across all ages.

I thoroughly enjoyed the 150th Gala Ball at The Midland Hotel, where it was a delight to reconnect with so many alumni, colleagues, parents, and friends at such a lovely event. The evening was filled with laughter, nostalgia, and a shared commitment to the values that St. Bede's embodies. It was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate our rich history and to look forward to the future together.

Looking ahead, we are excited for the upcoming concert at The Bridgewater Hall on Friday, 20th March. Our pupils from Prep 3 to Prep 6 will perform alongside the senior college, showcasing their talents and hard work. This event promises to be a highlight of the term, and we encourage all families to attend and support our young performers.

This month, our focus has been on the Virtue of Fortitude. It has been inspiring to see the children embracing their inner strength and courage, whether in the classroom or during extracurricular activities. We believe that fostering these virtues is essential for their personal development and resilience.

Additionally, it has been a pleasure welcoming both new and existing families to our new 'Baby Bees' parent and toddler group each Thursday morning. This initiative has created a warm and supportive environment for parents and their little ones to connect.

With my best wishes for February,

Mrs Claire Hunt, Head of Prep



THE SIXTH FORM

January has been a month of looking toward the future. The Lower Sixth students in our newly appointed Prefect Team have hit the ground running, demonstrating maturity and initiative. Their first official duty was to represent the school during the recent Entrance Exams. It is a high-pressure day for prospective students, and our prefects acted as exceptional ambassadors, providing a warm and calming welcome. Since then, they have been a supportive presence across the College; whether through fulfilling their break duties or breathing new life into the 'Big Sis, Little Sis' initiative, they are bridging the gap between year groups and acting as fantastic role models.

This month, Sixth Form assemblies have shifted focus toward the world of work, and we've been fortunate to welcome several Bedian Alumni to share their career experiences with us. First-hand accounts of life in the Engineering and Finance sectors provided our students with a glimpse into the grit and networking required to succeed in such competitive fields. The momentum continues as we move toward our University and Careers Fair on February 5th. This is a vital opportunity for students and parents. We look forward to seeing many of you there to engage directly with representatives from various institutions and industries and explore the myriad of possibilities awaiting our students.

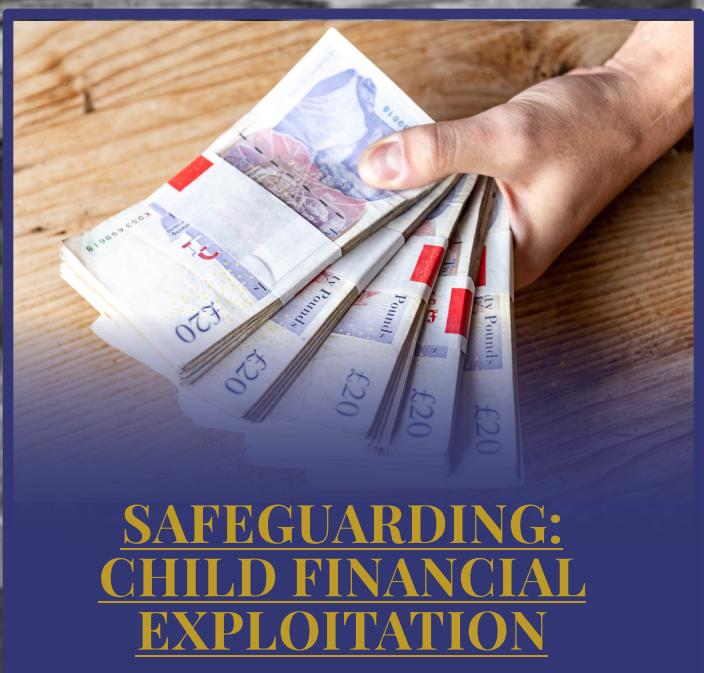
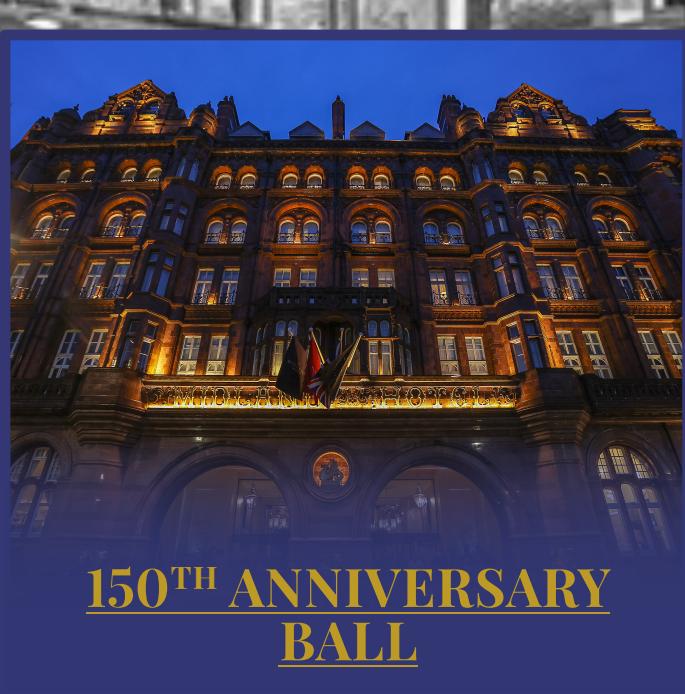
Dr Anne McMonagle, Head of Sixth Form



