

The Headmaster's Review of the Week

Dear Bedian Family,

Our theme of the week in the College has been Hope, Love, Joy, Peace – as scripture says “Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?” (Matthew 11:3). This Sunday's Gospel reminds us of John the Baptists faithfulness to the promises made by God. Even from his prison cell he enquired about the coming of Christ. His purpose was to prepare the way for Jesus. One of the fruits of the Holy Spirit is faithfulness. This means confidence and trust in God. This Advent ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with 'Hope', 'Love', 'Joy', 'Peace' and 'Faithfulness' like John the Baptist.



I really enjoyed hosting our latest meet and greet event for parents with my Senior Leadership Team colleagues after school last Friday in the Vaughan Library, with our loyal and supportive parents raising a number of really important topics for our discussion. We always welcome feedback in whatever form it takes, and I would like to thank everyone who was able to attend this important event.

We have an incredibly busy conclusion to the term and our many recent and upcoming highlights include our wonderful Hidden Gem musical performance by Prep and College pupils on Monday, our new Christmas music and dance concert on Tuesday, our inaugural St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Party for the elderly on Wednesday afternoon, the College's Choir singing at The Christie Hospital on Thursday morning and our fabulous Carols by Candlelight concert last night. I am so grateful to our pupils, colleagues and parents for their much-valued involvement in these events.

It was a pleasure and an honour to host a Celebratory Lunch yesterday in the Joseph Refectory for our victorious U16 indoor and outdoor Girls' Athletics Manchester Schools' Champions and their coaching team, and I expressed at the conclusion of our meal how proud I am of their incredible achievements. I am now very much looking forward to attending our brand new Sixth Form Christmas Party in the Sixth Form Centre tonight, and I believe that a karaoke system is currently in transit!

Still ahead we have the Music and Readings for Advent and Christmas event at Salford Cathedral on Sunday evening, at which our superb Choir are performing, and our Autumn Term concludes with our End of Term Service at the English Martyrs' Church on Tuesday morning.

It has been a truly fantastic term in so many different respects and I remain ever grateful to my tremendous colleagues for their incredibly hard work and dedication. Our pupils and their families continue to inspire us day by day, and we never take the support and loyalty of our steadfast parents for granted. I would like to wish you all a Happy and a Holy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

On a personal note, 2019 has been a very important year in my life in which I formally began my association with this wonderful college, its rich and proud history and its exciting and optimistic future. As the year draws to a close, I just wanted to conclude my final weekly review by letting all of you know that my wife Roxanne is expecting our second child and we could not be more delighted - the year of Bedian babies continues!

Mr L d'Arcy
Headmaster
@LouisdArcy1



COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

SATURDAY 11 JANUARY 2020 - 9.00am ~ 1.00pm

Star Panto Performer

Upper Third pupil Francesca is once again performing in the Christmas pantomime at the Manchester Opera House. This year's show is Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs.

Francesca is performing alongside Strictly Come Dancing star Craig Revel Horwood, who plays the wicked queen and panto veterans Eric Potts and Ben Nickless. She plays a villager and has had to learn the choreography for three dances plus the lyrics to four songs.

Opening night was last Friday and Francesca will be performing in both matinee and evening shows three times a week for the whole run. What a star!



Bosco Elf Day!

Last week was a mischievous one for the Bosco Elves! Bosco House pupils enjoyed wearing their Elf costumes – for those too cool for school, wore something either red or green in return for a donation to Alzheimers' and Dementia awareness charities. They also organised a Chocolate Tombola at break and lunchtime.

Mr Davies said 'We certainly surpassed last year's total we raised £413.00. I can't take much credit as I only helped to sell, but Mrs Corbett and the House Team did a massive job in organising the event. It was a great day!'



See you for more mischief next year everybody!

