



# BEDE'S NEWS

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## The Headmaster's Review of the Week

Dear Bedian family,

This week's theme in the College has been following Jesus. It is important that we remember that God accepts us just as we are. In fact it is by following Jesus that, just like Peter, we can become all that God wants us to be. If we believe this and act accordingly then we can lead a contented life, both inside and outside of the College.

Once again I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting more of our talented pupils in my study this week. The Under 12 Athletics Squad were Team of the Week and I then met with our CFA Students of the Week from the Academy. It was wonderful to hear them talk openly about their life in the College and all that they enjoy.

Our 11+ interviews have continued as we look forward to the next academic year and a new cohort of engaging and diverse Upper Third pupils.

I continue to enjoy immersing myself in the 'St. Bede's College experience' and what better way to do this than the fabulous spectacle of 'Strictly Bede's'. As you probably know, it was my first time witnessing this event and the amount of effort that the pupils have put in to get the teachers to such a high standard was truly inspiring to watch. I am eagerly anticipating the final next Wednesday.

As I draw my review of this week to a close, my thoughts turn to the final week of this half term. Another busy and exciting week lies ahead and I am particularly looking forward to meeting our Sixth Form parents as they join us on Wednesday for the Sixth Form Interviews.

I would like to wish you well for the forthcoming week and we continue to keep you all in our thoughts and prayers here at the College.

Mr d'Arcy

Headmaster



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### Internet Safety Day

Avid bloggers, vloggers and facebook aficionados met on Tuesday to battle it out in the annual Safer Internet Day House Quiz in the Maher Library.

The teams used their technical nous and common sense in equal measure as they rode the crest of surfing the web safely. Negotiating tricky problems with gaming, posting, liking and friending, the teams ably negotiated such questions as:

'You update one of your profile pictures online and nobody liked it after two hours. What do you do?'

'You are online gaming and somebody wants to add you as a friend. What do you do?' and;

'Your best friend asks you to share your password. What do you do?'

The Bede's House teams showed their internet savvy with a three way tie between Siena, Magdalene and Campion, with Bosco narrowly behind by only one point. The outcome really did show that Bedians really can surf safely and have fun online. Congratulations to all who took part!

Magdalene: Arran C, Aaron A, Niav, Emily L, Mali and Hamdaan  
 Siena: James C, Yuri and George VR  
 Campion: Sarah N, Grace L and Adam DH  
 Bosco: Jacob MG, Chantelle M, Evie C and Maite B

Mr G Yates



**Safer Internet Day 2019** | Tuesday 5 February  
 Together for a better internet  
[www.saferinternetday.org](http://www.saferinternetday.org)



### Academy Students Of The Week

On Wednesday, the CFA students of the week met with Mr d'Arcy in his study to celebrate and discuss their academic success.

Pictured with Mr d'Arcy are Tai, Osazee, Fedel and Daniel.





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### Challenging Maths For All

Over one hundred College pupils sat the Intermediate Maths Challenge this Thursday. The IMC is a national challenge set by Leeds University and is designed to test students in the Upper Fourth, Lower Fifth and Upper Fifth and compare them with their peers across the country.

Lower Fourth pupils who are part of the Mathematics gifted and talented program are also enter a year early. Last year, several students from the Lower Fourth successfully earned certificates with Haoran qualifying for the follow-on rounds which was a tremendous achievement.



Haoran now an Upper Fourth pupil returned this year hoping to emulate the successes of recent Bedian Mathematicians including Nat, Terry and Lucy who excelled in the Senior Maths Challenge earlier in the Academic year.

Mr Wright

## IF YOU WERE AN ENGINEER WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Secondary Engineer  
**LEADERS AWARD**

**THINK OF A PROBLEM & DESIGN A SOLUTION TO IT**



**NEED INSPIRATION?**

Watch out for events with Real Life Engineers in school and video links

**NEED HELP? - LUNCHTIME DROP INS**

H15 Tuesday Lunchtimes

Technology Wednesday Lunchtimes

Submit an annotated picture of your design and a short write up explaining what inspired you and how it works

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

### Theme of the Week

## Following Jesus

'Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.' (Luke 5:11)

#### Challenge:

Follow Jesus! God doesn't make rubbish!  
Never feel you're not good enough; God accepts you and loves you just as you are.  
In fact, it's by following Jesus that, like Peter, you can become all that God wants you to be.



