



# ST. BEDE'S COLLEGE

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# BEDE'S NEWS

## 7 Dec 2018

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### Reflections on the Week

*Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Fair last week. I really enjoyed catching up with everyone and it was wonderful to see the fair so well attended by Bedians young and old. This was the most successful fair of recent times and thank you to the Bedian Association and all volunteers who worked so hard at this.*

*In spite of it being such a long and tiring term, the pupils are still full of energy and eagerly anticipating their Christmas holidays. May I remind you that the College closes at 12pm on Friday 14 December although the Upper Sixth will of course remain for their traditional Christmas lunch with the staff.*

*We bid a fond farewell to Mr Dean Grierson who takes up the headship at Hulme Hall Grammar, Stockport in January when we of course will be looking forward to welcoming Mr Louis d'Arcy, our new Headmaster.*

*I wish you all a very Happy and Holy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.*

Mrs S Pike



### Retreating to Castlerigg

As part of their enrichment programme the Upper Third once again visited Castlerigg Manor above Keswick for a three day retreat. Staff and pupils joined enthusiastically in activities ranging from the most reflective prayers to the most energetic space hopper races.

It was wonderful to see such a positive and generous spirited group of young people getting to know one another and being mutually supportive. The pastoral team of Mrs Vyce, Mr Mitchell and Mrs Welch, along with a number of other staff, really got to know the pupils and found them to be the most splendid company.

The weather did its best to dampen our collective spirits but to no avail. We look forward to our return next year.

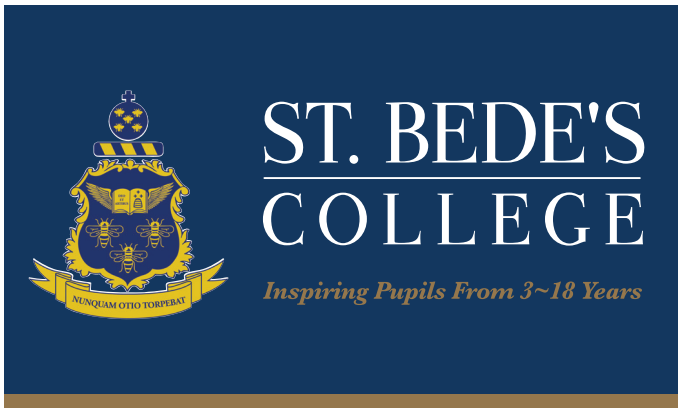


### Captivated By Professor Cox

On Wednesday, student's in the Lower Sixth attended the Dorothy Wedgwood (OBE) Christmas Lecture for young people. The annual event aims to inspire students to pursue higher education and eventually a career in Science. This year, we were delighted that the chosen speaker was Professor Brian Cox OBE FRS, giving a lecture titled 'Exploring the Universe: From the beginning to the end of Time'.

We were treated to a spectacular array of satellite photograph's and computer modelled simulations of the story of our galaxy and those beyond in the University of Manchester's state of the art lecture theatre. Professor Cox proved to be as engaging as he is on our television screens, capturing the audience with his infectious enthusiasm for Physics exploring Einstein's Theory of Relativity and the cosmic web of space and time. It was a fantastic opportunity for student's to get outside the classroom and have a taste of a real University lecture - with a celebrity selfie opportunity at the end!





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### Dance The Night Away - World Dance Championships

Congratulations to Upper Sixth pupil Brontë, who has been chosen as one of only three solo dancers to represent England in the World Cup Dance competition in Portugal in June next year. This is an outstanding achievement.

Over 20,000 competitors from 54 countries will be participating in the competition which is the largest dance competition in the world for all genres of dance for children and young adults. We wish her well!



### Jingle Tills

The Bedian Association would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents, staff, volunteers and pupils for all the time and effort put into helping and supporting our Christmas Fair. The Fair was extremely well attended and the atmosphere was hugely positive and enjoyable. There was a great deal of hustle and bustle around the Academic Hall and it was fantastic to see the children, parents and staff work together in support of the College and the Bedian Association.

