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The Headmaster's Review of the Week

Dear Bedian Family,

As I write my final review of the academic year, I can hear a fantastic array of noise and excitement drifting up from the Headmaster's Lawn – the final rehearsals for the Classics department's production of Aristophanes' "Frogs" which take place on Thursday and Friday of this week at 7pm. They will undoubtedly be memorable occasions and I would like to wish everyone involved the best of luck.

The theme of the week here at the College is "believing" – a question to consider is whether people really believe that Jesus is the Son of God or is it something which they accept without much thought? Jesus is not simply someone who we read about in the Gospels. By praying to God to know in our hearts who Jesus really is. As scripture tells us "Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the son of the living God.' Jesus replied. 'Simon, son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my father in heaven.'" (Matthew 16:16-17).

I was so excited to hear about the fantastic Girls' football trip which visited the Etihad Academy Campus on Wednesday afternoon. The 17 girls who attended were given a short tour of the Academy before engaging in a training session and a game on one of the outside pitches. The trip and training session were run by Mr Fogel and Ms Whitney. We are extremely grateful to Manchester City Football Club for providing this opportunity to our pupils and staff, particularly because the Academy is closed for the summer. I also understand that the group bumped into one of the current Manchester City Women's team players and had a lovely chat with her. It is incredibly exciting to know that Girls' Football is returning to the College in a big way, and the College has entered a Year 9 team into a league for next year and has also entered the Year 7 and Year 8 teams into the Manchester knockout competition.

The term continues at busy pace with a series of Prep Sports Days, both indoor and outdoor, taking place this week and the Senior and Sixth Form Sports Day on Monday of next week. Our Summer Art exhibition took place after school on Thursday and it was wonderful to be able to peruse the multitude of outstanding pieces of artwork on display. We have so many exceptional artists here at the College. Here at the College we are very much looking forward to the Prep Eucharistic Celebration on Sunday morning in the Chapel, our Pastoral Day on Thursday next week and of course our annual Speech Day, which will conclude the academic year on Friday morning next week.

The final parents' meet and greet with myself and other colleagues took place this morning and it was another tremendous opportunity to discuss the life of the College and to hear the incredibly valuable thoughts of our wonderfully supportive parental body. I was delighted yesterday morning to be able to publish the report from our recent ISI inspection on the College's website and I strongly encourage you all to spend some time reading and reflecting upon its contents. There is a great deal in the report to be proud of but I can assure you that we can and will improve in all areas of College life. I remain extremely grateful for your ongoing support and inspiration.

Once the dust settles at the end of term, many of my operational colleagues will then be initiating their extensive and exciting programme of refurbishment work which takes place in advance of September. The Sports Hall will be undergoing a significant overhaul - a new roof will improve insulation and sound proofing and a new specialist flooring surface, in line with the latest Sport England specifications, will allow our sporting community to truly excel in their disciplines. Refurbishments to classrooms in the Vaughan, Henshaw, Beck and Regis Buildings will also be taking place. In addition, a new Photography Suite is being fitted into the Regis Building, giving our pupils an exciting new area in which to research and develop their skills. The College is also installing overhead production lighting in the Academic Hall to further develop our dramatic performances and musical evenings. A biennial inspection of the Vaughan Building will further preserve the terracotta detailing of this magnificent, Italianate building. The front of the building and façade is to be fitted with new LED uplighters, which will undoubtedly enhance its true splendour. The building's mosaic floor, laid in 1871, will also be refurbished along the Vaughan Corridor, and planting and landscaping throughout the College grounds will enhance the colour and greenery for us all to enjoy.

I am very much looking forward to our new College website going live next week, and we will announce this via our Twitter account. I would also like to take this opportunity to let you know that the College is strategically moving away from the 2020 vision which was set up by my predecessor and with a new Development Manager in place from mid-August, we will be revealing our new fundraising strategy and wider College strategic plan in the Autumn.

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, and I would like to wish all of you a happy, relaxing, restorative and much-deserved summer break.

Mr L d'Arcy
Headmaster
@LouisdArcy1



Academy Visit

On Wednesday 26 June, Manchester City FC opened its Academy doors to a visit from seventeen budding Upper Third girl footballers from St Bede's College. The trip began with a tour of the campus which started with a walk round the player's lounge, changing rooms and the gym.

The girls were then shown the classrooms where the L5 & U5 St Bede's Academy pupils have their education sessions one day a week and they were lucky enough to be allowed to venture out onto the balcony where they could get a bird's eye view of the First Team's training pitch.

