



BEDE'S NEWS

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The Headmaster's Review of the Week

Dear Bedian family,

It gives me great pleasure to be writing to you as we edge ever closer to the half term break, which gives us all an opportunity to catch our breath, recharge our batteries, reflect upon a really positive first half of term and look forward to many more exciting weeks coming up.

I thought that I would share some feedback from a recent visitor to the College, which included the following "I just wanted to thank you and your colleagues for the wonderful reception you gave me and my family last Friday. We all appreciated it very much. I was very impressed with the school buildings and the general atmosphere. It was a pleasure to talk to such a well behaved and attentive audience." St. Bede's is famous for the warmth of the welcome it gives to all of its visitors and the feedback we received is an accurate snapshot of what makes the College such a special place.



The theme of the week has been "Love" - Love without God is a natural love, but when we tap into our faith it changes from a love natural to a supernatural love. We pray that we can continue to love with a heart like Jesus, a love that goes beyond, a love that is ready to bear all things, a love that is ready to forgive, to have hope, to make peace and a love that is willing to serve one another, even without personal gain.

I have really enjoyed my first six weeks as Headmaster of St. Bede's and feel incredibly lucky to be here. There is such a positive energy about the College, with both my teaching and support colleagues having the best interests of our young people at the very heart of everything that they do. I am extremely grateful for their Herculean efforts this first half of term and I am so fortunate to have the opportunity to work with such a talented group of people.

The Upper Fifth mock examinations are just around the corner and I would like to wish all of our Upper Fifth pupils the very best of luck in their exams - do please remember that the mocks are mainly a tool for you to discover the areas that need some final attention in the run up to the summer exams. They may well not be straightforward and at times feel stressful - please try not to put too much pressure on yourselves and remember that you all have a huge team of support around you, when the time comes to reflect upon your mock results and start to fill in the gaps in your understanding. We will always be proud of you, no matter what your results are.

This Sunday is Racial Justice Sunday and we are reminded that we are all one family no matter what nationality or race we are. One of the most attractive features of St. Bede's, for me, is how ethnically diverse the College is and how our diversity is publically and regularly celebrated. The College reflects the Manchester and the UK that we all co-exist in today and I am very proud to be able to call the College that I help to lead a truly multicultural one.

I hope that you all have a relaxing, restorative and enjoyable half term break - thank you so much to my colleagues for their hard work, collaboration and friendship so far this term and a very well done to all of our pupils for their extraordinary achievements. I would also like to thank our parents for their unstinting support of the College and I never take for granted the immense pride that they have in their children being part of the Bedian family.

We continue to remember all of you in our thoughts and prayers,

Mr d'Arcy

Headmaster

Czech School Invitation

Every Saturday morning the Regis building reopens to host the Czech and Slovak School, and this year their Annual Dinner will also be hosted here on Friday 1 March. This is a star studded event, including special guest Lady Milena Grenfell-Baines MBE, one of the children rescued from former Czechoslovakia in 1938 by Sir Nicholas Winton. Musical accompaniment will be provided by virtuoso violinist Gabriela Demeterova who will be performing together with Petr Prause, a member of the renowned Talich Quartet and Senior Tutor in Cello and Chamber Music at the RNCM. Additional music will be provided by the Dales String Quartet performing Dvorak's 'American', led by Bedian Staff Alumnus, Laurence Hughes. Tickets are available on www.ticketsource.co.uk/czech-and-slovak-school-community-manchester

Czech and Slovak School & Community Manchester
cordially invites you to attend
Annual Dinner
on Friday 1 March 2019
at the Joseph Refectory of St Bede's College Manchester
7:00 pm Welcome drink
7:30 pm Dinner
Music performance by The Dales String Quartet
Special guests and performance by
Gabriela Demeterova (violin) and Petr Prause (cello)
Dress code: formal
Tickets by 24 February: www.ticketsource.co.uk/czech-and-slovak-school-community-manchester



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Business Seminar

The Business and Economics Department hosted a seminar for Business, Economics and Politics students from Upper Fifth and the Sixth Form. This was a unique opportunity to listen to guest speaker, Dominic Oulton, Assistant Economist from the Department of International Trade. Dominic's brother Thomas was Headboy in 2014.