150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST BEDE'S COLLEGE



INTRODUCING YOUR NEW PREFECT TEAM

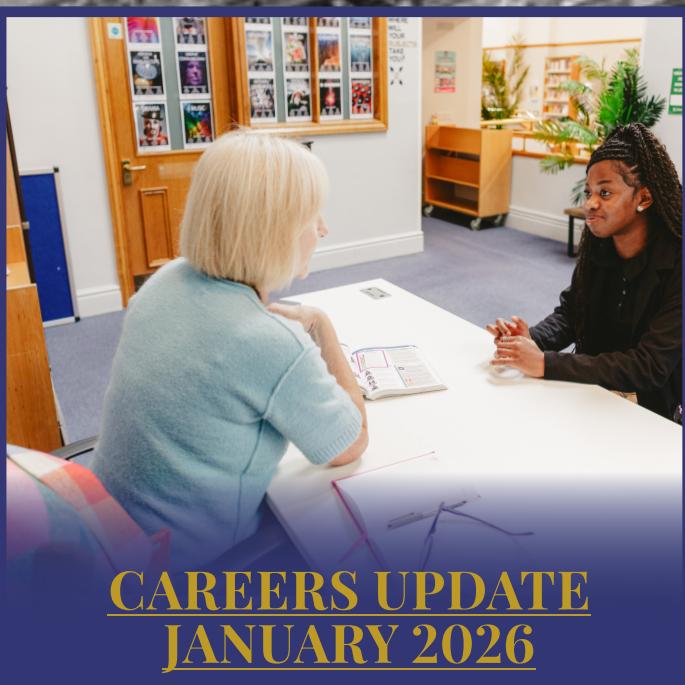




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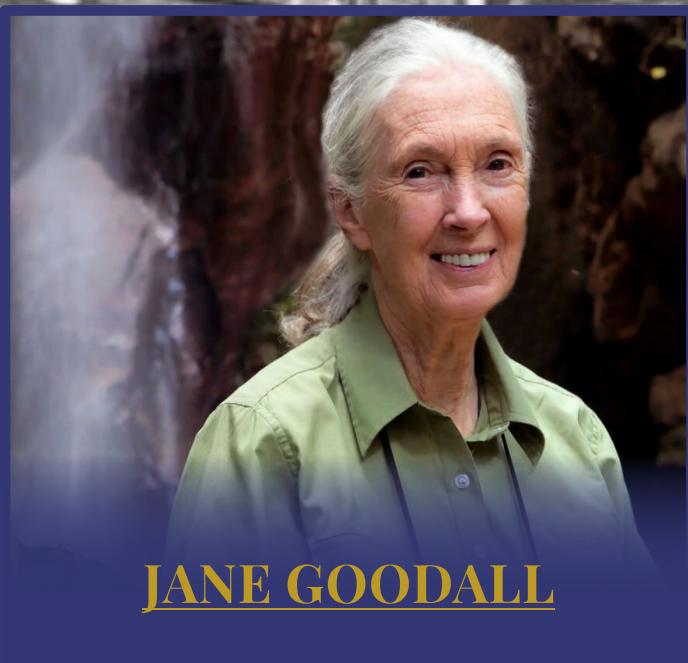
PREP SPORTS ROUND-UP



