



ST. BEDE'S COLLEGE

BEDE'S NEWS

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The Headmaster's Review of the Week

Dear Bedian Family,

I hope that you have all had a positive and rewarding week since I last wrote to you, and I am pleased to report that a vast amount of endeavour and progress has taken place here at the College.

Our theme of the week in the College has been St John Bosco - as scripture says "My eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel" (Luke 2:30-32). This week's Gospel is the presentation of the child Jesus and raises with us all the following challenge - we should consider this week the areas of our lives which need the light of Christ. We remember the example of St John Bosco, whose Feast Day is of course today. St John Bosco brought the light of Christ to a great many young people by using his ability to entertain, juggle and balance, which captured his pupils' attention; he would then pray with and teach them. We celebrated the Feast of St John Bosco at the College earlier today with our annual Bosco House Mass in the Chapel, followed by refreshments in the Dining Hall, which was extremely well attended by pupils and colleagues.



It was an honour for me to be able to spend last Saturday afternoon at Wright Robinson College watching and cheering on our Senior Girls in the Regional Finals of the National Netball Championships. The squad of girls played incredibly well, winning four out of five group matches, but sadly failed to make the National Finals in London in March after losing narrowly to Holy Cross College from Bury in their semi-final. I am tremendously proud of their achievements, in particular the Corinthian manner in which they played and the courteous and upstanding way in which they conducted themselves at all times. I am also incredibly grateful to their coaching team and to my other colleagues who supported them on the side lines. We had by far the largest contingent of supporting staff of any school there as far as I could make out, which was fantastic and something I am very proud of.

The College has been alive this week with a great number of key events, in particular the Upper Fifth interviews on Wednesday and our Lower Sixth Parents' Evening last night. Both occasions had a warm and positive feel about them and it was tremendous for me to receive so much positive feedback from our appreciative families regarding the bespoke academic and pastoral support provided at the College for their children. We are now full steam ahead offering essential feedback to our students on their mock performances, putting actions plans together with them to assist with their studies over the coming months and are utterly committed to preparing them for their public examinations this summer. We are also in the process of discussing with them their likely subject choices (A Levels, BTECs or a combination of both) for their Sixth Form study here at the College in September.

It was an absolute pleasure for my wife and I to attend the latest comedy showcase event here at the College, compered by one of our proud Bedian parents Justin Moorhouse, last Friday night in the Academic Hall, and wonderful to see such a great number of colleagues and parents in the crowd. I am delighted to report that almost £3000 was raised on the evening for the St Bede's College Parents' Association, which will be used for worthy College causes in due course. I am delighted and relieved in equal measure that I was not singled out for any special treatment from any of our performers!

I would like to wish you every strength and blessing for the coming week and I hope that you all have a relaxing and restorative weekend.

May God bless you all and we continue to keep everyone in our thoughts and prayers here at St Bede's.

Mr L d'Arcy
Headmaster
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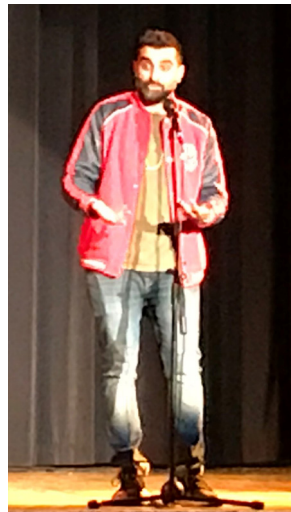
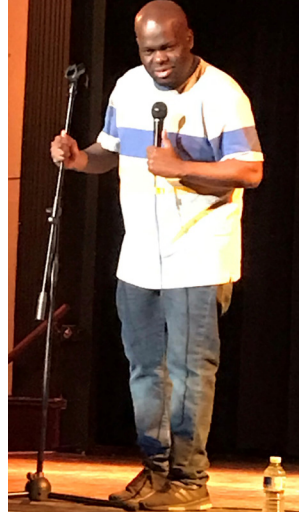
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THE PLACE TO BE



Lots of Laughs

The Academic Hall was again the venue for the second of the SBPA's Comedy Evenings hosted by Justin Moorhouse and this time featuring the talents of Britain's Got Talent finalist Daliso Chavonda, comedian Sian Davies and from Channel 4's "the Tez O'clock Show, Tez Ilyas.

It was a night of fabulous comedy enjoyed by all present and the SBPA wish to express their sincere thanks to Justin Moorhouse for taking the time out of his busy schedule to host two absolutely fabulous evenings of comedy at the College. As well as it being a tremendous evening we raised £2,851.93 for the St Bede's College Parents' Association which will be used for the benefit of the College and Prep School pupils.