The talk presented students with depth and insight into the Department's advisory role and coordinating activities with regards to new trade policies for the United Kingdom. Demonstrating their confident subject knowledge, students challenged Dominic on his own personal views regarding Brexit, possible outcomes and trade agreements.

The multi-path way options were clearly outlined for those who were considering careers in similar fields of international trade and it was evident the interest students had as they continued to speak to Dominic individually after the talk.

The session clearly brought clarity to pupil's career aspirations and aided degree course decisions for which we are sure they will be eternally grateful for Dominic taking time out of his very busy schedule to share his expert knowledge and advice.

Mrs Hatton



Academy Students Of The Week

This week it was the turn of Dodi, Josh, Rico, Lakyle and Kian, the CFA Students of the Week, to meet with Mr d'Arcy in his study to celebrate their award and discuss their recent achievements both academic and of course on the field of play.



Bedian Alumni Lectures



Wednesday 23 January - Kevin Sheehy (1985-1992) Director of Alma Mater Resourcing

"Q&A session, achieving your career ambitions"

Director of Alma Mater Resourcing; Headhunting for technology firms (US or European firms) through-out the EMEA (Europe Middle East& Africa) and APAC theatres.



Wednesday 27 February - Chris Ostick (1984-1991) Assistant Publishing Editor at the Manchester Evening News

"The Changing Face of Journalism"

Assisting Publishing Editor in overseeing the production of all content for the Manchester Evening News, the manchestereveningnews.co.uk website and its group of weekly titles. Also cricket correspondent for the Manchester Evening News and Liverpool Echo.



Wednesday 20 March - Dan Newport, Architect Director, reform [architects + urban strategists]

"Inspiring Architecture"

reform is a dynamic, young architecture studio based in Ancoats Manchester. With experience across residential, education, higher education, commercial and community sectors, our portfolio contains a mix of new build and refurbishment work, much of which is carried out within a listed building environment.



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Lawyers Of The Future



Lower Sixth and Upper Fifth pupils interested in a career in law visited the Manchester offices of Ward Hadaway this week where they learned about legal training and recruitment by speaking to newly appointed trainee solicitors and taking part in an "assessment centre" exercise.

The highlight of the visit was the mock trial where Sixth Formers took on an Upper Fifth Team, representing a husband and wife in a typical family law dispute scenario. The judges listened to opening and closing statements, evidence from witnesses and cross examination, before delivering their decision.

The professionals were extremely impressed by the articulate and persuasive arguments of each St Bede's legal team.

We are really grateful to Jodi, Martin and all of the team at Ward Hadaway who organised such an interesting and inspirational visit.

Mrs Poolton

Theme of the Week

Love

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, on account of the Son of Man' (Luke 6:22)

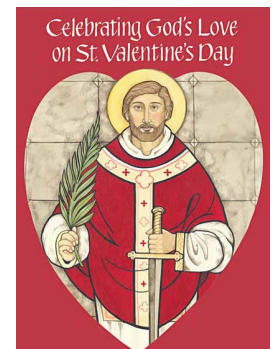
Challenge:

This week is Valentine's day. We remember this week that Love isn't a feeling it's a verb, a doing word, to love. How are we loving to others? This Sunday is Racial Justice Sunday. We are reminded that we are all one family no matter what nationality or race we are.

Prayer:

Jesus help me to be loving to other people, to have a heart like Jesus that thinks of others first and myself last. Amen

St Valentine - pray for us
St Bede - pray for us



Team Of The Week U12 Netball and U13 Hockey

This week representatives of the U12 Netball squad together with the U13 Hockey team gathered in the Headmaster's study in celebration of their recent achievements. Hockey sticks to the ready, these girls are definitely a force to be reckoned with!



