



ST. BEDE'S COLLEGE

BEDE'S NEWS

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The Headmaster's Review of the Week

Dear Bedian Family,

I would like to wish all of you a Happy and a Holy New Year and sincerely hope that you were able to enjoy a relaxing and restorative Christmas period with your loved ones. As always, it gives me great pleasure to be writing to you in early 2020 and at the start of another exciting and fulfilling term at St Bede's.

It has been a truly wonderful beginning to the Easter Term, in particular because we have been extremely fortunate to benefit from significant spiritual and reflective time spent together as colleagues with Fr Eamonn Mulcahy, the Parish Priest of St Anne's Church in Ancoats, during our INSET day on Tuesday and then with our pupils on Wednesday as Fr Michael Job, the Parish Priest of St Mary's Church in Failsworth, celebrated our beginning of term Mass in the English Martyrs' Church and also gave a very moving sermon. We are very fortunate to have a great many friends of the College at the Diocese and are grateful for their ongoing support and inspiration.



Our theme of the week in the College has been Baptism – as scripture says “As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down upon him. A voice spoke from heaven, “This is my son, the beloved; my favour rests on him” (Matthew 3:13-17). The challenge for all of us is that when we make the sign of the cross, we should take great pride in our actions: we are all children of God! We should always try to bless ourselves thoughtfully and without rushing, and at the start and end of our prayers. In itself it is a prayer and a reminder that we should aim to do everything in God's name.

We have received very sad news this week that Mrs Maureen Heslop, who worked at St Bede's College for 18 years from 1992 to 2010, has sadly passed away following a long battle with cancer. Mrs Heslop is very well known to current long-serving colleagues from when she worked as a Science Technician in the Henshaw Building. She was also a devout Catholic who attended Mass every day at the College, as well as being a very kind, considerate and sincere colleague with a wonderful sense of humour. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her husband and her family at this difficult time. Father Dearman will be offering up next Tuesday's lunchtime Mass at the College in memory of Mrs Heslop – may she rest in peace.

We held a tremendously uplifting and engaging event for Prep 6 families last night, at which they were able to meet myself and other members of the College's Senior and Middle leadership teams. I was incredibly impressed (and I might add unsurprised!) by the wonderful Prep 6 pupils and their families whom I met. I hugely enjoyed spending time with them and am extremely grateful to my Prep colleagues for their fantastic nurturing and inspiration of these fine children, which takes place here every day. I am really looking forward to their arrival into the Senior part of the College in September.

We are very much looking forward to our annual College Entrance Examinations tomorrow morning and there has been extremely positive interest from a great many families in admission to the College across a wide range of year groups for September. I would like to thank all of my colleagues who help to make major events such as this one run so smoothly and always with our much-appreciated Bedian warmth.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Year 11 and Year 13 pupils the very best for their mock examinations which are currently taking place and to remind them that we are all here to help them through these important, and at times challenging, forthcoming months before and during the summer examination season. Our students are never on their own and exceptional support, both pastoral and academic, is always available to them here at the College.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support for the College and your loyalty and friendship is never taken for granted.

May God bless you all and we continue to keep everyone in our thoughts and prayers here at the College.

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FRIDAY 24 JANUARY 2020

DOORS OPEN: 7.30PM

TICKETS: SIMS-PAY

ADULTS ONLY

CASH ONLY BAR

ENQUIRIES: RCAMPBELL@STBEDESCOLLEGE.CO.UK

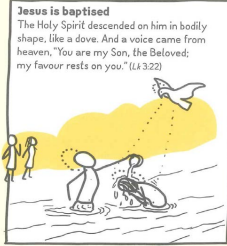
Theme of the Week

Baptism

"As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down upon him. A voice spoke from heaven, "This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him." (Matthew 3:13-17)

Challenge:

When you make the sign of the cross, take great pride in your actions: you are a child of God! Bless yourself thoughtfully and without rushing especially when coming into the chapel or a church and at the start and end of your prayers. It is a prayer and a reminder that we should aim to do everything in God's name.



Jesus is baptised
The Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you." (Lk 3:22)

Prayer:

Lord, when I make the sign of the Cross help me to remember my baptism when I became your son/daughter. Thank you for the cross, the greatest symbol of love. Amen
St Bede – Pray for us




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SAVE THE DATE

SUMMER BALL

BLACK TIE

Saturday 27 June
7.30pm - till late



Open air picnic production
June 2020

William Shakespeare's **THE TEMPEST**

Pre-audition meeting: 1.20pm Monday 16th December



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Early Years Open Day
Saturday 11 January
9.30am - 11.30am

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COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

SATURDAY 11 JANUARY 2020 - 9.00am ~ 1.00pm