U13 Cup Runneth Over

It has been a hectic time for the U13s as they competed in the last 32 of the ESFA cup away at St Matthew's and in the quarterfinal of the Manchester cup at home to Our Lady's. The boys acquitted themselves superbly in both games and managed to progress in both competitions.

In the ESFA cup, they recorded a 2-0 win in a game in which they dominated from the early stages and took the lead following a superbly whipped corner to the back post which allowed Louie to volley home. St Matthew's grew into the game but struggled to break down the St Bede's backline with Tyreek, William, Louie and Cameron putting in excellent performances and Kwame sweeping up everything in midfield. St Bede's continued to create the best chances in the second half and eventually doubled their tally when Benat spun two defenders on the edge of the box and slotted into the bottom corner. The boys now progress to the last 16 of the competition in which 691 schools began.

Against Our Lady's, the boys started incredibly quickly and took the lead with two minutes on the clock when Benat converted a Harry O cross with a volley at the back post. Other chances came and went but St Bede's would be made to rue their misses as a mix up at the back allowed Our Lady's to level with ten minutes to go before half time. St Bede's struggled for a period, after conceding, until a superb through ball allowed Benat to beat two defenders and square to Harry O for a simple finish on the stroke of half time.

St Bede's controlled the game from then on and they extended their lead through Kwame, with a neat finish into the bottom corner following a one two with Benat. Harry O managed to double his tally with a wonderful solo effort and the game ended 4-1.

The boys will now face MCA at home in the semi-finals of the Manchester cup and travel to West Derby School, Liverpool for the last 16 tie in the ESFA.

Mr Mitchell



The World of Work

Lower Fifth pupils had the opportunity to hear about two careers this week as we welcomed Andy Gray and Emma McCarthy to talk about their jobs. Andy from Proseal UK talked about engineering opportunities and apprenticeships and Emma talked us through a typical day in the life of a forensic scientist. Both speakers will be at our Careers Convention in March and will be happy to answer questions from pupils and parents.

Mrs Poolton



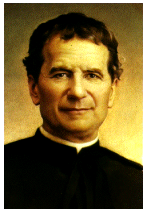
Theme of the Week

St John Bosco

"My eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel." (Luke 2:30-32)

Challenge:

This week's gospel is the presentation of the child Jesus. We think this week about areas of our life that need the light of Christ. We remember this week the example of St John Bosco, Feast Day 31 January. St John Bosco brought the light of Christ to many young people by using his ability to entertain, juggle and balance which captured his pupil's attention and then he would pray with them and teach them.



Prayer:

Dear God, as we remember your presentation in the temple and the words spoken by Simeon may we too reach our full potential using our individual talents.
Amen

Cheadle Hulme Football

Nine teams took to the field to take on Cheadle Hulme on a frosty morning that left a thin white glaze over the pitches. Standout performances came from the U13a and U14a teams with the latter securing a 2-2 draw away with goals from James in the first half and a last gasp equaliser from Temi in the second to secure a point.

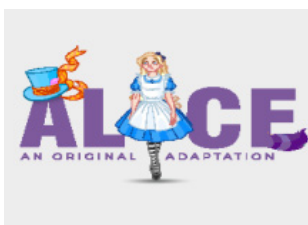
At home it was the Benat show on the U13s pitch as the boys ran out 6-4 winners with the afore mentioned recording all six goals. The U13b match was also a great game with Cheadle eventually running out 3-2 winners. Gabriel put in a stellar performance and was man of the match and Joy got his first goal of the season.

The U15bs started brightly and went 2-0 up early on as Mason burst down the wing and finished well before Bennett doubled the lead by slotting home from a very tight angle. Cheadle mounted a late comeback and evened things up just before half time.

As the second half began, Cheadle took the lead for the first time with a quick fire goal but Bede's dug deep and managed to claw the game back to 3-3 with Bennett doubling his tally. Unfortunately, Cheadle would be the ones to make a last gasp push for victory and they secured a 5-3 win in the closing stages. Elsewhere strong Cheadle sides secured victories at U12a, U12b, U14b and U15a level.

Alice Production

The Upper Third Drama Club's exciting production of Alice (in Wonderland) directed by our highly-accomplished LAMDA tutor and professional actor, Mr D Langford takes place in the Academic Hall on Wednesday 5 February from 6.30pm. All very Welcome.



CAREERS CONVENTION



St Bede's College
Monday 23 March 2020
6.00pm – 8.00pm

Pupils and parents are invited to meet advisers from a range of careers

Come along to talk to experts and explore career ideas

Find the right career for YOU!

For more information contact Mrs Poolton in the Library
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CFA Students of the Week

CFA Students of the Week – Oliver – Outstanding French, Roman – Excellent research in Religion, Jacob – Superb performance in Drama, Issac – Great work in Maths and Daniel – Top marks in Physics test. Well done boys.