The Academy is now on its summer break and only a few players remain so you can imagine how thrilled the girls were to have their photograph taken with one of their rising stars; Esme Morgan, defender who has represented the women's team this year as well as gaining honours at England U17 and U19 level.

Following the tour the girls took part in a training session on one of the outside pitches led by St Bede's own 'Pep', Mr Fogel. They worked hard on reaction drills and improving their technical skills before breaking into small sided games and then progressing to a half pitch game. For the novice players in the group this was an opportunity to put into practice what they had just learnt, whilst for others it was their chance to show us what they could already do. Tackles went in, goals were scored (five in total) and there was copious amounts of energetic whistle blowing from Mr Fogel.

Plenty of fun was had throughout the day and the thrill of playing on such prestigious pitches was clear for all to see. The enthusiasm was only dampened when it was time for us to leave. The disappointment etched across all the girls' faces said it all but bodes well for next year when the girls' football programme is reintroduced to the curriculum. I look forward to seeing them all turn up for the first practice in September!

Miss Whitney



Thundering In!

Congratulations Savannah who despite being in the U15 age group has been selected for the Manchester Thunder U19 NPL Training Squad.

We wish her the best of luck for the training days and hope she makes the squad for the competition at the end of July.



England Call Up

Congratulations Salma who has been selected for the England Women's Youth Development Phase at the University of Warwick from the 10 to 12 July.

Salma has balanced her academic work and her sporting endeavours to great effect and we wish her well at the Development camp.



Charlie and Will Interview War Veteran

On Thursday 20 June, Charlie (U13) and Will (U14) accompanied Mark Adams, to Helnsburgh, near Glasgow to interview 96 year old Bobby Brown. Bobby is a veteran of World War II, and was also a professional footballer and professional manager. As a player Bobby played most of his football in Scotland, but during the war he played in the English League as a guest. Bobby also managed the 1967 Scotland team who beat England (the then World Cup Champions).

Will and Charlie conducted the interview and were both excellent throughout. The answers which they managed to get from their questions were most definitely eye opening and thought provoking to say the least.

In turn, they asked Bobby about his experiences of serving in the armed forces during the Second World War, about his feelings about losing close friends during the war, and the impact the war had on Bobby's life. They also asked Bobby about his football career, and what it was like for him to play in front of 140,000 people during an 'old firm' derby.

The feedback from the film crew and the production company was very positive about the boys and they were very impressed with how they conducted themselves during the interview. They were very well prepared, and very confident throughout.

The intention is that the interview will be used in the 2019/2020 season to celebrate both Remembrance Day in November, and the 75th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day in May.



Theme of the Week

Believing

"Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said 'the son of the living God.' Jesus replied. 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my father in heaven.'"

(Matthew 16:16-17)

Challenge:

Do you really believe Jesus is the Son of God or is this something you accept without much thought? Jesus is not simply someone we read about in the gospels pray to God to show you in your heart who Jesus is.

See how your life changes!

Prayer:

Dear God, St Peter and St Paul were changed in a moment by an amazing grace and went onto change the world. May I be given this grace. I know that great things may be asked of me, now and in the future. Give me the courage I need for this faith journey. Amen

St Bede -
pray for us



Athletics Success

Congratulations to the U14 girls Athletics team who were placed second from fifteen participating schools. Notable performances were from Roselle 1st in Hurdles, Sonia 1st in High Jump, Salma 2nd in 800m and Marie 3rd in Javelin. The relay team of Roselle, Emmanuella, Alanna and Sonia were placed second.

Mrs McCormick



Frogs 2019

'Brekekekex Koax Koax'

The St. Bede's Classics Department presented the inaugural Greek Dramatic production this week, the comedic tour de force that is: Aristophanes' Frogs. The Headmaster's Lawn resounded to the sound of ancient comedic stylings whilst picnicking on mezze and 'Pluto's Punch'. Parents, teachers and outside students alike were, by the end, indistinguishable from the bands of revellers depicted in the show and the laughter was as uproarious as the final applause. Finlay Ward-Mallinson, our head boy, gave a fantastic valedictory performance as the anarchic Dionysus, ably supported by his cunning slave Xanthias, William Morrow and the truly heroic Herakles, Henry Starkie. These students were the leading lights, yet every actor gave a performance of outstanding professionalism, delivering lines with passion, maturity and verve. The long hours of rehearsing under director, Mr Yates, with the support of Mr Mason, Mr Davies and the redoubtable Mrs Alderson were patent in the quality of the performance and it certainly showed that Classics at St. Bede's is no mere subject, but a modus vivendi.

