



# ST. BEDE'S COLLEGE

# BEDE'S NEWS

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## The Headmaster's Review of the Week

Dear Bedian Family,

On behalf of Roxanne, Anna and myself I would like to wish you all a happy and holy Easter and hope that you all had a relaxing and restorative Eastertide. We are currently in the month of Mary and the faithful example of the Mother of Our Lord very much remains in our thoughts at the moment. We celebrated the Feast of St Catherine of Siena last Monday in the College Chapel and it was wonderful for me to be there. Fr Dearman very kindly celebrated the Mass and I was most impressed by how respectful our pupils were. I would like to thank all of those involved in arranging the Mass and am very sorry to have not been able to attend the wonderful refreshments afterwards! On Tuesday of this week we celebrated the Feast of St George with Mass in the College Chapel.

I would like to wish all of our pupils a happy, successful and rewarding term ahead, especially our Upper Fifth and Upper Sixth students who are about to enter their season of public examinations. Emotions and stress levels often run very high at this time of year, not only for our exam candidates but also for their parents and teachers! We are all part of the same team and I know that we will look after each other through this period. A high amount of academic and pastoral support is available here at the College and I hope that the students will let us know whenever there is an issue that they need help with. I am delighted that the annual Upper Fifth and Upper Sixth revision sessions started last Saturday and I am looking forward to seeing them in action for myself tomorrow morning.

I have started to visit individually all of the departments within the College, both teaching and support, and it has been inspiring to witness how committed to St Bede's my colleagues are and how much passion they have for carrying out their vital roles and responsibilities. I very much feel that we are one big family and team here and I am extremely optimistic about the future for St Bede's. We can always improve individually and collectively and that it is a great culture to be working in.

On Thursday of last week we held a fantastic Upper Fifth and Upper Sixth drama showcase and it is very clear that Performing Arts continues to flourish here at the College. That evening I attended the FA Youth Cup Final at the Etihad Academy Stadium, with Liverpool FC being crowned the champions following a successful penalty shoot-out after extra-time and with a 1-1 draw in normal time. Despite the unfortunate result, it was a great source of pride for me to be at the match and to cheer on so many Bedians representing Manchester City FC.

We held a very busy Prep and College Open Morning on Thursday of this week and it was great to be able to talk to so many prospective pupils and their parents. It is always a pleasure to be able to share with our visitors the magic ingredients that makes St Bede's such a special place - we continually strive to nurture and develop our pupils into happy, confident, kind and compassionate leaders, not only in the future but also in the present.

It was such an important educational opportunity for a great many pupils and staff to be able to attend a talk by Lady Milena Grenfell-Baines MBE during her visit on Friday, especially as yesterday was Holocaust Remembrance Day. Lady Milena escaped from Czechoslovakia in 1939 on the famous "kindertransport" and the College is extremely honoured to have her share her testimony with us.

Finally, many congratulations to the boys and girls who were so successful in the Manchester Schools' Athletics Championships that took place this week - the U15 girls team were crowned champions and there was also fantastic individual success with a number of our pupils being awarded medals and one of them also setting a new Manchester record for the 800m!

It is always an absolute pleasure to be able to write to you with a review of the many exciting events taking place at the College and a snapshot of our pupils' achievements. Here at St Bede's, we continue to encourage our inspiringly talented boys and girls to make the most of their amazing gifts and to give of their best in everything that they do.

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

Mr L d'Arcy  
Headmaster  
@LouisdArcy1



## Mastermind Grand Final

Tensions were high in the Maher Library on Tuesday lunchtime as four high powered contenders squared up for the ultimate test of knowledge and nerve. Isobel of Siena, Kathryn of Magdalene, Minh Hao of Bosco and Aidan of Siena, all dared the chair one last time to find out who was going to be crowned Bedian Mastermind 2019.

They grappled with their specialist subjects, wrestled with general knowledge and coped well with the surprise inclusion of wildcard contender Matthew, who led the field for Siena going into the final round. However, an emphatic upset was achieved by the eventual winner, Kathryn, who romped home with an amazing score of 21, making her the youngest ever winner of St. Bede's Mastermind.

Congratulations to all our fantastic finalists, all of whom overcame tricky heats to make it this far. We look forward to seeing if Kathryn can defend her title next year.

**Mr Power**



## Junior Mathematical Challenge

Over one hundred and ten students participated in the annual Junior Mathematical challenge this Tuesday. Students from the Upper Third and Lower Fourth were joined by thirteen students from St Bede's Prep and other feeder schools looking to join the College next year.

