



# ST. BEDE'S COLLEGE

# BEDE'S NEWS

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## The Headmaster's Review of the Week

Dear Bedian Family,

As always, it gives me great pleasure to be writing to you at the culmination of an action-packed, purposeful and relentlessly optimistic week here at St Bede's.

Our theme of the week has been "Thanksgiving" and we have spent time reflecting upon whether we regularly practice an attitude of gratitude or not. We of course need to as often as possible thank our families and friends and all of those who help us. We have tried to take the time this week to reflect upon all of the things for which we are extremely grateful. As scripture says "Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner" (Luke 17:18-19).

I would like to thank again everyone who contributed to our extremely successful recent Sixth Form Open Evening, our Annual Open Evening and our brand new Open Morning. I remain overwhelmed at, and forever grateful for, the huge amounts of goodwill, support and solidarity which the College is able to call upon for events such as these. Our finest ambassadors are of course our wonderful pupils, but the parental grapevine as I call it is also truly powerful. We are also blessed here at St Bede's with a highly talented team of teaching and operational colleagues, who are proudly committed to the College and consistently give of their all in the pursuit of the brightest possible futures for our young people.

I am very excited to be able to inform you that our new U13 girls' football team will be representing the College in the Manchester Cup next Tuesday afternoon and I will do my very best to be there to cheer them on! I am immensely proud that girls' football has returned to St Bede's after an absence of a few years and I would like to wholeheartedly thank those of my colleagues who are involved in enthusiastically championing this new sporting opportunity.

It was my absolute pleasure to host a celebratory dinner on Tuesday evening in the Joseph Refectory for our U14 cricketers (and their families), who won the Manchester Schools' Cup at the end of last term. I am extremely proud of their achievements, as I am for all of our pupils, and I very much look forward to hosting many more dinners in the future.

I attended the Lower Seniors Pupil Council earlier today and was utterly impressed (but not surprised) by the sensibility and maturity of the many suggestions that the pupils put forward and I am very grateful to Mrs Vyce for chairing this important event. It is very important that our pupils here at the College have regular opportunities to formally put their suggestions forward, and there are many events throughout the academic year to facilitate this.

As I conclude my review of the week, I am very much looking forward to meeting a great many of our Bedian alumni at HMS President in London this evening for our annual reunion and to hearing of their fascinating current exploits. We have a vast, diverse and incredibly proud network of past pupils both in the UK and all over the world. It is always an honour for me to spend time with them and to be able to bring them up to speed on the many exciting current developments here at St Bede's.

I look forward to writing to you again next week, and to be able to celebrate another fantastic week at St Bede's.

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



## Science Book Award Judges

Members of the Prep and College Book Clubs members have been judging the shortlisted books for the Royal Society Young People's Book Prize 2019. The Prize aims to inspire young people to read about science and promotes the writing of excellent, accessible books for under children and young people.

The six best books are chosen by an expert adult judging panel and then handed over to groups of young people across the UK to choose a winner. St Bede's is one of those groups and Book Club members have been looking at the books in terms of layout, ease of use and appeal before voting on their winner

We wait to see which book has won nationally, but our vote is being cast for Making with States of Matter by Anna Claybourne, a book packed full of fascinating things to do for budding scientists.

All the shortlisted books are now available to borrow in the Maher Library.

Mrs Poolton



ROYAL SOCIETY  
YOUNG PEOPLE'S  
BOOK  
PRIZE 2019



## Qualification Secured

On Wednesday 9 October, the U19 Netball team played in the Greater Manchester County Round of the English School's National Netball competition, without three of our top players Savanagh, Daisy and Freya. However, true to form the squad rallied and played an amazing set of matches.

The results are as follows: Loreto W 12-5, Aquinas D 8-8, Oldham Sixth Form W15-10, Bolton W15-8, Withington W 9-4, Semi Final v Xaverian W 12-4 and the Final v Holy Cross L 10-16. They have qualified for the Regional round of this prestigious national competition and this will be played in January.

Pictures of the winning team and taking cover from the rain during the tournament Keisha, Grace, Aoife, Lucy, Rachel, Harriet, Emily and Gabi.



Mrs McCormick

## MGS Block Fixtures

On Saturday we enjoyed an excellent block of fixtures against local rivals MGS. Parents and coaches alike commented on the outstanding ability and competitive nature of both the U12 and U13 matches. Harry O scored another hat-trick in a 6-4 defeat for the U13s and Benat scored one of the best goals ever seen at Brantingham Road, where he nutmegged both the centre back and the right back before whipping the ball from the corner of the box into the far top corner. In the U12 match St Bede's went into the break 4-3 up, but were unfortunate to succumb to a 7-5 defeat with standout performance from Nna and Noah.

