



BEDE'S NEWS

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The Headmaster's Review of the Week

Dear Bedian family,

As we begin the season of Lent, it is often the right time to reflect upon who we are as Catholics and as human beings, with the firm intention of improving ourselves in different ways. Lent can be an opportunity for us all for a period of self-reflection, not only in terms of how we can be better people but also to consider and celebrate the many gifts that God has mercifully bestowed upon us. As Pope Francis recently noted "At the beginning of Lent, it would do us good to ask for the grace to preserve the memory of all that the Lord has done in our lives, of how He has loved us".

On Saturday I very much enjoyed visiting the College sports ground in order to watch some of our football fixtures against The Grammar School at Leeds - it was great to see so many staff and pupils involved in the matches, as well as large number of parents supporting on the touchline. I remain extremely grateful to all of my colleagues who run co-curricular activities, often before or after school or at the weekend. I then headed to the Hexagon Room in The Lowry Art Gallery in order to attend the award ceremony for the 2019 Living Edge Schools Art competition - two St. Bede's students had their artwork featured and the quality of all of the artwork on display was incredibly high. I continue to be blown away by the high standard of artwork produced by our pupils, expertly guided by our brilliant Art department.

On Monday I was fortunate enough to be able to attend the national plate semi-final of the Independent Schools Netball Competition, held at the National Cycling Centre here in Manchester, in which our U15 team was taking part. Our girls played extremely well throughout the match and deservedly won the game 46-33. I was particularly impressed by the Corinthian spirit in which the match was played by both teams.

I was moved by the solemn and respectful manner in which our pupils and staff attended the various Masses held here at the College on Ash Wednesday. Collective worship is a very important part of the life of the College community and we are very fortunate to have priests such as Fr Dearman and Fr Mulgrew being frequent visitors in order to assist us in our faith journey.

As I write this piece, I am still over the moon at being part of the team which finished second in our World Book Day Quiz held on Thursday afternoon in the Maher Library. It was wonderful to be there and superb to see so many pupils and staff taking part.

I would like to conclude by wishing everyone a Happy International Women's Day. St. Bede's College is very much a proud Catholic co-educational school and continually strives to nurture and develop its pupils into happy, confident, kind and compassionate future leaders in society. Girls and boys deserve the same opportunities in life, so that they can go out and change the world for the better.

We continue to keep you all in our thoughts and prayers here at the College,

Mr L d'Arcy

Headmaster
@LouisdArcy1



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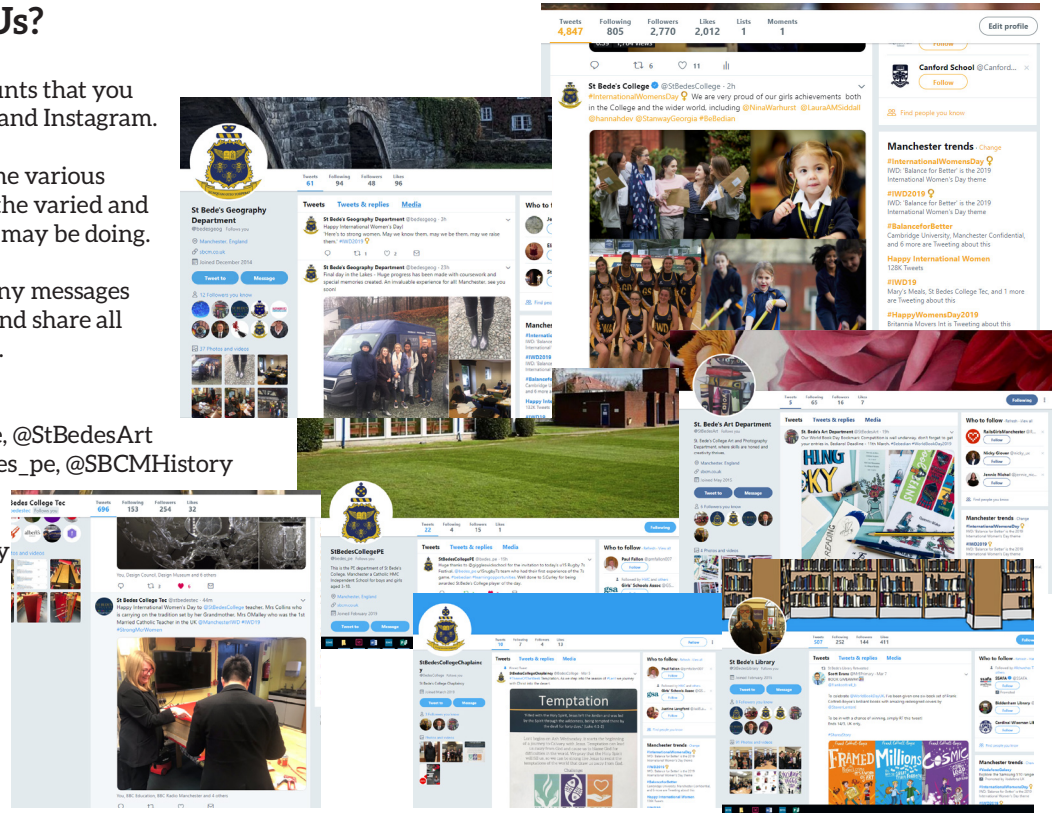
We have a wide variety of accounts that you can follow on twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

