



# ST. BEDE'S COLLEGE

# BEDE'S NEWS

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## The Headmaster's Review of the Week

Dear Bedian Family,

Our theme of the week has been "Be Bold, Be Strong" – the challenge for all of us this week is to not be afraid, and to be bold and strong in our lives! The week just gone was Anti Bullying Week. There can be times when following Jesus can be challenging, such as standing up to negative behaviour. Jesus tells us in the Gospel that he will always be there with us and will help us in all that we need. We must go for it! As Scripture says: "You will be hated by all, on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives" (Luke 21:17-19).

As I write to you at the conclusion of a tremendously busy, uplifting and purposeful week here at the College, I have been utterly blown away by all three of the exceptional West Side Story evening performances which I have attended and I could not be prouder of the huge range of pupils, colleagues, parents and alumni who have continued to its success. Only very few schools can plan for and perform an ambitious and demanding production such as West Side Story and we have at the College, without any doubt, an incredible array of talented children and colleagues, as well as of course hugely supportive and steadfastly loyal parents.

It was a real pleasure on Saturday of last week for me to be able to watch and first of all cheer on many of our College pupils playing football at Brantingham Road (against Bury Grammar School) and then heading over to the Etihad Campus to watch others playing for the City Football Academy (CFA). I am extremely proud of all of our tremendous pupils, in whatever pursuit they are involved in, and I continue to be always struck by the polished and modest Bedian manner by which they accept victory and defeat in good grace.

On Tuesday of last week we held our annual College Mass of Remembrance in the Chapel to pray for our family members, relatives and friends who have died. It was incredibly moving to witness a huge attendance from colleagues and pupils. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

I look forward to speaking with many of you at our inaugural Development and Fundraising Information Evening taking place at the College this Wednesday (20th November) from 7 – 8pm, and I would like to thank all of our loyal and proudly committed families for their continued exceptional support for the College.

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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**MANCHESTER**  
**THE PLACE TO BE**



## Football Update

### Bury Block

Three Saturday fixtures managed to withstand the barrage of rain at the end of last week as the U12s travelled to Bury and the U14s and U15s taking to the field at Brantingham Road. On a bitterly cold morning there were some outstanding performances as the U14s hit ten in a 10-4 win with standout displays from James and Temi with the latter grabbing a second half brace and steadying the ship defensively. The U15s were also victorious with a 4-1 win. In Bury the U12 game was an end to end encounter that saw both teams create great chances, but St Bede's generally dominated the play. Cian whipped in a free kick in the first five minutes to give the U12s the lead before Bury struck back with two goals of their own. The second half saw St Bede's dominate again and they got a deserved equaliser when Nna struck a long range effort into the top corner. The Bury goalkeeper then made a plethora of outstanding saves which eventually allowed Bury to grab a late winner.

### U13s ESFA Cup SBC 3-0 Cardinal Heenan

In the torrential rain of Monday, St Bede's U13s welcomed Cardinal Heenan, Liverpool to Platt Lane playing fields for the third round of the ESFA cup. The boys managed to pull off one of the performances of the season thus far, not only scoring three outstanding goals but also keeping their first clean sheet of the season. Cardinal Heenan dominated much of the early possession but a rigid, hardworking and organised defensive unit repelled the majority of their attacks leaving Dominic with little to do in goal. Although St Bede's conceded the majority of possession they dominated the chances created hitting Cardinal Heenan time and time again on the break with excellent performances from Benat, Kwame, James and Harry O. It was Harry O who would break the deadlock after an exquisite through ball from Kwame, He had a one versus one with the 'keeper and finished emphatically. Kwame then had a wonderful chance to double the lead just before half time, but was denied by an unbelievable save from Cardinal Heenan's number one.

After the break the structure of the game remained much the same with Bede's solid at the back and looking increasingly dangerous on the break. One of these counter attacks allowed Harry C to slot home our second. This spurred Cardinal Heenan on and they rallied to create some brilliant chances of their own, but Dominic was in fine form to maintain his clean sheet. His performance was so impressive he received high praise from the opposing coach regarding a number of key saves he made. Having stood firm at the back a late corner saw James control beautifully before rifling the ball into the top of the net to top off an outstanding win for the U13s. Following their superb defensive display Jacob and Tyreek were award a joint man of the match award. The U13s will now compete in the fourth round of the ESFA Cup for the first time in a number of years, which is testament not only to their talent, but also their determination and a relentless desire to improve.

