



ST. BEDE'S COLLEGE

BEDE'S NEWS

27 September 2019

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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 tremendously positive and purposeful week here at St Bede's.

Our Theme of the Week has been "Noticing the Poor" and this Sunday's Gospel reminds us of the consequences of ignoring those in need. Pope Francis challenges us to question ourselves and our care for each other – should we walk past someone on the street and judge them, thinking that they are bad people? Pope Francis says that if we do, we should be more concerned with our own hearts and the people we have become. As scripture says "And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table" (Luke 16:20-21).

I would like to thank Justin Moorhouse and his fellow comedians for dazzling us last week at our inaugural SBCPA Comedy Fundraiser at St Bede's – it was simply a brilliant evening and we are very much looking forward to its sequel.

The College held the first of its three major Open Events of this half of term last night in the Academic Hall and the Chapel – our Sixth Form Open evening – and I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our incredibly successful event. The College inside and out looked magnificent and I am extremely proud of how everyone worked together so determinedly and cheerfully in the run-up to the event and on the night. I would also like to pay tribute to all of our fantastic student ambassadors, who spoke so well in the Chapel about their College experiences and also with our guests at our subject displays. I am extremely grateful to all of our pupils, parents, staff, Governors and alumni for their unstinting support for the College, and we can all very much look forward to our annual Open Evening and brand new Open Morning next week. Our fantastic pupils are the best advocates for the College and its ability to provide an holistic Catholic education which transforms lives.

There is no school for pupils on Friday 4 October by the way, as we are holding an INSET Day for all staff.

I hope that you all have a really enjoyable weekend and thank you so much for your ongoing support.

You can learn much more about the life of the College via our website and social media channels and do please sign up to 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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ANNUAL OPEN EVENTS 3-18years

THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER 2019 - 6.00pm ~ 8.00pm

SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER 2019 - 10.00am ~ 2.00pm

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Malory Towers

Forty students from the L5 upwards enjoyed an evening in the company of the spiffing young ladies of Malory Towers on the evening of Wednesday 25 September at HOME in Manchester.

Emma Rice's uplifting interpretation of the jolly japes and scrapes of a bunch of good-hearted girls seeking to make a positive impression on their world offers a most welcome alternative to the hard-bitten and hopeless cynicism all too prevalent in the media today.

This lively production with amazing acapella singing and inventive staging will be fuelling conversations between teachers and students for many lessons to come. Spiffing!



U15 ISFA Cup

St Bede's U15's travelled three hours along the M6 to take on Brookehouse Football Academy in what became a game of two halves. There wasn't much to report on the first half with a lack of quality from both teams. However, the little there was came from Brookehouse's No.7 as he slotted home an impressive solo effort. The No.7 would prove to be a massive thorn in Bede's side throughout the rest of the game. Both teams approached the second half with a completely different attitude and the game came alive. Bede's quickly equalised as Cahill converted a spot kick on debut. This was quickly followed by a real poacher's finish from Bede's No. 9 P. Burke to put Bede's in front for the first time in the match. After 10 minutes of real 'English' competitive football Brookehouse found an equaliser from a spot kick which was saved brilliantly by M. Woan, but followed up well by Brookehouse to equalise. With the score at 2-2 and well balanced, Brookehouse's No.7 was the difference and guided them to a 4-3 victory. Bede's will look back at this game as the "one that got away".



Manager's Comment: "Unfortunately it wasn't to be our day, I cannot fault the effort given by all players in the second half and it was a real positive to see three players make their debut for the U15's. Granted it wasn't our best performance but we keep the team spirit and focus. We will go back to the training ground on Monday reset, work hard and prepare for Saturday in the right manner."

MOM: F.Kongolo
Mr Brown

Bosco Lead The Way On MacMillan Day!



Bosco House hosted a massive tea party today to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Research. This annual event involved pupils and staff from all four houses, Bosco, Siena, Magdalene and Champion who got their baking hats on to produce a massive array of sweet treats to sell at break-time in the Corridors, the Sixth Form Common Room and of course the Staff Room.

Healthy eating was suspended and everybody went for it - all for a good cause. Mr Davies, Head of Bosco House said 'We always have great support when Bosco host this event, but this year seemed very special and our pupils and staff have excelled themselves. It went a bit crazy at breaktime, but thanks to Mrs Corbett and our House prefect team, we avoided a stampede'

Final totals will be added up and will be reported next week. Here's to next year's cuppa!

Mr Davies



Old Unused Mobile?

As part of the Sixth Form Charity drive U6 Fal/Ball are collecting old technology to recycle to raise money for Christies Hospital next week.

It is thought that the majority of households in the UK have at least four items of unused technology that can be recycled. All we are asking is that your children bring the devices into College and the Upper Sixth students will come to the form bases, every day, next week to collect them.

Thank you in advance for supporting this worthy cause!



Drug Awareness

We are delighted to welcome Elizabeth Burton-Phillips QVA MBE as a guest speaker on Wednesday 6 November at 6pm. Elizabeth will speak to our Upper Fifth and Sixth Form during the day and in the evening she will also be delivering a presentation to parents and guardians.

