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The Headmaster's Review of the Week

Dear Bedian family,

I trust that the half term break was an opportunity for staff, pupils and their families to rejuvenate after a busy first half of the term and I would like to wish our Upper Fifth pupils the very best of luck in their mock examinations this week and next. I hope that you will all do your best and therefore be proud of your efforts. The mocks will undoubtedly highlight some areas for you to improve upon and we as your teachers are certainly ready and very willing to help you grow stronger and more confident in these areas.

The theme of the week is "hard work" and we of course value academic endeavour very highly here at St. Bede's. The Venerable John Henry Newman once said "God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next." This week we pray for those who are unemployed and looking for work, those who work with children and the vulnerable, those who have dangerous jobs and those who serve others.

I was incredibly proud of, and moved by, the solemn and respectful manner in which our pupils approached the College Mass on Tuesday and both Abbot Martin and Fr. Mark were very impressed by our tremendous young people. Thank you to all of the pupils and all of the staff involved, as well as to our visiting priests and Fr. Dearman who concelebrated the Mass.

The U12 football team competed in the semi-final of the English Schools Football national cup against Caistor Grammar School, winning 2-1. You have all had a magnificent season and we are very proud of you. We are now really looking forward to the final of the competition, which is to take place at St George's Park next month (the home of the FA).

It was an absolute privilege and a great pleasure to attend the College musical evening on Tuesday and I was blown away by the quality of the performances. It was also lovely to see the camaraderie between the performers and the Senior School, Sixth Form and the Prep were all represented! I drove home a very proud Headmaster and look forward to the next performing arts event with great anticipation.

I very much enjoyed the Lower Fourth Parents' Evening last night and the opportunity to meet a great number of our supportive and much-valued parents. There is always a very positive buzz around these events and I would like to thank my colleagues for working a very long day during this event.

We continue to keep you all in our thoughts and prayers here at the College,

Mr d'Arcy

Headmaster
@LouisdArcy1



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Entrepreneur Success!

Lower Fifth were delighted to welcome Maria Mander of Mander Wellbeing, to talk to us about setting up your own business. Maria left a successful career to follow her passion for personal wellbeing and now advises local businesses on how to promote staff wellbeing which has a direct impact on workforce productivity.

As well as talking the students through the practicalities, highs and lows of being a new business owner, she shared her brand values, characteristics and the inspiration that kept her going through an exciting but at times challenging first year. She spoke about a need for a relentless work ethic, a constant willingness to learn and the ability to take risks.

As she pointed out to the students the magic always happens outside your comfort zone. Our thanks go to Maria for a truly inspirational session!

If you have business experience in finance, production, marketing or human resources that you would be happy to share with the students we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact mcorbett@stbedescollege.co.uk

Mrs Corbett

On Wednesday, the Lower Fifth received an inspiring talk from Maria Mander, a well-being consultant based in Manchester. Maria is a qualified tutor in mindful meditation, whose passion is making a positive change to peoples lives. The Lower Fifth were encouraged to always be resilient, disciplined and to take every opportunity that comes their way.

Natalie McG



Academy Students Of The Week

This week the CFA Students of the Week, Matthew, William, Ezra and Sebastian met with Mr d'Arcy in his study. They spoke to him about their training experiences during half term and how much they were looking forward to the second half of the term.



Silver Success

Congratulations to Daniel who won a silver medal in the North West Gymnastics Championships team event. This competition was in Wigan and next month he travels to the English Championships in Essex. We wish him well.





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Engineering Your Future

IF YOU WERE an ENGINEER WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Bosco House are delighted to be running the Secondary Engineer Leaders Award. This is a national competition open to all the students in the College and as a result this week was designated as Engineering Week.

Students are encouraged to interview different types of Engineers, think of a problem and design and engineer a solution to it. So far we have had a Structural Engineer, an Acoustic Engineer and a Telecommunications Engineer visiting the College to speak to the students. Lively Q and A session followed.

If you have an Engineering role and would like to speak to the students about your particular branch of Engineering please do get in touch at mcorbett@stbedescollege.co.uk or kpoolton@stbedescollege.co.uk We would be delighted to hear from you.

