



# ST. BEDE'S COLLEGE

# BEDE'S NEWS

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## The Headmaster's Review of the Week

Dear Bedian Family,

It has been an extremely exciting week here at the College, with perhaps the outstanding achievement of so many being our U12 footballers winning the ESFA PlayStation Schools' U12 Small Schools' Cup 3-0 against Greneway School at The Hawthorns, the home of West Bromwich Albion FC, on Wednesday morning. It was a privilege for my wife and daughter to join me at the match and to yet again witness at first hand the magic of St Bede's. Many parents and family members were present to cheer on the boys and around 50 Upper Third pupils and four colleagues also made the journey from Manchester very early that morning to support their peers. I would like to again congratulate the boys and the coaching team on their success, to thank the parents and their families for their continued outstanding support and to also thank the pupil fans, and my colleagues who looked after them, for being such great ambassadors for the College on the day.

The theme of the week is "Community" and we also celebrate today the the Feast of St Bede, our College Patron Saint. It was also the second anniversary of the Manchester Arena attack on Wednesday of this week and we keep all of those affected always in our thoughts and prayers. Both of these special dates remind us of the importance of our community - our College community and local community. When things are difficult we can often try to battle on alone, but we must remember that we belong to each other and to God. Turning to God in prayer and to each other in our community can make a difference. As Scripture says "The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything" (John 14:26).

I finally just wanted to express how wonderful and special the Leavers' Ball last Friday night was, and it was so lovely for my wife and I to be there. The Etihad Stadium venue was an extremely inspiring choice and it was great to see so many students and colleagues enjoying each other's company. We will certainly miss this year group immensely and wish them every success in their upcoming public examinations.

I look forward to meeting many parents at the annual Headmaster's Tea Party on the Lawn this afternoon, to be followed by a post-inspection celebration for all of my colleagues. It has been a fantastically positive half term and I would like to wish everyone a restful and restorative break.

We of course continue to keep you all in our thoughts and prayers here at the College and I would like to personally wish you every strength and blessing over the coming week.

Mr L d'Arcy  
Headmaster  
@LouisdArcy1



## Upper Sixth Photograph

If you would like a copy of the Upper Sixth photograph which was taken last week then please follow the link below:

<http://www.tempest-groups.co.uk/albums?collection-id=2881>

The password required is 551413

Alternatively, please visit the Main College Office and ask for an order form.



## ESFA Champions!

Congratulations to the U12 Football squad who secured the ESFA PlayStation Schools Cup at the home of West Bromich Albion, The Hawthorns on Wednesday this week.

This well travelled squad have played the majority of their ties away from home, but this journey to The Hawthorns was one that they embarked on with delight. An early morning kick off at 9:30am meant that the squad travelled down the night before. Their cup run started with their only home tie, a 5-0 win against Bridgewater School, Salford. They then hit the road with away ties at BlacconHS, Chester, Sir Thomas Boughey, Newcastle Under Lyne, St Mary's, Sefton, Ovingham MS, West Tyne and a semi-final with Caistor GS, Lincolnshire.

On the morning of the final the team were joined by a coachload of excited supporters who had left the College at 6am in order to avoid the M6 rush hour through Birmingham. These passionate supporters really boosted team morale and made it feel like a home fixture. They were ably supported by parents and family of the squad.

The final itself was an excellent game with both teams playing one and two touch football. A close first half finished 0-0 with St Bede's having the slight edge. The second half exploded into life as Dom made a fine double save to deny the Greneway striker. The balance tilted in favour of St Bede's when Harry latched onto a through ball from Benat and despatched it in off the far post. The match ebbed and flowed but the Bede's midfield began to control possession and the second goal duly arrived from the same combination, with the post again in Harry's favour. Greneway continued to fight hard but the Bede's defence held firm and Benat's fine strike in the last quarter of the game put the result beyond doubt.

The celebrations ensued and the ESFA committee are to be congratulated for the professionalism of the ceremonies and post match interviews as the boys got their first real taste of the big time. This included the now obligatory champagne dousing of Mr Mitchell albeit it with mineral water!

Watch the match here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=to69iW8nF18>



## Cornestone Sleep Out

Last Friday, Cornerstone held their Fifth Big Sleep Out, fundraising to support the homeless of Manchester. This is a sponsored event, where participants experience what it is like to be homeless and sleeping rough on the floor with just a sleeping bag for shelter.

Erin from Lower Fourth took up the challenge along with her mother Kerry, both completing the sleep out which was held at Xaverian College. Despite the cold and damp, Erin coped with the conditions extremely well and according to her mum stayed very positive.

Cornerstone not only provides food and shelter for homeless people, it has recently made a number of 'pods' available to the homeless. These small cabins cost £10,000 per year to run and maintain. They act as halfway houses for homeless people seeking a permanent address and a job. Erin and Kerry were continuing a family tradition of support for Cornerstone as their family business Rosgal Ltd, has supported The Big Sleep Out since its foundation. Erin and Kerry were keen to fund one of these pods and so far their total stands at £3500 and is still rising. John Breheny, Erin's grandfather was so impressed by his granddaughter's resilience and her determination that he has pledged to make up the balance to £10,000 and so provide a much needed additional pod for next year.