Here you will see an insight to the various departments in the College and the varied and interesting things your children may be doing.

Please follow, retweet and like any messages you see to promote the College and share all that happens here in the College.

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- @stbedesprep, @StBedesLibrary
- @SBC_geology, @miss_chemistry
- @StBedesPhysics
- @StBedesBusEcon

More department accounts are coming online and we will keep you informed here.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Race

On Tuesday, Upper Third, Lower Fourth and Upper Fourth pupils had a **flipping** great time at the Siena House Pancake Race.

Favourable weather conditions saw pupils **toss** out their inhibitions and create an **eggscellent** competition between the Houses. Pupils and staff **Lent** their support and cheered on the pupils; with Magdalene House coming first, closely followed by Bosco, then Magdalene, with Siena scrambling in last position.



Despite **cracking** under the pressure and falling **flat** in the race, it was a successful afternoon for Siena House, who also raised money for the Cindy Appleyard Foundation with a pancake sale.

Mr Lee Rodriguez

St Bede's College Parents' Association

The Bedian Association has changed to the St Bede's College Parents' Association and will be hosting an inaugural Breakfast Meeting on Friday 29 March. Please join us for pastries and refreshments in the Parents' Cafe from 8am onwards. You are all are very welcome, even if you can only drop in briefly, on your way to work.

This will be the perfect opportunity to meet with other parents and our Headmaster, Mr d'Arcy and this is your opportunity to discuss ideas and events which can be organised by the new Parents' Association.



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Maths Feast 2019

After our victory in the Regional Final in Liverpool last year, this year's Lower Fifth team enjoyed a much shorter journey to the (arguably) more challenging Manchester Regional Final, to participate in the delightfully named Year 10 Maths Feast (or Maths Fest as it is known to some).

The Bede's team of Anna, Karena, Jessica and Luke pitted their wits against some of the region's finest young mathematicians over four rounds titled: The Starter, the Main, the Dessert and the Petits Fours. At the end of each round certificates were awarded to any team finishing in the top three for that particular round.



Clearly the menu for the first three courses was slightly at odds with the dietary requirements of the Bede's team. The first three rounds clearly caused indigestion as the team did not achieve a top three placing. However there was plenty of food for thought as the team enjoyed learning about algorithms as part of their main course.

As I glanced over during the final round the team seemed to be devouring the "Petits Fours", particularly Anna who seemed to be so excited that she could not even stay in her seat for more than a few moments at a time!

As we waited for the results to be read out for the final round, tension grew as generally the Petits Fours serving is considered to be the tastiest of all courses. I need not have worried as Bede's name was read out first to appreciative applause from the auditorium.