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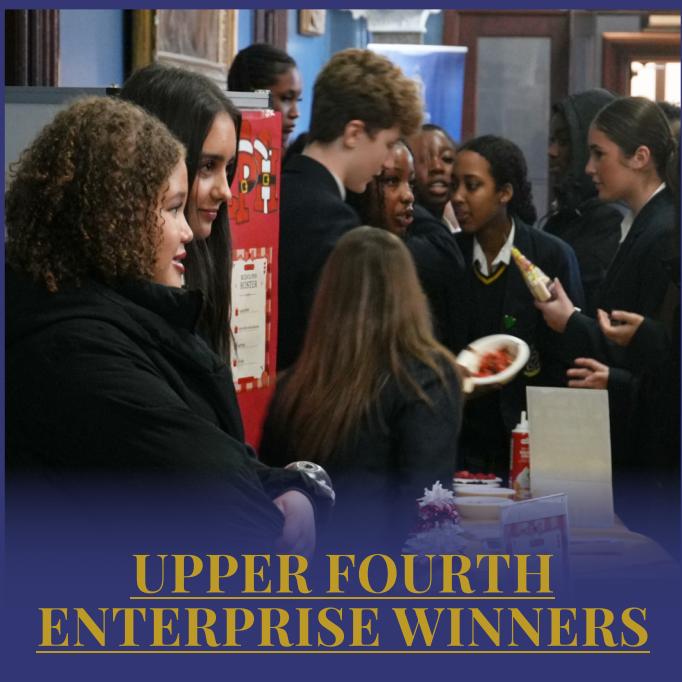
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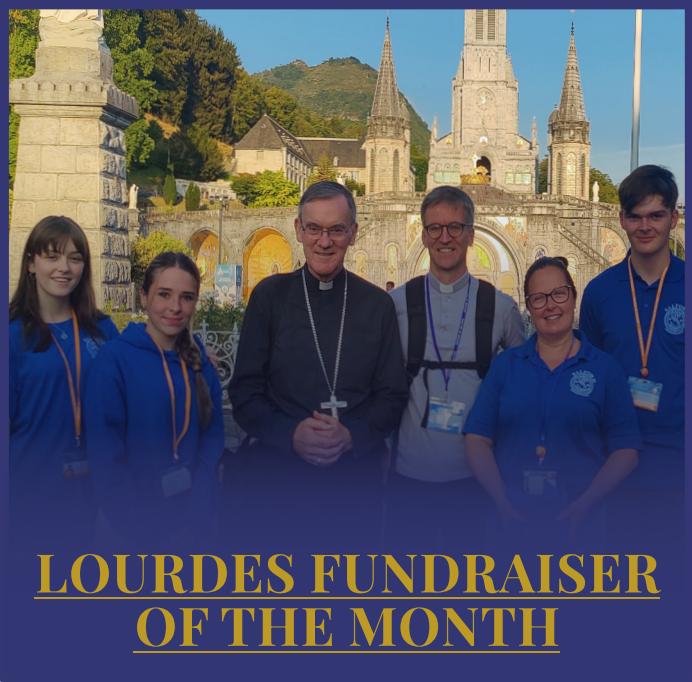
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UPPER FOURTH ENTERPRISE WINNERS



