



ST. BEDE'S COLLEGE

BEDE'S NEWS

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The Headmaster's Review of the Week

Dear Bedian Family,

As we approach the conclusion of a busy, purposeful and exciting half term full of so many successes and achievements, I am delighted to be writing to you once again.

Our theme of the week in the College has been "Shine" and as scripture says "Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them" (Matthew 5:17). The challenge to all of us is to pray to the Holy Spirit for the fruits outlined by St Paul in Galatians 5:22-27 which are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. Will we be a light for Christ? How can we use God's gifts to shine in the world today?



The College has been alive and vibrant this week, especially due to the great many key events taking place such as our annual exciting Strictly Bede's fundraising competition on Wednesday lunchtime this week (none of us who were able to attend will ever forget the spectacular performance by Mr Fogel and his troupe of Prep pupils), our extremely well attended and informative University Fair for Upper Fifth and Sixth Form students that same evening, and our positive and engaging Lower Fifth Parents' Evening last night. It was great to speak with so many parents last night and to receive so much appreciative and very uplifting feedback from them about my committed and supportive colleagues.

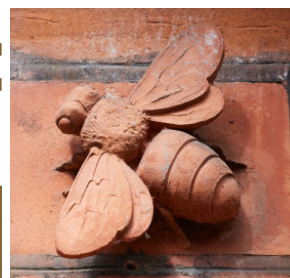
I would like to mention a letter which you are about to receive from the College's Senior Deputy Head, Mrs Sandra Pike, which I would encourage you all to read in detail over the half term break. We take the conduct and appearance of our pupils extremely seriously at the College and have the highest of standards. We felt that it was the right time to remind all of our pupils and their families of the College's rules and regulations with regards to uniform and appearance, the use of mobile phones, our stance on chewing gum, conduct on the College buses, and our requirements with regards to attendance. We are very grateful for your ongoing support with ensuring that our pupils appear and behave as true Bedians every day.

On behalf of my College colleagues, and my wife and daughter, I would like to wish all of you a relaxing and restorative half term break in whatever form this comes. For our Upper Fifth and Upper Sixth Form students, it will be a further opportunity to engage in active and impactful revision away from the business of the term but I would certainly encourage you to build in plenty of downtime for recharging yourselves into your revision timetables. As I often say, myself and all of my colleagues have been through the challenges and pressures of public examinations are we are always here to help. We are a Bedian family and will always support each other through the challenging moments which life often brings.

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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Internet Safety Day - Tuesday 11 February

Safer Internet Day aims to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre the celebration sees hundreds of organisations get involved to help promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

Throughout the course of Tuesday there were a series of workshops for the pupils, U6 - Prep, to enjoy and learn from. Covering topics such as Online Safety and Protecting your Social Media Profile, as well as an Internet Safety Quiz in the Library, at lunchtime.

There was also a well attended Parents Workshop at 4.15pm in the Academic Hall. All in all a very informative and important day for all concerned.

Find out more here:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2020>
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Miguel Shines In The Sun

St Bede's 7 - 2 Bury

Bury turned up with 10 players and their gaffer didn't want 10 v 10. We started the first 15 minutes with a good tempo on and off the ball. Attacks were prominent down the left with Arran, Austin and Luca linking up with some flowing passing. The later opened the scoring with a fine strike into the roof of the net from outside the box. Migs was like Kante in disguise going about causing disruption as quietly and as efficiently as a German orchestra, going on to be the pivotal figure starting all the teams best attacks. Charlie tried a speculative effort and didn't look back in anger as it squirmed through the keeper unfortunately. We then dropped to 10 a side and found ourselves pegged back a goal after a fine bit of skill and end product down the left led to a nice finish. There were rumors that today is going to be the day that Miguel is going to score and they proved right as he restored the 2 goal cushion. The Bury 10 showed character and effort that couldn't be faulted and they scored a great free kick to take it to 3-2 Bedes HT

The second half saw the boys play with a greater desire and hunger to defend like beavers and attack with precision. Then a great fourth was scored by JC9, after defending a corner, Austin broke to find his 'Tom-Tom' allowing JC9 to beat the keeper and defender to the ball and finish into an empty net. The defence marshalled by James T and skipper Sonny kept the sheets clean in the 2nd half and asked the attackers 'you've got to pump it up' in order to secure the win. A further 3 goals were scored by Blessed, Gabe and Michael, flying the ball without wings into the Bury goal to complete the scoring.

MOTM - Miguel was absolute terrific, never allowing the Bury midfield to settle and get into a rhythm. Whenever he got knocked down he got back up again and sent the team on their way. Composure and technique on the ball meant he was never flustered on the ball and team attacks were fluid.

