



BEDE'S NEWS

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The Headmaster's Review of the Week

Dear Bedian family,

It is my pleasure to be writing to you towards the end of another extremely busy, productive, exciting and at times very windy week here at St Bede's College. The theme of the week is "the name of Jesus". This Sunday's gospel gives an account of the Transfiguration of Jesus. It reminds us all that Jesus is holy and shows us why we should treat Jesus' name as special. The narrative of the Transfiguration of Our Lord has great power and we should never be afraid to call upon his holy name, anytime, anywhere, day or night. Jesus is always there for us and it remains an important part of our ongoing mission to challenge others to respect Jesus' name.

It was wonderful to be able to spend time with our incredibly supportive EYFS parents over coffee and cake last Friday afternoon, though regrettably I was not able to partake in the treats due to my Lenten observance! The event was an extremely positive and uplifting one, and I also received some very reassuring and helpful feedback from those attending.

I would like to reiterate my congratulations to all of the members of our Choir following their fantastic efforts in the opening round of the National Music Festival last Friday. Our choristers were most deservedly the latest Team of the Week and it was lovely to be able to meet all of them on Monday lunchtime. St Bede's College is extremely proud of, and continues to champion, the importance and prominence it gives to Performing Arts and I am regularly blown away by the quality of our performers and the skill, expertise and support provided to our pupils by my colleagues.

I very much enjoyed visiting the British Muslim Heritage Centre nearby in Whalley Range on Tuesday afternoon with our Chaplain Mrs Hibbert, in order to discuss with the General Manager of the Centre possible ways in which we can work together in order to bring our communities closer and to create interesting and inspiring opportunities for our young people. Located amidst 8 acres of beautiful grounds in a stunning Grade II listed building which was formerly an independent College of education, the Centre is involved in many different projects and works closely with a wide range of other partners for example the NHS, the Prince's Trust, Manchester City Council and the University of Manchester.

On Tuesday evening I was fortunate to be able to visit the Etihad Campus and more specifically the City Academy in order to watch the combined U15 / U16 team playing in their quarter-final of the Floodlit Cup against West Bromwich Albion. It was a source of great pride that the squad consisted entirely of St Bede's CFA pupils and I was extremely proud of them all. It was also lovely to see so many parents and siblings cheering them on and I am pleased to report that they won well and are through to the semi-finals!

We held Periodic Table Day here at the College on Wednesday, which formed part of British Science Week 2019, and many of the pupils and staff were involved in some shape or form. I spent the day as the symbol O for Oxygen and I was also most impressed by the standard of fancy dress amongst my colleagues. The recent mock results were also published to our UV pupils on Wednesday and I would encourage them to spend time now looking back over their papers with their teachers and at home in order that the areas for improvement can be clearly identified. I would urge them to make full use of the wide range of extra support opportunities in place for them and to let their teachers know about any concerns that they may have, however small they might seem. Over the coming weeks, many of my colleagues will be meeting with UV parents and pupils in order that the results can be reflected upon and improvement plans put in place as appropriate. A significant number of pupils performed very well indeed, so many congratulations to them! I also managed to attend the Bede's Got Talent heats taking place on Wednesday and I have to say that the final next week is going to live long in the memory if the quality of the acts I have seen so far is anything to go by.

I hugely enjoyed meeting many pupils in my study on Thursday morning in order to congratulate them on receiving a Headmaster's Commendation for the high quality of their work and it was a joy to look through their workbooks and see at first-hand how much pride they take in their studies. The L4 and U4 options event took place on Thursday evening and there was a really positive buzz about the College. It was also a great opportunity for me to speak with many parents and I would like to thank all of them for continuing to make me feel extremely welcome.

I thought that I would conclude by drawing your attention to three notable events taking place over the next few weeks. The U15 Netball team play in their National Plate Final at the National Cycling Centre on Thursday morning, which I am very much looking forward to. That evening we are holding our annual L6 Higher Education evening here at the College, giving students and parents useful information regarding applying to universities in the UK.

On Friday March 29 from 8 - 9am in the Parents' Café we will be holding a light breakfast for parents, giving them an opportunity to meet me as well as a number of my SLT colleagues. The newly named St Bede's Parents' Association (SBPA) will also be promoted and parents are warmly invited to offer their support for the Association in any way that they can.

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

Mr L d'Arcy
Headmaster
@LouisdArcy1





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Team of the Week - The Choir

Last week St. Bede's College choir competed in the Music for Youth Regional festival. The winners will be selected to compete in the National Final which will take place in July at the Symphony Hall in Birmingham.

Under the direction of Miss Smith, the choir performed with aplomb. Songs from 'The Greatest Showman' and the choir's favourite, 'King of Kings', received fantastic comments and praise from the adjudicators.

So, fingers crossed for the results which will be received in May when the other regional heats are completed. Well done Miss Smith and the choir!

Mr Davies



BOOK FAIR COMING SOON!

Maher Library

25 March – 29 March

Lots of books to buy

Save your World Book Day Token!



