



# BEDE'S NEWS

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## The Headmaster's Review of the Week

Dear Bedian family,

This week's theme at the College is respect and Sunday is also Holocaust Memorial Day, so we continue to challenge ourselves to stand up for all of those who are looked down upon or have been driven to the margins of society.

It has been a very special week for me since the last time I wrote to you all – last Saturday my first child, Anna, was baptised in the Church of Our Lady and St Paulinus in Dewsbury, West Yorkshire. It was such a moving and solemn occasion, as well as a public demonstration to all of those present of how important our Catholic religion is to Anna and to us as a family.

I was delighted to hear of our tremendous U12 football victory in the ESFA National Cup on Tuesday and am so proud of all of those involved. We are currently keeping our fingers crossed for a home semi-final at Fortress Brantingham Road!

I continue to pop into assemblies throughout the College and really enjoyed speaking with the Lower Seniors on Tuesday morning of this week and the Upper Seniors on Friday. They have all helped to make it a really positive start to the term and have made me feel extremely welcome, for which I am very grateful.

I just wanted to say thank you to all of those involved in the U3rd Parents' Evening last night, teaching and support colleagues alike. The atmosphere was warm, energised and optimistic and I received many positive comments from parents and pupils about their experiences so far this academic year.

It has been a very positive start to the term in a wider sense and I hugely appreciate everything that you and they do for St. Bede's College – we are a fantastic school but you don't need me to tell that to you!

I would like to wish you well for the coming week and we continue to keep you all in our thoughts and prayers here at the College, particularly at our weekly Mass held on a Tuesday.

Mr d'Arcy.  
Headmaster.



Bedians are instantly recognisable as quietly determined, thoughtful and compassionate individuals.

Paul Mylrea, Bedian Alumnus Class of 1974,  
Director of Communications, University of Cambridge

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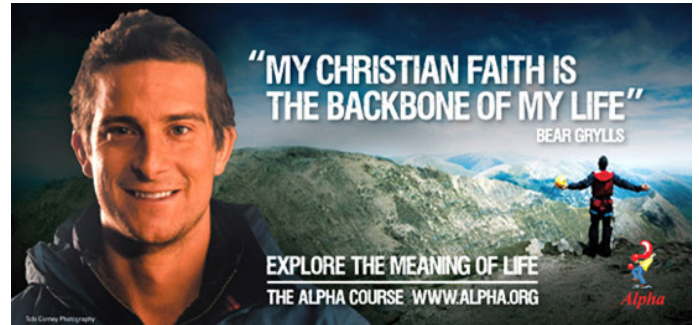
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### Alpha Course

This Monday members of the Upper Fifth and Sixth form joined the Alpha Course. This is a twelve week programme, during which the students have an opportunity to ask many interesting and diverse issues and then discuss them openly with each other.



After just the opening session, many commented on how valuable it was to have the opportunity for this reflection. Further topics will consider matters of faith and some of the issues that challenge young people today.



Mrs Hibbert - Chaplain

### Alumni Visit

On Wednesday the Bedian Alumni Lecture Series for the Sixth Form and Upper Fifth continued with a presentation by Kevin Sheehy (1985-1992).

Kevin is a global recruitment specialist, headhunting for technology firms throughout Europe and the United States as well as the Middle East.

There was a very interactive Q&A session and this will be covered in more depth next week by our Sixth Form reporter, Fliss.



### Social Media Update



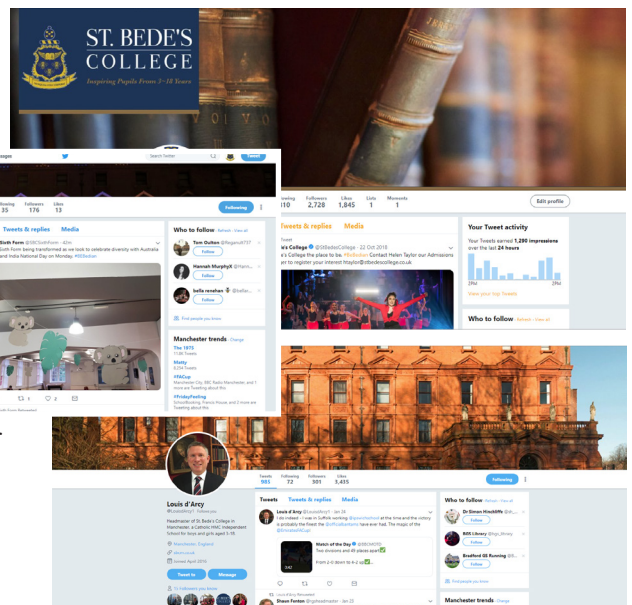
You may not be aware, but the College hosts a number of twitter accounts. These reflect different parts of life in the College and are one of the many ways that you can follow what is happening on a daily basis.