Overall, we managed to secure a credible top ten finish amongst the twenty three teams who were present. Clearly, the team, after a nervous start, enjoyed the feast before them.

I will finish with a quote from one of the team "The Math Feast was very enlightening and interesting....it has shown us that we have the ability to think beyond what we are taught in the classroom, and it also gave us a sense of satisfaction, knowing that we did our best".

Mr Bargery

Sample Question from this year's competition:

What is the number of the parking space which is concealed by the arrows?

16 06 68 88 >> 98

Theme of the Week

Temptation

'Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days.' (Luke 4:1-2)

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, it starts the beginning of a journey to Calvary with Jesus. Temptation can lead us away from God and cause us to blame God for difficulties in the world. We pray that the Holy Spirit will fill us, so we can be strong like Jesus to resist the temptations of the world that draw us away from God.

Challenge:



Prayer:

Dear God, I pray that this Lent will be significant and powerful and help me develop spiritually. Please help me to deepen my prayer life, fast and give up luxuries and help others in almsgiving so that my heart is like your heart. Amen

Team Of The Week Under 13 Netball B Team

Our Under 13 B Netball team are 'Team of the Week'. They received this accolade having won every game played this season.





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Engineering Leaders Award

The closing date of Friday 15 March for the Secondary Engineer Leaders Award is fast approaching and we are looking forward to receiving some fabulous entries. These must be submitted to Mrs Corbett, Mrs Manning or Mrs Ball and all entries will be put forward into the national Competition as well as the House/Year Group Awards.

To support the students in this competition four visitors have come to the College speaking about their roles in Engineering. With International Womens Day approaching, by happy coincidence all were women, which helped to promote the roles of girls and women in Engineering. #SheCan

We welcomed Laura Rodriguez-Ariza a Structural Engineer with Curtins, who began her career in architecture before transferring to her current role. She encouraged pupils to create their own buildings and appreciate the importance of stable structures. Pictured is winner Lewis, with his 34cm structure of cards.

Acoustic Engineering is a relatively unheard of type of engineering and Suzy and Helen from RBA Acoustics came to describe their work. In the words of one of the pupils, Audrey: *'...the ladies explained to us about their work and where it is applied. For example, they work in cinemas to make sure the sound doesn't go from movie to movie. They showed us a 3D model design (in a computer) of how the sound expands in a room and explained what they need to do to stop the sound, such as using springs and rubber. They made some practicals of how the sound bounces and how it changes. We were shown the different frequencies in sound and how it makes different patterns using a pot with a balloon on top and some salt. When they played the music from the speaker the salt made different patterns as the frequency changed. Finally they answered questions such as how to avoid the sound waves in a music room from going back and forth again and again and to disperse the sound in some music rooms they now make them with a diagonal wall.'*

Our final engineer was Bedian Alumnae, Louise Dalton, a Telecomms Engineer who explained about 5G networks, data security and how she manages multi-disciplinary teams and projects across the globe to ensure our everyday devices are working as fast and efficiently as we would like them to. This talk allowed the pupils to appreciate the practical applications of the school curriculum. A special mention goes to Theo for his amazing questions.

We would like to extend our thanks to all our speakers for giving up their time to come and share their experience and advice with our students - it was hugely valuable and very much enjoyed by all.

Mrs Corbett



**IF YOU WERE an
ENGINEER
WHAT WOULD YOU DO?**



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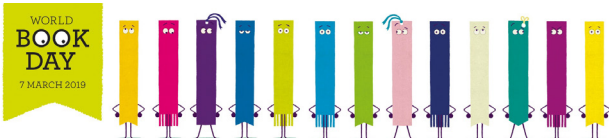
World Book Day

We would *love* to receive your entries for our Bookmark Competition

- Collect a blank bookmark from the **Art Department** or the **Library**.
- Decorate your bookmark with anything to do with **reading**.
- Get help or ideas in the Library or from any of the Art teachers.
- For more information see Mrs Park.