#### Prayer

Thank you Jesus, for accepting me just as I am. Thank you for being by my side throughout each day. Help me to see with your eyes, judge all this in your light and act with love in my heart.  
Amen



### Team Of The Week - U12 Athletic Team

The Under 12 Athletics squad were selected by the PE Department as the Team of the Week. The squad finished third in the finals of The Greater Manchester Indoor Athletics competition last week.

They joined Mr d'Arcy in his study on Monday morning to celebrate their success and a number of pupils came sporting their medals. Well done all.



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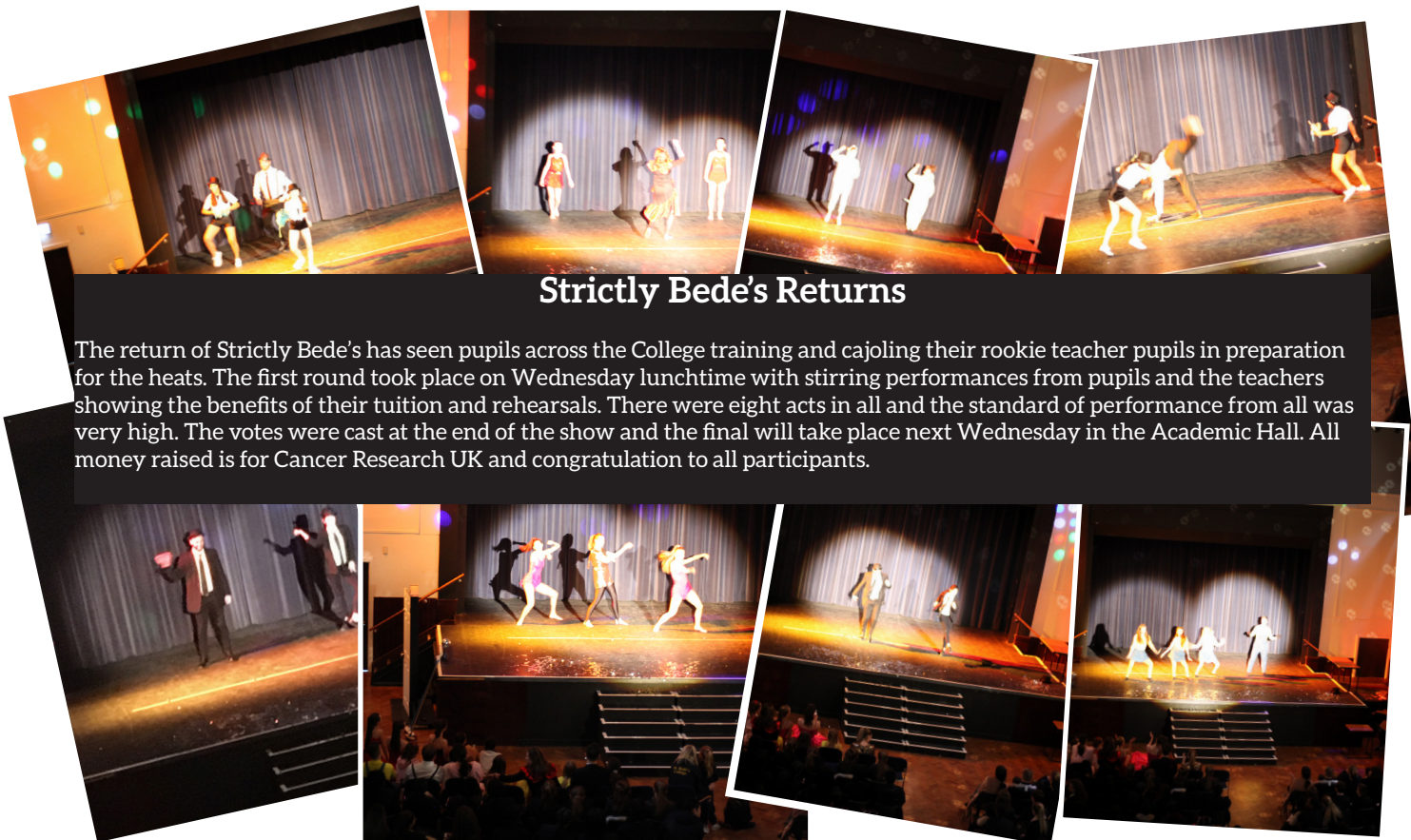
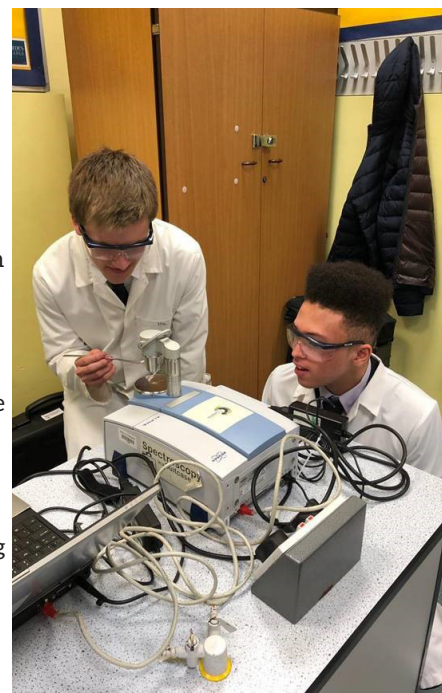
### Spectroscopy In A Suitcase

