



# ST. BEDE'S COLLEGE

# BEDE'S NEWS

14 June 2019

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## The Headmaster's Review of the Week

Dear Bedian Family,

I am sure that you will enjoy the latest edition of *Bede's News*, yet again jam-packed full of exciting pupils' achievements and many other items of interest. The College's theme of the week is the Holy Trinity. We have been asking our pupils to ponder upon "Is a family a community?". Everyone belongs to a family of one kind or another and Christians are all part of God's family. This Sunday's Gospel is about the Holy Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - who are a very special family and through baptism we enter into God's family. It is through Jesus that we can come to know the Father and we call upon the Holy Trinity when we make the sign of the cross. As scripture says: "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will lead you to complete truth" (John 16:13).

I hugely enjoyed my second storytelling "Jackanory" visit to our fantastic Prep School on Tuesday afternoon and it was wonderful to be able to read two stories with the pupils, featuring prominent leaders in black history. We were also able to discuss a number of important associated topics and I was very touched at the end of my visit when one of the Prep 4 pupils asked me "Can you come over to read often please?".

The College held a fantastic Mathemagic primary team challenge here on Wednesday and it was great to see our own Prep teams take part, as well as many other local schools. Many thanks to all of the staff and pupils who were involved, especially to the group of our Lower Sixth students who so willingly helped out.

We held the latest in our Alumni Lecture Series here at St Bede's last night with a talk from Professor Ronan O'Hora, a world-renowned expert in the field of piano and keyboard playing from the Guildhall in London. He also gave a series of masterclasses to pianists from both the Prep and the wider College and we are extremely grateful for his visit. We also held yesterday the first of our two Higher Education Days for the College's Lower Sixth students, with a wide variety of activities taking place for them as well as expert advice from external speakers. The second day will be taking place this Tuesday and I am very grateful to the Sixth Form team for putting together these incredibly valuable events for our students. This evening some of our U4 pupils are having a 'Sleep Out' to raise awareness for the homeless in Manchester, and we are currently hoping that the recent heavy rain will disappear!

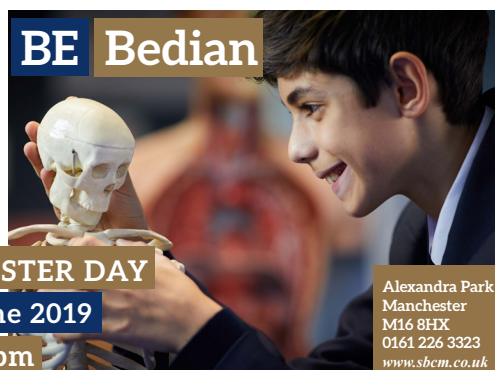
We are very much looking forward to our annual Year 5 Taster Morning tomorrow and I cannot believe that it is already a year since our last one. I will be speaking to the parents present towards the end of the morning, and am very grateful to all of the pupils and my colleagues who are involved in the organisation and running of this important event.

Finally, it is my great pleasure to be hosting our Celebratory Dinner here at the College on Monday evening for our heroic U12 ESFA Cup winners and their parents, as well as their coaching team. Their collective achievement continues to be a source of great pride and inspiration to me, and I am delighted to be able to publically celebrate their success as well as enjoy this moment with their parents and my colleagues.

You can learn much more about the life of the College via our website and social media channels and do please follow the College Twitter accounts and my own (@LouisdArcy1 is my handle) if you can.

We continue to keep you all in our thoughts and prayers here at the College.

Mr L d'Arcy  
Headmaster  
@LouisdArcy1



YEAR FIVE TASTER DAY

Saturday 15 June 2019

9:30am - 12:30pm

Alexandra Park  
Manchester  
M16 8HX  
0161 226 3323  
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## ISTD Janet Cram Award Winner

Our achievements in performing arts continue with Mathilda's success last week. After winning the regional heats, she travelled down to compete in the National Final of the Janet Cram competition, the most prestigious dance competition in the UK!

In the senior class, Mathilda was dancing against dancers from all over the country, many of them considerably older than her. Incredibly, she was crowned the National Champion, which is a huge achievement.

Well done Tilda, we are very lucky to have you!

