



ST. BEDE'S COLLEGE

BEDE'S NEWS

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The Headmaster's Review of the Week

Dear Bedian Family,

As I write at the conclusion of an exciting, hopeful and purposeful week here at St Bede's, I am reflecting upon how immensely proud I feel after my first Remembrance Service as Headmaster of this fine institution. I was extremely moved by the solemn, respectful and impeccable manner in which our fantastic pupils observed the occasion and the tremendous contributions from my colleagues in putting together and participating in this incredibly important event. I wish that a great many of you could also have been present to witness at first hand further confirmation of why this school is such a special place.

Our theme of the week has been "Remembrance" – as we remember those who have died in the armed services, we also remember in a special way this month all of our loved ones who have gone before us to the Lord. I would encourage you to please take time this month to visit the College Chapel and to place their names in the remembrance basket. As Scripture says: "Those that are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God" (Luke 20: 35-36).

Just before the College broke up for half term, it was my absolute pleasure to host a delegation of Chinese educational leaders here at St Bede's. It was an opportunity for them to be shown around our exceptional school (the only independent school in the North of England which they visited), to be able to learn more about the life of the College and to benefit from a Q&A session held in the Vaughan Library and chaired by Mr Roberts, our Academic Deputy Head, and myself. All of our guests were incredibly complimentary about our school - its wonderfully unique and atmospheric site and our brilliant pupils and staff – and I would like to thank everyone who assisted with their visit.

I am currently in the process of meeting with every Year 11 pupil individually over the course of this half term in order to catch up after a busy start to the academic year and to be able to find out how their lives at the College are progressing. Time spent with our young people remains the absolute highlight of each week for me at St Bede's and I continue to be inspired by the wonderful journeys all our pupils have embarked upon. It was also a pleasure for me to attend our Year 11 Parents' Evening last night and to be able to speak with a great many pupils and their families over the course of the evening. I would also like to pay tribute to my teaching and operational colleagues who yet again worked tirelessly over the course of the event in order to ensure that our pupils and their families had the most positive, impactful and reassuring experience possible. This is an intense and challenging year for all of our public examination pupils but they have the constant reassurance of the steadfast support of their families, their friends and everyone at the College to help them through.

Before I conclude my review, I would like to highlight a very important upcoming College event the week after next – our inaugural Development and Fundraising Information Evening which will take place at the College on Wednesday 20th November from 7 – 8pm. The event is my opportunity to inform parents and colleagues (past and present), alumni and a range of other interested parties about the ambitious and aspirational plans which the College has for further developing our main site and our Sports Ground, as well as for growing our Bursary Fund. The sole aim of our new and permanent Development and Fundraising campaign is to ensure that the educational experiences for all of our pupils is of the highest quality and that our entire site is able to facilitate a truly innovative and aspirational 21st Century curriculum of exciting opportunities. We are also determined to be able to widen access to a Bedian education to a much broader range of young people here in Manchester by offering fee assistance on a significantly larger scale to the many disadvantaged families in our city. This new and lasting campaign has an entirely different focus to the 2020 vision appeal which was launched a number of years ago and I am hopeful that a great many of you will be able to join us at the event to learn more. I am sorry that a number of you feel let down following the cessation of the 2020 vision appeal and I sincerely hope that you will afford me the opportunity to make amends.

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.

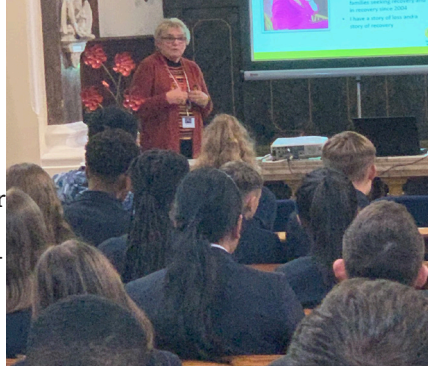
Mr L d'Arcy
Headmaster
@LouisdArcy1



DrugFAM

This week we were delighted to welcome Elizabeth Burton-Philips, Founder and Trustee of DrugFAM who gave a presentation to our Sixth Form and Upper Fifth in the Chapel.

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 abuse receive adequate and timely support.



The next stop for Elizabeth was the Joseph Refectory where she discussed with parents the perils and pitfalls of drug use and addiction.

The Big Knit - Age UK

Knitting for Age UK, 'The Big Knit' has been organised by Mrs Sullivan and Miss Dunmail from Magdalene House.

Teaching staff and pupils are learning to knit little hats for smoothie drink bottles, which will then be sold to raise money for Age UK.

Come and join us on Thursdays in R7 from 1pm until 1.30pm

Mrs McCormick



Remembrance Service

This morning all the pupils and staff gathered for a Remembrance Day Service in the Sports Hall and the Chapel to remember the fallen.

This service is always particularly poignant within the College, as in total one hundred and twenty-three Bedians have fallen in service to their country. In a moving ceremony led by the Sixth Form we were invited to reflect against a backdrop of readings, music and reflections.

Wreaths were laid at the memorial plaques, at the end of the Vaughan Corridor, outside the Maher Library, flanking the statue of St Joseph. A truly fitting tribute to the brave souls who lost their lives.



SB PA

St Bede's College
Parents' Association

Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

As we start to plan our family Christmas celebrations at home, the St Bede's College Parents' Association, are in full swing bringing together many exciting activities for St Bede's Christmas Fair this year, to ensure it will be as successful and as enjoyable for all, as ever.

