



# ST. BEDE'S COLLEGE

# BEDE'S NEWS

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## The Headmaster's Review of the Week

Dear Bedian Family,

It gives me great pleasure to be writing to you at the conclusion of another brilliant week here at St Bede's.

Our Theme of the Week has been "Use What You Have" and this Sunday's Gospel challenges us to question how we treat money and possessions. Can we be trusted to use money for good? Jesus warns us not to put money first. Just like the steward in Luke 16:1-13 who uses his position to earn him favour, the followers of Jesus are urged to use what they have for others; to use money as a blessing, and to be generous and kind rather than materialistic and selfish. As scripture says "The one who can be trusted in little things can be trusted with great things" (Luke 16:10).

It was fantastic to be able to catch up with our new external arriving students into the Lower Sixth, over refreshments here in my study, at the end of last week and to hear how superbly well they are settling into our Sixth Form. They were enthusiastic and engaging, and already very fond of the College and beginning to feel like Bedians, as well as impeccably dressed! I would like to warmly invite all of you by the way to our Sixth Form Open Evening next Thursday, from 6-8pm, in order to hear in more detail about the very exciting developments to our Sixth Form structure from September 2020.

I really enjoyed my visit to Brantingham Road last Saturday and it was fantastic to see so many of our pupils, their parents and my colleagues involved in the various matches and training going on. Our sports grounds looked magnificent in the sparkling sunshine and it made me even more proud to be leading this tremendous school. I would like to wish all of our sports teams the best of luck in their endeavours over the weekend and I will very much be with you in spirit. My newly arrived niece Mary is being baptised in London this weekend, so unfortunately I won't be able to be on the touchlines to cheer our pupils on.

I was extremely fortunate to be able to attend both our Sixth Form Mass on Monday and our first College Mass of the academic year on Tuesday, and both Masses were wonderfully observed by our pupils and my colleagues. My local Parish Priest Fr Michael Job celebrated our Sixth Form Mass and our College Priest Fr Dearman celebrated our College Mass - we are so fortunate to be able to call upon their support and to benefit from their inspiring sermons.

I hugely enjoyed last night's Tutor Evening for Upper Third to Upper Sixth pupils and their families, and it was lovely to be able to chat with so many of our fantastically supportive parents, my utterly committed colleagues and our amazing pupils. There was an extremely positive atmosphere in evidence throughout the evening, and I also received huge amounts of very complimentary feedback from a wide range of parents and pupils about all of the tremendous work going on at the College.

I hope that you all have a relaxing and restorative weekend, and that those attending our inaugural SBCPA Comedy Fundraiser tonight have a great evening - thank you so much for your support and we never, ever take it for granted.

You can learn much, 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



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## U15 ESFA Cup Dream

The first round of the ESFA cup and an U15 St Bede's team traveled to close rivals Oldham Hulme. On a sunny Tuesday afternoon with the pitch in good condition it was perfect conditions for a game of football.

As the game began St Bede's were slow out of the traps conceding just five minutes in, after been caught on the counter with a lovely finish from the Oldham Hulme striker making the score 1-0. This was a wake-up call for the St Bede's boys and they started dominating in all areas of the field. A composed finish in the area by Bede's famous no 9 (P. Burke) and the score was level at 1-1.



Five minutes later with some hard work and great skill an Oldham Hulme defender hauled down P. Burke in the box and with great determination he converted the spot kick in emphatic fashion. St Bede's pushed to confirm the victory with further goals from U. Charles and B. Whelan. A sterling man of the match performance from F. Kongolo led St Bede's to a comfortable 4-1 victory. After this great start to the season St Bede's progress forward to round two against either Westholme or Maghull. Let the romance of the cup continue...Well Done boys.

Mr Brown

## CFA Students Of The Week

Five CFA Academy pupils met with the Headmaster this week, as they had been nominated as 'CFA Students of the Week'.

College staff nominate the pupils under four main headings: Academic Performance, Responsibility/ Work Ethic, Character and Leadership.

Congratulations Solomon, Max, Kian, Pierce and Leojo.



### Theme of the Week

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### Challenge

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### Prayer

Lord you said, "If then you cannot be trusted with money, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? 'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.' Help me to find riches in people not possessions and use money properly. Amen



## ESFA Defence Begins!

The U13s began their defence of the ESFA Small Schools title with an 8-1 triumph over Westholme School in the first round. It was 2-1 at half time with goals from O'Gara and Fallon. Westholme defended deep and compact which restricted the space in which St Bede's were able to play.