By supporting this amazing event you have helped to raise important funds for both the Prep and Senior College and at the last count the amount raised last Saturday was just under £9000. All the money raised this year will go towards enhancing the playground facilities for all our pupils.

The Bedian Association cannot thank you enough for your support and generosity and we look forward to seeing you at our next event - The Bedian Association Quiz Night for the whole family on Friday 1 February 2019.



### Your Future Starts Here

Lower Fourth pupils were given an insight into three fascinating careers when they were joined in their PSME lesson by town planner Siobhan Watson, solicitor Jodi Tuson from Ward Hadaway Law Firm and acoustic consultants Suzy Everett and Helen Sheldon from RBA Acoustics.

Each of the speakers asked pupils to guess their profession from an object and then went on to explain what is involved in their job, why they chose their profession and what they enjoy most about it. Suzy and Helen explained how they measured sound in new buildings, Siobhan asked us to think about the planning decisions which mean most of us don't live near factories or nightclubs and Jodi told us about the variety of people she meets as she practises family law.



Suzy, Siobhan and Jodi are pictured here with members of L4 EAR. We are really grateful to all our speakers for giving up their time to inform and inspire our pupils as they start to think about their future.



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### Reel Delight

Congratulations to Padraig and Eva who participated in the North West of England Irish Dance qualifiers last weekend and have both qualified for the World Championships in North Carolina, USA next year.

Both pupils are in the Lower School. Padraig achieved first place in his section of the competition whilst Eva also qualified and is one of only six girls in her age group to have made it to USA.

We wish them both well and look forward to hearing more about their trip to Greensboro in April of next year.



### Mind The Language Gap

Last Friday, six of our Upper Senior linguists, Freya, Amelie, Emily, Peter, Theo and Amaury visited Sheffield University to participate in a Business Enterprise competition, which involved them speaking in French. It was a very successful day. Amelie, Emily and Peter won second place with their project, Freya, Amaury and Theo won a business-related quiz and Amaury won an individual prize for leadership and speaking. The students were commended for their behaviour and their confidence using the language by the competition judges. Emily enjoyed it so much that she sent in her article below:

Mr Gerardo

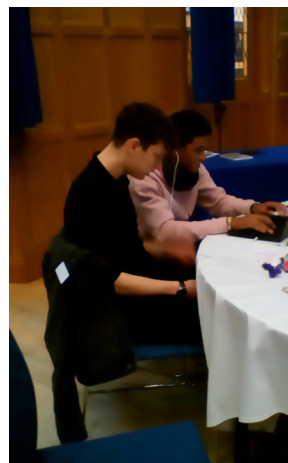
Chemin de Fer à Sheffield

On Friday 30 November one of the Upper Fifth French classes went on a trip to Sheffield University. The event was called "mind the language gap" and the day was all about trains.

Throughout the day we had to prepare a presentation which we would present later to the judges and we had to make a leaflet on our new idea as to how to make trains better and more efficient. We were asked some questions about our invention and we had to do all this in French.

Finally we had to make a model of our train. Our group used a bottle as the main bit of the train and decorated it with bits and pieces which we had to buy and ask for all in French. It was an amazing experience and will help us a lot with GCSE French because it will make us more confident and fluent with the language. C'était très intéressant.

Emily





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### Advent Reading Rewards



Our Book Advent Calendar is once again up and running in the Maher Library. Pupils unwrap a Christmassy book to borrow each day and pick up a treat.

Ned from Lower Fourth was first to take part and took home a book of Christmas jokes. We have a great selection of seasonal books for pupils to borrow

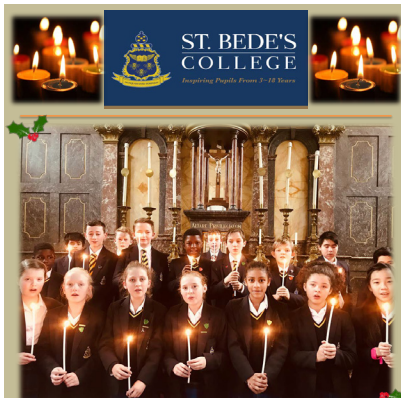
including murder mysteries, books of recipes and crafts and Christmas classics.

### Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow

In the midst of the Christmas Fair, one nervous Lower Fourth pupil was waiting to make her very own special Christmas gift. Erin had decided to raise money for Cancer Research UK by being sponsored to have her very long hair cut at the fair. The giving did not stop there as she was then donating her locks to the Little Princess Charity which makes wigs for children who have undergone chemotherapy.



Erin's generous actions raised over £2000 for the charity which was an absolutely fantastic achievement and she looks lovely with her new hairstyle. Well done!



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**Carols By Candlelight**

Academic Hall  
Thursday 13 December 7pm  
All Parents and Pupils welcome



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**Christmas JUMPER DAY**

Wednesday  
12 December  
2018



### Bosco House - Elf Day

Bosco House team of Mrs Corbett and Mr Davies organised Elf day to raise money for Alzheimer's Association UK. Well done to all who took part and we will have more details in the New Year.



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### The X-mas Factor.

The Advent season was introduced in the Chapel on Monday morning by Prep 3. They performed an assembly with the unique theme of 'The Xmas Factor'.



Through their singing and acting they were able to show the true meaning of Advent in the build up to Christmas. There were some fantastic solo performances by Mateo, Sophie and Imogen and Lucy was able to showcase her talents on the piano.

Prep 3 made it clear that it is important to use Advent as a time for reflection rather than concerns with the materialistic aspects of Christmas. The story of the Nativity was also mentioned as some of the children shared their writing which they had completed in class. This helped us to remember the magical journey that Mary and Joseph made over 2000 years ago.



For more images follow this link: [www.sbcm.co.uk/gallery/prep-3-x-mas-factor/](http://www.sbcm.co.uk/gallery/prep-3-x-mas-factor/)

For the video of the assembly follow this link: [www.sbcm.co.uk/sbctvs/prep-3-presents-x-mas-factor/](http://www.sbcm.co.uk/sbctvs/prep-3-presents-x-mas-factor/)

### Lights...Camel...Action!

Pupils in Key Stage 1 were delighted to present this year's production of Lights, Camel, Action. A glitter ball and disco lights set the scene for our sparkly show. The performance was jam packed with a cast of nativity celebrities which celebrated Jesus's birth with a dazzling dance extravaganza.



With all the marvellous, show stopping singing and dancing, audiences could be forgiven for thinking they were watching a professional show but this was Strictly...the Nativity, St Bede's style.

The cast had worked tirelessly to learn and deliver expressive performances off by heart. Their acting was utterly fantastic and it is hard to believe that

the children involved are aged from 5 to 7 years old. The whole performance was brought to it's grand finale with the children's version of a song from The Greatest Show. Well done to the phenomenal pupils of KS1. We could not be prouder of our talented children!

For more images of this wonderful production follow this link: [www.sbcm.co.uk/gallery/lights-camel-action/](http://www.sbcm.co.uk/gallery/lights-camel-action/)

To watch the film of the Christmas Concert follow this link: [www.sbcm.co.uk/sbctvs/lights-camel-action/](http://www.sbcm.co.uk/sbctvs/lights-camel-action/)





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**Nursery - William**

**Reception - Walton & Annaliese**

**Prep 1 - Holly, Dean, Anna-Leigh & Michael**

**Prep 2 - Kayden**

**Prep 4 - Nahum & Oscar**

**Prep 5 - Eden, Matthew, Jack, Samuel & Joyce**

**Prep 6 - Harry & Miren**



## STARS OF WEEK

## HOUSE POINT WINNERS

**HEADTEACHER  
AWARD  
Orin**



## CLASS OF THE WEEK - Prep 4W



### Notices

Tuesday 11 December  
KS2 Cinema Trip 9.00am  
EYFS Christmas Concert 2.15pm Academic Hall  
Choir Manchester Cathedral 7.15pm  
Wednesday 12 December  
Christmas Jumper Day £1  
Christmas Lunch  
Nursery, Reception, Prep 1 & Prep 2 Theatre Trip 12.30pm  
Thursday 13 December  
Carols by Candlelight 2.45pm Chapel  
Friday 14 December  
School finishes for Christmas 12 noon  
Please note there is no late class.