



ST. BEDE'S
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St. Bede's College

Candidate Information Pack

Head of Computer Science - Full Time
Application Deadline: Friday 15th May 2026



We are a community of believers who aspire to provide the students in our care with an education of excellence rooted in and sustained by our shared commitment to the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, knowing that we are created by Him and inspired by truth, committed to ourselves and to each other, grateful to our families and in awe of the world around us.

Through the values, with which Cardinal Vaughan opened the doors of the school 150 years ago, we recognise that every member is equal in the eyes of God and worthy of respect. Like him, we continue to pursue academic excellence, civilised standards of behaviour and an awareness of traditional family values underpinned by the Gospel message and the teachings of the Catholic Church.

MISSION STATEMENT

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Welcome from the Headteacher



St Bede's is a unique place, where young people are nurtured and supported in order to flourish and reach their full potential. The College is extremely proud of its Catholic heritage. It has been educating young people with respect, dignity and compassion for over 140 years and it is through our dedicated staff that this is possible.

Thank you for taking the time to consider St Bede's. Throughout our history, the College has encouraged its pupils to be confident and successful whilst modest young people, able to make the right decisions when the moments arise. Our core values remain unchanged – the timeless Catholic qualities of humanity, compassion and empathy for others, and we look forward to welcoming colleagues who share them.

Mrs Maria Kemp
Headteacher



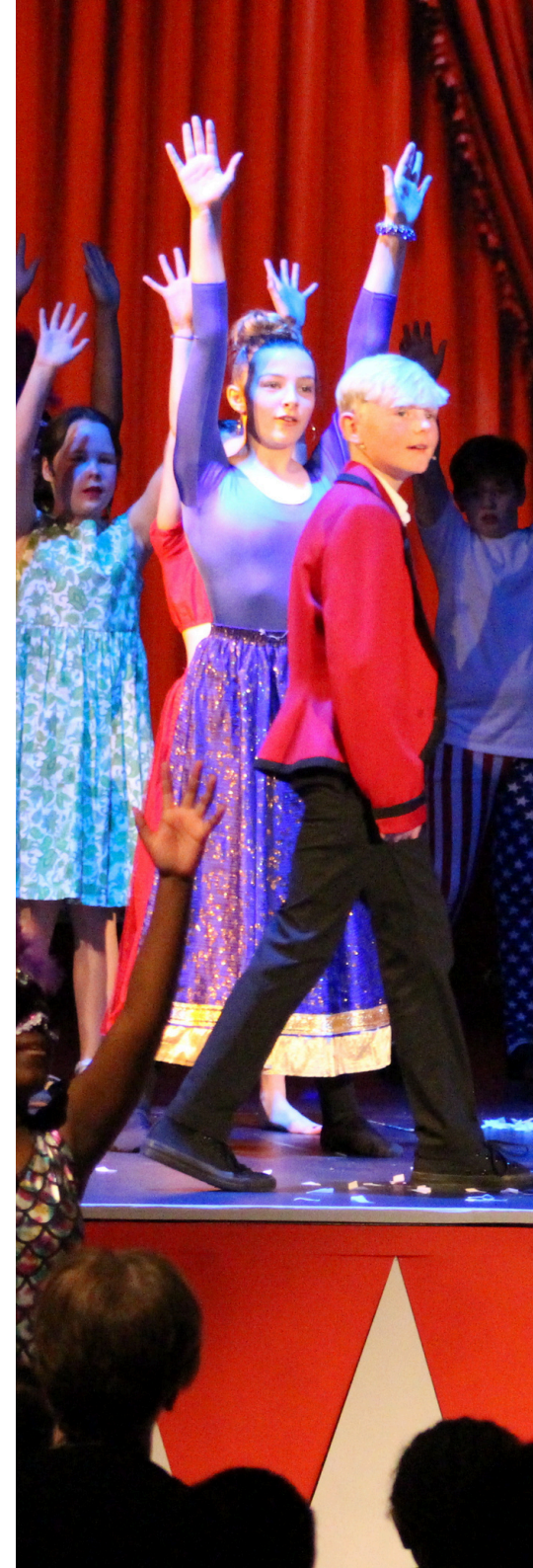
Welcome from Head of Prep



I am delighted you are considering working at St Bede's College, of which the Prep school is an integral part. From the Early Years Foundation Stage through to the end of a child's primary journey in Prep 6, our curriculum is bright, pacy, engaging and varied. Highly qualified and specialist teachers, together with small class sizes provide the best possible education for each and every child in the Prep.