Tactical adjustments at half time ensured the boys could capitalise on their dominant possession and create a number of outstanding chances which ensured the tie finished in a comfortable victory with further goals from O'Gara (2) to complete his hat-trick, Cartmell (2), Nuamah and a sensational free kick from captain fantastic Fallon to cap off a superb man of the match performance.

Mr Mitchell



## St Bede's 8 - 1 All Saints (Rossendale)

'The Romance of the Cup Begins'

In the second of the ESFA cup games of the week the U14 took on a very gritty and determined All Saints, in a tie played in the scorching sun and on a carpet of a pitch. Much credit must go to Andy, Ben & Pav for allowing the boys to play on such fine pitches. The match day squad were all down and team was revealed. Tully took on the role of Team Assistant with Thorman his able deputy. The two being ruled out through unfortunate illness and injury, but were in great spirits keeping the morale high. There were debuts for Campbell, Naqvi and Smith who all did well and contributed nicely. In Vilar-Robinson's absence as skipper, Davies took on the role of bicep curls and el capitano and led superbly with his right hand man Francis who was Ederson esq. The game kicked off late after match day traffic held up the All Saints bus and St Bede's started brilliantly creating a handful of chances in the opening minutes with Saints keeper pulling off some wonderful saves between the sticks. Collins finally broke the deadlock with a fox in the box finish, like London buses another two followed in quick succession and the match ball was already his after 10 minutes! Ably supported by his duo of Keates and Pither, who proved more of a handful than Salah, Firmino and Mane. Minutes later Clarke led the Liverpool style gegenpress and took on two players before coolly finishing to make it 4 - 0.

THEN a moment of individual brilliance and intelligence from Sotimirin who rolled the years back to 1996 and George Weah in the San Siro by intercepting the ball in his own defensive third and going on to dribble and run the full length of the pitch to score a contender for goal of the season!!! Saints pulled a goal back just before half time thanks to a quick thinking and taken free kick catching the Bede's wall off guard. HT 5 -1

The second half saw some fantastic defending from Saints and excellent sweeper keeping from Francis (not to concede). Armstrong scored a worthy goal to match his display with Clarke and Collins going on to add another each to take the final scoreline to 8 -1. Despite Campbell's best efforts to get on the score-sheet, it was the cat of All Saints that once again denied another Bede's player scoring. Big credit must go to our opposition who never stopped trying and played the game the right way. We wish them all the best for the rest of their football season.

MOTM - Clarke, got himself 2 goals through working hard off the ball and getting himself in the right areas. Played the game with real footballing intelligence working hard for his team off the ball which got the team a goal. He was key in many of the free flowing attacks going forward. A joy to watch!

Goal Scorers Collins x 4, Clarke x 2, Armstrong x 1 and Sotimirin x 1

Massive thanks to our parents who came down to support the team and the Lower Fifth boys for cheering them on!!! We believe in the romance of the cup!!

Mikhail Fogel  
Stadion De Brantingham



## Bolton Block

On Saturday morning we enjoyed the welcome return of football to Brantingham Road following the summer break. The scene was set with beautiful sunshine and freshly cut grass for the much anticipated block against Bolton School. The U12 and U14 had already set off on their journey to Bolton for the away fixtures full of enthusiasm for the new season.

All home games were evenly contested and the competitive edge was wonderful to see. The U13 were narrowly beaten 2-1 with Kwame on the score-sheet in his first eleven a-side game for the College. The U15 began the season with nineteen players in the squad, but have been ravaged with injuries during the first two weeks of term. It was superb to see them compete so effectively with a very strong Bolton side and they were just on the wrong end of a 3-1 defeat. The 1st XI received a ringing endorsement from their new coach Mr Lee Rodriguez for their work rate and teamwork. They took the lead from the penalty spot as Jack converted expertly. However, a missed penalty prior to the one scored would prove costly. Bolton responded well in the second half and went on to complete a 4-1 victory.

In Bolton the U14 began the season magnificently with a 4-1 win. Goals from Austin, Oliver, Callum and Gabriel and a man of the match performance from Sonny in goal ensured an excellent start to the campaign. The U12 were involved in a goal fest on a full size pitch due to drainage issues on Bolton's smaller pitches. The highlight of the game was an outstanding hat-trick from Logan on his debut for the College and Mr Gerardo was full of praise for his players endeavours throughout the game. Next Saturday we welcome Oldham Hulme for another bustling Saturday morning of football.