Mr Mitchell

## Manchester Cup Woe

The U12 lost their cup game V Westholme 5-7. After conceding two early goals due to not releasing the ball safely in defence, we came back with a better attitude and managed to equalise with Rapha and Logan in a good fashion.

2-2 Half time.

However, the beginning of the second half was not so encouraging as Westholme rapidly scored three more goals and our heads went down. Ten minutes before the end, Cian had a free kick from outside the area which lifted the spirits. In a nervy last five minutes we scored once again with Ayo, but the time ran out and we are now out of the cup.

Such a shame.

Mr J Gerado



## Bookbuzz

Upper Third pupils were delighted to receive their "Bookbuzz" books this week. At the beginning of the school year, pupils were introduced to 15 brilliant books and, after watching a film of the authors talking about their work and careful consideration, they made their selections and the chosen books were ordered. Mrs Sullivan's English class were delighted to be among the first to receive their books



Bookbuzz is a reading programme from Booktrust designed to help schools encourage reading for pleasure and develop a reading culture. Organised by the Librarian, St Bede's has been delighted to take part in the scheme for the last ten years.

All the books on offer are now on display and available for loan in the Library, enabling pupils to enjoy books they didn't order.

## Anti-Bullying Week

All this week we have been raising awareness of anti-bullying. The theme for this year is "Change starts with Us" to help support this idea the focus for the week during tutor time, PSME lessons and year group assemblies has been bullying and how it is important to treat others as we wish and expect to be treated ourselves.



## Enterprise

The Business and Economics Department welcomed Associate Professor Naomi Birdthistle from Griffith University, Queensland, Australia, on Monday for an inspiring careers talk about the multi-pathways into the academic world of Enterprise.

The talk covered both traditional and non-traditional routes into the academic field detailing the diverse tasks undertaken by lecturers and Professors at university level. Dr Birdthistle not only identified the 21st century '4 C skills' which employers are looking for regardless of industry, which Enterprise courses provide, but also offered privileged networking opportunities with herself in the future for exchange programmes at Griffith University.



Mrs Hatton would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr Birdthistle for taking time out of her hectic international schedule to speak to our students. If there are any students, particularly Upper Fifth, who are considering and appreciating the crucial skills an entrepreneurial course would offer and would like more information about the new BTEC Enterprise and Entrepreneurship course starting in September 2020, then please speak to Mrs Hatton.

### Theme of the Week

## Be Bold, Be Strong

"You will be hated by all, on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives" (Luke 21:17-19)

#### Challenge:

Be Bold! Be Strong! This week is Anti Bullying Week. There can be times when following Jesus can be challenging, like standing up to negative behaviour. Jesus tells us in the Gospel this week that he will be right there with us and will help us in all we need. Go for it!



#### Prayer:

Lord God, because of the kind of world that we live in it is tempting to give up sometimes. But with you I can make a difference and find a better way even when times get tough. Help me to stay close to you because I know you are close to me. Amen. St Bede- Pray for



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Parents' Association

JUSTIN  
MOORHOUSE  
& GUESTS



**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND  
TICKETS WILL SELL FAST!!!**

**FRIDAY 24 JANUARY 2020**

**DOORS OPEN: 7.30PM**

**TICKETS: SIMS-PAY**

**ADULTS ONLY**

**CASH ONLY BAR**

**ENQUIRIES: RCAMPBELL@STBEDESCOLLEGE.CO.UK**

## SB PA

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Parents' Association

Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

The SBPA Christmas Fair 2019 is now just around the corner! Your child should have brought home an envelope containing £20.00's worth of raffle tickets. There are 5 tickets in each booklet and each individual ticket is £1.00 each. A large part of the Christmas Fair revenue is generated through the sale of Raffle Tickets prior to the event so please ask all your family and friends to support us and buy as many tickets as possible.

If you haven't seen the envelope, it should be in your child's bag! Don't forget to send in your sold Christmas Fair raffle ticket counterfoils with the collected monies to either the Prep Office or the Main College Office.