Did You Get The Last Rolo ?

Campion House would like to thank all those students and staff who purchased Rolos in support of the Campion House charities, The British Heart Foundation and the Fr Bash Foundation.

In total three hundred and seventy lucky members of the College received their Valentine's last Rolo and this raised a total of £340.

Recipients of Rolos ranged in age from 4 years in the Prep right up to Mr McCotter in his Oxbridge tower in the College. Huge congratulations are reserved for Mr Bargery who received twelve Rolos. Clearly he is the sweetest of them all!





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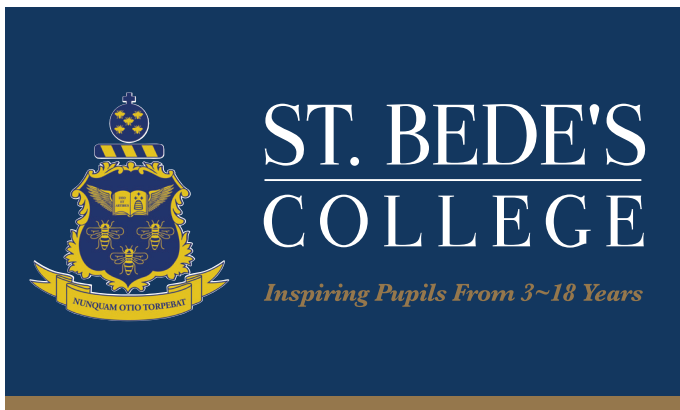
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Historians' Club

On Friday lunchtime, the Historians' Club had the pleasure and privilege of welcoming Danny Herman to give a special talk about his life. As a four year old refugee, Danny was one of the last Jews to escape Nazi Germany before the outbreak of war. After arriving in Britain the day before war was declared, Danny's father was interned in the Kitchener Camp for German 'aliens', leaving Danny and his mother to try and start their new life as refugees.



As an adult, Danny then had stints as a businessman, athlete and even coach of Manchester City.



Roughly seventy pupils from all years heard Danny's talk, with many of them asking him pertinent questions. In times of increased xenophobia, anti-Semitism and anti-refugee rhetoric, to see the talk so well attended was wonderful to see and a reflection of the inclusivity and enthusiasm for History here at St Bede's.

Mr Lee Rodriguez



Strictly Bede's 2019

The final of 'Strictly Bede's' was a fun filled and energetic event which was judged by a panel which included Bedian Alumnus and Lord of the Dance, James Keegan.

Every act was amazing with the dancers performing with grace, style and plenty enthusiasm, showing the benefits of their comprehensive rehearsals.. The pupil professionals produced some fantastic choreography and had clearly schooled their amateur teachers well!

Mrs Boylan (who received a standing ovation and straight 10's, guaranteeing her win) appeared to be a professional in her own right and it was only after the event that we learnt she had danced when she attended St Bede's! Mr Bishop surprised us all with an impromptu performance, choreographed by Bronte and Olive, this after a serious illness and only just proclaimed fully fit by his medical team. Mr Wilson was a great mover and a huge surprise, they finished second, with a very visual and energetic routine. In third place was, Mrs Sullivan (a champion Irish dancer as a girl) and Padraigh, (James' nephew). They had clearly been given some pointers by the Lord of the Dance himself. Matilda and Hollie, who danced alone as their teacher was injured also received straight 10's, but sadly without a teacher they did not qualify for a trophy.

It was a pleasure to watch Upper Sixth pupils Bronte and Eilish perform and Mr Wright brought the Head Girl to tears when he mentioned that it could be their last time dancing on St Bede's stage, I am sure they will be back as judges in the coming years!

Amileigh danced to " Never Enough" from the Greatest Showman and mesmerised us all with her grace, quality and genius choreography whilst the judges came to their final decision.

It was a great event and all the teachers and dancers stepped up to the challenge and worked hard to produce a amazing spectacle. A fantastic £600 was raised for Cancer Research UK. The Bedian spirit prevails.