This is also an excellent way to stay in contact with our #BedianAlumni who follow us here too.

We look forward to you following us and of course sending us tweets.

The main College account is @stbedescollege and others include, @SBCSixthForm, @SBCMHistory, @StBede'sPrep and our latest linked account @louisdarcy1.

Type in 'St Bede's' into the search bar to find all the other related College accounts. You can also find us on Facebook and LinkedIn.





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## Holocaust Memorial Day

A display in the Library is helping us remember those who have suffered and are still suffering as a result of genocide. The theme this year is "Torn from Home" and pupils are being asked to write their responses to what they have heard in assemblies about people who have been torn from their homes due to persecution and war on luggage labels. Books which can help us learn more about the Holocaust through eyewitness and fictional accounts are available to borrow.



## Theme and Prayer For The Week

### Theme of the Week

# Respect

Holocaust Memorial Day 27 January

**Challenge:** Jesus stood up for those who were looked down upon. Do you look down upon any individuals or groups of people who are different? Time to make a new start!

Dear Jesus,

We are all part of your creation and you love us all, regardless of our nationality, colour, race or religion. You care especially for the poor and disadvantaged. Open my eyes to those who are in need. Help me to know what I can do to respect others. Amen

With the power of the Spirit in him, Jesus returned to Galilee; his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. Luke 4:14-15

## Team Of The Week - U15 Netball Team



'Team of the week' is a new initiative introduced by Mr d'Arcy to recognise and promote the talented pupils who have represented the College throughout the week and weekends.

The inaugural winners were the U15 netball team who met with Mr d'Arcy in his study. Here they enjoyed juice, biscuits and a chat about their achievements.

This season the team have won nearly all their matches and are currently enjoying a winning streak in the Independent Schools Netball Competition. This week they beat Stonyhurst 64-21 in the third round and now await the quarter final draw.

The girls enjoyed meeting the Headmaster and were very impressed with his interest in the team and their individual accomplishments.



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### Headteacher's Award Winners

This week three amazing pupils from Prep 4 received a Headteacher Award. Rosie, Alicia and Isabelle have shown their enchantingly caring nature with the charity work they have carried out together for Cancer Research since September.

The girls are on their second project after having produced Christmas Bows. This term the girls have designed and created dazzlingly colourful 'Loom Band' which are being sold to raise more money for their chosen charity. Their fundraising efforts have been an inspiration to staff and pupils in the Prep. In addition to their wonderful charity work the girls are fantastic in the classroom with their attitude to learning which is greatly appreciated by their teachers and is a shining example to their peers.



### Prep 3 in Zootopia



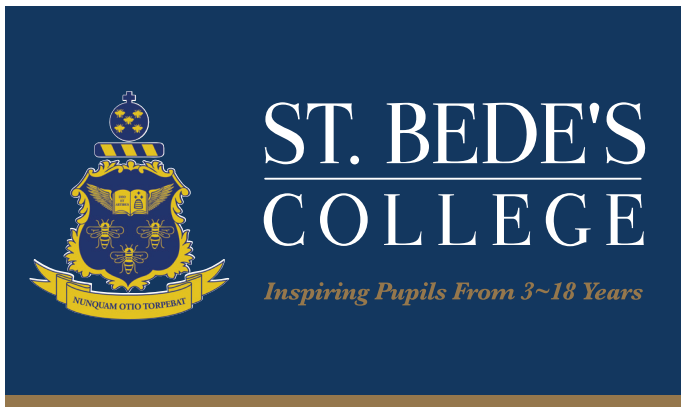
Prep 3 visited Chester Zoo on Wednesday 23 January as part of their topic this term 'The Rainforest'. The temperature was barely above 0 but it did not stop the animals from being visible throughout the day!

On arrival the children were excited to see the monkeys at the first available opportunity and they were on form as would be expected (the monkeys!). There were then plenty of photo opportunities as the class saw bears, zebras, vultures and penguins.

A brief stop for lunch was then followed by a more thorough tour of the zoo in the afternoon. Amongst the children's favourites were snakes, jaguars and the very intimidating lions! The highlight of the day was undoubtedly the bat cave which every member of the class experienced.

They were given a talk by one of the zookeepers in almost total darkness whilst being surrounded by hundreds of flying bats. The day was a superb adventure for all the class who gained a huge amount from the trip!





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### Game Testing for BBC BITESIZE



One of Mrs Harrison's former pupils, Bella Renehan, ex-Bedian and Oxford graduate, returned to the Prep on Friday to work with some of our Year 6 pupils. Bella and two of her colleagues from the BBC at Media City, Matt and Grace, are developing an interactive mathematical game for BBC Bitesize and they wanted our pupils to feedback their thoughts and ideas about the game.