Our approach to education stems from our deep Catholic roots and is a combination of high academic standards and a commitment to the moral and spiritual development of each child. Happy children are those who feel valued, whose strengths and individual achievements are celebrated. The Prep is an ideal place for children to develop a life-long love of learning where curiosity thrives in our vibrant and forward thinking environment in which to grow and learn.

Mrs Claire Hunt





While I definitely benefited academically, the most valuable thing I got from my time at St Bede's is the friends and family that I have still - twenty years after leaving. The biggest endorsement I can give is that I send my own children there, hoping they will have the same positive experience.

John Boylan
Old Bedian (1994-2001)

Welcome to St. Bede's College

A Catholic HMC Independent College for boys and girls aged 3-18

On 7 January 1876, Cardinal Vaughan opened the doors of St Bede's College in Manchester. The thirst for knowledge and search for truth that characterised the life of St Bede was the founding idea of a college designed to foster in its pupils a love of learning. Almost a century and a half later, the school remains faithful to that founding idea: its aim is for students to reach their full potential and become true leaders capable of building a better world.

Christ remains at the centre and heart of the school, and pupils are seen as the children of God they are, regardless of their background or their own faith journey.

St. Bede's College strives to work in partnership with parents in order to become a centre where they can find all the support, service and advice they need. The College has a rich life, full of opportunities accessed through the house system, co-curricular activities and the students' own initiatives, all of which contribute to the positive growth mindset transmitted by its founder. While excellent teaching and small class sizes contribute to its students' academic success, St Bede's is equally committed to holistic education, allowing children to shape their future in accordance with their uniqueness.





Head of Computer Science

Head of Computer Science Department Overview

DEPARTMENT
Computer Science

DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO
Deputy Headteacher

COMMENCING
1st September 2026

The Computer Science Department at St Bede's College covers the three core pillars of Computer Science, ICT, and Online Safety. The Department consists of three specialist teachers who work across all areas of the curriculum to ensure a cohesive student experience. We are a forward-thinking and collaborative team, recently revamping our Key Stage 3 curriculum to better meet the demands of a modern digital world. The Department is well-equipped with two dedicated ICT suites, supported by a dedicated on-site IT technician who ensures our infrastructure and software are optimised for learning.



Computer Science Subject Overview

Computer Science is taught in mixed-ability groups in Upper Third (Year 7) and Lower Fourth (Year 8). Classes are split into smaller cohorts, averaging 12 students per class, which allows for significant individual support and ambitious practical projects. Throughout Key Stage 3, students build a diverse toolkit: they master Digital Literacy via the Google Workspace suite, explore Computing History, and delve into Systems Architecture, including CPU function, binary conversions, and data representation. The curriculum also prioritises digital citizenship through Online Safety and practical technical skills like HTML web development, multi-track video editing, and Python programming using the PRIMM model.

Students select their options at the end of Lower Fourth (Y8). Computer Science is growing in popularity and in recent years, has seen the biggest increase in uptake from any subject. At both GCSE and A Level, we follow the OCR specifications. Our A Level students benefit from six dedicated periods a week, strategically split to provide two periods for coursework and four for exam content. To further support our students, we have recently launched a revamped department website, providing a wealth of resources for independent study and revision outside of scheduled lesson time.

The Department also runs a digital co-curricular club '*Digital Bedians*', which the successful candidate will ensure grows in popularity.



Head of Computer Science

Duties and responsibilities

To lead the development of the department and promote the use of educational technology across the whole College. You will be required to attend relevant meetings, working as a member of the Middle Leadership team to contribute positively and effectively to working relations within the College. You will possess and promote high expectations of all pupils to ensure that they can achieve their full educational potential and teach Computer Science across Key Stages 3, 4, and 5.

Teachers are expected to contribute to co-curricular activities, and the vast majority of teachers have a small group. The form tutor provides mentoring, teaches PSMEE, and promotes the general progress and well-being of individual pupils in their group.

We warmly welcome candidates with open minds and hearts who seek to bring joy into the classroom and beyond. We teach enthusiastically, with passion, and to a high standard, and relish the idea of a like-minded individual joining the Department.





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.

St. Bede's Parents

Safeguarding Duties

Every pupil should feel safe and protected from any form of abuse. St Bede's College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Adults in our school take all welfare concerns seriously and encourage children and young people to talk to us about anything that worries them. We will always act in the best interest of the child.