Deadline – Lunchtime on Monday 11th March
Hand your entries in to the Art Department or the Maher Library



World Book Day 2019

We celebrated World Book Day in a packed library with a fiercely contested quiz which demonstrated the impressive book knowledge of our pupils and staff.

Twelve brilliantly named teams puzzled over pictures of book characters and answered questions on films adapted from books in the past year, fruit and vegetables in books and funny books.



Well done to the winning team, Be Prepared which was made up of Prep pupils and staff.



All pupils received a £1 book voucher which can be redeemed against books in participating bookshops or can be kept to spend at our Book Fair which will be held in the Library 22-29 March.

Mrs Poolton

Please Note

The email address for this event is avs1arts@gmail.com or you can talk to Miss Smith or Mrs Barber for more information.

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School of Performing Arts
Presents..
"WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER"

EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA
15th-18th April 2019
St Bede's College, Alexandra Road South, Manchester, M16 8HX



Open to everyone aged 8-18

Please see reverse for details

GET YOUR HEAD IN THE GAME!

About the course:
Join us at St Bede's College, Manchester for an exclusive 4 day performing art course. You will be instructed by a team of friendly professionals with a wealth of experience from one of the country's leading independent schools, where you will learn choreography, act in scenes and perform songs from one of Disney's most iconic musicals. At the end of the course we will put our work together in presenting a full-length showcase where family and friends can watch.

Registering Interest:
To register your interest and receive details of payment, please book your place by emailing avs1arts@gmail.com by 3rd April 2019.

Important Details:
• All staff are fully DBS checked
• All participants will be carefully supervised and will not be allowed off-site during the course

Venue:
St Bede's College, Alexandra Road South, Manchester, M16 8HX

Cost:
£95 per person
To be payable either on day 1 of the course (cash/card) or dropped in a named envelope at St Bede's College Reception.

Schedule:

Day	Hours
Monday 15th April	9:00am - 3:00pm
Tuesday 16th April	9:00am - 3:00pm
Wednesday 17th April	9:00am - 3:00pm
Thursday 18th April	9:00am - 1:00pm
Show Time (18th)	1:30pm - 3:00pm

Join us for an unforgettable experience where you'll get to feel the thrill of the stage and spotlight!

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Absorbing The Greeks

On Monday 4 March, Prep 6 enjoyed a wonderful day trip to the Manchester Art Gallery as part of their topic work on the Ancient Greeks. However, the morning began with some artistic culture from another era: Renaissance Italy. Fortunately, the visit coincided with the Leonardo da Vinci: A Life in Drawing, a nationwide exhibit commemorating the 500th anniversary of the artist's death.



This hugely popular display has drawn crowds from far and wide to appreciate the working drawings of this prolific artist, scientist and unique historical figure. In addition to the da Vinci sketches, the children were also able to study the work of LS Lowry and his artistic mentor Adolphe Valette.

After our richly artistic morning, we headed to Rozafa Greek restaurant where we all enjoyed a delectable meze feast. As usual, Illias and his team welcomed the children and staff with open arms and treated us all to traditional Greek dancing at the end of our meal.



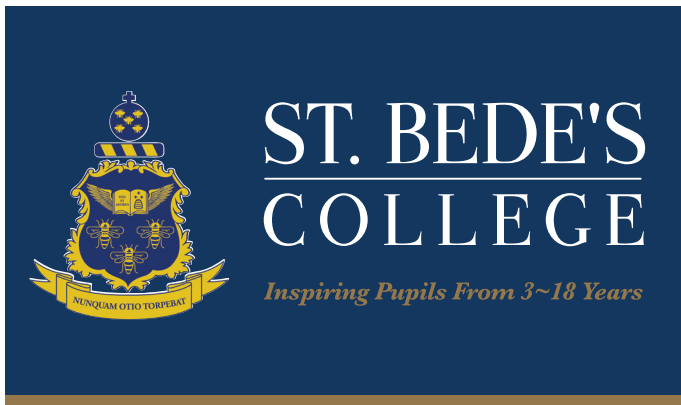
On our return to the gallery in the afternoon, we embarked on a self-guided tour and completed a study booklet which comprised a range of activities from observational drawing, clue detection, and artistic comprehension to pleasurable mindfulness.