On Wednesday, the Chemistry department was delighted to welcome representatives from the Royal Society of Chemistry for the annual 'Spectroscopy in a Suitcase' workshop for our Sixth Form students.

The sessions are designed to give pupils the opportunity to learn about spectroscopy first hand, using state of the art equipment to support their studies. Lower Sixth pupils synthesised and analysed Paracetamol using Infrared Spectroscopy in the morning session, whilst the Upper Sixth spent the afternoon problem-solving using complex proton NMR spectra.



The challenging and engaging tasks were supported by undergraduate and post-graduate students from the University of Manchester, which also allowed pupils to find out more about University life. Great thanks go to Katayune Presland, the RSC Education Coordinator for providing such a valuable and enjoyable session – we look forward to seeing you again next year.



### Strictly Bede's Returns

The return of Strictly Bede's has seen pupils across the College training and cajoling their rookie teacher pupils in preparation for the heats. The first round took place on Wednesday lunchtime with stirring performances from pupils and the teachers showing the benefits of their tuition and rehearsals. There were eight acts in all and the standard of performance from all was very high. The votes were cast at the end of the show and the final will take place next Wednesday in the Academic Hall. All money raised is for Cancer Research UK and congratulation to all participants.



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### Chinese New Year - Year of the Pig

Today the children in Nursery were visited by Mr and Mrs Chen. Mr Chen is an artist and paints traditional Chinese paintings and writing.

He painted Chinese door signs that bring good luck for Chinese New Year and demonstrated how to paint Chinese plum blossom trees which the children also painted using inks and traditional paintbrushes.

Nursery class were given a special painting for the Year of the Pig. The children were also given a special Chinese lantern as a souvenir.



### Wham! Bam! Prep 5 Poetry Slam!

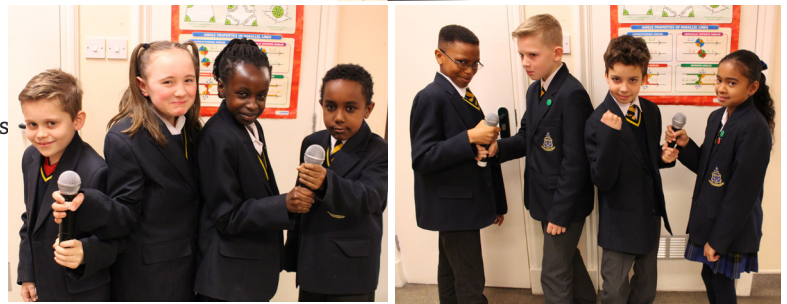
Prep 5J and Prep 5H have come face-to-face in the annual Prep 5 Slam Poetry Competition. The fierce rivalry was re-kindled between the lady with nerves of steel... Mrs Horsefield and the guy who takes no grief... Mr Joyce-O'Keeffe.