A Mathematical challenge masterclass preceded the event for our feeder schools and was run by Leonardo and Oliver from Lower Fourth as well as Katy and Minh Hao from Upper Fourth. Well done to them for sharing their Mathematical prowess and working well with younger pupils.

**Mr Wright**



## Breakfast In The Refectory

There will be two further opportunities this term to meet with the Headmaster and the SLT for breakfast in the Joseph Refectory. These will take place on Friday 17 May and Friday 28 June. Breakfast will be served from 8am to 9am.

Please do take this opportunity to join them, all are very welcome.

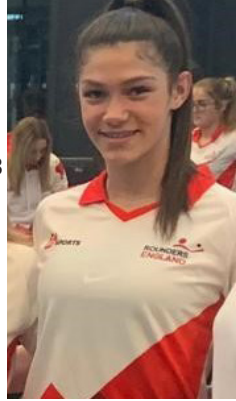




## What An All Rounder!

Congratulations to Riley in the Lower Fourth who has been selected for the National Rounders team at U14 level. A great achievement, particularly as she is in the U13 age category.

Not only is Riley the Captain of the College rounders team, who were Manchester champions last year, she also plays for the U15 netball team who reached the National School's final this year.



## Lost and Found

We unearthed an absolute mountain of lost property over the Easter holiday and whilst a lot of it is named, there are over thirty unnamed coats with no home.

The coats will be left on clothing rails on the Vaughan corridor outside the library for pupils and parents to hopefully reclaim. The coats will be left until Friday 10 May and if not claimed will be donated to charity.



## Best Foot Forward

Have you ever really thought about your feet?

Upper Fourth pupils and their Form Tutors were fascinated by feet this week when we welcomed three podiatrists into College to give us an insight into this amazing career. Graham Holt, Clinical Lead Podiatrist and Suhail Ainarkar, Advanced Podiatrist both work for Manchester Local Care Organisation and Lauren Atkinson is a student podiatrist at Huddersfield University. We are grateful to them for giving up their time to tell us about their work caring for feet, ankles and lower limbs which can involve surgery, treating infections, dealing with sports injuries and even forensics.

### Mrs Poolton



Mr Power volunteered to have an ultrasound examination of his feet!

Theme of the Week

## Feast of St Catherine of Siena

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to little children (Matthew 11:25)



St Catherine of Siena found reading difficult and only learned to write in adulthood, she is now one of the greatest teachers of the church and reminds us to never give up and that God can help us achieve.

Prayer:

St Catherine intercede before God on our behalf that we, like you, can invite the light of Christ into our lives. Amen

St Catherine of Siena – Pray for Us  
St Bede – Pray for Us

## Champions

Congratulations to the U15 girls' team who were crowned Manchester Champions at the Athletics event this week. The girls were outstanding and won by a huge distance. Mia and Savannah are champions in 100m and javelin. The relay team ( Mia, Savannah, Olive and Dorinda) were also winners. Olive was second in the high jump as was Lucy in the discus and Aoife in the 1500m. Dorinda was third in the 300m.

The girls and boys were extremely good ambassadors for the college, their behaviour was immaculate and their performance regarding technique and inner drive was fabulous.

Aidan achieved a new Manchester record in the 800m and Sam demonstrated true grit in the 1500m achieving third place. Max was second in the long jump. The boys relay team of Juan, Paul, Aidan and Sam finished third, with all podium finalists beating the existing Manchester record.

I really was very proud of all these students, very heart warming and inspiring from a teaching view point.

Mrs McCormick



## London Reunion - Bedians Reunite On The Thames

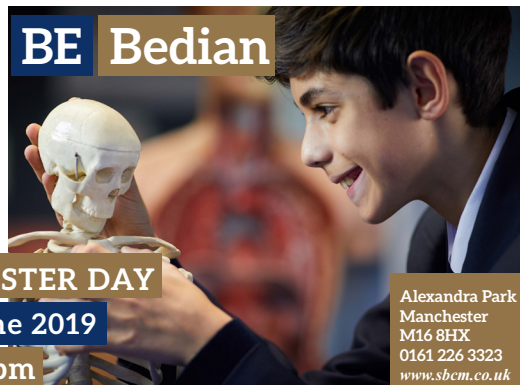
The London Reunion will be held on Friday 11 October 2019, from 6:30pm - 8:30pm in the Wardroom, London Division Royal Naval Reserve, HMS President.