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Spring Concert

Tuesday 26 March 2019
Academic Hall
6:30pm

An evening of varied and beautiful Music

St. Bede's Dance Showcase

Come and see what our lower school, GCSE Prep, GCSE and A Level dancers have been working on in their lessons and co-curricular clubs!

Wednesday 20th March

6:30pm refreshments

7:00pm start

Academic Hall



The Breakfast Club

The Bedian Association has changed to the St Bede's College Parents' Association. Join us for a light breakfast on Friday 29 March, 8.00 -9.00am in the Parents' Cafe to meet Mr d'Arcy and to share ideas about forthcoming social events. So much nicer than a Saturday detention...

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Storm Freya Unleashes On The Lower Sixth

The Geography department ventured on their annual trip to the Lake District with our Lower Sixth Students. Undeterred by the reports of Storm Freya about to engulf the UK, we had work to do and data to collect.

The four day trip involved our hardy bunch of students completing pilot studies for their Non Examined Assessment (coursework) in both a human environment, Keswick and a coastal environment, Silloth, Cumbria.



Donning waterproofs and sparkly wellies, their spirits remained high and their efforts could not be faulted. They were determined and engaged throughout the trip.

They diligently practised new data collection techniques in the field, in what were testing conditions for all. Great progress was made throughout the week with our students collecting primary data for their individually designed investigations.

This proved a thoroughly, memorable and productive trip for both staff and students alike. The students were a credit to the College, in true Bedian style!

Mrs Smith



Theme of the Week

The Name of Jesus

'Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem.' (Luke 9:30-31)

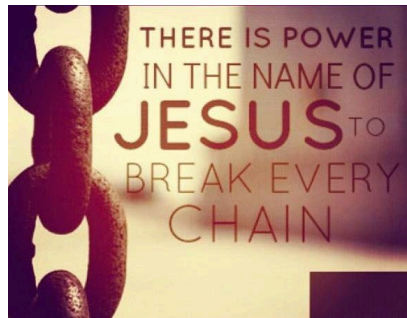
Challenge:

Call on his holy name! The Transfiguration of Jesus shows why we should treat Jesus' name as special; it has great power. Call on his name anytime, anywhere - day or night, over and over, he is there. Challenge others to respect Jesus' name. Listen to Hillsong - What a beautiful name.

Prayer:

Jesus I believe you are the Son of God. May I always follow you because you are the way, the truth and the life. I praise your holy name. Please be first in my life. Amen.

St Bede - pray for us



Academy Students of The Week

Congratulations to Tyler, Lakyle, Joel and Darko who met with Mr d'Arcy to celebrate their selection for CFA Student of the Week.

They discussed their achievements and explained that performing well at school allows them to really concentrate at training, knowing they are on track with work.





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Periodic Table Day

On Wednesday, as part of National Science week, we celebrated Periodic Table Day in the College. Students were surprised to be greeted by members of staff dressed up as different elements from the Periodic Table in their lessons and pupils also took part in a treasure hunt around the College throughout the day.

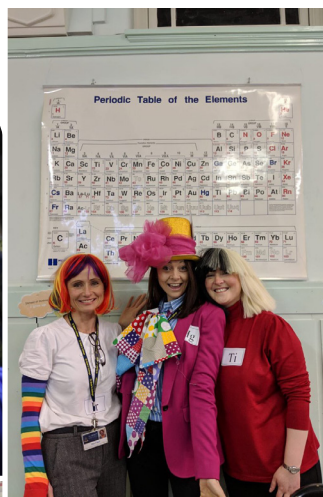
Pupils enjoyed learning about the different origins of the names and the uses for the different elements. The house competition for the grand prize proved to be very competitive and the winners were:

Siena - Temi L4 (30 Elements identified)
Bosco - Anna L4 (34 Elements identified)
Campion - Jayke U4 (26 Elements identified)
Magdalene Uwak U4 (29 Elements identified)

The overall top scorer with an amazing thirty six elements identified will be announced next week during celebration assembly when all the prizes will be distributed.

Our Upper Third students were also tasked with dressing up as their favourite elements. There were numerous fantastic and inventive ideas but prizes were awarded to Anya (U3WLS) as Helium, Oliver(U3LEE) as Bromine and the overall winner was Maciej (U3DVS) as Polonium. Well done to all those who took part.

Mrs Prince





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U3

Inter House

Annual Easter Egg Competition

It's that time of year again when eggs invade the Art rooms at St Bede's!!!

- ❖ **What you will need** - Real Eggs (blown), Shoe Box, Imagination!!!
- ❖ **What you must do** - Using at least one egg and a shoe box create a scene

This can be anything that you want it to be, be as creative as you wish, use whatever materials are appropriate for your ideas.

Dead line Tuesday 27 March.

