



ST. BEDE'S
COLLEGE
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Save the Date!

Summer Holidays
Begin

Friday 3rd July
12:00 pm

INSET Days

1st & 2nd September

Prep, U3 & L6 Return
Thursday 3rd September

L4, U4, L5, U5 & U6
Return
Friday 4th September

BEDE'S NEWS

Summer 2026

Dear Parents,

We have finished the first half of the 150th Anniversary year and what a year it has been so far. The visit from the Bishop to celebrate the Mass in January, the Bridgewater Hall Concert and finally the Summer Fair. It was a fantastic day, the children enjoyed it enormously and the celebration was felt by every member of our community.

Your support throughout these months has been invaluable, specially during the heatwave, it was not easy to balance the pupils' safety with the running of the school but we managed and even sports day was a success.

The virtue of the month is "magnanimity", the virtue that helps us have greatness of soul, and it couldn't have been truer. I

am extremely proud and grateful to have shared these months with you, the staff and the pupils. I thought that, during the holiday, it is the perfect opportunity to think beyond ourselves. To be helpful around the house, more patient with our siblings and to try to not be guided solely by our immediate need of rest.

Pope Leo said in Madrid, "kindness, even if only from a few, overcomes the fear of many". Let this thought guide us during the summer in preparation for next year.

I wish you a restful and joyful holiday with your family and friends!

Mrs Maria Kemp, Headteacher





PREP

It has been a lively and memorable summer term at St Bede's Prep School, with pupils embracing opportunities to explore, challenge themselves and bring their learning to life.

A particular highlight was Prep 5's Woodland Immersive Experience in Heaton Park. Pupils swapped their desks for the woodland canopy and enjoyed a day of adventure, teamwork and scientific discovery. They learned about local habitats, considered how we can protect the natural world, and were fascinated to discover that some fungi can help to decompose plastic. Den building, foraging and making handmade paper added to the excitement, while campfire songs, hot chocolate and s'mores made the day especially memorable.

Our pupils also enjoyed an action-packed residential at Plas Menai on the Menai Strait. Over three days, they developed new skills in windsurfing, dinghy sailing and catamaran sailing, showing great courage and perseverance as they took to the water. Archery, campfires and the high ropes course

provided further opportunities to build resilience, strengthen friendships and support one another. It was wonderful to see the children step outside their comfort zones with such enthusiasm and determination.

Finally, Prep 5 transformed the Academic Hall into their annual living Waxwork Museum. Each pupil researched a significant historical figure, prepared a first-person speech, and brought their character to life through carefully chosen costumes and props. From monarchs and saints to scientists, astronauts, musicians and civil rights leaders, the children performed with confidence, clarity and creativity for pupils and families.

As always, it has been a pleasure to see our pupils approach each opportunity with curiosity, confidence and a generous spirit. Thank you to our staff and families for your continued support in making the Prep School such a warm and nurturing community. We wish everyone a happy and restful summer.

The Prep Team



THE SIXTH FORM

As the academic year draws to a close, the final weeks of this term have been characterised by energy, achievement, and celebration. It has been a genuine privilege to watch our Upper Sixth finish their examinations and step into a well-deserved spotlight. The sense of relief and accomplishment at the end of the exam season was palpable, kickstarting a wonderful series of send-offs. At our annual Prizegiving event, we formally recognised not only the academic excellence of this cohort, but also the resilience, leadership, and integrity they have demonstrated throughout their time with us. The celebrations culminated in style at the Sixth Form Ball at Manchester Hall. Dressed beautifully for the occasion, students and teachers came together for a fantastic evening of food, dancing and shared memories. The Upper Sixth have left a lasting impression on the school, and we wish them the absolute best as they await their results and prepare for the exciting chapters ahead.

Meanwhile, our Lower Sixth students have shown immense purpose and enthusiasm in the final few days of term. They have balanced critical preparation for their futures with a brilliant commitment to school life and the wider community. During Higher Education Day, they engaged maturely with workshops designed to kickstart their university and career planning, showcasing impressive ambition. This focus was complemented by a highly successful trip to Durham University and historic Whitby. Closer to home, their community spirit was on full display during a charity gardening outing on House Day, and at our retro sports day their leadership helped deliver a day of brilliant fun. This term has been a memorable one, packed with events that highlight the very best of our Sixth Form. I wish everyone a safe, relaxing, and well-deserved summer break, and I look forward to seeing our returning students refreshed and ready to lead the school this September.

