



ST. BEDE'S COLLEGE

BEDE'S NEWS

29 November 2019

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The Headmaster's Review of the Week

Dear Bedian Family,

This Sunday (1st December) is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. "Advent" is derived from Latin and means the arrival of a notable person or thing. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice. This introduction to my review of the week has been taken directly from my address to all College pupils on Wednesday of this week, which I was able to deliver by holding three back-to-back assemblies in the Academic Hall. It was very special and important for me to be able to pray with our pupils and my colleagues, and to be also able to tell them a story which concluded with the following advice - "No matter how much the world tries to hold you back, always continue with the belief that what you want to achieve is possible. Believing you can improve and grow stronger is the most important step in actually achieving it".



Our College Mass for staff on Tuesday lunchtime, celebrated by Fr. Dearman, was again extremely well attended by a wide range of colleagues and many of us were also able to participate fully in the Holy Mass by saying the readings, delivering the gifts and reading the bidding prayers. Attending Mass at the College continues to be one of the many highlights of my week here at St Bede's and I am so fortunate to have such a wonderful Chapel on site at which to pray and go to Mass.

We held our inaugural GCSE information evening for Year 11 pupils and their families in the Academic hall on Wednesday, covering a wide range of important matters such as how to plan effective revision, the importance of preparation, how to most effectively manage exam stress and the format of the forthcoming mocks. I concluded the event by emphasising that a huge array of academic and pastoral support is available at the College for our pupils and I encouraged them to always let us know when they are finding any aspects of their lives difficult. St Bede's is such an amazing school, in large part because of how committed we all are within the Bedian family to the support and development of our fantastic and inspiring pupils.

Our Upper Third retreat to Castlerigg has been a superb success again this year and it has been wonderful to hear from the pupils involved how much fun and spiritual inspiration they have experienced upon the trip. I would like to thank all of my colleagues who took part in the retreat and look forward to attending next year's one.

I am really excited about attending my first St Bede's College Christmas Fair tomorrow morning and the Academic Hall downstairs has been a hive of activity for many hours. Thank you to the great many pupils, colleagues, parents and other volunteers who year in, year out help to run and support this invaluable event.

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



COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

SATURDAY 11 JANUARY 2020 - 9.00am ~ 1.00pm

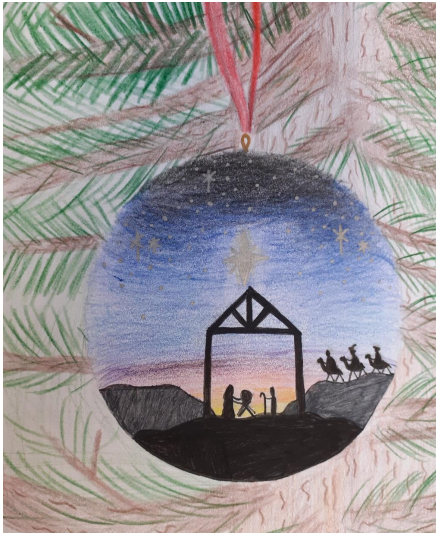
House Christmas Card Competition 2019

Congratulations to all who took part in this year's Christmas Card competition. It was a very tough decision to select the winners. The House Winners: Bosco House - Darcy B, Campion House - Max H, Magdalene House - Francesca B and Siena House - Emma B.

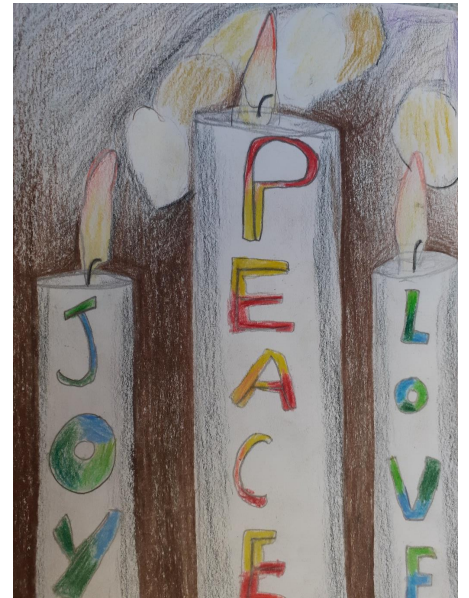
With the overall winner being Faith D from Siena House.