The children had worked really hard to get their ideas on a page. The themes covered by our talented Prep 5 children ranged from the light-hearted 'I wanna be a STAR!' and 'What will I be when I grow up' to the social commentary of 'Solution to Pollution' and 'Fix the Politics'. Sixth Form student Jess was the judge. The competitors progressed through the knock-out stages and on to the semi-final. This finished with a final between Alex and Marcus.

The final was a tense affair with Alex's environmental verse 'Help Sealife' versus Marcus' 'Politics'.

The victor who won by only three votes was Alex! Who is now the Prep 5 Poetry Champion of the Year!

Congratulations Alex and everyone who took part.



### HEADTEACHER AWARD

Lucy



### Bosco Disco Fever

All the Prep children in Bosco house enjoyed a disco danceathon in the Academic Hall to raise money for their house charity The British Heart Foundation.

They enjoyed eating Red Velvet cakes and having a boogey.

They have raised over eighty pounds so far which will be greatly appreciated.





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**Prep 4: Victoria**

**Prep 5: Joseph & Max**

**Prep 6: Pearl & Rex**

## STARS OF WEEK



## HOUSE POINT WINNERS



## CLASS OF THE WEEK - Reception



### Notices

Tuesday 12 February  
Musical Evening 6.30pm

Wednesday 13 February  
Guest from the Manchester Jewish  
Museum to visit Prep Four

Thursday 14 February  
Nursery Assembly 2.50pm

Friday 15 February  
School closes 3.40pm on Friday

Term Starts Monday 25 February

# BEDE'S SIXTH FORM NEWS

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## The Sixth Form View Fliss & Anna

### Alumni Lectures

Fliss



The Sixth Form were delighted to welcome Kevin Sheehy to the Sixth Form as the latest speaker in the Bedian Alumni Lecture Series. Kevin is an expert in the field of recruitment.

The lecture included extensive details about various fields of business and the recruitment processes, which students will have to engage with to achieve their future career prospects in the world of business.

Whilst also sharing advice, the head-hunter also described what life is like for him on a daily basis, from being in Europe one day, to travelling up and down the country throughout the week.

Although the Bedian did not shy away from stating the pros of his chosen career such as the earnings potentials,

he did mention the negative sides to the job, stating that the long hours can be 'challenging' at times and that students who are interested in a career in sales have to go into the field with complete awareness of what exactly the job entails. More generally, the head-hunter highlighted the key skill set which is required to enter any sales based job. These include confidence, the ability to problem solve and a determination to make the deal.

This gave students an insight together with a greater appreciation of what is really expected in a high-pressured job, and what skills are needed to succeed in such a competitive industry. One student, who potentially wants to be a head-hunter, stated 'I found the talk really insightful, its given me a new perspective on how I will try and make myself stand out in an industry that's really competitive'. Another student stated 'It's made me really think about how I'm going to develop my skills that are required in a business orientated career.'

On behalf of the Sixth Form and members of the Upper Fifth who also attended, I would like to thank Kevin Sheehy for taking the time to come in and talk to the students about the world of business; it was both insightful and entertaining!

### Strictly Bede's Anna



On Wednesday lunchtime, eight brave teachers together with students who had choreographed the dance

routines took to the stage to perform their brilliant dances.

The dances were themed around films, including; The Pirates of the Caribbean and Minions. Dances ranged from modern to traditional and Irish to Spanish.

The role reversal of teachers and students was great to see, and everyone looked like they were really enjoying themselves. One Sixth Former in the competition said, "I found it really exciting and I thought it was such a good idea as it showed a funnier side to the teachers". At the end everyone had the opportunity to vote for their personal favourite and who they wanted to perform in the final.

Congratulations to Mrs Boylan, Mr Hughes, Mrs Sullivan and Mr Sanders who are all through to the finals!

Everyone from the Sixth Form is looking forward to the final next week which will feature our very own Eilise and Bronte. Good luck to everyone involved!