Mr Davies

Bede's Reads

All our Upper Third and Lower Fourth pupils should now be busy reading for St Bede's Reads, our annual sponsored read run by the Library and the English Department. We are raising money for Mary's Meals, a charity which provides meals for some of the poorest children in the world. It costs just under £14 to feed a child one meal per day at school for a year - so we are aiming to provide a lot of meals for a lot of children!

Pupils have been asked to set themselves a reading challenge by selecting books to read during Advent and the Christmas holiday period then asking family and friends to sponsor them. We hope all who take part will enjoy all the benefits of reading while helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

Information about Mary's Meals can be found at www.marysmeals.org.uk
Thank you in advance for supporting this very worthwhile cause

Mrs Poolton



Countdown

It was the turn of the Upper Fifth in this half term's House Countdown competition. After a sluggish start, with team representatives perhaps hampered by Christmas dinner being served in the dining room, the competition really heated up. Patrick must be commended for stepping in at the last minute for Bosco. Special mention must also be given to Amy (Bosco) for scoring one of two 8 letter words (dungeon). Mr Yates was pleased to spot another (annotate), but unfortunately this didn't count for Siena's score in the competition.



The number rounds proved challenging; Sam (Campion) worked out a relatively straightforward sum, followed by Alex (Magdalene) with quite a challenging one, much to the delight of his Maths teacher, Mr Wright (whose disdain for the top set mathematicians was also evident).

In a very close run competition, the conundrum proved a crucial one. Once again Amy wowed with her wordsmithery, and nearly won the game for Bosco, but she was pipped by Aoife, who stole the victory for Magdalene. Final scores were 30 for Magdalene, 16 for Bosco and Siena, 15 for Campion. Well done to all participants and thank you to Gabi L for being the glamorous assistant on the numbers and letters. Next half term the Lower Fifth will pit their wits for glory.

Mrs Boylan

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St Bede's College
Parents' Association



DALISO CHAPONDA
SIAN DAVIES
MC, JUSTIN MOORHOUSE



FRIDAY 24 JANUARY 2020

DOORS OPEN: 7.30PM

TICKETS: SIMS-PAY

ADULTS ONLY

CASH ONLY BAR

ENQUIRIES: RCAMPBELL@STBEDESCOLLEGE.CO.UK

Theme of the Week

Hope, Love, Joy, Peace

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Challenge:

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Prayer:

Come Holy Spirit. May the fruit of faithfulness grow in my life this Advent so that I really believe in God's promises and the true meaning of Christ's coming into the world for me and everyone. May I live this truth during Advent and in my celebration of Christmas. Amen
St Bede – Pray for us




SB PA St Bede's College Parents' Association

Christmas Fair - Thank You

The St Bede's Parents' Association would just like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents, staff, volunteers and pupils for all the time and effort put into helping and supporting our Christmas Fair.

The Fair was extremely well attended and the atmosphere was hugely positive and enjoyable. There was a great deal of activity around the College and it was fantastic to see the children, parents and staff come together in support of St Bede's and the St Bede's College Parents' Association. By supporting this amazing event you have helped raise important funds for both the Prep and Senior College and at the last count the amount raised last Saturday alone was almost £8000!

We will be in touch in the New Year to discuss further fundraising activities and to advise what projects the St Bede's College Parents' Association will be supporting for the Prep and Senior College.

The SBPA cannot thank you enough for your support and generosity and we look forward to seeing you all at our next event...the highly anticipated Justin Moorhouse and Friends Comedy Evening on Friday 24 January 2020.

The first evening that Justin Moorhouse put on in September 2019 was a huge success and with his support we would like to run a number of comedy evenings throughout the year. All tickets are very reasonably priced at £20 each and can be purchased via Sims Pay (www.sims-pay.co.uk) Don't miss out.....remember the only way to chase away those January blues is laughter and the best way to do it is with some of the very best comedians in town!