All staff have a responsibility for safeguarding and undertake regular training and updates, beyond statutory requirements. All members of the pastoral team undertake full DSL training and are led by an Assistant Head in charge of Safeguarding.

Shortlisted candidates will need to disclose relevant criminal history. This post is exempt from the ROA 1974 and, therefore, the successful candidate will have to have an enhanced DBS and barred list check.

References will be sought from all shortlisted candidates.

All child protection policies can be found [here](#).



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Personal Profile

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	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A good honours degree qualification & QTS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further relevant qualifications or evidence of continued professional development in Computer Science or education
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excellent classroom practitioner with a track record of strong student outcomes Experience teaching Computer Science up to and including GCSE (and ideally A Level) Experience of leading or contributing to a team Experience using assessment (formative and summative) to inform teaching and intervention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experience as a Form Tutor Evidence of contributing to co-curricular activities Strong knowledge and understanding of the OCR GCSE and A Level Computer Science specifications Experience supporting or mentoring colleagues or trainee teachers
Abilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ability to plan and deliver engaging, challenging, well-sequenced lessons and curricula to students aged 11-18 of a wide range of abilities Ability to design and implement a coherent, sequenced curriculum aligned to examination requirements Ability to use assessment effectively to identify gaps and improve student outcomes Ability to stretch our best and brightest students Ability to support and inspire all students Ability to work effectively as part of an enthusiastic and motivated team, and to build trust and openness Passion for seeing all pupils progress in their learning The ability to develop professional, working relationships with colleagues and students Strong behaviour management, establishing clear routines and high expectations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to use pupil tracking data to drive departmental improvement Experience developing and maintaining shared resources and systems Ability to contribute to curriculum development beyond own subject area

Head of Computer Science Personal Profile

	Essential	Desirable
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Passion for the subject and for teaching• The enthusiasm and ability to motivate and inspire students• Willingness to be involved in the wider life of the College• Commitment to life-long learning and professional development, and a desire to embrace new ideas• Discretion, courtesy and diligence• Excellent organisation and time management• Evaluate and plan effectively• Excellent communication skills, both orally and in writing• Commitment to safeguarding and the welfare of students• Ability to evaluate, refine, and improve teaching and curriculum planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Awareness of current developments in education and Computer Science pedagogy• Ability to collaborate effectively with colleagues across subject areas• Experience using educational technology to enhance teaching and learning
Values	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be fully sympathetic to the aims of a Catholic school. St Bede's provides a holistic education, which is firmly rooted in the teachings of the Catholic Church• Contribution to co-curricular life of the College• Commitment to pastoral care	



Our vision is to see our pupils grow as true leaders in the 21st century; we believe that character development will help them to achieve their potential, lead responsibly and build a better world.

Mrs Maria Kemp
Headteacher

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How to apply

The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS

Friday 15nd May

The Head of Computer Science, Darren Cank would be happy to talk to any interested applicant and answer any queries. He can be contacted by email in the first instance at dcank@sbcm.co.uk

Please note all shortlisted candidates will be required to teach a lesson at interview.

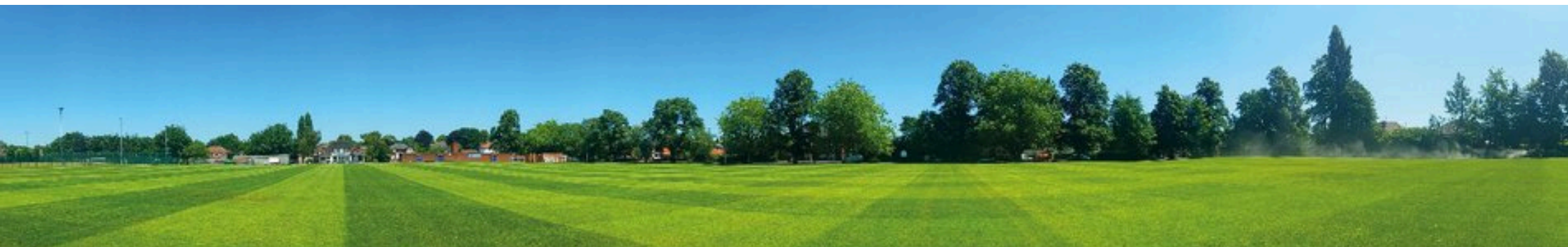
INTERVIEWS WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE WEEK COMMENCING