Mrs Corbett

Theme of the Week

Work Hard

'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit?' (Luke 6:39)

Challenge:

Reach out! Let us remember those without work and recognise that there are many reasons for being unemployed. It's so easy to criticise those without a job. Let us be reminded of our commitment to work hard and apply ourselves to work hard for God's glory.

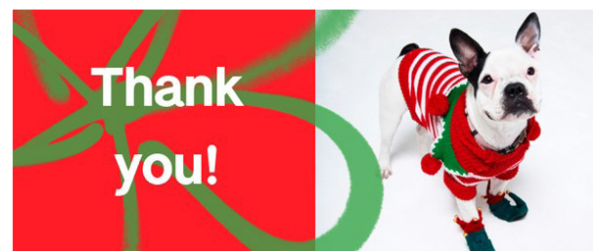
Prayer:

Jesus help me not to be judgemental but respect others. Help me to respect the gift of knowledge and use the opportunity while at St Bede's College to work hard and be the best possible version of myself, who God created me to be. Give me the courage to challenge myself this week to work hard and support others. In Jesus name. Amen

Super Elves

Thank you to all those who donated to Bosco House Elf Day. We raised a phenomenal £341.47 for Alzheimer's UK.

Mrs Corbett



Team Of The Week Under 14 Football Team

Our Under 14 Football team are 'Team of the Week' having battled their way through to the semi-final of the Manchester Cup.

They have been drawn away to Trinity High School and have high hopes of reaching the final. During their breaktime meeting with the Headmaster, Mr Mitchell commented that "whatever the outcome we are very pleased with the progress this team has made during the season"



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February Theatre Trips

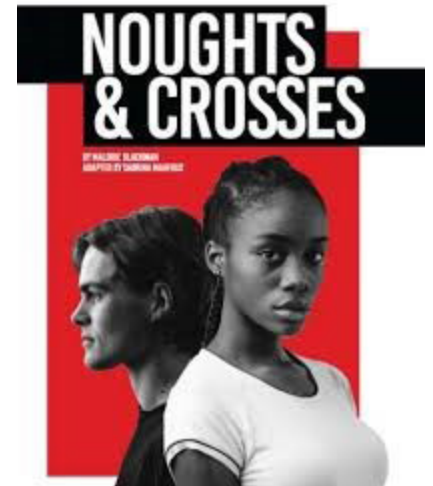
On Tuesday 26 February, sixty students and staff including Mrs Alderson, Miss Smith, Mr Hughes, Mr Lee, Mr Wright and Mrs Earles went to the Lowry Theatre to see an exciting new version of *Noughts and Crosses*, a dramatic adaptation of the highly acclaimed Malorie Blackman novel.

Set in a dystopian setting with disturbing echoes of our own world, the play describes a world where people are defined as either Noughts or Crosses according to racial types. The play follows what happens when a girl from the ruling Cross sector falls in love with an under-privileged Nought.

Whilst most of the Upper Fourth and Lower Fifth option group students found some of the play's darker themes quite harrowing, they all agreed that Pilot Theatre Company's brisk re-telling was a captivating piece of story-telling theatre which used techniques easily transferable to their own practical work.

In a similar dystopian vein, before the half term break, Upper Fifth and Sixth Form students enjoyed a trip to see *Mother Courage* at the Royal Exchange. This was a rare chance to see a production which made overt use of the Brechtian trademark techniques we have studied in class. Dealing with issues such as the ethics of making profit during war-time, this sparky and well-paced production with an outstanding performance by Julie Hesmondhalgh as the eponymous 'heroine' of the piece was well-received by all.

Mrs Alderson



Bedian Friendship Across The Generations

Pupils were delighted to welcome back Bedian Alumnus Fr Mark Hargreaves O.S.B. who visited the College on Tuesday 26 February. He was accompanied on this visit by Abbot Fr Martin McLaughlin O.S.B., who is Abbot at Prinknash Abbey.

Fr Mark left the College in 1974 and has many fond memories of the College, particularly as his uncle Fr Bernard Jackson was a priest and teacher at the College. Fr Jackson was one of the longest serving priests at the College and had many roles in his time here including that of Bursar. The Sixth Form Centre is named in his memory.

Fr Mark and Abbot Martin enjoyed refreshments with Mr d'Arcy, Mrs Hunt, Prep pupils and members of the Sixth Form, where they discussed College life now compared with Fr Mark's experiences.