Miss Smith

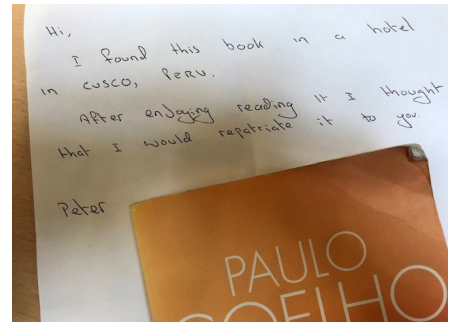


## A Well-Travelled Library Book!

A parcel arrived in the Library this week containing a St Bede's Library book which had been found in a hotel room in Peru. We are glad to provide reading material all over the world and thank Peter very much for returning it to us!

Nearer to home, this could be a reminder to have a look in bedrooms in Manchester for any overdue Library books and return them to the Library!

Mrs Poolton



## On The House!

Saturday 22 June will be the culmination of charitable events involving our College Houses between 11.00am and 1pm. The fields at Brantingham Road will be alive with friendly competition and a delicious offering of refreshments organised by house staff and their dedicated team of helpers.

Rounders, a coconut shy, penalty shoot-outs and much much more with fun for all ages it is hoped that this will attract families and strengthen our already vibrant Bedian community. All proceeds will go to 'For Jimmy', the knife crime awareness charity, run by the family of Jimmy Mizzen.

Admission is free so come and join us!



## Can You Hear Us?



Lower Fifth pupils heard from two acoustic engineers this week as part of their programme of Careers lessons. Helen and Suzy from RBA Acoustics told us about their career paths and what their job involves as well as showing us some experiments with sound waves. They also measured the noise the combined Lower Fifth could make. It was a very loud and impressive 107 decibels!

Working closely with architects and engineers, they are involved in the building of cinemas, schools and other large buildings, making sure everyone is able to live and work undisturbed by excessive noise levels.

Mrs Poolton



## Bedian Alumni Masterclass

We were delighted to welcome concert pianist and Bedian Ronan O'Hora back to the College on Thursday afternoon. Having played in Singapore a few days ago and then at the Ulverston Festival in the Lake District, Ronan kindly stopped off at the College to deliver a masterclass in the Academic Hall for five excited young pianists and then to deliver a presentation entitled *The Importance of Creativity and Imagination in the St Joseph Refectory*.

Ronan spoke passionately about the value of the creative arts and talked fondly of the inspirational teachers who had supported him at the College. Ronan is Head of Keyboards and of Advanced Studies at the Guildhall and has produced in the order of forty CDs, so clearly choosing to stay at Bede's rather than taking up a place at Chetham's was not too much to his detriment!

Mr Peden



### Theme of the Week

## The Trinity

"When the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to complete truth." (John 16:13)

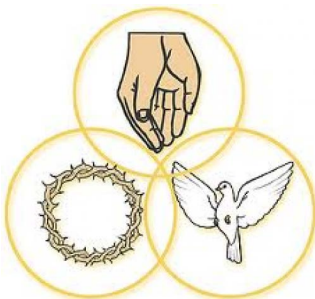
#### Challenge:

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#### Prayer:

Dear Lord, thank you that I am part of your family of love and that you are taking care of me in every moment. Draw me closer into the love of the Trinity so that I can bring your love into my own family by the way I speak and all that I do. Amen.

St Bede - pray for us



## Sleepout

Tonight rather than returning to our homes, pupils from Upper Fourth accompanied by Mrs Hibbert, College Chaplain and Mr Lee-Rodriguez, Head of Siena House, will be taking to their sleeping bags. Their aim is to raise awareness and much needed funds for Caritas Salford's homeless services Conerstone Day Centre and Night Haven. Bury Red Door, The Lally Centre and Caritas Young Parents Centre will also benefit.

If you would like to sponsor the pupils please do so via Just Giving [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stbedescollegesleepout](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stbedescollegesleepout)

Thank you Mrs Hibbert



## Girls' Football Bounces Back To Bede's!

St Bede's College and St Bede's Prep are delighted to announce that from September, we will see the exciting reintroduction of our girls' football programmes. With the women's game growing annually in both popularity and engagement, St Bede's will provide all of our girls with the opportunity to engage in the game and look to build on the College's footballing reputation. With the current coverage of the Women's World Cup breaking viewing records, we feel that this is a great time to re-launch our Girls' Programmes in September 2019.