As you know we need volunteering over two days;

- Fri 29 Dec - Event set up
- Sat 30 Dec - Running stalls and activities

Let us know if you can help volunteering or would like to advertise in the Christmas Fair Brochure via the following different channels:

- Paper volunteer form (included with the raffle tickets)
- Via email [sbpa@stbedescollege.co.uk](mailto:sbpa@stbedescollege.co.uk)

The Bottle Tombola and the festive plants and decorations stalls will also be complimented with games stalls, activity stalls, Santa's Grotto, the Gaelic Coffee bar, to name but a few as well as new stalls that will be coming to our fair for the first time. There will be something for everyone to enjoy!

As always, any new uniform that pupils have outgrown can be recycled in a 'new to you sale'. So please drop them off into Prep and College receptions.

Dates for your diary:

**NOVEMBER 2019**

Saturday November 30 2019 - Christmas Fair - 9.30am - 12.30pm

**JANUARY 2020**

Friday January 24 2020 - Justin Moorhouse and Friends Comedy Evening - 7.30pm onwards

Best Wishes,

The St. Bede's College Parents' Association



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St Bede's College  
Parents' Association  
proudly presents

# Christmas Fair

Saturday 30 November 2019  
9.30 - 12.30

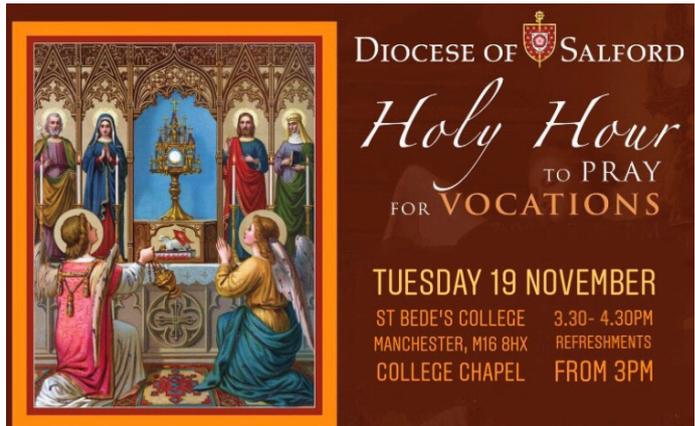
- Festive plant stall
- Chocolate Tombola
- Gaelic coffee & mince pies
- Selfie with Santa
- Wheel of chocolate fortune
- Hot snacks
- Bottle Tombola
- Face painting
- Fantastic raffles prizes to be won
- Craft stalls



**Friday 6<sup>th</sup>  
December**

- Bosco House supporting Alzheimer's UK
- Be an Elf for the day
- OR
- Come dressed in green/red.
- £2 donation

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*Holy Hour*  
TO PRAY  
FOR VOCATIONS

**TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER**

ST BEDE'S COLLEGE 3.30 - 4.30PM  
MANCHESTER, M16 8HX REFRESHMENTS  
COLLEGE CHAPEL FROM 3PM



## West Side Story 2019

With the Academic Hall transformed into New York's West Side of fire escapes and mean streets, the Jets and Sharks exploded onto the stage with Seamus' Riff and Amory's Bernardo leading their troops into a beautifully choreographed turf war. Each actor brought physicality and menace to their role and were ably assisted by their respective lieutenants, most notably Theo, Max and Paul, with his hilarious rendition of Gee, Officer Krupke.

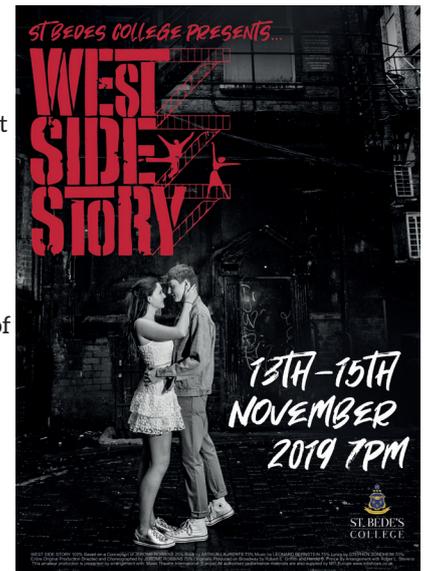
As the gangs moving inexorably towards their fatal encounter, watched by a poignantly powerless Doc played by Tom D, the female cast began to people the stage with a quite beautiful and almost balletic intensity. Naomi's Rosalia dazzled with her dancing in all its pace and power, while Eve and Keira strutted and preened for all they were worth. A host of young actors showed that the stars of the future are already in the making.