Dr Anne McMonagle, Head of Sixth Form



PREP SPORTS ROUND-UP



PREP 5 WAXWORK MUSEUM



ENGLISH TRANSITION DAY



PREP MANAI STRAITS



OXFORD UNIVERSITY TRANSLATION SUCCESS



WOODLAND IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE



**U3 & L4 BEDIAN
RESEARCH PROGRAMME**



**LOWER SIXTH TED ED
TALKS**



**MANCHESTER LIBRARY
POETRY TRIP**



**DUKE OF EDINBURGH
AWARDS 2026**



**LOWER SIXTH
PAINTBALLING TRIP**



**SIXTH FORM DURHAM
AND WHITBY TRIP**



**UPPER SIXTH
BALL 2026**



**CAREERS DAY
2026**



**A TRIP OF A
LIFETIME**



**LOWER SIXTH
OUTREACH**



**A FITTING FAREWELL
TO THE UPPER SIXTH**



**SAFEGUARDING
SUMMER ROUND-UP**



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Bedian Ambassadors May 2026 – Truthfulness

Upper Third



Abdul-Bari



Patrick



Frantisek



Daisy



Huzayfah



Kayla



Eden

Lower Fourth



Nuoling



NyCara



Cyrena



Matteo



Simi



Joseph



Joseph

Upper Fourth



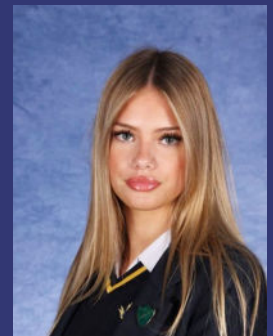
Evelyn



Simone



Akam



Jessica



Malachi



Joshua



Bertie

Lower Fifth



Ethan



Zain



Zachary



Mark



Natalie



Muhammad



Iria

Lower Sixth



Ryan



Kenawa



Julia

PREP STARS OF THE WEEK



PREP HOUSEPOINTS



PREP VIRTUE WINNERS FOR 'TRUTHFULNESS'





FATHER ALVARO'S JUNE MESSAGE

150 YEARS OF VOCATIONS AND SERVICE

On 12 June, as part of our 150th Anniversary celebrations, we held a special Mass in honour of the ordained clergy among St Bede's alumni. In his homily, Mgr Allen quoted St John Mary Vianney, the patron saint of priests, who described priests as "the love of the Heart of Jesus", a particularly fitting reference as the Mass took place on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Over the years, more than 500 former students have discovered their vocation to the priesthood at St Bede's and have gone on to serve Catholic communities throughout Manchester, becoming, to borrow Mgr Allen's expression, "the backbone of the Diocese". Many others have served in different parts of the country or travelled far and wide as missionaries. This is a legacy that we cherish, celebrate, and give thanks for.

Today, as 150 years ago, St Bede's seeks to be fertile soil where every student, regardless of their faith background, can discover their God-given potential and dignity as children of God.

It is only when a young person experiences the love of God personally that he or she can begin to consider a life dedicated more exclusively to the love of God and the service of others whether in the priesthood, religious life, or as lay people called to sanctify their families, workplaces, and the many activities of daily life.

As we come to the end of another academic year, it is a fitting moment to lift our hearts to God in thanksgiving for the many blessings and graces He has bestowed upon our school this year and throughout its 150 year history. We also pray that the loving Heart of Jesus may continue to inspire many young people to respond generously to His call, to give their lives in service of God and others, to be conformed ever more closely to Christ, and to bear constant witness to faith, hope, and love. Entrusting our school, its students, staff, families, and alumni to the Sacred Heart, we make our own the prayer of St Margaret Mary Alacoque: "O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in You."

Fr Alvaro - College Priest



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150 years of Belonging

Once a Bedian, always a Bedian

Join the Bedian Alumni Network

As we celebrate 150 years of St Bede's College in January, we're reconnecting with the former pupils and staff who have shaped our story.

Join the Bedian Network to:

- Reconnect with old friends and former classmates
- Receive a commemorative 150th Anniversary gift
- Stay updated on upcoming celebrations and reunions

Wherever life has taken you, you'll always be part of the Bedian family.



Reconnect today:

sbcm.co.uk/alumni

Scan to Join



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 3rd July – Break up for the Summer Holidays – 12 noon

Thursday 13th August – A-level Results Day

Thursday 20th August – GCSE Results Day

Tuesday 1st September – INSET Day

Wednesday 2nd September – INSET Day

**Thursday 3rd September – Prep, Upper Third and Lower Sixth
Return**

**Friday 4th September – Lower Fourth, Upper Fourth, Lower Fifth,
Upper Fifth & Upper Sixth Return**