The Prep 6s had to give their opinions on the presentation of the game and they also aired their views on their favourite main menu style. The pupils were also quick to provide ideas for suitable names for the game.

Since it is a maths game that is being developed the pupils were set some maths tasks to help the game developers to determine the complexity of a range of questions to be used at various levels of the game. Once the game prototype is finished, our pupils will be one of the first groups invited to try it out.

It was lovely to reminisce with Bella and she said she loved being back in the Prep. She couldn't believe how much the school has changed and developed since 2007 when she left the Prep to transfer to the College. The pupils really enjoyed working with Bella, Matt and Grace, and they certainly had plenty of creative ideas of their own – we perhaps have several potential game-makers of the future amongst us!!



### Under 9 Rugby Versus The Grange

The Under 9 rugby squad played their first game of the season against The Grange School at Brantingham Road. On a crisp afternoon the boys were incredibly excited and played some superb attacking rugby with Daniel leading the play and scoring four tries. Samuel also scored a wonderful try after great link up play from Patrick and Oscar.

The Grange were a strong outfit and Bede's defence battled constant waves of their physical attack resulting in a number of tries being scored by the visitors.

Although defeated, there were many positives taken from the game and with further defensive practise the boys will form a competitive team with the ability to hurt anyone when on the front foot.



### Olivia Calm Under Pressure

Prep 4 pupil Olivia took part in a Under 9 six team football tournament. Olivia was representing previous Premier League Champions Blackburn Rovers FC.

During the tournament Olivia scored three goals helping her team on their way to the final. As with all finals it was a tense affair with both teams scoring twice. It came down to the dreaded but exciting penalty shoot-out. Olivia stepped up and placed the ball calmly into the back of the net. The shoot-out was won by Blackburn Rovers and Olivia was overjoyed when she got her hands on the trophy.





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### STARS OF WEEK



## Reception Class

### Ivy



### HOUSE POINT WINNERS



### CLASS OF THE WEEK - Nursery



## Notices

Monday 28 January

Prep 2 Assembly 2.50pm in the Chapel

Tuesday 29 January

AJIS Indoor Athletics

Thursday 31 January

We welcome Dr Sheila Kanani from  
the Royal Astronomical Society.

# BEDE'S SIXTH FORM NEWS

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## The Sixth Form View Fliss & Anna

### Spirit Of Salford

Fliss



One of the stars of the Lower Sixth has been making headlines this week, as Lucy Bennett has made it through to the final four of the Spirit of Salford award.

Lucy has worked tirelessly through volunteering for one year and four months in her local youth centre to be recognised for the prestigious award, which has made both staff and students proud.

The purpose of the award is to help shine a light on the rising stars of the community of Salford, and help emphasise what young pillars of the community are doing to help the Salford citizens.

Lucy stated that her favourite thing about working in the Deans Youth Community Centre is 'helping the

younger people and making an impact in the community'. By Lucy choosing to give up her after school free time on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays to help work and make the centre thrive shows Lucy's love of volunteering, as well as her compassion and need to help others.

The award helps to showcase what new, young dynamic people are achieving on an everyday basis in Salford and helps also to inspire more young people to use their talents for the better and make an impact in their local towns and cities.

Whilst also inspiring younger people, Lucy has now shown her fellow Sixth Form students that our skills can be put to good use and can be used to help influence our own various local environments.

On behalf of the Sixth Form I would like to say a huge congratulations to Lucy and wish her all the best when the winner is announced in March. She is a true inspiration to her fellow students!

### New Arrivals

Fliss



This week, the Sixth Form have been delighted to receive a new pool and foosball table. The new arrivals

have been making an impact in the common room as students are keen to enjoy the new equipment.

Arriving on Monday, the new pool and foosball table have been a huge hit with the Sixth Form students as many have tried their hand, which has led to often tense matches!

The tables have allowed the Sixth Form to be filled with even more laughter, as students from all years have attempted to use them. Whilst also encouraging fun and entertainment for the students, the competitive nature of some students has shown! Keen amateur pool player Eilise Leydon stated, 'the new pool and foosball table have been a great addition to the Sixth Form, it has made the common room a lot more exciting at lunch and break times!'

The new additions to the Sixth Form have allowed some students to try and develop new skills which they may have not otherwise tried as another student stated, 'I am really looking forward to trying to learn some new pool skills, it is something I have always wanted to try'.

On behalf of the Sixth Form, I would like to thank the Sixth Form staff who were kind enough to provide the new pool and foosball tables, I am sure they will be making the common room more thrilling for many years to come!