The visitors then joined the Prep 5 and Lower Fourth classes in the College Chapel to celebrate Mass with College priest Fr Dearman. The theme of the Mass was friendship and unity. Guests at the Mass included Bury Catholic Prep School pupils from years five and six, together with their deputy head, Helen Farrow.

After the Mass Fr Mark said "Words can't describe the joy it was to be with you again and especially to enjoy your company".





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Charitable Giving

We were delighted to welcome Vicky Blackmore to our Magdalene House assembly recently. Vicky is the regional Charity fund raiser for Cancer Research UK. Vicky came to explain the importance of the money raised for research and to thank the house for all our charitable donations this Academic Year.



Spelling Bee

On Tuesday, Dara, Isobel and Shula from the Upper Third travelled to the University of Salford to compete in the regional finals of the RSC STEM Spelling Bee.

There were twenty schools taking part from all over the North West of England, in a bid to be crowned the STEM Spelling Champions. The pupils were tasked with spelling as many words as possible to a panel of judges in just sixty seconds, and we accumulated a fantastic total of twenty eight words.

Unfortunately, this was not enough to emerge triumphant this time, but all three girls demonstrated an exemplary attitude and did an excellent job in representing the College.



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15th-18th April 2019
St Bede's College, Alexandra Road South, Manchester, M16 8HX

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About the course:

Join us at St Bede's College, Manchester for an exclusive 4 day performing arts course. You will be instructed by a team of friendly professionals with a wealth of experience from one of the country's leading independent schools, where you will learn choreography, act in scenes and perform songs from one of Disney's most iconic musicals. At the end of the course we will put our work together in presenting a full-length showcase where family and friends can watch.

Registering Interest:

To register your interest and receive details of payment, please book your place by emailing avlatrfs@gmail.com by 3rd April 2019.

Important Details:

- All staff are fully DBS checked
- All participants will be carefully supervised and will not be allowed off-site during the course

Venue:

St Bede's College, Alexandra Road South, Manchester, M16 8HX

COST:

£95 per person

To be payable either on day 1 of the course (cash/card) or dropped in a named envelope at St Bede's College Reception.

Schedule:

Day	Hours
Monday 15th April	9:00am - 3:00pm
Tuesday 16th April	9:00am - 3:00pm
Wednesday 17th April	9:00am - 3:00pm
Thursday 18th April	9:00am - 1:00pm
Show Time (18th)	1:30pm - 3:00pm

To book your place and arrange payment please email avlatrfs@gmail.com

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Headteacher Award

Congratulations to Amara on receiving her Headteacher's Award on the last day before the half-term break. Amara has demonstrated to all pupils and staff in the Prep what a lovely and caring person she is, in all aspects of school life.

The way Amara conducts herself around school is a shining example to all her peers. Her positive nature exudes throughout the Prep and brings a smile to everyone's face. Amara is a true Bedian in every sense. Congratulations Amara.



The History of the Beautiful Game

On Wednesday 27 February, Prep 2 visited the National Football Museum in Manchester where they learnt all about the history of Manchester and football.

The day started with a team picture with the Premier League trophy and the FA Cup! The children were then able to wear the first ever football shirts from Manchester United, when they were called Newton Heath FC and Manchester City, when they were called St Mark's.

After a quick tour of the museum the children were given a box of football memorabilia and they had to use their investigative skills to decide who they once belonged to. The children had lots of fun investigating their mystery person and discovered more information about what life was like in Manchester one hundred years ago.

After lunch the children explored the technology behind floodlights and were given the opportunity to make their own using circuits. The class split into four teams and each made a floodlight for the pitch. The last hour of the day was spent enjoying the museum and learning new skills on the interactive football games.





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'All the world's a stage..'



Key Stage One and Key Stage Two celebrated the works of William Shakespeare this week. They took part in activities such as drama, art and creative writing, which enhanced their understanding of some of his most famous plays.

Prep 1 and Prep 2 worked on *The Tempest*, one of the Bard's famous comedies. They acted out scenes from the play focusing on the main characters of Prospero, Caliban and Ariel.

favourite character from the play. The children had a wonderful time learning about the play and acting out the scenes.