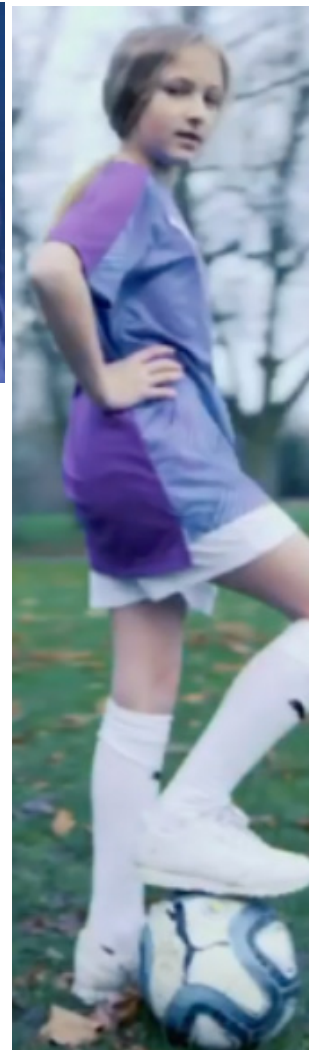
#Samegoals

We are very keen to promote all sports at St Bede's and it is wonderful to see so many of our pupils taking to the fields every weekend at Brantingham Road and beyond.

Jess in the Upper Third has taken this one step further and starred in an advertising campaign promoting girls football. We hope she achieves her goal in the near future.

Watch it here:

<https://www.instagram.com/p/B70iA95ptSa/?igshid=cf0cpyndsux9>



Parking - Wellington Road and Surrounding Areas

May we respectfully ask all parents to observe the road markings on Wellington Road and in particular the yellow zig zag lines at all times. It is very important that these areas remain traffic free to allow a safe area for our pupils to cross the road and be able to see oncoming traffic. Your cooperation in this matter is very much appreciated.

We kindly ask you to respect the local residents and please do not park across their driveway access so that they are not blocked in and unable to enter or leave their properties.

We understand there can be a lot of congestion at these peak times but your consideration for our neighbours and our pupils safety would be very much appreciated.

Thank you.



Holocaust Memorial Project

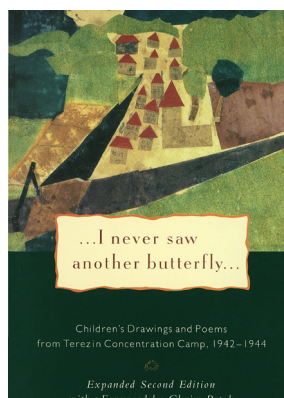
The Under 14 Academy boys have been involved in a Holocaust memorial project in conjunction with the Premier League - Holocaust Education Programme.

Mr Lee and Ms Whitney have produced informative materials to put the project into a context that the boys could understand. We chose the theme of butterfly in order to remember the 15,000 children who died in the Terzin concentration camp. Many thanks to Mrs Park in the art department for creating the template for the butterfly and to Mr John Joyce-O'Keefe who filmed and edited the completion of the butterfly.

A book, '...I never saw another butterfly', was the inspiration for the project. This book contains children's drawings and poems all completed under horrific conditions in Terzin. The footage puts this into context for this generation of children to honor a lost generation. The boys represented the College and the Club at the Holocaust Memorial Day Service organised by Trafford Council on Wednesday 29 January. The boys were great ambassadors for the College and the Club at the event.

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Mrs Davie





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Primary Maths Challenge

St Bede's Prep 5 and 6 pupils once again sat the Primary Mathematics Challenge paper in November, along with over 65,000 pupils from other schools in the British Isles and beyond - from countries as far afield as Russia, the USA, China and even the Cayman Islands!

Challenge your minds with examples of some of the questions:

Eg 1. In a window of a garden shed there are some spiders (with eight legs) and some ants (with six legs). If there are 64 legs altogether, what is the largest number of ants there can be in this window?

Eg 2. If I count down from 2019 by first taking away 20 and then 19 and then 20 and then 19 and so on, what is the last positive number I will reach?

Eight Prep pupils performed so well that they have been invited to participate in the Bonus Round in February: Bruce, Donell, Gabi, Jack M, Luke, Matvey, Sam and Tara. We wish them all the very best of luck in the final. Congratulations also to Patrick Vyce who narrowly missed out on the final but was the top performing Prep 5 pupil.



Football v King's Chester

On Friday 24 January St Bede's Prep visited King's Chester where two teams of girl and boy footballers showcased their talents. It was the first opportunity for some of the girls to play in a competitive match since developing their skills in lunch time clubs since September. The teams were a mixture of Prep 5 and 6 children with the exception of Abi from Prep 4. It proved to be a very tough afternoon for the girls as their opponents had already played in several competitive matches this academic year. The scores however both resulted in a 4-0 loss for our teams and they certainly put up a valiant effort.