We enjoyed works by Banksy, James Barry and studied sculpture from Minton.

The day concluded with some architectural drawing of the Manchester skyline, observed from the top floor of the gallery. The children's behaviour, as always, was impeccable and this was confirmed upon our return to school as Mrs Hunt had received an email from a member of the public to commend the children on their exemplary conduct.





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Snuggle Up With a Book!



The whole Prep School from EYFS to Prep 6 and all the staff came to school in their pyjamas to snuggle up with a book and celebrate World Book Day 2019.

There were a multitude of activities planned for the day including children in upper Key Stage Two visiting younger pupils and reading to them. Siblings got together and read to each other.



Mrs Leydon held a free raffle in the Prep Library and the prize was a new copy of 'FING' by David Walliams who is one of the children's favourite authors. There were themed quizzes, puzzles and crosswords celebrating World Book Day which first started



in 1995 but has since grown to be a global festival of the love of reading with over one hundred countries participating each year and it keeps on growing. In the Prep everyone looks forward to this annual event it allows staff and children to come together as Bedians and share their favourite books and characters.

For more images from this wonderful day follow this link: www.sbcm.co.uk/gallery/world-book-day-2019/

A Reflection on Mass from Mrs Hunt

The Season of Lent is the beginning of the season of Spring. It is also the beginning of new life and on Ash Wednesday we were delighted to welcome Father Frankie Mulgrew to celebrate Mass with us.

Father Frankie's energy and passion (not to mention the juggling demonstration during his homily!) filled all members of the Prep with joy and enthusiasm for the Lenten journey.

I truly believe that the words of Father Frankie have touched, and even changed our hearts, and renewed in us our mission as soldiers of Jesus.





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Reception - Tami

Prep 2 - Zachary

Prep 4 - Jacob

Prep 5 - Kenawa

STARS OF WEEK



HOUSE POINT WINNERS



CLASS OF THE WEEK - Prep 4W



Notices

Parents' Evening 28 March.
Booking System
Open from 9 March 8.00am.
Closes 15 March 8.00pm

Thursday 14 March:
Prep 4 Trip to Cadbury's World.

Friday 15 March:
Mrs Hunt Coffee & Cakes with Prep 1 &
Prep 2 at 3.00pm in the Library.

BEDE'S SIXTH FORM NEWS

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The Sixth Form View Fliss & Anna

Ash Wednesday Fliss



The Sixth Formers were pleased to welcome Fr Dearman back to celebrate Ash Wednesday Mass.

The Chapel was filled with Sixth Formers and members of staff who wanted to celebrate the start of the Lenten period.

Fr Dearman emphasised that Lent is a chance to be closer to God, and whilst also trying to give up something in the run up to Easter, we can also look to try give back everyday and add something to our day that will bring happiness to our lives.

The Mass was an opportunity where students could think about Easter time and what it truly symbolises, instead of what the commercialised view is.

It gave the Sixth Form a chance to reflect, and embrace the times they have to look forward to.

Following Mass, Mr d'Arcy gave an uplifting speech to students, outlining what the College stands for.

The Headmaster conveyed a message of celebrating diversity, as well as highlighting where the Bedian student's talents lie. From the sporting fields to the music room, students from all different years possess impressive talents, and the College is a place where new talents can be discovered and nurtured.

The message conveyed to students was that not only do we display academic achievements, but we also are students, who excel in co-curricular activities.

Mr d'Arcy also emphasised that St Bede's produces well rounded, kind and compassionate students who can go and take the values instilled by the College, and achieve great success in the future.

On behalf of the students, I would like to thank Fr Dearman for coming back to St Bede's and holding Mass for the students. I would also like to thank the members of staff who made the Mass happen, and finally I would like to thank Mr d'Arcy who gave students a very motivating speech!

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