Mr Mitchell

## STEM In The Prep

As the new year begins here is an update on what can be expected in our STEM subjects this term. We are very pleased to be continuing with Technola Computing, as last year was so successful with a fantastic Computer Science curriculum. Mr Robinson is teaching computing from Reception to Prep 6 covering topics such as Code Animation, Robot Arcade, Movie Trailers, Web Design and Safe & Surfing as well as weekly Technola extra-curricular clubs.



We are also looking forward to welcoming UKFAST back to our Pi Café in the coming weeks where they will be delivering a 'Coding Club' after school on Mondays. This will be shared out amongst each year group throughout the year giving children interested in coding the chance to enhance their coding skills and knowledge.

We are delighted that next week Mr Joyce-O'Keeffe has been invited to attend the ESE-RO-UK Primary Conference, which runs alongside the UK Space Conference 2019 where he will be delivering a presentation on how to achieve a Gold Space Education Quality Mark. After half term the STEM Club will be running again with support from our Sixth Form STEM Ambassadors and College teachers.



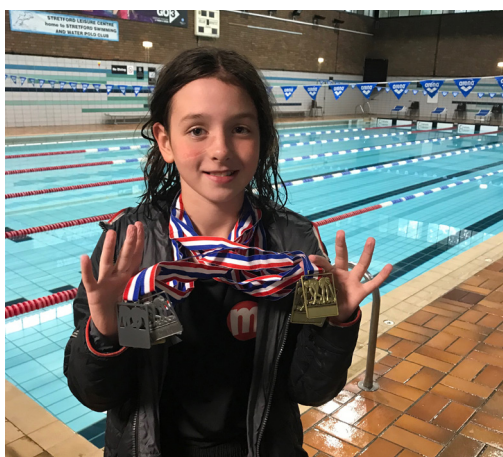
**Prep 6 - Marcus**  
**Prep 5 - Isabelle**

## Swimming Award

Congratulations to Carey who won an award for most improved swimmer at the COMAST (City Of Manchester Aquatics Swim Team) annual awards ceremony.

The next morning Carey won four gold medals in the Individual Medley, 50m front crawl, 100m front crawl and the 100m breast stroke as well as four silver medals in the 50m breast stroke, 100m backstroke, 50m backstroke and 50m butterfly.

This is an outstanding medal haul from one swimming gala. The good news did not stop there. After the meet Carey was informed that she had qualified to compete at Under 11 for COMAST. This is such an amazing achievement for a 9 year old. Well done Carey!



## HOUSE POINT WINNERS



## CLASS OF THE WEEK - Prep 2



## STARS OF WEEK



# BEDE'S SIXTH FORM NEWS

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## ST. BEDE'S COLLEGE

## The Sixth Form View



### Welcome Back to Sixth Form Dr Wes!

Our first two weeks of term have certainly been hectic for the Sixth Form. We have been lucky enough to welcome a number of new pupils to the College. Having spoken to a few of these new students, it is clear that they have found the start of term enjoyable and not overly daunting.

Amidst preparation for university applications, we have already been involved in a number of notable events. The Lower and Upper Sixth trip to Manley Mere allowed the Sixth Form not only to bond within each year group, but as a whole, which was very exciting. It is surprising to think that we have only been back at school for such a short time. The number of events that have taken place over the last two weeks demonstrate that the upcoming academic year is bound to be an exciting one. However, between bonding days, sixth form quizzes, informative Alumni Lectures and a particularly reflective Sixth Form Mass, the start of studies is always at the forefront of our agenda.

On Wednesday, the Upper Fifth, Lower Sixth and Upper Sixth students sat in on an Alumni lecture by Dr Wesley Tensel, a GP and Team doctor of Rochdale AFC. He gave a fresh perspective on the life of a doctor, and spoke about how, once you achieve your goal (whether that is to become a medic or not), a healthy work-life balance can be secured.

He reflected on his time at St Bede's, and how much his experience at the college shaped the path for his future. At the same time as sharing his particularly positive outlook on his career, Dr Wes reiterated the importance of hard work, particularly in Upper Sixth. As an aspiring medic, I for one can say that his talk gave me an even harder push to fulfil my academic potential. Excitingly, Dr Wes was the first in a series of Alumni Lectures this term.



We look forward to opening the Sixth Form to parents and prospective students for our Sixth Form open evening, which will give us the opportunity to showcase the wonderful things that St Bede's has to offer for it's A level students. The broad range of subjects and wealth of opportunities, combined with small class sizes and low student to teacher ratio is what makes St Bede's Sixth form so special.

It carves a path for us to fulfil our professional aspirations, whilst ensuring that we leave as well-rounded individuals, which was so wonderfully demonstrated by Dr Wes during the week.

Martha, Upper Sixth