To watch the final click here: www.sbcm.co.uk/sbctvs/strictly-st-bedes-final-2019/

Mrs McCormick



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Design & Build - All-Terrain Aluminium Wheels

Miss Manning's Prep 5 Design Technology classes have been taking part in a national competition to design & build all-terrain aluminium wheels for a world land speed record car, Bloodhound SSC.

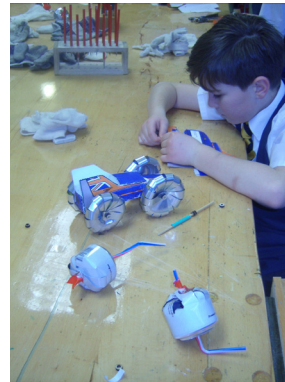
A world land speed record attempt is to be made by the Bloodhound SSC. It is a supersonic car that is designed not only to go faster than the speed of sound (supersonic) but to over 1,000mph (1,600km/h). It will cover a mile in just 3.6 seconds. It is being designed and constructed in the UK and the record attempt will be made on the Hakskeen Pan desert in South Africa.

Working together in teams, Prep 5 pupils have designed and built model Bloodhound SSC cars. Using the same material for the wheels as Bloodhound SSC, aluminium. However, they did not forge them they used recycled aluminium cans.

The cars were then tested, modified and competed in timed heats. The winning car will be entered into the national competition with the chance of visiting the real car! Good Luck!

You can find out more about the car and the record attempt at www.bloodhoundssc.com

Miss Manning



Take To The Floor

This Monday our Upper Third and Lower Fourth male dancers were in for a treat. We were joined by Amber, a professional dancer with Company Chameleon, who worked with our students to show them what they could expect if they wanted to further their dance training.

The boys warmed up with races and some very physical challenges, before learning how to handstand and cartwheel properly. They then learnt a short dance performed by Company Chameleon themselves, all about showing off in front of your friends.

Finally, they took their favourite new movements from the day and created their own short dance pieces before performing them on the stage. We have definitely found some talent for the future!

If interested in joining any dance groups (girls or boys), please see Mrs Barber!

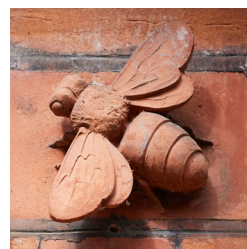


SIMS Agora Changes to SIMS Pay

SIMS Agora the online school payment system is changing its name to SIMS Pay. This is simply a name and logo change. Your login details and the way the on-line tool works will remain the same.



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Prep 6 Valentine's Love Café

Love was certainly in the air at St. Bede's Prep this Valentine's Day as Prep 6 opened the doors to their 'Love Café'. Children from every class were welcomed to share a romantic, brief encounter in the Valentine themed café held in the Prep 6 classroom.



Delighted visitors were served a glass of pink fizz on arrival followed by a delicious, sweet treat; table service was efficiently provided by a team of enthusiastic Prep 6 waiters and waitresses. The amorous ambience was enhanced by a romantic soundtrack from across the decades.

Children enjoyed completing love-themed word searches and colouring mindfulness hearts, whilst engaging in romantic conversation with their companions. Everyone who came to the café, left with huge smiles and warm hearts.



Nursery Class Valentine's Day Assembly

Nursery children took part in their Class Assembly in the Chapel in front of the Prep and their friends & families. The children have been learning about what love is and understanding that love is the most important thing in the world.

The moral of the assembly was that God does not believe in Superheroes saving the world as the most important thing rather that love being shared between every one of us is the most important thing.

Each of the children had their own part to play and told the audience what Love means to them. They learned their lines, songs and dance routines well and performed them brilliantly. Everyone was so proud of Nursery Class, they are all stars, packed full of love.

For images from this lovely assembly follow this link:
www.sbcm.co.uk/gallery/nursery-class-love-assembly/





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Spring Music Recital

The Spring Term Music Evening was a resounding success. The talented children in the Prep School did their parents, teachers and themselves proud with their accomplished performances.