Your entry must have your name and house written clearly on it and be brought up to the Art rooms in the morning

Winners and special commendations will win prizes



Football v Ripley St Thomas

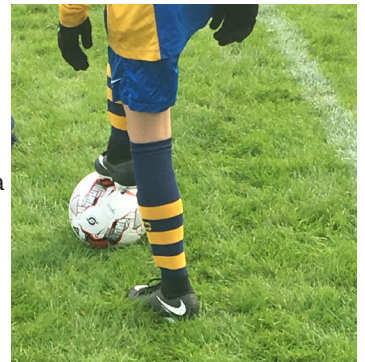
On Saturday morning, in weather conditions extreme even for the North West, we welcomed Ripley St Thomas to Brantingham Road for the first time.

Ripley travelled with five teams and the fields were bustling with activity and anticipation. There were a number of superb performances most notably from the U13b team who won 8-2 with a hat trick for James C. The U14a squad, despite being 2-0 down at half time, came back to win 6-2 with a standout performance from Ty D who was a half time substitute.

The U12a team continued their stunning form by inflicting Ripley's U12s first defeat of the season with a 5-3 win, Benat M was unplayable throughout and Kwame finally managed to get his name on the scoresheet. The U12b team game was sadly abandoned due to the conditions.

The First Eleven battled against the elements and a strong Ripley side to come back from one down, scoring a late equaliser to claim a point.

Mr Mitchell



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School of Performing Arts
Presents...
"WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER"

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



Open to everyone aged 8-18

Please see reverse for details

GET YOUR HEAD IN THE GAME!

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 characteristically, do it yourself and perform using some 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 avions@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:
£75 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	Hour
Monday 15th April	9:00am - 1:00pm
Tuesday 16th April	9:00am - 1:00pm
Wednesday 17th April	9:00am - 1:00pm
Thursday 18th April	9:00am - 1:00pm
How Time (8th)	1:30pm - 3:00pm

Join us for an unforgettable experience where you'll get to feel the thrill of the stage and spotlight!

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

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JOIN THE DEBATE
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Do you enjoy reading and talking about books?

Would you like to "shadow" the judges of a prestigious book award?

Interested?

Pupils in U4 or above are invited to a meeting **in the Library at breaktime on**

Tuesday 26 March

Please Note

The email address for this event is avs1arts@gmail.com or you can talk to Miss Smith or Mrs Barber for more information.



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Science Week Fun!



The Prep have celebrated Science Week with a number of exciting activities. Every child has taken part in 'Astronaut Training' using training techniques used by NASA. It is all part of NASA's "Mission X" programme to enable young learners to become more involved and interested in space and the skills and attributes needed to be the next Helen Sharman or Tim Peake.

The PE Department set out a programme of activities that would test the children's stamina, agility, coordination, speed and problem solving abilities in a fun, stimulating way.



The children tackled the 'Agility Astro Course' which tested their speed and agility then the 'Building the Astronaut Core' where they worked on their core muscles which need to be in tip-top condition for a residential stay on the International Space Station. They also took part in 'Jump For The Moon' where their balance and coordination were put to the test.

The children in Prep 5 & 6 who attend STEM Club in the College Laboratories have been honoured with the role as Prep STEM Ambassadors and their first



job was to teach Prep 2 children what they had learned about static electricity. They demonstrated how they could use static electricity to make paper figures hover and rise off the table. The children were so amazed when their hair stood on end! The children had a wonderful time learning from their peers in Upper Key Stage Two.



Prep 4 & 6 had a wonderful time combining, design, engineering and scientific investigation when they created paper planes and tested the aerodynamics and structure of their inventions. The focus was to create planes that would have wings able to optimise lift but counteract drag and the effects of gravity. A process of trial, error and lots of fun.





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Headteacher's Award Winners

Congratulations to this week's Headteacher Award Winners, Olivia, Hogan and Sylvie Rose.

These three wonderful children have received these accolades for a number of reasons; Hogan has taken time out of his busy schedule and workload in Prep 6 to sit with his sister every evening and help her progress with her reading. His support at home has helped Yoojoo so much with her reading and he has also written comments on her progress in her reading record. Olivia and Sylvie-Rose have received their awards for their exceptional behaviour in Nursery. They help Mrs Sivori and Mrs Denton every day. They are so kind and caring with all the other children in Nursery ensuring they know what to do and helping them with their learning. We are so pleased to have three amazing children like them in the Prep School.



Prep Choir Spread Their Wings

On Tuesday 12 March our Prep Choir attended the annual AJIS Music Festival held at Bury Grammar School. The choir have been rehearsing every Tuesday with Miss Smith in preparation for this prestigious event.

The choir delivered an excellent performance of 'Butterfly' by Alan Simmons and a unique unaccompanied, acapella performance of Pompeii by Bastille to which the adjudicator simply wrote 'WOW!'.

Although on the day we were pipped to the first position by Birkenhead Primary in our eyes they are all winners and we could not be more proud. Special thanks also to Mrs Cavanagh for accompanying them.





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Prep 4 - Harry

Prep 5 - Scarlett

STARS OF WEEK



HOUSE POINT WINNERS



CLASS OF THE WEEK - Prep 5H



Notices

Parents' Evening 28 March
Booking Closes 15 March 8.00pm

Friday 22 March
Mrs Hunt Coffee & Cakes with
Prep 1 & Prep 2 at 3.00pm in the
Library.