Since losing Nicholas one of her twin sons to suicide at the age of 27 in 2004 Elizabeth Burton-Phillips now dedicates all her time to raising awareness of the horrific impact of drug and alcohol addiction on families and ensuring that those affected by someone's substance use receive adequate and timely support.

Elizabeth was nominated as a Woman of Achievement in the Women of the Year Lunch Awards from 2009-2012 and her courage and determination to support families continues to be acknowledged around the world. She was awarded an MBE in the June 2017

Queen's Birthday Honours List for 'services to people who experience drug addiction and their families' Her charity was further awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in May 2017.



Thundering In!

I moved to Manchester at the start of Upper Fourth. I loved playing netball and wanted to carry on playing in Manchester, so I trialled for Manchester Thunder. I was in the U17s for two years and then from there I was given the opportunity to play in the NPFL Netball Tournament.

England scouts watch players at this event as it's the biggest tournament in the netball franchise.

Following the tournament I was pleased to receive an email asking me to attend a five day England Netball Camp in Wolverhampton. During the camp I endured tough training, learnt new skills and met new friends. After the camp I was delighted to hear that I had been selected to represent England in the U17 age group.

Savannah



Theme of the Week

Noticing the Poor

"And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table." (Luke 16:20-21)

Challenge:

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Prayer:

Dear Jesus, help me to notice those who are poor, homeless and in need. Help me to understand why there are so many and what I can do to help. Above all, give me a heart to care so that I don't look the other way, but rather help to make a difference. Amen

2020 Careers Convention

We are starting to plan our next Careers Convention and are looking for people representing a range of careers to help inspire and inform our pupils. If you think you could help or know someone who would like to share information about their job, please contact our Careers Coordinator, Mrs Poolton at kpoolton@stbedescollege.co.uk

We also offer a programme of Careers talks on Wednesday mornings to pupils in all years and we welcome input from parents. If you would like to share your enthusiasm for your line of work, then Mrs Poolton would love to hear from you!

Mrs Poolton



St Bede's College
Monday 23 March 2020
6.00pm – 8.00pm

Pupils and parents are invited to meet advisers from a range of careers

Come along to talk to experts and explore career ideas

Find the right career for YOU!

For more information contact Mrs Poolton in the Library
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UK Space Conference

On Tuesday Mr Joyce-O'Keeffe represented the Prep School as a delegate at the UK Space Conference 2019 at the International Convention Centre, Celtic Manor, Wales.

During the day he was able to attend a lecture by British Astronaut Tim Peake where he discussed the future of space travel; inhabiting the Moon and then Mars. After the lecture Tim Peake held a private Q&A session with the primary teachers.

After meeting Tim Peake, Mr Joyce-O'Keeffe delivered his own presentation on how St Bede's Prep received the Space Education Quality Mark Gold. He discussed how the whole Bedian Community came together to achieve the award.

The audience of primary teachers, scientists and ESERO STEM Ambassadors watched the updated version of the Space Education video. Everyone was impressed with the fantastic work the children had produced. We are very much looking forward to UK Space Conference 2020.



Chaplains

After completing application forms and an interview process this year's Prep School Pupil Chaplains were announced by Mrs Hibbert and the Prep 6 Pupil Chaplains at assembly on Monday morning.

The array of skills and talents presented by our pupils made the decision very difficult and the pupil Chaplains chose the new Chaplains after much debate. We look forward to them leading the whole Prep School in liturgies and Faith in Action projects.



Football

The Prep Boys' football team visited The Grange School on 20 September for their opening round of fixtures. The two qualifying schools of the day would be through to the knockout stage of the prestigious AJIS competition. The boys had two tough games against The Grange and Newcastle School. In the opener Donnell was quick to stamp his authority scoring a hat trick and Edson was tremendous driving on the team from midfield. The game resulted in an 8-0 win for the boys and Oliver's strike in the second half was undoubtedly the highlight. The final game against the host school was a much closer affair resulting in a 4-2 defeat. It was highly competitive and the team worked extremely hard. Due to the convincing result in the first match St Bede's are now through to the knockout stages which are due to take place towards the end of the term.

On 25 September the Prep Girls' football team became the first ever at St Bede's to compete in the Manchester school's league. They were invited to play as part of a league system at Whalley Range School which they will visit several times throughout the academic year. On this occasion the girls played three fixtures against other schools narrowly losing twice but drawing 1-1 in one of the games. The experience was a massive learning curve and the development throughout the afternoon was clear to see. Goals were scored by star performers Olivia and Victoria, with Kitty really growing into her position as goalkeeper. They are now incredibly excited for their next round of fixtures in October!





Prep 1 - Immy
Prep 2 - Beth & May
Prep 6 - Ethan

HOUSE POINT WINNERS



CLASS OF THE WEEK - Reception



Notices

Monday 30 September
Prep 6 Assembly in the Academic Hall. Please enter via the Main College Entrance from 2.35pm, the event will start at 2.45pm

Thursday 3 October
Prep European Day of Languages
Children can come to school dressed in colours of European flags or traditional costume. European sports shirts are also permitted.

Thursday 3 October
No buses for the end of the school day due to College Open Evening.

Friday 4 October
INSET Day Prep School closed.

STARS OF WEEK