M HUDSON – U3LEE – Campion winner

E BILLIGTON – U3SUL – SIENA WINNER



F BALLARD – U3MU – Magdalene Winner



F Deka – U3BRB – Siena- Overall Winner



D Brickwood -U3BRB – BOSCO WINNER

Netball Success

Congratulations to the U19 netball squad who beat Queen Ethelburgha 57 - 43 in the fourth round of the Smile Independent Schools Netball Cup. They previously beat Ashville 40-31 in round three.

Also in the hunt for a trophy are the U16 squad who overcame Wirral Grammar 39-35 in the second round of the Sister in Sport National Plate competition, having beaten Fallibroome Academy 30-13 in the first round. They will now play away at Cheadle Hulme School in round three.

Well done to both squads and good luck in the next games.



Careers Talk

Upper Fourth students heard about three very different careers in their PSME lesson this week. They heard about being a lawyer from Mr Karran, the work of a town planner from Siobhan and about being an activities instructor from staff from Challenge4Change, a charity which runs an indoor urban activity centre in Manchester.



All the speakers gave fascinating insights into their work and we are really grateful to Martin, Siobhan, Pete, Aaron and Niamh for giving up their time to talk to our pupils.

Pupils will hear about a range of careers as they move through the College with the aim of inspiring and informing them as they start to think about their own futures. If any parents feel able to share their own career experiences with our pupils, either at the Careers Convention or by sharing in our Careers talks programme, please let us know at kpoolton@stbedescollege.co.uk

Mrs Poolton

Football Update

King's Chester Block

On Saturday the U12's recorded a superb away win against King's Chester. Nna gave St Bede's the lead before King's Chester hit back with two of their own. This did not dampen the U12's spirits and they went on to score two goals through Logan and Alfie to record a 3-2 win, with a man of the match performance from Cian. The U13's secured a 5-0 victory with goals from Tyreek (2) Benat (2) and an own goal. The U14's were involved in a thriller which saw the game tied at 4-4 with ten minutes to go. James C netted all of St Bede's goals, in what was an outstanding morning for the young striker. Unfortunately King's struck two late goals to record a 6-4 win. At home on the 1st XI pitch a tight game ensued, but King's managed to put their chances away with more clinical finishing to record a 3-1 win.

Cup update

On Thursday the U13's progressed to the fifth round of the ESFA Cup following a 3-2 victory over Poynton High School. The boys made a wonderful start and went two up with excellent finishes from Benat and Padraig. Poynton battled back and managed to score twice so it was 2-2 at the break. Following a close second half, in which both teams created great chances, it would be St Bede's who produced a moment of quality with four minutes remaining. Padraig split the defence with a through ball that beat five defenders and Benat was on hand to slot home. On Tuesday the U15's were unfortunate to lose 1-0 to Wetherby in the fourth round of the ESFA Smalls Schools competition.

In the week ahead the U13's travel to Netherhall School on Monday to compete in the third round of the ESFA Small Schools Cup and the U14's have a slightly shorter trip down the road to MGS to compete in the second round of the Manchester Cup on Tuesday.

Mr Mitchell



ADVENT APPEAL

DO YOU HAVE A BACKPACK AT HOME THAT YOU NO LONGER USE?



FILL IT WITH SNACKS, HATS, GLOVES, SOCKS
HAND GEL, TISSUES, WIPES ETC.



If you don't have a bag then please fill an empty shoe box

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TEZ ILYAS

TOM WRIGGLESWORTH
MC, JUSTIN MOORHOUSE

NOVEMBER

FRIDAY 24 JANUARY 2020

DOORS OPEN: 7.30PM

TICKETS: SIMS-PAY

ADULTS ONLY

CASH ONLY BAR

ENQUIRIES: RCAMPBELL@STBEDESCOLLEGE.CO.UK

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Dear Parents, Teachers, Friends and Alumni,

It is now the eve of our exciting Christmas Fair 2019!

Thanks to all of you that have donated your time, items for sale on the stalls and most of all for your kind donations of items for the raffle and the roll the dice prizes. This year we are delighted to offer the following raffle prizes:

A brand new PS4 plus a £20 PS4 Voucher
 Apple Air Pods
 Voucher for an overnight stay at Didsbury House Hotel
 £100 John Lewis Gift Voucher
 £25 X Box Voucher
 £50 John Lewis Voucher
 1 x personal training session plus inbody composition analysis compliments of Chrysalis Lifestyle and Fitness
 An Apollo Mountain Bike to the winner of Roll the Dice.

Parents' generosity this year has been beyond compare and we are extremely humbled and grateful. SO... if you have not had a chance to send in your sold Christmas Fair raffle ticket counterfoils with monies collected, you can still bring them in on Saturday to be handed in at the Raffle Ticket Stall in the Academic Hall. If you need more tickets, these can also be purchased on the day.

