



BEDE'S NEWS

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The Headmaster's Review of the Week

Dear Bedian family,

I would like to wish you a very happy New Year and I hope that you all had an enjoyable, holy and restful Christmas period. I am delighted to be writing to you for the first time as the Headmaster of St. Bede's College and I have been overwhelmed by the warmth of the welcome I have encountered. My fantastic colleagues, parents and pupils have been incredibly friendly to me and I have also received many very genuine offers of support. Thank you so much and I am extremely touched by your kindness. The Easter Term is fully up and running and there is a great buzz around the College, from the Prep School right up to the Sixth Form. We are looking forward to welcoming a great many prospective pupils, and of course their parents, here on Saturday for our annual entrance examinations and I would like to wish them well.



I look forward to meeting many new faces over the coming days, weeks, months and years and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your unwavering support for the College. St. Bede's would not and could not be the tremendous school that it is if it was not for its pupils, parents and staff working very closely together. We are all part of the Bedian team and with the help of our Lord, Holy Mary and the Holy Spirit, I firmly believe that anything is possible if we all work together.

With every good wish and God's blessings,

Mr d'Arcy,
Headmaster.

Geology Christmas Lecture

On Monday the 3 December the Geology department held their 23rd annual Geology Christmas Lecture. This year we welcome Professor Chis Jackson to the College to deliver a talk about his descent into Mt Nyiragongo in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Over 50 guests, including St Bede's students, former Bedians, pupils from neighbouring schools and local geological associations gathered in the academic hall to hear about the perilous descent into one of the most destructive volcanoes in Africa, one of only six volcanoes in the world with an active lava lake. In these rare volcanoes lava can be seen 24 hours a day 7 days a week at the surface.

Professor Jackson discussed the logistics of getting a team of scientists up and into a volcano made more challenging by being filmed for his documentary series (aired in 2017), Expedition Volcano. With rare and unusual rock samples from the volcano the crowd were captivated by his passion for the subject and knowledge insight into active volcanic systems.

Mt Nyiragongo decimated the city on Goma in 2002 and this expedition to study the volcano showed how Geology is constantly evolving with new technology and theories helping Volcanologists to forecast future eruptions.

With planning for next year's 24th Lecture already in hand we are looking forward to continuing this tradition for years to come with former pupils of the College being lined up for future lectures.





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Careers Newsletter

January's Careers Newsletter is being emailed to parents and pupils in the Upper Fourth and above. It includes information about a talk on veterinary medicine, paid summer placements with PwC, free journalism masterclasses in Manchester during half term and more. For those who are starting to think about their careers it is definitely worth a look. Please contact Mrs Poolton at kpoolton@stbedescollege.co.uk if you have any questions about any of the items included.



Alumni Visit

Just before Christmas Bedian Alumnus, Kevin Bailey, 1976 - 1983 visited the College together with his wife Jo.

After leaving the College, Kevin qualified in accountancy and initially lived in Sheffield before emigrating with his wife Jo, also from Manchester, to New Zealand. At first they settled in Invercargil in the 'deep south' according to Kevin before moving to Christchurch. Kevin works in accountancy and banking in New Zealand, enjoying the lifestyle together with their three children.

This was Kevin's first visit to the College and he spent a considerable time trying to spot himself in the College photographs on the Our Lady Corridor, before touring the College and sharing his memories with Jo.



Bee Super STEM Spellers

During last term, Upper Third students have been honing their literacy skills by competing in the RSC STEM Spelling Bee. Students were required to learn the spellings of several key words and were tasked with recalling as many as possible on request in 60 seconds. The winning pupil was Isobel with a score of eight words, with the two runners up Shula and Dara. All three students will be invited to compete in the regional finals held at Salford University on the 30 January - so watch this space for the results!

Huge thanks go to our Lower Sixth STEM ambassadors Jess and Martha who helped run the competition. If you fancy testing your STEM spelling skills you can have a go at the words below...

Bilateral Fulcrum Magnitude Polarity



RIP

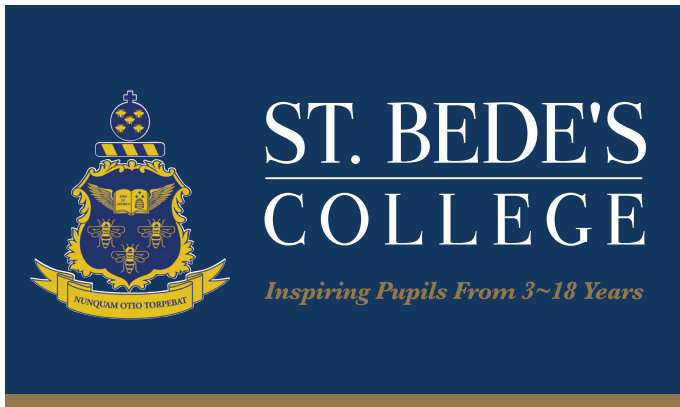
It is with great sadness that we ask you to remember in your prayers

Ms Fiona Cochran, English Teacher and Head of Faculty

who passed away this morning, Friday 11 January 2019.

Eternal Rest





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West End Beckons For Panto Star!

Prep 6 pupil Francesca spent her Christmas holidays performing in the pantomime "Cinderella" at the Manchester Opera House. Francesca is an experienced performer having appeared there in panto last year too.



This year Francesca joined household names and stars of TV, music and theatre; Les Dennis, Gareth Gates and Shannon Flynn. Francesca had three roles in the production, she was an elf, a princess and a villager which meant she had to learn three songs and the choreography for five dance routines.

After weeks of rehearsals the production finally came to the stage. Francesca performed a matinee and evening performance every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday for a month. One may think that is a hectic schedule to perform, not Francesca, it is just what needs to be done to be a performer and this experience will help her achieve her ambition to perform on the West End.

Headteacher Award

On the last day before we broke up for Christmas, four outstanding pupils received a 'Headteacher Award' from Mrs Hunt. Jojo, whose radiant smile fills the school with joy every morning received her award for her dedication and beautiful singing in the school choir.

Imogen, whose solo performance in the Prep 3 Assembly filled the Chapel with happiness, she showed such courage to perform in front of all the pupils and parents.

Eden, received her award for being an all-round shining example to all pupils in the school, she is always kind, always caring and always helpful.

Michael, who won this award for being a good friend. He has helped a fellow pupil showing compassion and understanding whilst supporting his friend in every aspect of school life.



Well done all of you!

Cookbook Drawing Is The Key To Success



During December, some children took part in John Lewis's annual Christmas drawing competition. This year, the focus was a special gift which was inspired by their Christmas advert featuring Elton John.

The children were asked to draw a special gift and explain why they had chosen it. We were lucky enough to win the competition with Michael Buckley's drawing of a cook book, winning a super Yamaha keyboard for the school. We also had a runner up with Matvey's ukulele drawing. Their pictures were displayed in the John Lewis cafe, Trafford Centre over Christmas.

Well done boys!





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Prep 4 - Oscar

Prep 4 - Marco

Prep 6 - Charlene

STARS OF WEEK



HOUSE POINT WINNERS



CLASS OF THE WEEK - Prep 2



Notices

Prep After School Clubs start this week.

The clubs will run for the following weeks:

w/c 14 Jan
w/c 21 Jan
w/c 28 Jan
w/c 4 Feb
w/c 11 Feb
w/c 25 Feb
w/c 4 Mar
w/c 11 Mar
w/c 18 Mar
w/c 25 Mar