They then created colourful character collages of the three central protagonists and designed theatrical masks of their

The Theatrical company, Shakespeare 4 Kidz, visited Key Stage Two. Each class took part in their own workshop with them. Prep 3 visited the fair city of Verona to re-enact the world famous tragedy of *Romeo and Juliet*. They took part in scenes depicting action and romance. It gave them a fantastic understanding of the most famous tragic love story ever told.



Prep 4 took part in one of Shakespeare's most popular comedies '*A Midsummer Night's Dream*'. They found it so much fun and really enjoyed learning about the variety of comic characters in the play, whilst acting out the memorable hilarious scenes.



Prep 5 followed in the footsteps of Key Stage One by performing

The Tempest. Their favourite characters were Trinculo and Stephano, whose inebriated antics had them rolling about laughing. As well as taking part in the play, Prep 5 created their own *Tempest*, summoning spells and potions.

Prep 6 worked on *The Scottish Play, Macbeth*. They enjoyed the scenes involving the three witches as well as the banquet scene where Macbeth is haunted by the ghost of Banquo. They used what they have learned about the play to dramatise their own version of the "double, double, toil and trouble" spell-casting scene at the start of the play. We look forward to Shakespeare Week 2020.

For more images of Shakespeare Week follow this link: www.sbcm.co.uk/gallery/shakespeare-week-2019/





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Nursery - Dipo

Prep 1 - Matthew

Prep 6 - Ophelia

STARS OF WEEK



HOUSE POINT WINNERS



CLASS OF THE WEEK - Prep 2



Notices

Tuesday 5 March
The Book Bus will be in school.

Thursday 7 March
World Book Day
Children can snuggle up with a book in
their pyjamas.

Friday 8 March
Mrs Hunt Coffee with Nursery &
Reception parents at 3.30pm

BEDE'S SIXTH FORM NEWS

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The Sixth Form View Fliss & Anna

The Changing Face Of Journalism Fliss



On Wednesday, the Sixth Form welcomed another Bedian Alumnus to discuss their career and what they went on to do since leaving the College.

Chris Ostick, an avid sports lover and sports journalist, discussed the changing face of journalism and the realities of the popular career choice.

From leaving Bede's, Ostick went on to gain a degree from Coventry University, which allowed him to gain some essential tools which are needed to be successful in his chosen career of journalism. Whilst detailing what steps he took to getting into the industry, the journalist also shed light on what life is like for a day to day journalist and how the job is ever changing according to the variety of news stories which are prevalent in the North West, which

both make the job exciting, as well as demanding.

Currently working as Sports Editor for the M.E.N, Ostick then went on to share what the most popular stories are for the Manchester area, which surprisingly are all to do with Manchester United.

The journalist also went on to discuss how journalism throughout the world is changing to a more online-based industry, as most people access the news via the Internet. It was clear throughout the talk that Ostick was passionate about the job, and how the job has allowed him to meet sporting legends from all over the North West, whilst also allowing him to travel all over the world to places such as Barbados, to follow the England Cricket Team.

One student from the Sixth Form, Saoirse, stated, 'the talk gave me a new perspective on journalism and what the job actually entails, and the opportunities which can arise from being in that industry'. Another Sixth Form student, Hannah said 'the talk was really insightful, it really helped show everyone what day to day life is like for journalists, I really enjoyed it!'

On behalf on the Sixth Form I would like to say a huge thank you to Chris Ostick for taking the time to come and talk to us, as well as thank you to the staff who made it all happen!

Dress Down Wednesday Anna



This week, the Sixth Form has introduced a new dress code just for Wednesdays. Sixth Formers are now able to come in wearing 'Smart Casual' attire. This allows students to have a mid-week break from the usual smart dress.

'Dress down day' is often considered to be a morale booster, rewarding people for their hard work by allowing a more personal style in the middle of the week. It is also great that teachers have recognised that we occasionally need a break from the formal dress code.



This new Wednesday dress code is an exciting way of preparing students for their future lives in the working environment, as many workplaces now have a 'dress down day'.

Many students have commented on this new venture with one saying, "I love the idea of 'Smart Casual Wednesday' as it is a lot more comfortable!"

It was interesting to see different people's ideas on the new dress code. On our first 'Smart Casual Wednesday' we saw many different takes on this idea including smart trousers along with trainers and jeans with a smart jumper.

This has been a great addition to the Sixth Form. Thank you.