The evening started with the Prep Orchestra performing two pieces; Rhythm Fever and Carrion Crow. The orchestra is made up of Violins, Violas, a Double Bass and a Recorder. They were followed by the 'Little Strings' Orchestra containing a number of our younger and novice musicians, their piece was 'Show Time'. It was a fabulous way to start an amazing evening's entertainment.

The audience were enthralled by the variety of instruments played by the Prep children. Piano, Clarinet, Guitar, Violin and Viola pieces performed by children from Prep One up to Prep Six, some of whom were able to play without any sheet music. These wonderful pieces were separated by beautiful vocal pieces.



The event was enjoyed by all family and friends who attended and we are looking forward to the next musical evening in the Summer Term.

For images of this event click here: www.sbcm.co.uk/gallery/prep-spring-musical-evening/

For a video of some of the vocal performances follow this link: www.sbcm.co.uk/sbctvs/prep-music-evening-vocalists/



World Faith Week

The children have celebrated World Faith Week in the Prep and this is a keenly anticipated time in their learning calendar. A class from Key Stage Two pairs up with a Class from Key Stage One & EYFS, where they study the same religion from across the world. Prep 6 & Prep 2 study Buddhism, Prep 5 & Prep 1 learn about Islam, Prep 4 & Reception Class study Judaism and Prep 3 & Nursery Class learn about Hinduism.

During the week the children learned about the core values and beliefs that are the foundation of each faith. They sampled food, listened to music, took part in workshops and learned about the significant figures throughout the history of their chosen faith. Prep 4 and Reception Class welcomed Mrs Paul from the Jewish Museum who brought precious artefacts and clothing for them to see. World Faith Week is an important time of year for the children, giving them knowledge about other members of their community and an insight into the diversity of the United Kingdom.





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Prep 1: Joseph, Fia & Romilly

Prep 2: Knacara, Kiama & Zacharia

Prep 3: Sarah

Prep 5J: Mwema

STARS OF WEEK



HOUSE POINT WINNERS



CLASS OF THE WEEK - Prep 4C



Notices

Term Starts Monday 25 February

25 & 26 February
Shakespeare 4 Kidz Workshops

27 February
Prep 2 Visit to the Manchester Football
Museum

BEDE'S SIXTH FORM NEWS

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The Sixth Form View

Fliss & Anna

Business & Economics Lecture



Fliss

On Wednesday 6 February, the Sixth Form welcomed Dominic Oulton to the College for a talk about various topics, which included Economics, Business and Politics.

Students from Upper Fifth to the Sixth Form enjoyed a talk, which was both insightful and entertaining, as well as giving the students a different way of looking at the current affairs which will inevitably affect their future.

Whilst giving students simplistic information about huge government issues such as 'brexit' and a variety of policies, Oulton was able to shed light about the path he took to achieving a career in Government and how, through

studying Economics at university level, he was able to carve a way into a notoriously competitive career path. The talk gave students a chance to ask questions and raise ideas about the difficult period the country is going through, from both an economical and political stance. Whilst also voicing opinions, students were able to gain perspective into the various processes, which the government are using to help deal with this period.

One student stated, 'the talk gave me a chance to talk to someone who is directly involved in creating government policies, which as an Economics Student I found really interesting, as it showed how policies I have learnt about in class effect the economy as a whole.'

Another student stated, 'the talk really showed how all three studies of Business, Economics and Politics are interconnected and how they are all dependent on each other.'

On behalf of the Sixth Form students, I would like to thank Dominic Oulton for giving up his time and effort to talk to us about the world of government as well as answer our questions. I would also like to thank the staff that helped make the talk happen!

Birthday Wishes



This week, our roving Sixth Form reporter, Fliss celebrated her 18th Birthday.

All her friends would like to wish her a very happy birthday and asked for a special mention here at The Sixth Form View to mark her notable day!

We would like to thank Fliss for all the reports she has filed this year. Anna is away. Editor