A big shout also goes out to the army of volunteers, made up of parents, grandparents, friends, pupils and staff that have worked tirelessly to put together this wonderful event.

We look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas Fair on Saturday 30 November from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

THANK YOU AGAIN - ST BEDE'S COLLEGE PARENTS ASSOCIATION



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 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

Sustainability

On the 2 December, Hannah Irvine, Sustainability Manager for Holroyd Howe, will be visiting the College. Hannah will be speaking with pupils on the importance of sustainability, the environment and the challenges that we are facing globally; she will also be hosting a stand at lunchtime.

holroyd howe
 feeding independent minds

Working with the catering team, Hannah will be conducting an environmental assessment of the kitchen and dining areas, providing recommendations for improved sustainability. Please look out for her and say hello.



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Carols By Candlelight

Academic Hall
 Thursday 12 December 7pm
 All Parents and Pupils welcome

Refreshments from
 6:30pm



**Friday 6th
December**

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

BE JOLLY



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Konnichiwa Mina –San! こんにちは みなさん!

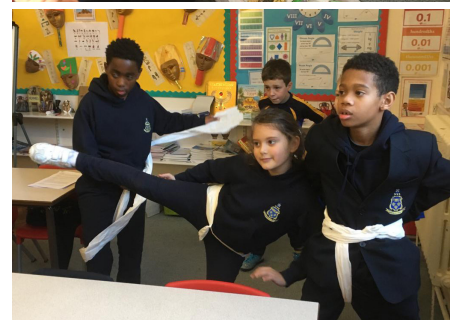
Friday lunchtimes in Prep 4C have taken on a very Eastern flavour in Japanese Club so far this term.

Upon entering the room each week (respectfully bowing to Sensei) the children have enjoyed looking at Japanese artefacts, had fun mastering some basic greetings in Japanese (ohaiyo gozaimasu) and even had a go at writing some words in the one of the Japanese scripts. **ichi, いち ni に, sanさん....** Lots of fun has been had learning numbers to 10 with various actions to help us remember them. The highlights for the children have been learning chopstick etiquette to eat Japanese chocolate bread sticks and sweets (**Yummy - oishi desu おいしい いです**) The sushi tasting and recent wasabi challenge was great fun with Harry G in Prep 5 the clear champion, consuming a truly impressive amount of the spicy horseradish on his sushi rolls. Well done H! **おめでとうございます**

Next week – Sumo for fun.

Bye for now. Mata ne! **またね**

Mrs Casson **キャソン**



In Their Habitat!

On Tuesday 26 November Prep 2 visited Chester Zoo as part of their science topic this year. While there, the children took part in a Living Things and Their Habitat workshop where they learnt all about the desert and the rain-forest. The children learnt about how different animals were adapted to suit their habitat and how their habitat provided them with the things they needed to survive. After lunch, the children had time to walk around the zoo and look at the animals. They were very lucky as they got to see the penguins, lions and jaguars up close!





Prep 3 - Jayden

Prep 4 - Etincelle

Prep 5 - Stephanie

Mandarin Club

In Mandarin lunch club, the pupils develop their new foreign language skills through weekly listening and speaking tasks. The lessons use songs, games, interactive props and stories to help children develop their own memorisation techniques and we focus on making language learning easy and lots of fun.

The unit this term is called 'The Hungry Caterpillar' and, using a well-known story, we introduce new weekly topics with the pupils learning around 5/6 key words. Our curriculum has included the topics of greetings, numbers 1-10, parts of the face and body, feelings and colours. The most popular game this term has been the parachute and the most favourite song was 'Heads, shoulders knees and toes!'



Notices

3 December Prep 3 Assembly 9.30am Chapel
Please do not arrive before 9.20am to allow the children to prepare for the Assembly - Prep Entrance.
Thank you

5 December KS1 Prep 1 & 2 Christmas Production
2.30pm - Academic Hall
Please do not arrive before 2.20pm to allow the children to prepare for the production - College Entrance.
Thank you

HOUSE POINT WINNERS



STARS OF WEEK



CLASS OF THE WEEK - Prep 5J



Ancient Egypt

Prep 4 have been studying all about Ancient Egypt this term. To enhance their learning, they went to The World Museum in Liverpool last week where they had the opportunity to find out all about everyday life in Ancient Egypt as well as more about the journey to the after-life. They enjoyed a very interesting interactive show where the children got involved in the complete mummification process. They particularly enjoyed the removal of the body organs!