Tony and Maria, played by Tom P and Freya, took on the central roles with poise and sensitivity, not only in the very high quality of their singing, but also in the maturity and nuanced precision of their acting which made the audience believe from the outset. Their duets will live long in the memory. A superbly tortured foil to their star crossed love was Olive as Anita, whose grace and power in the dance routines was all but matched by the emotional depth of her singing and acting. An astonishing all round achievement.

Other highlights were many, including the double act that was Stephen and Cameron, the effortlessly gymnastic Niamh and the ruthless presence of Harvey as Lieutenant Schrank. Kathryn K as Ms Sterne also caught the eye, while Martha's rendition of Somewhere was exquisitely pitched.

The evenings and weekends of commitment to this project were amply displayed in the final product. Congratulations to Miss Smith, Mr Davies, Mrs Barber, Mrs Alderson and Mr Hughes for a quite superb production. Congratulations too, to Mr Mason and his team for working his usual wonders backstage.

More Pictures on our website: <https://www.sbcm.co.uk/gallery/west-side-story-2019/>  
<https://www.sbcm.co.uk/gallery/west-side-story-2019-2/>



Mr Peden





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## PREP SCHOOL

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### Health and Wellbeing Day

On Friday November 8 the whole school donned their trainers and sportswear to take part in our second annual Health and Wellbeing Day. The children had chance to participate in a range of activities including mindful Meditation and self-esteem yoga, not to mention our "Smile for a Mile" which took place in the playground.

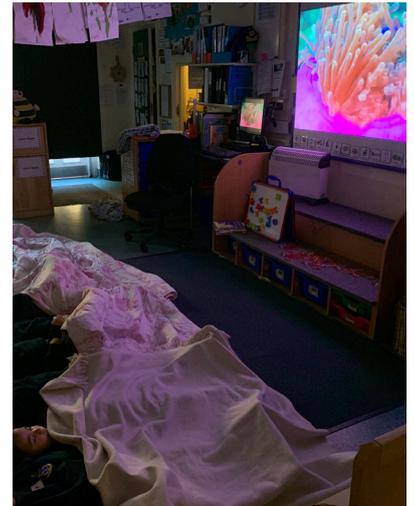
Everyone from Nursery to Prep 6 took part and even our school dog, Bee enjoyed running around alongside our pupils! Nursery class went under the sea for their relaxation and mindful moment. Prep 4 made Guatemalan Worry Dolls, Prep 3 did a fitness circuit and Preps 5 and 6 looked at mental health and coping strategies.

The whole of Key Stage 2 took part in a workshop run by 'Medical Mavericks' where they learned that there are around three-hundred and fifty different medical careers involving all aspects of STEM subjects. They were able to try a variety of medical based activities from taking blood (from a fake arm), to Ultra-sound. They experienced carrying out key-hole surgery and took retina scans. The children thoroughly enjoyed their workshop and learning 'hands-on' about what goes on inside their body. It was a fantastic learning opportunity for our children which has perhaps inspired some of them to follow a career in STEM.

#### A note from Mrs Hunt on our Health and Well-being Day

Health and Well-being underpin and determine children's responses to their environment, to people and to new experiences. The Children's Society recognises well-being in its simplest term as the quality of life, how we perceive ourselves to be coping with situations and how well our lives are going [www.childrensociety.org.uk/](http://www.childrensociety.org.uk/)

However, well-being is much more than the quality of life; it also identifies how an individual recognises their own ability to deal with a situation and is then able to continue with their day after it. There is a mental health capacity towards well-being that can make lasting impressions on children, which can move into an adult life with them. If well-being can be measured through the ability to recognise and experience life with positive moments, then it is clear to me that this should be recognised within our children's education. We had a wonderful day in the Prep and the images here are just a flavour of the experiences we gave our pupils.





**Reception - Felix & Oliver**

**Prep 2 - Raffi & Victor**

**Prep 3 - Dara**

**Prep 4 - Camilla & Oscar**

**Prep 5 - Michele**

## Notices

20 November  
Prep 4 Trip to Liverpool Museum

21 November  
Prep Own Clothes Day, in return  
children are asked to bring in a bottle  
and any donated items for the Christmas  
Fair.

Thank you for your continued support

## HOUSE POINT WINNERS



## STARS OF WEEK



## CLASS OF THE WEEK - Prep 3



## Jodrell Bank - A Day Of Discovery

Prep 5 visited Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre on Wednesday. It is an annual visit for the children to reinforce their learning of their Space Topic in Science. As always they had a wonderful time.