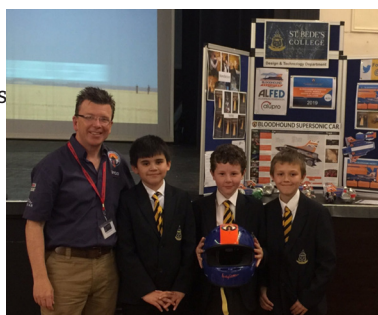


Technology Department win National Competition

Technology students at St Bede's College have again won a National Design competition. This time it was the turn of a group of Year 5 Prep Students who won the Bloodhound 'Desert Wheels' Aluminium car competition sponsored by the Aluminium Federation.

CEO of the Aluminium Federation, Mr Tom Jones visited the College to present the award to Gabi, Anthony, Joseph and Jack. Part of the prize was a free rocket car building workshop which was enjoyed by all the Prep 5 and 6 pupils and the winning car with a top speed of 64 mph was built by Gabriel, Ethan and Jon. The competition was used as evidence to help the Prep School win the National Space Mark award.

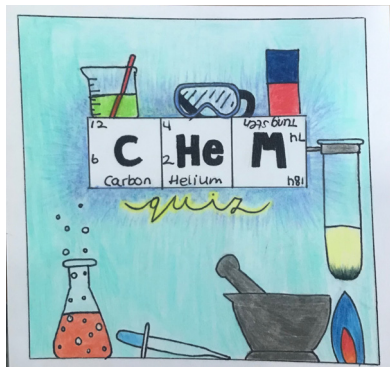
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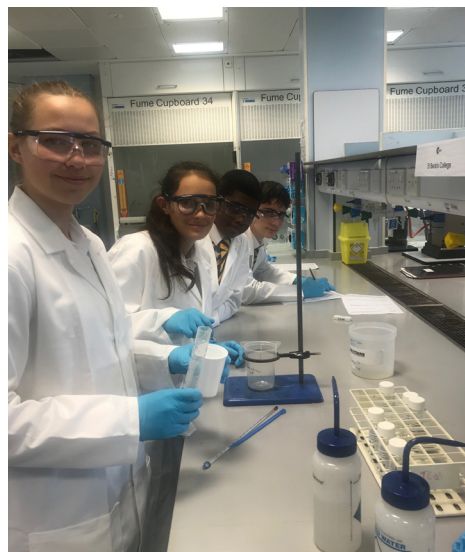
ChemQuiz Challenge

Last week, four students were selected to represent the College at the annual RSC BASF ChemQuiz at Manchester Metropolitan University. The students were given a number of tasks ranging from a laboratory exercise to multimedia comprehension – all based around the International Year of the Periodic Table.

Jaden (L4HUH), Leonardo (L4EAR), Sophie (U4PWR) and Anna (L5PRJ) did a fantastic job representing the College and showed true Bedian spirit throughout the day, being praised for their team work. The tasks were challenging, yet engaging and provided the opportunity to learn about Chemistry beyond the bounds of the curriculum in real university laboratories and lecture theatres.



Although there were no prizes in the quiz itself this year, Anna (L4WIL) won the competition to design next year's ChemQuiz mug and was commended by the judges for her beautiful illustration (pictured). They were particularly impressed with her clever use of the upside down Tungsten symbol and will be using her design on the hundreds of mugs given out at next year's competition.



Pizza Anyone?

On Tuesday, Italian Club celebrated their last meeting of the year with a pizza party!

Over twenty students and staff have attended since September, most complete beginners.

Some are going to practise their new skills in Italy over the summer, whilst others are going to keep it going at home with Duolingo.

Hopefully, they will return, just as enthusiastic, in September.

Buone vacanze!

Professore Hughes



London Reunion - Bedians Reunite On The Thames With The Added Bonus Of Mass At St Patrick's

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.

On the occasion of the Bedian Reunion at HMS President on the evening of Friday, 11 October 2019, Fr Mark Hargreaves OSB (1966 -1974) will offer a very simple "Low" Mass at St Patrick's Church, Wapping, nearby, at 5.30pm. All are welcome

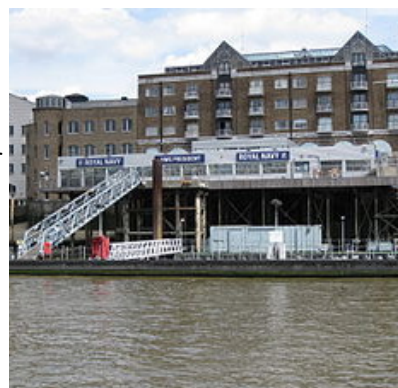
The Presbytery, Dundee St, Wapping, London E1W 2PH Phone: 020 7481 2202

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

www.sbcm.co.uk/event/the-london-reunion/



Lourdes 2019

After completing their training day on June 15, a week later our Sixth Form volunteers braved the Chorlton masses to bag pack at Morrisons to raise money for their forthcoming pilgrimage.