They also had a wonderful time exploring the River Nile trail and analysing in detail the many Mummies in the fascinating Mummy Exhibition Room. They were very excited to look around the gift shop and the day flew by far too quickly. They all said they would love to return to look around the many more amazing galleries there. A great day, enjoyed by all.



(If you are in London this year- please go to see Tutankhamun's treasures that will be on display at the Saatchi gallery)



Korean Dream - Food!

Prep 4 pupil Sarah was invited to the Korean Embassy to receive an award for writing. It all started a few weeks ago when Sarah went to her Saturday Korean school. She was asked by the teacher to write a poem or an essay on her dream and how her dream could contribute to Korea.

Sarah chose to write about her dream to become a cook and open a Korean restaurant in the UK. In her essay she said she would like to introduce delicious Korean foods to a lot of people around the world. Sarah also wrote that she wants to help the poor or people in hospital by creating, health, tasty food for them for free.



Her teacher sent her essay, along with pieces by her friends to the Korean Embassy, in London, as part of a writing competition. Sarah then discovered she had won a Bronze Award. Sarah said, "I think I won the prize because I wrote about my feelings honestly and added lots of details to support what I think."

Well done Sarah this is a fantastic achievement.



BEDE'S SIXTH FORM NEWS

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The Sixth Form View

Careers Talk

On Wednesday 27 November two Bedian Alumni visited the Sixth Form to talk to students about their evolutionary careers and their current employer PA Consultancy.

Barbara Bradley - 1987-92, talked about how she initially completed a Psychology degree at Warwick University and went on to join the RAF and the GB rowing squad. However, after sustaining a major back injury she was unable to carry on with her military and sports career. So she joined IBM to train in business management and went on to oversee healthcare development programs in major prisons nationwide.

Finally, she joined PA Consultancy Group around 6 years ago. Shaun Delaney 1981 - 87, completed a Biochemistry degree at St Andrews University and then worked in the Manchester Royal Infirmary as a research scientist, but he was unfulfilled by his work. So he decided to work for a pharmaceutical company which worked with the government to order and supply medicine. Then 20 years ago he decided to work for PA Consultancy Group and he has worked his way up to a senior management position.

PA Consultancy Group is an international consultancy firm specialising in management consulting, technology and innovation. It works with companies in the private and public sector as well as national Governments. Both Barbara and Shaun work in the Public Sector Department of the firm. They work with public agencies and governments to create economic policies and find solutions to business problems. They collate research which they analyse and

interpret the data in order to come to the most suitable conclusions.

They talked about how rewarding their work is because they have a role in improving the country by participating in the creation of socioeconomic policies and technological solutions to improve industries and the standard of living.

Overall, they stressed the importance of choosing a degree that you are passionate about. They also emphasised the need to take time to find what you are passionate about and never be afraid to take opportunities. They said that the industry you start in, is not necessarily the industry you will retire in. When you change jobs to make sure you acquire new skills use the ones that you have already.

As interviewers at PA Consultancy they also divulged interview advice. For instance, you should try to compose a CV and cover story which doesn't just show your qualifications and skill set but also shows your personality and values. Employers like interviewees that have in-depth knowledge of their company and ethos to see if they will be an asset to it and enhance the environment.

Inzinga S-A. Lower Sixth



Geology trip to Aquinas College

On the 26 of November 2019 St Bede's Geology department attended a Geology Lecture hosted by Aquinas College. The Lecture was delivered by Prof Phillip Manning, on the topic of 'The Last Days of the Dinosaurs'.

Professor Phillip Manning currently teaches at Manchester University where he is a Professor of Natural History. This topic was really captivating for the audience and the students of St Bede's who found it a really interesting topic to listen to. He spoke about new evidence found in North Dakota which details the final day the dinosaurs ruled the earth.

Some of the fossils here may even have remains of the actual meteorite that wiped them out stuck in their gills! This ground breaking location is going to be discussed in upcoming documentaries which Prof Manning is filming with the BBC, to be aired next summer.

The Geology Department would also like to invite others who are interested in joining us for our lecture on the 4 December, delivered by Prof Janine Kavanagh, a Senior Lecturer at The University of Liverpool.

The Lecture is free of charge, however, we will be collecting donations towards the Geology Department charity, The School Under the Tree.

Please contact the Head of Department Mr Parker mparker@stbedescollege.co.uk to reserve your place.

Written by Victor K (U6 Geology Lecture Committee)

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