The day started with a firm favourite; the Inflatable Planetarium which was 'Out of this world'. They visited Saturn and Jupiter and gazed at the constellations visible in the Northern Hemisphere. The children had time to explore the Planet Pathway and Space Pavilion before taking part in a workshop investigating gravity on different planets, meteorites, the power of the Sun across the solar system and the acidity and alkalinity of soil samples as well as discussing future travel to Mars. It was quite literally 'Rocket Science'.

The day ended in the Planet Pavilion where they learned about the Orrery, how the solar system was created, different galaxies and nebulae. The children had a fantastic time and the staff at Jodrell Bank were very impressed with their knowledge of space and our solar system.



## Podcast Two - Hotelier & Designer

Following the centenary of the Suffragette movement, we were interested to see how the lives of women had changed in the last 100 years. We wanted to investigate modern-day female role models in Manchester, so we decided to interview three local business women. Our aim was to find out how they run successful companies whilst balancing the other commitments in their busy lives. So, we decided to find out by making a podcast...

Our second podcast is with Sally O'Loughlin, Boutique Hotelier and Interior Designer whose properties include Didsbury House Hotel and Eleven Didsbury Park. Sally is also a parent at St Bede's and she was delighted to help us out with our second podcast.

This week's reporters are Amara and Jiya from Prep 6.

During the interview children were fortunate to meet historian and TV Presenter Professor Kate Williams who was hosting a 'Women's Equality Party' event at Didsbury House at the time. It was a wonderful coincidence for the girls to meet such an eminent woman given the subject matter of our podcasts.

Here is the Sound Cloud link to the interview:  
<https://soundcloud.com/user-130632280/prep-podcast-episode-2-sally-olaughlin>



# BEDE'S SIXTH FORM NEWS

 @sbcsixthform



## ST. BEDE'S COLLEGE

## The Sixth Form View

### Careers Talk

On Monday 11 November Naomi Birdthistle came to speak to the Upper Fifth and Sixth Form students about her job as an associate professor of business at Griffith University in Australia.

She proceeded to explain how she started her first business at 7 years of age and started a second venture at 12 years old.

She told us about how she overcame difficulties in her life to attend the best business school in the world as a mature student at Massachusetts University and subsequently obtained a place on the highly competitive Harvard summer program for business.



Naomi explained how some of the characteristics of an entrepreneur are synonymous with the qualities employers are looking for. She named them the 4Cs: communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity.

In turn she talked about the importance of networking in order to build a contact list which will allow you to have many opportunities. Furthermore, she highlighted the benefits of having multiple income streams.



As a university professor she owns a business advice company, helps the EU to determine which projects are worth investment and she will be releasing her first book in January 2020.

During the Q and A session afterwards she divulged how any industry which targets older people will be the most lucrative due to the ageing population globally and went on to list the many combined honours degrees one could do at university which involve business. She also offered to get students internships if need be in the future at her university.

Overall her talk gave us an insight into how the corporate world works and how to sustain your career.

### Inzinga SA - Lower Sixth

### Remembrance

As with every November, we recently had our Remembrance Service – an occasion during which we collectively reflect upon the individual sacrifices made by our past Bedians. The service, led by the Sixth Form team, was incredibly poignant as the lives of those fallen Bedians were reflected

upon through readings, songs and the central dramatic piece, which was a particularly emotive part of our service this year.

Performed by some of our very talented Sixth Form actors, this performance portrayed the emotional reaction of a family discovering that their son and brother had been killed in action. Based on a real letter sent by Vincent Briggs to his family telling them of his brother Ambrose's death in 1916, it is fair to say that this performance was truly moving with a couple of tears shed by the captivated audience.

The service ended with the traditional laying of the wreaths in front of the permanent plaques which will commemorate those fallen Bedians forever more. I would like to say thank you to all those involved - from the



meticulous planning to the stunning performances, this was a service to remember.

Alongside the remembrance we share as not only a school but as a country, November is also the time to reflect on both the past academic year and the past calendar year. As the year comes to a close and Christmas celebrations are not yet in full swing, and as we start to begin our preparations for our mock examinations in January, now is the time to look back on our past year and prepare ourselves for the year ahead.

### Isobel - Upper Sixth