Congratulations to you both and in particular to Erin for showing Bedian spirit and compassion, we are very proud of you.

If you would like to donate to this cause then please use the link below:

[https://www.justgiving.com/kerry-breheny?utm\\_source=Sharethis&utm\\_medium=fundraisingpage&utm\\_content=kerry-breheny&utm\\_campaign=pfp-email&utm\\_term=Nq4Yegwxld](https://www.justgiving.com/kerry-breheny?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraisingpage&utm_content=kerry-breheny&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=Nq4Yegwxld)



## Devised Drama Makes A Point

Students in the Lower Fifth Drama groups chose this year to focus on important issues in society as they developed their own pieces of original theatre for their GCSE assessment.

In "Whispers", Emily, Jess, Skye and Anna explored the effects of PTSD on a survivor of the London Tube Bombings whilst the other foursome Niamh, Seamus, Stephen and Eve extended their Brechtian approach to knife crime to include the representation of young people in the media.



## Lourdes Donations Appeal

This summer, a group of our Sixth Form students will be travelling to Lourdes with Salford Diocese to volunteer with the sick and disabled pilgrims; a trip which has proven to be very successful in previous years and promises to be equally fantastic this time round. It is an excellent opportunity to develop both as individuals and to support others and enhance the time of the other pilgrims, providing assistance where possible and of course some friendly faces!



The group is very excited but we need your help! We hope to raise as much money as possible to fund our time in Lourdes and help towards the overall cost of the trip, something we cannot do without your generous support.

Believe it or not, summer is fast approaching, so what better time for a clear out than now? We would be very grateful if you could take this opportunity to ditch all last year's unwanted Christmas presents: that handbag which went with one outfit and you haven't used since, or that perfectly good games console your son neglected because 'the latest model is out mum... and it's sooo much better!' How about the growing collection of toys your daughter is now 'too cool' for, or the painting that clashes terribly with the curtains? Look no further!

We would love it if you could donate any unwanted items to our appeal, where they will be auctioned on the website 'Buengo', with profits going towards our pilgrimage. All we ask is that everything is in good condition, and not items where sizing may be a problem, such as clothing or shoes. Pupils can give the items to Mrs Corbett in the Business Department and the Sixth Form Group will be sure to make the most of every donation. Of course you are welcome to visit the site and browse the items for yourself - more details to follow.

We would be very grateful for anything you can give and thank you in advance for your support! We'll be sure to keep you updated on our progress in the coming months.

Many thanks,  
The 6th Form Lourdes Team 2019  
Jess Lower Sixth

Theme of the Week

## Community

"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything" (John 14:26)



Challenge: This week is the Feast of St Bede, 25 May. It is also the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Manchester Arena Attack, 22 May. Both these special dates remind us of the importance of our community, our college community and local community. When things are difficult we can often try to battle on alone, but we must remember that we belong to each other and to God. Turning to God in prayer and our community can make a difference.

Prayer:

**Dear Lord, send your peace in our lives and peace into our community. Help us to stand side by side as one community united in faith to spread peace. Help us to be the light in our community and calm stressful situations. Amen**

St Bede - Pray for us



## APPEAL FOR DONATIONS!

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2019

Handbag that doesn't match any outfit? Home accessories that clash with the curtains? Summer is (apparently) almost here and it's time for a clear out... why not give to a worthwhile cause and support our pilgrimage?

1. Look at home for any items you could donate: bags, scarves, old computer games... provided they are in good condition and not clothes or shoes!
2. Bring them into school and deliver to Mrs Corbett in the business department or one of the 6<sup>th</sup> form Pilgrimage team.
3. We will put them on the site, with all profits going towards our pilgrimage.
4. Browse the site in the coming weeks for some fantastic deals, knowing the money is going to a worthwhile cause!

**Buengo**  
sell it for good

This summer, a group of our 6th form students will be travelling to Lourdes with Salford Diocese to volunteer with the sick and disabled pilgrims - but we need YOUR help to raise funds to support the cost of the trip.

We're hoping to auction your unwanted items through Buengo, an online site for charitable fundraising, to raise as much money as we can.

THANK YOU!



## Ice Dance Champion

Congratulations to Lower Fourth pupil Lydia who has qualified for the Ice Dance British Championships in July. After some intense trials in Bradford and Aberdeen, where Lydia picked up two trophies for her fantastic routines, she has now secured her place as the highest ranked qualifier for the event in Sheffield.

Having worked tirelessly throughout the season, this is a fantastic achievement and Lydia is extremely excited and pleased to take up her place in July and we wish her every success.



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Thursday 13 June 2019 Junior Refectory 5.00pm  
RSVP [Development@stbedescollege.co.uk](mailto:Development@stbedescollege.co.uk)

## 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/)





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## Olivia's Theatre of Dreams



Prep 4 pupil Olivia is a keen football fan and a talented player. Olivia has been playing football since she was six years old, often training and playing for two teams; Blue Star and Blackburn Rovers.