However, we fully realise that although this event is the largest fundraiser of the year - it simply cannot go ahead without your support. We have been overwhelmed by the tremendous help and contributions that you have made over the past years and we would like to ask for your help again for 2019.

Raffle tickets will be sent home on Wednesday 13 November so please support us by purchasing as many as you can either by cash or paying via SIMS Pay. Please note that if paying online you must still return the ticket counterfoils so that we can include them in the draw. As an added incentive for the children there is an inter house competition running this year and houses will be awarded extra points for the most tickets sold.

We also need help in the following areas:

• In return for a Christmas Fair Donation, the children in the **Senior College will be able to wear their own clothes on Friday 22 November:**

- We ask that each family donate on the day the following:
 - U3 -> U4 - chocolates and sweets (in date and in minimum value of £5)
 - L5 tins (in the recommended minimum value of £5)
 - U5 -> U6 bottles

• In return for a Christmas Fair Donation, the children in the **Prep School will also be able to wear their own clothes on Thursday 21 November** - further information to follow regarding donations required for the Prep School stalls.

• We would also welcome any general donations from the list below:

- Good as New Toys
- Toiletries
- Books
- Tins
- Bric & Brac

If you are able to lend a hand, run a stall, help with the preparations or contribute in any other way, please let us know by emailing us on sbpa@stbedescollege.co.uk.

We look forward to seeing you at the Fair.

Your SBPA



The poster features a dark blue top section with white snowflakes and colorful Christmas ornaments (red, green, pink, orange). In the center, the SBPA logo and name are displayed. Below this, the text 'proudly presents' is written. The main body of the poster is bright yellow, with the title 'Christmas Fair' in large, bold, black letters. Below the title, the date 'Saturday 30 November 2019' and time '9.30 - 12.30' are listed. A decorative brown garland separates the text from the list of activities. The activities are listed in two columns, each preceded by a blue snowflake icon. At the bottom of the poster, there is a decorative border of colorful Christmas ornaments and gift boxes.

SB  PA
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



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Harvest Assembly - 'Sowing The Seed'

Prep 5 presented this year's Harvest Assembly, with the rest of the school joining in the finale. The theme for this year's harvest was 'Sowing the Seed'. The children presented a play 'The King and the Seed' where the motto 'you reap what you sow' was brought to life. If we sow seeds of honesty, bravery and loyalty we will receive the best the world has to offer. This was followed by a wonderful rendition of 'Sowing the seeds of love'.

The children also remembered those who are poor, destitute and starving all over the world and especially in Britain where many families have to use foodbanks to survive. The whole school then came together to sing 'One Love' by Bob Marley. The message in the song is clear, we should look out for one another and love and care for all humankind. The assembly was a wonderful way to end the first half of the autumn term.

We would like to thank all parents who donated so generously to our local charity Cornerstone. The less fortunate of our community appreciate all of your donations.





Reception - Sylvie-Rose

Prep 1 - Alejandra

Prep 3 - Yoojoo

Prep 6 - Kai & Luke

Notices

11 Nov - Cake Sale
Donations from Reception
& Prep 5
Children to bring in no
more than £1 for cakes -
Thank You



13 Nov - Prep 5 Trip to
Jodrell Bank



14 Nov - Prep 3 Trip to
Chester Roman Theme



STEM

On Friday 18 October Prep 5 and Prep 6 were visited by Bedian Alumnus Mike Walsh. Mike talked about his role as a Satellite Communications Technology specialist. He discussed with the pupils how satellites are orbiting the earth and what their functions are. Then he told them about his role where he is ensuring we receive better broadband.

His company are launching MEO (Medium Earth Orbit) satellites that orbit the earth closer than regular satellites and on a different angle and trajectory. There will be a conveyor belt effect of satellites that circle the earth giving us ultra-fast broadband and better global communication.

The children were fascinated by his job. Mike in turn was astounded by the children's prior knowledge on satellites and space but also their reasoning when asked to solve high order problems about the positioning of satellites.

We would like to thank Mike for taking the time out to talk to our children. In the Prep we enjoy meeting past pupils to talk about their careers and welcome any other alumni who would like to share their vocations with us.

Mike then went on to the College where both Upper Seniors and A level Physics students were able to learn about careers in Satellite Technology and Engineering.



BEDE'S SIXTH FORM NEWS

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The Sixth Form View

Debate Challenge

This year all the Tutor Groups in the Sixth Form are going head to head, by debating about controversial socio-economic issues which affect our society.

These debates occur during PMSE time in the common room and are great way to encourage healthy competition as well as educating the students about the wider world.

Mr Gerardo says, "it is a great way for students to improve their articulation and persuasive skills to prove their points and improve their public speaking".

Two debates have occurred so far, with the first topic being 'Should parents be allowed to refuse vaccinations for their children?'

On Wednesday the second debate took place between Mr Yates' Lower Sixth form and Mr Gerardo's Lower Sixth form. The topic of debate was 'Should western museums repatriate cultural artefacts they acquired during the colonial era?'

Theo Freeman and Emily Kelly led the argument for agree and Masvita Zhou and Ben Gardner-McTaggart led the argument for against.

After thirty-five minutes of passionate dialogue both sides ended with articulate closing statements and we are awaiting the results.

Theo says, "it helped me to open a discussion about controversial topics" and Masvita commented, "the debate developed my research skills and made me more confident about speaking in front of an audience".

Ultimately, the experience was both entertaining and informative and we cannot wait for the next debate in two weeks time.

Inzinga SA - Lower Sixth