Monday 18th May

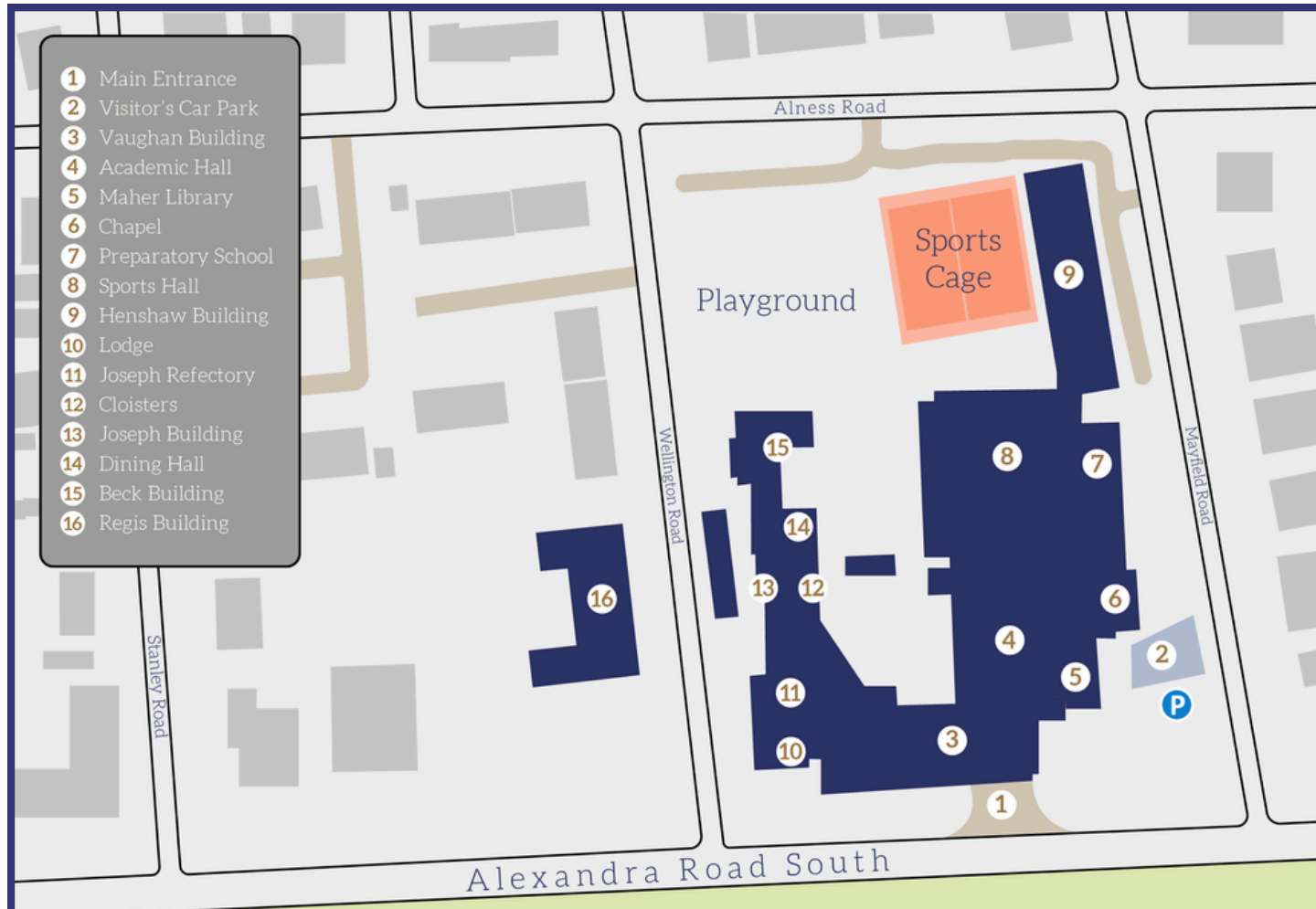
We welcome applications from those who wish to apply for the position to do so through the TES advertisement. Any queries or concerns with this can be directed to to the Headteacher's PA, Mrs Gillian Fletcher, at gletcher@sbcm.co.uk.

The application form must be completed in full, including:

- Full education and / or employment history from the age of 16, with any gaps explained.
- Contact details from two referees, one of which must be from the candidate's most recent employer, and one of which must be from the most recent time the candidate worked with children (if applicable).
- For teaching posts, pre-interview references are required. Please indicate on the form where a referee may or may not be contacted prior to an interview, and be prepared to offer an alternative contact if required.



Map of the School



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Senior Leadership Team





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