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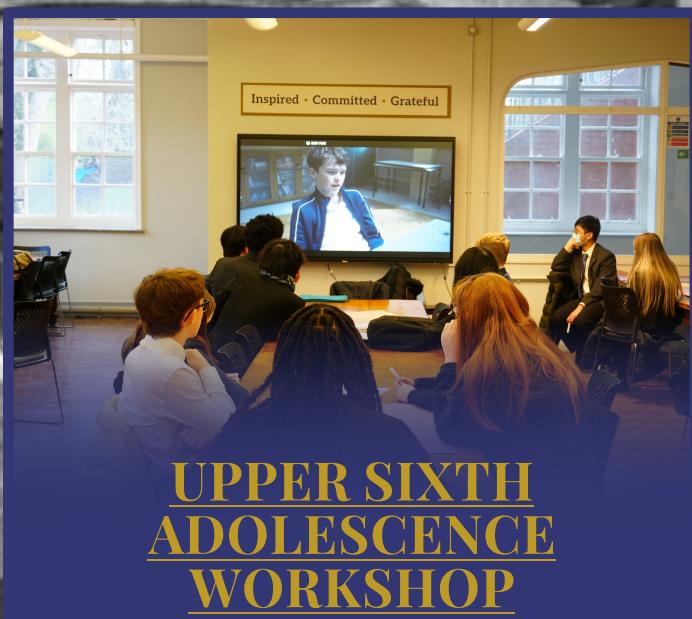
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UPPER SIXTH ADOLESCENCE WORKSHOP



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Bedian Ambassadors

December 2025 - Generosity

Upper Third



Avneet



Ivy



Esmee



Daisy



Tudor



Sophia



Ivy

Lower Fourth



Amelia



Joseph



Raphael



Deborah



Victor



Anna-Leigh



Alia

Upper Fourth



Nina



Alana



Lara



Joel



Mason



Ethan



Bertie

Lower Fifth



Joel



Missy



Zuriel



Madeline



Sophia



Alfie



Samuel

Upper Fifth



Grace



Jaiden-Amari



Joshua



Tallulah-Mae



Eniola



Collins



Karen

Lower Sixth



Paola



Sofia



Lilliella

Upper Sixth



Elsie



Ayyan



Cliona

PREP STARS OF THE WEEK



PREP HOUSEPOINTS



HEADTEACHER'S COMMENDATION

Congratulations to our Headteacher's Commendation winners from the Autumn term, who enjoyed a special lunch with Mrs Kemp and Mrs Boylan, for best embodying the Bedian spirit last term.





FATHER ALVARO'S JANUARY MESSAGE

150 YEARS OF BUILDING TOGETHER: ST BEDE'S COLLEGE

This January, St Bede's College marks a significant milestone: its 150th anniversary. Such an occasion invites us not only to celebrate, but also to reflect with gratitude and hope.

The anniversary brings to mind the "Sagrada Família" a church in my hometown of Barcelona that has been under construction for more than 140 years. Built generation by generation for the glory of God, it reminds us that great works often outlive those who begin them. Each contributor plays a part in something far greater than themselves.

In a similar way, St Bede's is an intergenerational project. For 150 years, founders, teachers, staff, parents, and benefactors have worked together to form young people. Each pupil is unique, with a unique soul, and the mission of the

College has always been to nurture minds and hearts, helping each young person develop their talents and grow into a good citizen, a responsible family member, a committed worker, and a son or daughter of God.

As we look back, we give thanks for the vision of Cardinal Vaughan and all who have sustained the College. As we look forward, we renew our commitment to that founding mission, inspired by the deeds of those who came before us, faithful to the ethos and principles upon which the College was founded, and grateful for the privilege of being part of this journey.

May St Bede's continue to form young people who can become the salt and light of society, as Our Lord invites us all to be.

Fr Alvaro - College Priest

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UNIVERSITY AND CAREERS FAIR

2026

This event brings together representatives from multiple industries and exceptional Universities.

You can also attend targeted talks on topics such as UCAS, St Bede's College Sixth Form and Vocational Employability



**THURSDAY 5TH
FEBRUARY
2026**



**ST BEDE'S COLLEGE,
ALEXANDRA ROAD,
MANCHESTER,
M16 8HX**



5:30 PM - 7:30 PM



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 5th February - 5:30-7:30PM - Universities and Careers Fair

Wednesday February 11th February - Own Clothes Day - Wear Blue for Lourdes

Thursday 12th February - 7:00-9:00PM - Prep 6 Play

Friday February 13th February - Break up for Half Term

Monday 23rd February - INSET day

Tuesday 24th February - Students return from Half Term

Monday 9th March - Upper 4th Catchup Immunisations

Monday 30th March - Prep Parents' Evening

Wednesday 1st April - Break up for Easter Holidays

Friday 3rd April - Good Friday

Sunday 5th April - Easter Sunday

Monday 20th April - Students Return from Easter Holidays