The store staff and the customers were hugely supportive of what they were doing and the students conducted themselves magnificently, as you would expect, with true Bedian spirit and good humour.

A huge thank you goes to Morrisons in Chorlton, and their customers for supporting the fantastic work that the students are doing. They have also raised money by selling Manchester Bee brooches, through a 'sponge the teacher' and own clothes day, so thanks also go to all those who have given their time, money, and in some cases dignity, to support this very worthy cause.

We now look forward to the pre-departure Mass on July 21 before our actual departure on July 25. Please remember us in your prayers, as we will you, on our very special journey.

Mrs Corbett



Engineer Leaders Award

Following our first foray into the Secondary Engineer Leaders Award competition in March we were delighted when we were contacted to say that after receiving over 46,000 entries nationwide, and over 3,000 in the North West, a number of our students had achieved an exceptional standard by the judging panel made up of professional engineers.

Congratulations to Victor who won the Sixth Form category and Sophie who won the Y9 category. Their awards were presented by the Greater Manchester Mayor – Andy Burnham.

Their work was displayed with other students shortlisted in their age category - Louis (Sixth form); Callum (Y10); Sonya (Y9); Daniel (Y7) and Eviemae (Y7).

Once again a huge thanks to Mrs Manning in the Design Technology Department for her support and we are already looking forward to bigger and better things for next year.... Watch this space!!

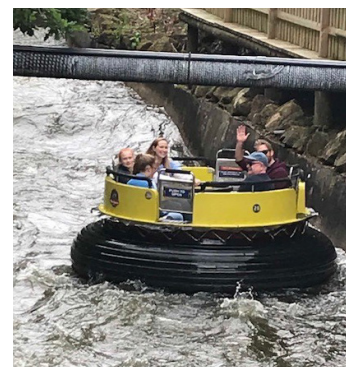
Mrs Corbett



Alton Towers Revisited

An old tradition was revived when Mr Peden, Mrs Boylan, Mrs Hatton and Mr Parker accompanied members of the Upper Fifth, newly freed from the shackles of revision and the examination hall, to Alton Towers. The pupils looked refreshed and even healthier now that examinations are at an end and were clearly looking forward to a summer of richly deserved relaxation before the onset of A level study in September.

The weather was fine and the queues for the rides mercifully short, so a good day was had by all. Even a delayed coach for the return journey did little to dampen spirits, although those who heard Mrs Hatton on the phone to the coach company were glad they were not on the receiving end of her icily precise observations!



Mr Peden



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Bloodhound Rocket Car Challenge

On Monday the children of Prep 5 and Prep 6 spent a day building a rocket-fuelled car with the help and expertise of Rob and Anthony from 'The Bloodhound SSC Engineering Adventure'. This wonderful experience came about when Gabi, Jack, Joseph and Anthony from Prep 5 were entered into the 'Bloodhound Desert Wheels' competition as part of their Design Technology classes with Mrs Manning and Mr Hennigan. The boys reached the final of this national competition and then found out they had actually won and the reward was a rocket car



construction day and they received

a bag of 'Bloodhound' goodies from Mr Tom Jones, Chief Executive of the Aluminium Federation who sponsors 'Bloodhound SSC'.



The children's task was to design a car following given basic blueprints which they had to adapt to make the lightest, most aero-dynamic rocket car possible. In groups of three the children tackled their challenge with excitement and enthusiasm and by lunchtime their designs were complete and ready for construction.

After lunch the Academic Hall was buzzing as the young

engineers assembled their rocket cars. Then all of the cars were taken outside, loaded with a rocket pack and raced. The designs shot across the playground in a flash. The quickest car reached an amazing 64mph!!

The engineers Jon, Gabriel and Ethan were delighted to have achieved the fastest recorded time. Their reward will be to have their team name on the side of the 'Bloodhound SSC' when it attempts to break the land speed record and reach 1,000mph. We wish them the very best of luck in their attempt and hope to welcome them back to the Prep again in the future.



Annual Music Festival

On Tuesday morning the Academic Hall was filled with pupils, families and friends for the Prep Annual Music Festival. First up



were the Junior Musicians made up of children in Prep 3 and 4. They were followed by the Junior Singers. The talent on show was amazing. All of them performed brilliantly.