Over at MGS the U14s were unlucky to just miss out on a point with a 4-3 defeat with a MOM performance from James C as he recorded two goals with his weaker foot. The U15s recorded an emphatic 5-1 victory with by far their best performance of the season, Patrick, Ben, Micah and Uwak all got themselves on the scoresheet, but it was Ben who would get the MOM award with an outstanding performance of work rate, pace and powerful direct running. On the 1st XI pitch St Bede's dominated possession and were unfortunate to lose 3-2 due to the mobility of MGS's forward line and a lack of clinical finishing from ourselves. There was a standout performance from Sam whose energy and ability in midfield allowed us to play through the thirds effectively.

Mr Mitchell



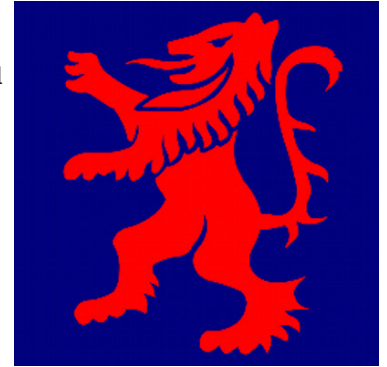
## ISFA Cup Defeat

1st XI 1-5 Bradfield College

St Bede's performed superbly in the first half and defended brilliantly. We stayed deep and compact and looked decent on the break. Bradfield took the lead from a mishit cross that looped in at the back post, while at the other end Jack hit the bar with an opportunity to go into the break level.

Unfortunately Bradfield came out strongly and we started the half poorly conceding three goals in ten minutes of madness which killed the game. Sam scored a great goal after brilliant work from Theo driving at the defence and slotting the ball through. Bradfield added another late on to complete a frustrating defeat after such a valiant first half. The man of the match award was shared between Paul for his outstanding defensive work and Theo for a colossus performance in midfield.

Mr Mitchell




## 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](mailto: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



**CAREERS  
CONVENTION**

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  
[kpoolton@stbedescollege.co.uk](mailto:kpoolton@stbedescollege.co.uk)

## Theme of the Week

# THANKSGIVING

"Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner." (Luke 17:18-19)

### Challenge:

Do you practice an attitude or gratitude? Thank your family and friends and all those who help you. Try to take the time this week to reflect on the things you are grateful for.

### Prayer:

Lord, thank you for those who love and care for me. Thank you for my school and the education I receive. Help me to be a grateful and thankful person.  
Amen



St. Bede's College proudly presents...

## Professor Sir Ian Kershaw:

### "The Rise of Hitler"



We are thrilled to announce that St. Bede's will host a talk by one of world's most renowned modern historians. His two part biography of Adolf Hitler, *Hubris* and *Nemesis* is a definitive text and his many other works attest to his unparalleled skill as a communicator of History as well as to his immense depth of scholarship. Professor Kershaw will speak for about forty-five minutes and has kindly agreed to answer questions from the audience.

We would like to warmly invite you and your students to attend. The event is free but seats are limited and can be reserved via [sims-pay \(www.sims-pay.co.uk\)](http://www.sims-pay.co.uk). If you would like further details, please email a request to Mr. Alasdair Power at [apower@stbedescollege.co.uk](mailto:apower@stbedescollege.co.uk).

Please let us know if you require special access arrangements in advance.

### When?

Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019, 5 p.m.

### Where?

The Academic Hall,  
St. Bede's College,  
Alexandra Road South,  
Manchester,  
M16 8HX

## Cup Dream Alive

U12s 7-1 Cedar Mount

The U12 won 7-1 in the first round of the Manchester Cup. Well done St Bede's! We played much better football than Cedar Mount, technically and physically with Seth and Noah dictating the pace in midfield. We took our chances and scored quickly after five minutes, with Raphael on a good follow up from a released ball from their keeper. Nna has been our big scorer of the day with a total of five in the net and Logan contributing to the festival with a nice strike. We conceded a goal from a set piece at the start of the second half which touched the post and went in our goal. Overall a good performance from all the players and a nice victory to keep the dream alive. Bring on the next round of the cup! Allez allez allez

Mr Gerardo

## House Events Update

It has been a very busy start to the year regarding house events and competitions and we still have much to look forward to. As you know our Annual Mooch with the Pooch has been postponed until SUNDAY 26 April 10 -12 Noon so please save the date. We are guaranteed no April showers!

