



# ST. BEDE'S COLLEGE

# 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 towards the end of the second week of term.

Our theme of the week in the College has been "Jesus Saves" – as scripture says "Look, there is the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world" (John 1:29). The challenge for all of us follows Sunday's Gospel in which John the Baptist announces that Jesus is the Lamb of God, the one that was promised to us, who came to save us. Do we consistently proclaim the good news as John did? "It is not power that saves, but love! This is God's sign: He himself is love", which is a quote from Pope Benedict Emeritus. "Kindness will win, Compassion will win, Love will win. We are made for goodness. We are made for love!", famously said by Archbishop Desmond TuTu (Nobel Peace Prize Winner). We are called to regularly reflect upon our words and actions, in this the year which has been designated "The God who Speaks: The year of the Word".



I am delighted to be able to report that our College Entrance Examination Day went extremely well last Saturday and there has been very positive feedback from the great many prospective pupils and their families who visited us on the day. I would like to again thank all of my colleagues and pupils who helped to make this crucial event in the life cycle of the College such a huge success. I am currently greatly enjoying meeting individually with our engaging prospective pupils and their wonderful families, as part of the next stage of the admissions process.

As we are in the early few weeks of the new calendar year and Easter term, I have been reflecting upon why St Bede's College is such a special and magical school and thought that I would share these essential elements with you. St Bede's is a happy and hopeful school, and a family community in which highly talented and committed colleagues, inspirational pupils and extremely supportive families work together as a team for our mutual development. St Bede's is a proud school, which champions living by our shared Catholic values above all else. We do our very best to nurture our young people daily to be kind and compassionate leaders, to always do their best and take pride in every action, and we are inspired ourselves by them to be better people.

I feel that it is important to regularly mention how grateful I am 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.

Mr L d'Arcy  
Headmaster  
@LouisdArcy1

# ST BEDE'S COLLEGE MANCHESTER

## THE PLACE TO BE





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COLLEGE

- SAVE THE DATE -

> SUMMER BALL <

▪ BLACK TIE ▪

Saturday 27 June  
7.30pm - till late

SB PA  
St Bede's College  
Parents' Association



DALISO CHAPONDA  
SIAN DAVIES  
MC, JUSTIN MOORHOUSE

**WINE**

FRIDAY 24 JANUARY 2020  
DOORS OPEN: 7.30PM  
TICKETS: SIMS-PAY  
ADULTS ONLY  
CASH ONLY BAR  
ENQUIRIES: [RCAMPBELL@STBEDESCOLLEGE.CO.UK](mailto:RCAMPBELL@STBEDESCOLLEGE.CO.UK)

## Cup Run Continues!

On Tuesday afternoon the U13s continued their successful run in the ESFA Small Schools cup by beating Holy Family, Carlton in the last sixteen to progress to the quarter finals.

The boys started brightly and raced into a two goal lead in the first ten minutes with goals from Harry O and Benat. St Bede's played some outstanding football that began with Dom in goal as they played out from the back, through the thirds and created an array of outstanding chances.

Many of these were converted as they extended their lead to 5-0 with Benat completing a first half hat-trick and Harry O doubling his tally with a finish into the far bottom corner. Holy Family pulled a goal back following a well worked set piece but Benat then recorded his fourth of the afternoon on the stroke of half time to complete a sensational half of football and the boys were 6-1 up at the break.

The second half continued in a similar vein with St Bede's dominating the ball. William had an outstanding game and as well as restricting their main forward to minimal touches he also scored a free kick from forty yards out ten minutes after the break. Further goals were added by Kwame and a fifth for Benat as he completed an unbelievable afternoons work. Holy Family grabbed a consolation goal with a couple of minutes left on the clock, as their forward was rewarded for his tireless running throughout the game.

A final score of 9-2 now means the U13s have scored 37 goals on their route to the quarter final and only conceded 3. They now play at home to Morpeth Newminster Middle School from East Northumberland - date to be confirmed.

Mr Mitchell



Open air picnic  
production  
June 2020

William Shakespeare's **THE TEMPEST**

Pre-audition meeting: 1.20pm Monday 16th December

## Holroyd Howe - Sustainability

Hannah Irvine, Sustainability and Environmental Manager from Holroyd Howe, recently visited the College to speak with the pupils about sustainability, as well as to conduct an environmental assessment of the main College dining area, Sixth Form dining and the kitchens. Through this undertaking, Hannah was able to gain a baseline understanding of the sustainability procedures at the College across 8 key sustainability areas, including food waste, plastic and packaging. The assessment supports actions to be taken to achieve the desired goals and aspirations on sustainability.

The environmental assessment will enable the catering team to work closely with the College and develop targeted actions, to implement change. Positively the catering team, are championing recycling, ensuring items go into the correct bins as well as trying to recycle numerous items, aligning with the drive on increased recycling. Most food waste is also recycled, with Holroyd Howe implementing food waste monitoring and recording across plate waste and production to ensure that they are tracking as well as more importantly trying to reduce food waste across both areas. Off the back of the assessment, Holroyd Howe will be taking action to look at how they can further reduce the disposable packaging used in favour of reusable items. As part of a rounded approach, Hannah can further support the school with education, classroom activities and dining room activities to encourage sustainability in pupils.