Girls' football has already been running for four years as part of our Prep and College co-curricular schedule but from September, the programme will become more formalised, focussing on developing skills as well as introducing competitive fixtures. Our current Prep provision already includes annual fixtures against King's Chester and a number of other schools. The Prep team also enter the prestigious AJIS tournament, which is held at St Bede's. Alongside the current provision the girls will compete in the Manchester Junior Schools League with fixtures taking place at Whalley Range High School on one Wednesday per month from September until March.

Within the College, teams from the Upper Third to the Upper Fourth have been entered in the Manchester Schools League. This may extend through to the Sixth form depending upon the popularity of the programme. Miss Claire Whitney will be overseeing the Girls' Football and she will be supported by a specialist football coach who will inspire the girls to improve their technical ability and apply their newly acquired skills to competitive games. With two current Old Bedians playing for England in France during the current World Cup, St Bede's will be looking to continue its international successes by developing the next Kiera Walsh or Georgia Stanway.  
Mr Mitchell



## Mexican Theme

Join Holroyd Howe in the canteen on Wednesday 19 June for all things Mexican. Chilaquiles, Pozole, Tacos al pastor, Tostadas, Chiles en nogada, Elote, Enchiladas and so much more..... Enjoy!



## London Reunion - Bedians Reunite On The Thames

The London Reunion will be held on Friday 11 October 2019, from 6:30pm - 8:30pm in the Wardroom, London Division Royal Naval Reserve, HMS President.

HMS President, a 'stone frigate,' occupies one of the most coveted positions in the heart of London - just downstream from Tower Bridge, overlooking the entrance to St Katharine's Dock. The evening has been kindly arranged by Cdr Paul Ottewell (1985 - 1992) and the Headmaster, Mr d'Arcy will be attending.

The London reunions are growing in attendance and if previous ones are anything to go by, this will be an evening of fun, friendship and meeting different Bedians across the generations. Come as you are, straight from work, or make a day of it and come up to London to join us. You are all very welcome.

Inclusive drinks tickets are £25 and a discount is offered to Bedians who have recently graduated or left the College. For further details on this please contact [development@stbedescollege.co.uk](mailto:development@stbedescollege.co.uk)

[www.sbcm.co.uk/event/the-london-reunion/](http://www.sbcm.co.uk/event/the-london-reunion/)



## Other Tongue

Congratulations to Lower Fifth pupil Jessica who has been awarded first prize in the Mother Tongue Other Tongue Competition, organised by Manchester Metropolitan University.

She achieved this incredible result by writing an outstanding poem in French entitled "Ma patrie", my motherland. This depicts the life of a young boy about to leave his country in order to pursue his lifetime dream by going to the USA. She competed against contestants from twenty schools from across the North West.

Jessica will receive her award at a celebration evening on Friday 21 June at the University. Her poem will be included in an anthology which will be read at the celebration evening. Quite "magnifique"!



### Ma patrie

"Je vais vous manquer tellement, " elle chuchota,  
comme elle a tiré son fils dans son étreinte chaleureuse pour la dernière fois,  
Larmes salées roulant sur ses joues

Et éblouissant ses pieds nus.

Ces incontrôlables,

Spontané,

Et des larmes de joie inattendue.

Sa boîte noire, sa guitare usée,

Son journal rempli de souvenirs,

Ses photos préférées de son défunt père:

Ceux-ci étaient déjà stationnés par la porte ouverte,

En attendant d'être ombragé du soleil d'été chaud,

Par la botte d'un taxi jaune.

Les oiseaux gazouillis encerclaient sa maison de campagne,

Chanter sa chanson d'adieu.

Les voisins se tenaient dehors,

Agitant à lui comme il a laissé aller des bras tremblants de sa mère

Le chauffeur lui sourit,

Comme pour le rassurer qu'il n'y avait rien à craindre:

Il a juste dû suivre ses rêves.