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Best Wishes,

The St. Bede's College Parents' Association

West Side Story Reunion

Last Saturday a West Side Story reunion, the brainchild of Mrs Alderson came together in one exhausting afternoon and evening. Under the musical direction of Mrs Meehan and Bedian Tom Chinnery a choir of thirty five pupils, former pupils and staff performed a minor miracle in rehearsing and performing a number of songs with solos, duets and ensembles.

It was marvelous to see Claire O'Brien, Maria from 1993 sing so powerfully with Freya, Maria from this year's production. Luke Leahy and James Carroll from the 2006 show sang brilliantly alongside Tom and Paul from 2019, as did Lizzie Glithero-West (1993) with Olive from this year.

An enthusiastic audience gave the choir a standing ovation and went on to bid generously in the charity auction compered by James Ward-Mallinson. All the money raised will go to St Ann's Hospice in memory of Fiona Cochran who gave so much to College Drama. Can anyone name the above chorus from 1993?



SVP Group Host Party

Well done to the SVP group who hosted a Christmas Party for the elderly. Thank you to pupils for kindly donating mince pies, mulled wine and raffle prizes. The visitors commented how polite and kind our pupils are and they were truly happy to be welcomed into the College.

A lady who is 94 years old and has lived in the area for many years, was very happy to finally come and see inside the College. Thank you to the choir for their entertainment and singalong with our guests.

Mrs Hibbert and Miss Singleton



Busy Week For Our Talented Pupils

Congratulations to all our very talented pupils who have performed in a number of different venues this week. Firstly the choir performed at the Hidden Gem in Manchester followed by the music and dance concert on Tuesday evening. On Wednesday the choir sang at The Christie Hospital and last night was the wonderful Carols by Candlelight concert. They are not yet finished and will round off their busy week with a performance at Salford Cathedral on Sunday evening.



'Inn-Spectors'

Our Nursery and Reception class were absolutely fabulous in their Nativity performance of 'The Inn-Spectors'. The children have all worked extremely hard to learn all of their lines, dances and a staggering ten songs! I am incredibly proud of every one of them. The children sang beautifully and all looked fantastic in their beautiful costumes. It really was an incredible show and we hope that you enjoyed it as much as we did! On behalf of our Early Years Foundation Stage team we would like to say huge congratulations to our youngest members of St. Bede's College. Well done children, you were amazing!

Mrs Kelly

Follow this link for the video: <https://vimeo.com/378628582>

Click here for images: <https://www.sbcm.co.uk/gallery/eyfs-nativity-2019/>



Christmas Jumpers & Lunch

On Wednesday it was Christmas Jumper Day in the Prep. The children came to school in an array of Christmas themed jumpers with children and members of staff bringing money for the Good Life Orphanage, in Kenya, our one of our sponsored charities.

Everyone also enjoyed a fabulous Christmas Lunch in the dining room, with music, crackers, turkey and all the trimmings. The Prep 6 waiters did a fine job of serving everyone and clearing up. The food was amazing, thank you to all the kitchen staff for a wonderful meal. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful day whilst also raising money For the Good Life Orphanage.

Here is the link to the photo gallery:

<https://www.sbcm.co.uk/gallery/prep-christmas-lunch/>



EYFS Open Morning

Dear Parents and families,

We are writing to invite you to our Early Years Open Morning on Saturday 11 January, 9:30-11:30am.

This is an opportunity for our prospective Nursery or Reception Class families to view the learning stimulating environment in our early years' classrooms and outdoor space (weather permitting).


You will receive a very warm welcome from our outstanding EYFS team led by Mrs Kelly, Reception Class teacher and Early Years Leader, and our staff will enjoy the opportunity to talk to you about the bespoke and individualised learning programme for our youngest pupils.

Please confirm your attendance by emailing prepschool@stbedescollege.co.uk.


I look forward to meeting you soon.