Holroyd Howe



**FOOD WASTE**

### Reducing Food Waste

It is important for us to try and waste as little food as possible. Food wasted is not only a waste of money, but it is not good for the environment around us. Producing, moving, storing and cooking food uses water, energy, fuel which contributes to the release of greenhouse emissions.

**Did you know... each year the world wastes around 1.3 billion tonnes of food... that's 1/3 of all food produced.**

**In the UK each day we throw away:**

- 24 million slices of bread (enough to fill 182 football pitches)
- 5.9 million glasses of milk (enough to fill 18,500 baths)
- 5.8 million potatoes (the same weight as 67 double decker buses)

**We are ALL responsible for the environment around us and need to do what we can to protect it!**

**What can we do to reduce our food waste?**

- At meal times only take as much food as you are going to eat!
- Try not to eat your snack just before you eat your meal (otherwise you might not be hungry for your full meal and are more likely to waste it)
- Communicate with staff, ensuring you are only being served what you will eat.
- If you see food being wasted, encourage others not to waste it!

## Latest Football News

### QEGS Blackburn

On Saturday the new term began with a block fixture against QEGS, Blackburn with St Bede's B teams challenging themselves against QEGS' A teams. The only age group in which this differed was the U12 where both the A & B teams took to the field in Blackburn. The U12B team recorded a fantastic 6-2 victory in their first ever outing for the College. St Bede's raced into a 3-0 lead with goals from Kipp (2) and Kayden before QEGS mounted a comeback to leave the game evenly balanced at 3-2 going into the last ten minutes. As QEGS pushed forward for the equaliser St Bede's were able to catch them on the break and added three more goals with man of the match Kipp completing a hat-trick and Rupert and Kayden adding further strikes.

On the A team pitch St Bede's were unlucky to lose 4-2 as although Luca made some outstanding saves the strong wind in the first half helped QEGS and allowed them to race into a 3-0 lead. St Bede's mounted a comeback with two goals from Nna in the space of five minutes, but unfortunately it would be QEGS who grabbed the late goal to extend their lead.

The U13B team put in a valiant display with standout performances coming from Jacob at the back and Alex in net. QEGS dominated much of the play and ran out 5-0 winners with their superb academy forward proving too hot to handle for the B team defence.

At Brantingham Road we welcomed QEGS U14B and U15B and two competitive games ensued. The U14Bs were beaten 2-0 in a compelling game which saw a valiant defensive display from the boys as QEGS dominated the midfield. There were, however, plenty of positives to take into the rest of the season despite the lack of firepower during their first outing. On the U15Bs pitch Patrick scored a fantastic hat-trick with further goals from Markel and Richard securing a 5-2 win over a competitive QEGS outfit. It was also wonderful to see Markel and Tom make their long awaited return to competitive play following long injury layoffs in the first term.

Tomorrow we have a block of nine fixtures against Cheadle Hulme School with the U15B, U14A, U13B and U12A away and the 1st XI, U15A, U14B, U13A and U12B taking to the field at Brantingham Road.

Mr Mitchell

### Theme of the Week

## Jesus Saves

"Look, there is the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world." (John 1:29)


**Prayer:**


**Lord you love us so much that you sent Jesus as the Lamb to take away our sin, so that nothing could separate us from you. Help us to carry this message to others. Amen**

**Challenge:**

Sundays Gospel John the Baptist announces that Jesus is the 'Lamb of God'. The one that was promised to us, that came to save us. Do you proclaim the news like John did?

"It is not power that saves, but love! This is God's sign: he himself is love." Pope Benedict Emeritus





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## MFL Sweep The Board

On the 15 of January, we took part in a Modern Foreign Languages drama competition at Cheadle Hulme School, in which we had to create an original piece to perform in a different language.

We had prepared for weeks along with two other groups. Then the day came and the nerves and excitement settled in. When we got there, we were led to the "Holden Hall", where the event took place. Tension rose as our competition started to arrive. We checked the schedule, we were soon up. Then we heard, "St Bede's College: El Primero de Noviembre".



The lights dropped and we performed and with a round applause it was over. We sat and watched multiple brilliant performances in both French and Spanish. At the end, we were fortunate to win, as a school, three out of four performances. Lucas and Benoit won Most Original Performance for their hilarious act, Jacob won Best Performer for his comedic timing and we won overall BEST PERFORMANCE!!!!!! We all did our school proud and are grateful for this unique, linguistic opportunity.