The boys A team managed to gain a 2-2 draw and the B team narrowly lost. The squads were able to develop their positional sense throughout the afternoon and their defensive skills were certainly tested. It was a brilliant afternoon for all involved and they thoroughly enjoyed it.

STARS OF WEEK



HOUSE POINT WINNERS



Happy
Birthday!

Prep 1 - Ivy

Prep 3 - Cruz

Prep 6 - Joe

Visit of Rev. Mark Paver

As part of our Building the Kingdom studies, Prep 6 have been considering vocations and the Sacrament of Ordination. We were delighted when Rev Mark Paver, a recently ordained priest, agreed to come and talk to Prep 6 about his training and role as a parish priest.

Father Mark currently is one of the resident priests at St Luke's RC Church in Irlam o' th' Heights. He talked to the children about his training and journey to his ordination two and a half years ago.

The children were fascinated and had plenty of super questions to ask Father Mark, including:

- How long did the ordination ceremony take?
- What if you are ordained then realise you've made a mistake and no longer want to be a priest?
- How do you get promoted to Bishop?
- How did you know you wanted to be a priest?
- What is the best part of your job?



Many thanks to Father Mark for taking time out of his busy schedule to visit us in the Prep: he did a fantastic job in answering their questions and presenting the role of the priest in an interesting and relatable manner.

AJIS Athletics

On Tuesday athletes from Prep 6 and Prep 5 represented St Bede's at the AJIS indoor athletics competition. All the competitors performed well and to the best of their ability.

Some of our young athletes were rewarded for their efforts with medals: Sebastian achieved a Gold Medal for winning on the balance beam. Victoria, Edson & Oliver proved every event has a silver lining by gaining second place and a silver medal in the javelin and relay respectively. Carey and Donnell came third receiving a bronze medal in the one lap sprint around the track and middle distance runner Joshua also won a bronze medal third place in a three lap race. Carey, also jumped her way to another bronze in the triple jump.

All the boys and girls competed superbly over the course of the day in a highly competitive and well attended indoor athletics event.



Prep 2 - Chinese New Year Assembly

On Tuesday 28 January Prep 2 performed their class assembly about the Chinese New Year.

The children were very excited to tell the story of how each new year was given an animal name. They retold the story of how all the animals raced across the river to win the honour of having a year named after them.

The children made their own beautiful animal masks and Chinese lanterns to show parents. Their performance was excellent and they learned their lines brilliantly. Well done Prep 2.



Year of the Rat

This week Nursery children have been enjoying learning about Chinese New Year and Year of the Rat. They were very excited when they were visited by Mr and Mrs Chen who came to talk to the children about how Chinese people prepare for the New Year. The children were curious to see and learn about different ways of life.

Mr Chen is a very talented artist and kindly demonstrated his style and skills to the children. They children listened and watched carefully at how Mr Chen painted and wrote Chinese words. In the afternoon the children took part in many activities based on Chinese New Year which included painting their own rat.



BEDE'S SIXTH FORM NEWS

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The Sixth Form View

Welcome

This Tuesday I entered my office at break time in a tremendous hurry, thinking about all those important items on my 'To Do' list. Imagine my surprise to find the office festooned with balloons and a banner, with a card and a cake left on my desk. Apparently someone had discovered it was my birthday!

This unexpected surprise naturally gave me pause. Our students are so kind and thoughtful and live for others. I had been in post for barely a fortnight and, already they have shown me such a warm and gracious welcome. I know it will be an absolute pleasure to continue to support them for the next few months.

Yesterday, I gave an assembly to Sixth Form and Upper Fifth to mark the week of Holocaust Memorial Day. I encouraged our students to realise that we need, as individuals, to face our own potential for being the cause of such pointless suffering. Not only must we remember what happened but we must also understand the role ordinary people played in causing the Holocaust.

Next week, Upper Sixth Parents will be meeting with their child's tutor to discuss their recent Mock Examinations and revision strategies moving forward towards the Summer. Our Upper Sixth know that the time to begin revising in earnest is most certainly upon them and I urge all our Sixth Formers, from both year groups, to take advantage of the numerous sources of additional support available to them from our dedicated staff.

A week ago we held a celebration in honour of Australia Day and raised a significant sum from our generous students towards the relief of the terrible Bush fires. An Australian themed quiz was held and the Common Room was fabulously decorated by our executive.

I would like to take this opportunity thank all the students, Mrs Lockett and the magnificent Julie (who makes me a cup of tea every morning!) for making me feel so welcome.

Mr Power