With my best wishes,

Mrs Claire Hunt
Head of Prep



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St Bede's Prep
Early Years Open Day
Saturday 11 January
9.30am - 11.30am

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Notices

16 December
Prep Carols by Candlelight in the Chapel 3pm, please do not arrive before 2.50pm to allow the children to prepare for the event - Prep Entrance. Thank you

17 December
Term Ends 12 noon

8 January
Term Begins



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- SAVE THE DATE -

> **SUMMER BALL** <

▪ **BLACK TIE** ▪

Saturday 27 June
7.30pm - till late



Podcast With Jennie CEO Kids Allowed

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 third podcast is with Jennie Johnson the ceo and founder of Kids Allowed Nurseries. Jennie is a current parent and former governor at St Bede's and winner of the prestigious "Business Woman of the Year" 2019. Our budding reporters for this episode are Eden and Miren.

Here is the link:

<https://soundcloud.com/user-130632280/prep-podcast-episode-3-jennie-johnson-mbe>



Reception - William & Jude

Prep 1 - Walton & Annaliese

Prep 2 - Holly, Dean, Anna Leigh & Michael

Prep 3 - Kayden

Prep 5 - Harper, Nahum, Carmela & Oscar

Prep 6 - Eden, Isabella, Matthew, Jack, Samuel & Joyce

Happy
Birthday!

Headteacher's Award

Congratulations to Tara in Prep 6 on receiving a Headteacher's Award this week. Tara has shown herself to be a true Bedian, with determination and perseverance in class.



This has particularly been evident in mathematics where her 'can do' attitude and competitive spirit has seen her rewarded with progression to Book 6 and joining the Maths Challenge Group with Mrs Harrison.

Well done Tara!



BEDE'S SIXTH FORM NEWS

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The Sixth Form View

Lower Sixth End of Year Activities Trip

At the end of the academic year, our current Lower Sixth students will have the opportunity to attend our inaugural end of year activities trip. The trip will be for 3 days and 2 nights in Lakeside outdoor pursuits centre in the Lake District. Students will combine a range of wet and dry activities as well as a number of developmental life skills courses delivered by accompanying staff. They will spend time exploring areas such as; managing exam stress, communication, developing a growth mind-set, becoming an attractive applicant to universities and employers, public speaking and financial planning. Some of the proposed outdoor activities include:

HIGH ROPES COURSE

The High Ropes Course offers both an individual and team challenge. It is a fun activity which provides an opportunity to develop communication skills and teamwork as participants navigate round an aerial course. The activity is designed to develop trust and co-operation and improve self-confidence and a sense of achievement.

KAYAKING

Kayaks are single person crafts with a cockpit area for the paddler to sit in. The session take place on Lake Windermere close to the shore to teach basic skills of paddling and steering. The aim of this activity is to develop water confidence whilst providing a personal challenge and promoting group awareness in a fun environment.

NIGHTLINE

Nightline is a high involvement activity requiring the team to negotiate a set course whilst wearing blindfolds. It is an enjoyable activity which is about communication and teamwork along with the experience of being deprived of sight. The aim is to work as a team to develop skills such as trust and responsibility.

SEARCH & RESCUE

The activity involves setting a scenario for the group to solve - this could be recovering missing objects or a missing person. The group needs to learn about search patterns then plan and conduct a search. The aim of this activity is to encourage clear communication and teamwork and to develop map reading skills. To learn about rescue organisation and basic first aid techniques

Lakeside has been specifically chosen for the excellent educational value it provides. In addition, pupils will have plenty of opportunities, in supervised groups, for their own free time to socialise and appreciate the beautiful surroundings. We are offering this exciting trip to the entire year group and we expect that it will become another incredibly successful Sixth Form tradition.



General Election 2019

The College, Sixth Form and Prep School all took to the Polling Stations dotted around the College yesterday and the votes have been counted. Interestingly, in stark contrast to the national vote the College voted for the Labour Party with well over a third of the vote, followed by the Liberal Democrats with the Greens in a close third place.

Over in the Prep School our younger pupils are very much aware of the environment and they voted for the Green Party followed by the Liberal Democrats and the Labour party.