The Senior Musicians and Singers followed and they delighted the crowd with their musical abilities. During the event the Prep Peripatetic teachers demonstrated their talents to a captivated audience. Whilst the judges deliberated over the winners the Prep Orchestra and 'Prep Pop' entertained everyone with a couple of numbers.

Well done everyone who took part and congratulations to overall winners: Imogen, Stephanie, Solomon and Jacinta.





STARS OF WEEK



HOUSE POINT WINNERS



Prep 3 - Mateo
Prep 5 - Evelin & Hannah



CLASS OF THE WEEK - Prep 6



Holiday Birthdays
Nursery - Isabella
Reception - Rosie, Elias, Toluwalase, Mia & Annabelle
Prep 1 - Oliver
Prep 2 - Benjamin
Prep 3 - JoJo, Luca, Orla & Francesca
Prep 4 - Olivia, James, Katie
Prep 5 - Oliver, Samuel, Scarlett, Gabriel & Niquain
Prep 6 - Solomon, Charles, Luca & Carla

Notices

Thursday 4 July
 Celebration & Reflection (Prep 6)
 Chapel at 6pm
 Prep 6 to be back in school by 5.40pm in Winter Uniform (children to come to class)
 Tea and Coffee to be served in the Library from 5.30pm

Friday 5 July
 School finishes at 12 noon
 No Late Class Available

Space Education Quality Mark Gold Award.

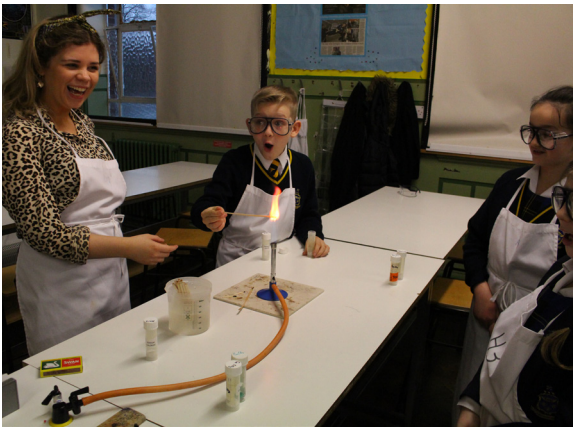


During the Autumn and Spring Terms the children from Nursery to Prep 6 took part in a 'Space Theme' across the curriculum subjects from Art to Science, Design Technology to Music. We held a Space themed Art Gallery in January.

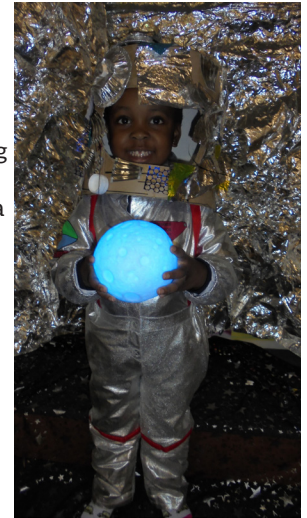


SPACE
EDUCATION
QUALITY MARK

The reason behind the theme was we were all working together to achieve a 'Space Education Quality Mark' which is issued by STEM Learning UK and ESERO (European Space Education Resource Office). We thought we could achieve a Bronze Award but hoped for a Silver Award.



The decision by the judging panel arrived last week. We are thrilled to announce that we have received a Gold Award! Everyone is delighted with the award, all the children from Nursery to Prep 6, Prep staff, College Science and DT Teachers worked very hard together to achieve this honour. Well done! Here is a link to a short video of some of the outstanding work carried out by the children:



www.sbcm.co.uk/sbctvs/prep-school-space-education-quality-mark/

Headteacher's Award Winners

Congratulations Olivia, Sakia and Sylvie-Rose for showing great maturity and bravery in preparation for moving to Reception Class in September.



Hi-Five Netball Success

On Thursday June 20 the Prep Hi-5 Netball took part in the Manchester Schools' Finals. After a fantastic season the girls were hopeful of making it through the group stages: they started off their campaign with three comfortable victories. In their last group stage game the girls faced Beaver Road School; it was a thrilling match but they fell to their first defeat. The girls had to dust themselves off and prepare for the semi-final which they did and marched on to the final with a fantastic victory. They discovered that they would be facing Beaver Road in the final: It was another enthralling, close contest but this time the score line was reversed with a 4-3 victory in which Alice scored all 4 goals. Well done Darcey, Elsie, Miren, Ophelia, Alice and Kitty on a fine performance.