### Angel A. Lower Fifth

Watch the performances here:

Nosotros Tenemos Talento (Jacob, Sol, Isaiah) - <https://vimeo.com/385252936>

El primero de noviembre (Katy, Angel etc) - <https://vimeo.com/385250416>

Lucifer y el Diablo (Benoit and Lucas) - <https://vimeo.com/385251968>



## Visit from a Planetary Physicist

This week we have been delighted to welcome planetary physicist, outreach worker with the Royal Astronomical Society and author Dr Sheila Kanani to the College. As well as spending time with Prep pupils, she was good enough to spend lunchtime in the Maher Library talking to pupils about careers in science and then speaking to two Upper Third English groups about her career as an author.

We learned some fascinating facts about space, becoming an astronaut and the process of writing books from her inspirational talks. Hopefully she has inspired some future astronauts and authors!

All Dr Kanani's books are now available to borrow from the Library.

Many thanks to Dr Kanani and to Mr Joyce-O'Keefe for helping to arrange the visit.

Mrs Poolton







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### Quarry Bank Mill

Prep 5 rounded off their Victorian topic in history with a visit to Quarry Bank Mill near Styal. The mill was built in 1784 and was a centre for cotton production during the Industrial Revolution. The children spent a day experiencing what life would have been like for Victorian working children.

The day started with a tour of the mill where the children learned about the jobs they would have had to do for 12 hours a day, six days a week for nine years. They only had Sunday and Christmas day off, when they would go to mass. They heard about the dangers for children working in the mill; de-gloving by the carding machine, being crushed or scalped by the spinning machine or being blinded by the loom, not to mention the fact they would inhale cotton dust that would destroy their lungs and would be deaf by their mid-twenties. It was a real eye-opener as to how challenging life was like for children their age.



Next up was the Apprentice House; the children were greeted by Mrs Shawcross who put them into two lines of boys and girls. She put them through their paces to check if they were clean, healthy and bright enough to be an apprentice. Mrs Shawcross was strict, scary and firm but the children learned she was not mean and nasty, as the real Mrs Shawcross had ninety children in her care so it was necessary to have stringent rules in order for the house to run smoothly. They also learned that children were pleased to be an apprentice there; unlike other apprentice houses in Manchester the children here had three meals a day, wore fresh clothes each week and received an education.

It was a fantastic learning opportunity for the children and it also helped them appreciate more the luxuries and life they have today.





# Happy Birthday!

Prep 1 - Ayesha

Prep 4 - Lucy

Prep 5 - Marco



Miss Ghosh has had a fantastic first full week with Prep 1 and this has been completed by the children deservedly winning Class of the Week. Well done Prep 1 and Miss Ghosh

## Notices

Monday 20 January

Cake Sale - donations are welcome from Prep 1 & Prep 4 classes - children can bring in no more than £1.

Donations - please remember we are a nut-free school and for any shop bought cakes, please check the list of ingredients and warnings, re nuts.

Wednesday 22 January

The Prep school is holding an own clothes day to raise money for the WWF in Australia as 1.2 billion animals have been affected. All donations will be gratefully received.

Thursday 23 January

Prep 3 Trip to Chester Zoo, Children to wear PE kit and bring a packed lunch in a disposable bag with disposable drinks cartons.

## HOUSE POINT WINNERS



## CLASS OF THE WEEK - Prep 1



## STARS OF WEEK





## A Busy Time For Dr Kanani

The Prep School were delighted to welcome back astronomer and author Dr Sheila Kanani of the Royal Astronomical Society. This time last year Dr Kanani visited the Prep as part of our whole school space education initiative and was amazed by the wonderful work our children had done.

This year Dr Kanani came to talk to our children about her work as an author. Dr Kanani has written books on Space: 'Space on Earth' and 'How to be an astronaut', for which she has been shortlisted for the Blue Peter Book Awards 2020. Dr Kanani has also written biographies on Michelle Obama and Rosa Parks that are accessible to young readers. The children had a fantastic time talking to Dr Kanani asking her questions about space and writing books.



Then Dr Kanani was swept away by Poppy and Holly from Prep 6 to the College boardroom to take part in episode four of the Bede's Prep Podcast. Our young reporters had a fabulous time discussing with Dr Kanani what and who inspired her to follow a career in astronomy, how she came to be an author and what was the best piece of advice she received as a young lady wanting to follow a career in science and astronomy. All her responses can be heard in the fourth instalment of the podcast at the end of the month.

Dr Kanani also visited the College Library to give a careers talk and also discuss her work as an author. It was a full schedule for Dr Kanani to fit into two hours, and everyone was thoroughly engaged by her and everything she had to say.

We would like to thank Dr Kanani for visiting us and being so willing to talk to our children throughout the school. We very much hope she will visit us again in the future.

## Headteacher's Award

Congratulations to Jack and Fia who received their Headteacher Award from Mrs Hunt. They both represent the end of two Key Stages in the Prep with Fia in Prep 2 nearing the end of her time in Key Stage One and Jack, Prep 6, preparing to move from Key Stage Two into secondary education.

They also both represent everything it is to be Bedian; fortitude, politeness and kindness. Fia has settled into Prep Two brilliantly and is developing her confidence more and more as the year progresses. Jack is such a polite and caring young man who always tries his very best in everything he does. Well done Jack and Fia we are all so proud of you.