Olivia's natural talent was spotted by scouts closer to home and over the past year Olivia has been training with Manchester United Under 9 Girls' Development Squad. Although this season Olivia has not taken part in any competitive matches she has been under the tutelage of some of the best youth team coaches in the country at Manchester United. She has worked hard developing her skills on the ball, her positioning without the ball, her speed and stamina. Olivia has thoroughly enjoyed this season with Manchester United. When the season came to an end, Olivia, along with four other girls, met with the coaches and were offered a contract to sign for Manchester United and be part of the Under 10 Girls' Team for the coming season. The contract will be signed on July 1. We are so pleased for Olivia, all her hard work has paid off. Roll on the 2019/2020 season at United.

## Boreatton Park 2019

Prep 6 spent a glorious week at Boreatton Park. Bathed in sunshine and surrounded by acres of Shropshire countryside, the pupils left TVs, mobile phones and you tube behind to be at one with nature.

Days were action-packed with activities ranging from rifle shooting and archery to quad biking and fencing, raft building and kayaking to trapeze and high ropes. Favourites, as ever, included the zip wire and the giant swing – the screams could almost be heard back in Manchester!



It was fantastic to see the children working together as a team and encouraging each other on activities such as the challenge course. Everyone (even Mrs Cartmell and Mrs Harrison!) left their comfort zones to challenge themselves, whether on the water or from the top of a climbing tower. The children donned their glad rags and strutted their stuff at the disco on the final night before wearily heading home on Friday afternoon to the comfort of their own bed and a good night's sleep! For a video of kayaking follow this link: [www.sbcm.co.uk/sbctvs/boreatton-park-2019/](http://www.sbcm.co.uk/sbctvs/boreatton-park-2019/)



## Queen of The May

Reception Class proudly performed their 'Queen of the May' assembly on Tuesday for the Prep School, family and friends.

The children have been working very hard to learn all of their songs, lines and actions and we are extremely proud of how they were able to speak clearly and with such confidence and expression.



They clearly enjoyed working together to share their performance with us all. We worked especially hard to learn the Hail Mary in Spanish! Our Chapel looked extremely beautiful and it was wonderful to be able to share this tradition with family and friends. It's hard to believe that some of these children are only four years old! Well done children, we think you are all fantastic!

For more images of thi beautiful assembly follow this link:

[www.sbcm.co.uk/gallery/reception-class-queen-may-assembly-2019/](http://www.sbcm.co.uk/gallery/reception-class-queen-may-assembly-2019/)

For a video of the assembly follow this link:

[www.sbcm.co.uk/sbctvs/reception-class-assembly-queen-may/](http://www.sbcm.co.uk/sbctvs/reception-class-assembly-queen-may/)



## Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to our three fantastic children who have received who have each received a Headteacher's Award.

Solomon is an excellent role model to the younger pupils in the Prep. The way Solomon present himself with such decorum, politeness and enthusiasm is a pleasure to behold. He is a shining light to all members of the Prep.

Carla is a true Bedian. Since joining the Prep Carla's bubbly, infectious, enthusiastic and caring personality has filled all members of staff with such pride.



Hannah has demonstrated such courage and strength recently. Hannah is always so kind and caring with the younger pupils. Well done Solomon, Carla & Hannah.

## Rocketing to the Finals

We are very pleased to announce that 'Team St Bede's' Jack, Gabi, Anthony and Joseph from Prep 6 are finalist of the Bloodhound Desert Wheels Competition. They undertook the competition as a project in their Design Technology lessons with Miss Manning.

The competition was to design wheels inspired by the Bloodhound car, the car will soon attempt to beat the land speed world record. More information can be found at [www.bloodhoundlsc.com](http://www.bloodhoundlsc.com). The feedback we received was:

*"The judging panel were very impressed by the communication skills of this team; they interpreted their results with a comprehensive understanding, and it was clear that the group's design improvements were informed through thoughtful analysis of their runs."*

The judges particularly appreciated the innovation to create different designs for the front and back wheels. Well Done Jack, Gabi, Anthony and Joseph and Congratulations on being our Desert Wheels Challenge finalists!

The prize for the school is for the Bloodhound Team to come and do a one day rocket car workshop for one hundred pupils which Prep 5 and 6 will be involved in. They will also present the prizes to the team on the day.

Well done Jack, Gabi, Anthony and Joseph!



# BEDE'S SIXTH FORM NEWS

 @sbcsixthform



## The Sixth Form View

### Sixth Form Ball

The much anticipated Upper Sixth Leavers' Ball was held at the Etihad Stadium last Friday, drawing a week of celebrations to a close.

As ever, glamour and style were the order of the day and the Sixth Form did not disappoint.

The evening included a fine dining experience which was followed by wonderful and amusing speeches from Mr Gallagher, Eilise and Finlay. Then the fun began, including a photo booth, a dance off, Karaoke and energetic if not quite strictly, dancing.

A wonderful send off for an amazing group of young Bedians.