"Ici, je viens, l'Amérique, "

## Mathemagic Primary Team Challenge 2019

Wednesday saw the inaugural Mathemagic team challenge for Year 5 Primary school students. Nine teams entered from six different primary and prep schools: St Richard's RC Primary, Greenbank Prep, The Ryley's Prep, Forest Park Prep, and St Bede's Prep.



The teams were captained by a member of the Sixth Form and took part in six challenges which were: Countdown, group work, logic test, speed test, shuttle test and the hectic and enjoyable relay round. The overall winner was Forest Park 2 captained by Abigail. The event, which was compered by Jess, was a huge success and we are already planning for next year.

Mr Wright



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## Wax Museum Comes To Life



The annual Prep 5 Wax Museum was a roaring success. It was the largest Wax Museum in many years with forty children presenting their chosen historical characters. This year's selection was as diverse and eclectic as had ever been witnessed with Viking ruler Ragna Lothorbrook and, Ethiopian Emperor Nemelik II. The music industry was well represented with Amy Winehouse, Elvis Presley, John Lennon, Ella Fitzgerald, Maria Callas, Bob Marley and Ritchie Valens. From the world of Science, Mathematics and Technology Countess Ada Lovelace, Alan Turing and Albert Einstein made an appearance. The Arts had Jane Austin, William Shakespeare, Vivien Leigh, Ira Aldridge, Marilyn Monroe, Doris Day, Audrey Hepburn and Walt Disney performing at the top of their game. Parents loved meeting Harry Houdini wrapped in chains as well as icons of fashion, comedy and sport.

The children worked really hard researching their characters, writing monologues and sourcing costumes. The Academic Hall was filled with a euphony of excitement and speech. All the children from Nursery to Prep 6 visited the Wax Museum and they were amazed by the whole spectacle. We would like to thank all the parents who helped their children prepare for this wonderful event.

For more images of the Wax Museum follow this link: [www.sbcm.co.uk/gallery/prep-5-wax-museum-2019/](http://www.sbcm.co.uk/gallery/prep-5-wax-museum-2019/)



## Hair Today Gone Tomorrow

Isabelle in Prep 4 has raised an incredible £980 for the 'Little Princess Trusts' by growing her hair and then having it cut to produce hair pieces for poorly children. Well done Isabelle!



## Headteacher Award

Congratulations Rosie in Reception Class on receiving a Headteacher's Award. Rosie is such a good girl and it has been widely noticed how much she is developing and growing in confidence both in the classroom and around school. This was so evident when Rosie played the violin in the Summer Musical Evening.



## Tatton Park Invaded

Prep 3 visited Tatton Park on Thursday as part of their topic learning of 'Invaders and Settlers'. They explored the turbulent world of the Anglo Saxons and Vikings in the 10th Century AD in an exciting, hands-on workshop. They arrived at a settlement just after a Viking raid had taken place and saw the effects it had had on the Anglo Saxon community.

Historical characters helped them examine what life was like for these two groups of people; considering home life, religion, work, battle, trade, food, language and geography. It was a fantastic experience and the children thoroughly enjoyed their topic being brought to life!



## Ordsall Hall For All

Prep 4 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Ordsall Hall on Thursday. They were greeted by three ladies from the Tudor times who helped them set a table for a wedding banquet.

They then helped by being servants in the kitchen and herb garden followed by a taste of the high life with Lady Alice making scent sachets in the Lady's chamber.

They all had great fun doing a Tudor dance in the Great Hall and thoroughly enjoyed our journey back in time to 1592!





Reception - Hugo

Prep 1 - Ivan

Prep 4 - Sebastian

## Notices

Prep 1 Assembly

Parents of Prep 1 pupils are invited to attend their assembly in the Chapel at 2.50pm on Tuesday 18 June. Arrival via the Prep entrance no earlier than 2.40pm.

Thursday 20 June

A very busy day for class trips!  
Nursery - RNCM  
Reception & Prep 1 - Blue Planet Aquarium  
Prep 5 - Evacuee Day

Friday 21 June

Meet Your Teacher day.  
Pupils current and new, will be spending time with their new teachers for September and Prep 6 pupils moving up to the College will be joining in with their Transition Day.

## STARS OF WEEK



## HOUSE POINT WINNERS



## CLASS OF THE WEEK - Prep 5