Our Annual Macmillan Cake sale raised £200. Our Upper Third put together a play in a day as a house competition (this was show cased last week in the newsletter) Congratulations to Campion House WINNERS!

The Poetry competition is open to all pupils, staff and parents, so if you would like to write a poem about truth and email it in to gyates@stbedescollege.co.uk The winners will be published in a forthcoming newsletter. Any style of poetry accepted including rap, which can be videoed!

The weekly Futsal competition takes place every Wednesday from 1pm in the Sports Hall. The playing schedule and rules are on the Sports Hall notice board. Mr Parkinson Jones is holding a FIFA competition. It is £5 to enter. Please see Mr Parkinson Jones for further details.

The Sixth Form Countdown and staff 'Have I Got News For You' start on Monday 14 and Monday 21 October respectively in the Maher Library from 1.10pm.

Mrs McCormick



## Hot Chocolate and Cookies

The Headmaster's inaugural break time hot chocolate and cookies continued with the Upper Fifth last Wednesday. The event was incredibly well attended with pupils grateful for a chance to warm themselves up on a particularly chilly day.

The hot chocolate had been prepared excellently by Karen in the kitchen with just the right balance of sweetness, which prompted some Upper Fifths to go back for seconds! Mr Sanders and Mrs Boylan were also on hand to check all was in order and that the comestibles were suitable for consumption.

Mrs Boylan



## Autumn Concert

Tuesday 15 October 2019  
Academic Hall  
6:30 – 7:30 pm



A free and informal music recital showcasing the musicians and ensembles at the College





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## Celebration Of European Languages

The Prep had a fabulous day on Thursday 3 October, celebrating our day of European languages.

The day began with a fantastic performance from the Flying Theatre Company, who entertained us brilliantly in Spanish. The story was about Pedro, a Spanish boy who got up to all sorts of funny antics whilst preparing for his village fete. Pedro had the audience in stitches with his dances, raps, circus tricks and stunts. Several staff and pupils joined in and everyone even got caught in a sudden shower!

The catering staff kindly provided French pastries at break and delicious European food to try at lunchtime.

Many exciting activities continued in classrooms with Technola as well as in the IT suite, with many classes learning new words in a language of their choice through linguascope games.

Outdoor learning took place with some children using foreign language words to play 'What time is it Mr. Wolf?' and French boules on the lawn. Dances from around Europe were enthusiastically practiced with Just Dance, the cancan proving very popular!

Beautiful artwork inspired by artists such as Picasso, Monet and Matisse was produced in classrooms and other classroom activities included food tasting, language card games and even Peppa Pig was watched by the younger children in Spanish or French.

Key Stage 2 were happy to accept the mission of completing a Secret Agent Handbook of Languages, which some children wanted to finish at home.

A wonderful day was had by all and thanks for the efforts to make all the children look amazing in their varied and colourful European- inspired outfits.



## Cross Country

The Years 5 and 6 mixed cross country team took to the beautiful blue skies of Fleetwood to test the 'Tough Mudder' course of Rossall.

The children were cheered on by Mr & Mrs Choi and the team didn't disappoint with all runners representing the school with great pride and best efforts.

There were plenty of top 50 finishes in the most highly competitive Prep cross country event of the season.

Sebastian gained a top 50 finish along with team mates Edson, Jack and Josh who captained and finished in 7th for the boys.

The girls wouldn't be outdone with Captain Amara leading her team mates in with Victoria 15th and Carey making the podium in 3rd. True to form Alicia and Rosie finished side by side still smiling!

Thanks to Mrs Cartmell for her Sat-Nav skills getting the children back to school and Mrs Johnson for her rendezvous checks. The biggest thanks must go to the boys and girls who are a credit to our school in their behaviour and commitment in representing St Bede's with such high standards.



## Student Council

The new Student Council members 2019/20 have now been elected. Each class from Prep 2 upwards enjoyed listening to several manifestos. They then all voted for person that they would like to represent their class. We are looking forward to our first meeting next week led by Eden and Marcus, the Student Council leaders.



**Nursery - Angelyn, Matteo & George**

**Prep 1 - David**

**Prep 3 - Alexander**

**Prep 4 - Sophie, Lucy & Francesca**

**Prep 5 - Orin & Edson**

**Prep 6 - Brandon**

## CLASS OF THE WEEK - Prep 1



## STARS OF WEEK



## HOUSE POINT WINNERS



## Notices

Tuesday 15 October  
Prep 6C Marist Visit

Wednesday 16 October  
Prep 6H Marist Visit