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)

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## LAMDA Success

Congratulations to all of the speech and drama students who took their LAMDA exams at the beginning of March. For a child between the ages of four and five, reciting an eight line poem is an achievement to be celebrated, which our reception class did brilliantly. For a ten to eleven year old, delivering not only verse but prose as well is equally demanding.

LAMDA examinations recognise these achievements, provide a context within which they can be assessed, and reward children with nationally recognised qualifications. The Prep has achieved the best set of results in the last ten years. Excellent work everybody.



## Performing Arts Showcase

On Thursday afternoon parents filled the Academic Hall in excited anticipation of witnessing the first Prep Performing Arts Showcase. It was a celebration of all the work the children do in their clubs; Musical Theatre, Choir, Prep Pop, and Ballet. The afternoon's entertainment started with Musical Theatre and songs from *'Matilda'*. Monday's Musical Theatre Group performed *'When I Grow Up'*, followed by the Thursday group dancing and singing *'Naughty'* and finally Tuesday's group's wonderful rendition of *'Revoltin' Children'*. The children taking part in each group were from Prep 1 to Prep 6.

Up next was the Prep Choir thirtysix children with songs *'The Things You Can Think'* and *'Let It Go'*. Then the afternoon took a turn with a Pop & Rock'n'Roll groove. The newly formed Prep Pop Band had the crowd feeling the rhythm with a fabulous version of *'Ain't Nobody'* by Chaka Khan which was followed by the recently adopted Anthem of Manchester *'Don't Look Back In Anger'* by Oasis. The percussion accompaniment to the singing was fantastic putting a rock rhythm into the performance.

The final pieces of the afternoon came from our Prima Ballerinas and Primo Ballerinos. First were our youngest performers from Reception to Prep 1 who sauntered around the stage with grace demonstrating the core techniques needed when starting ballet. They were followed by the Grade One Ballet Company whose Grandes Jetes, Pirouettes and Arabesques were delightfully elegant.

We very much look forward to the next showcase. Well done all the children who took part and thank you to their teachers for enabling them to become such talented individuals.

For more images follow this link: [www.sbcm.co.uk/gallery/performing-arts-showcase-2019/](http://www.sbcm.co.uk/gallery/performing-arts-showcase-2019/)







**Prep 2 - Heiko**

**Prep 4 - Jeano**

**Prep 5 - Joshua**

**Prep 6 - Valentina**

## STARS OF WEEK



## HOUSE POINT WINNERS



## CLASS OF THE WEEK - Prep 1



## Notices

Thank you to all who attended the Prep Parent Forum Meeting on Monday 29 April, copies of the minutes can be obtained by emailing: [kdavies@stbedescollege.co.uk](mailto:kdavies@stbedescollege.co.uk)

Prep 5 are leaving to enjoy their Robinwood Residential Trip on Wednesday 8 May and will return to school on Friday 10 May.



# BEDE'S SIXTH FORM NEWS

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## The Sixth Form View Mrs Smith

### Staff vs Leavers' Netball Match Report

Wednesday saw the return of the historic College Staff versus Upper Sixth leavers' netball match. This event sees female staff members rise to the challenge of a fun but feisty netball game against the Sixth Form leavers'.

This year, staff were looking to defend their win from the previous year, but were particularly nervous as the student team looked strong on paper.

In the first quarter, both teams proved to be strong defensively and were pretty evenly matched, with only one goal a piece.



In the second quarter, Miss Sharp came alive as goal shooter for the staff. The crowds went wild for her three clear shots from the edge of the D! However, this sporting prowess was matched by the sixth form goal shooter, Eilise, taking it all square at half time at 4 - 4.

With the noise from the spectators building and the staff legs starting to turn to jelly, the third quarter saw some incredible centre court interceptions from Jasmine and very nimble movement from Grace.

Remarkably, the staff managed to pull ahead by just one goal by the end of this quarter.

Both teams were still in it and came out strong in the final quarter looking for the win. Tensions were high and the match was being closely fought. However, the staff closed in on the trophy, scoring a further four goals.

**The game finished with an 11 - 7 win for the staff.**

Sixth Form player of the match: Jasmine

Staff player of the match: Mrs Girolami

Sensational Moment Award: 'Sharp Shooter' Miss Sharp



A huge thank you to the Sixth Form leavers' and staff for an enthralling match and one which will go down in Bedian history.

Special thanks too, goes to our umpires Mrs Andrews, Mrs Lavorini and Gaby. Thirty years on from the first Bedian netball event, Mrs Andrews is still umpiring and she saw Mrs Girolami and Mrs Boylan, from her previous Sixth Form Netball Team of 1998, take the glory!