Great term for all the boys going unbeaten and we look forward to welcoming back Finlay and Hashim after half term. Thanks to all the ultras once again for all your continued support for the team. As a great Premier League runner up once said, "We go again after half term!" Enjoy the winter break in La Manga folks. One winner this term..... FOOTBALLS ALWAYS THE WINNER!

I LOVE THE 14s - One love

Mr Fogel

Theme of the Week

SHINE

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Let it
Shine

Challenge:

Pray to the Holy Spirit for the fruits outlined by St Paul (Galatians 5:22-27)
Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control.
Will you be a light for Christ? How can you use God's gifts to SHINE in the world today?

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, I see that following you is not about obeying a rule book, but loving those I meet each day. Help me to grow in the fruits of the Spirit so that I can do this in the circumstances of my life and especially in difficult moments. Amen
St Bede – Pray for us

Rolo Anyone?

Love was in the air at St Bede's on Valentine's Day as 430 Rolos were given out to a whole host of people in the College. Recipients of the Rolos ranged from Prep pupils to Mr McCotter, who was 21 a few decades ago! Mrs Barber received the most with twelve, after her form led a campaign for her to win!



A huge thank you to everyone that donated so generously to Campion House charity and the students that gave up their time to sell the tickets, create the boxes and give out the final product.

Mr Parkinson-Jones

Whelan Continues Fine Form!

U15A won 5- 1 against Bury GS
Goals- G. Davies, M. Swanston-Nunes, B. Whelan x 3
MOM- Ben W

The sun was shining on Fortress Brantingham offering perfect playing conditions for the teams representing the College. The U15As carried on from where they left off and continued their dominance against a battling Bury Grammar School. The first fifteen mins of the match was a scrappy affair with neither team wanting to keep hold of the ball. G. Davies began to take control of the midfield and dictate proceedings, spraying the ball like a young Steven Gerrard and capped his first half performance with a sublime 40 yard strike making it 1-0 to SBC at half time.

The second half was dominated by SBC and pushed Bury into what can only be described as a back seven at times. SBC played some really nice football, being patient and waiting for the gaps to appear.

On the 60th min "Cometh the hour, Cometh B. Whelan" I am very lucky to witness two of the best goals I have ever seen at school boy football! Both times B. Whelan cutting in from the left with a drop of the shoulder and a change of pace, then unleashing two unstoppable strikes which were very Coutinho esque. Both strikes from 30+yards, the first one beating the keeper at his near post and the second the far post, both shots hit with venom and curve.....unbelievable scenes. B.Whelan finished his hat trick scoring a well taken penalty. Bury grabbed one goal back from a good long range effort, but M. Swanston killed off any chance of a come back adding to the score finishing nicely on the edge of the box.

A well deserved victory played in the right manner. It was lovely to see all injured players along with their parents turn up to support the boys. This was a great result, ahead of the international break, which sees the U15s search for some fair weather during their Dubai training camp.

Mr Brown



Block Fixture - Scarisbrick

On Saturday morning we welcomed Scarisbrick Hall to Brantingham Road for U12A and U14B fixtures. With the U12s registering an emphatic 5-1. In the first half we took control of the midfield with Nna and Noah dominating the ball and not allowing Scarisbrick any control of the game. Alfie stepped up as a 'keeper and made some comfortable saves to keep his confidence growing. Nna then took his chance and dribbled around five players to slot home and open the scoring. He then added a further two in the next five minutes to complete a first half hat-trick. In the second half Cian stepped in as the goalkeeper and as in the first half, Nna and Noah worked excellently in midfield and following a drive by Noah, Logan finished superbly. We then missed a penalty with which gave Scarisbrick some confidence and they got themselves on the scoresheet. It was left to Nna to top off the game with a fourth goal to make it 5-1 and secure the man of the match award.



The U14Bs suffered a 2-0 defeat, however, we had a positive performance and it was a very competitive game. Unfortunately, we started slowly and went 1-0 after ten minutes. There were lots of improvements in the second half after a few tactical tweaks and a "passionate" half time team talk from Mr Wright. The U14s then dominated most of the second half reducing them to one shot which they unfortunately scored from. However, we continued to press and there was a clear increase in desire from the boys and we only lacked that end product to come away with a better result. The boys left the field with renewed confidence to take into games after the half term break.

Mr Mitchell

Artists In Liverpool

On Friday 7 February, our U5 photographers and our U5 and U6 artists went to Liverpool for the day. We visited the Walker Gallery and Tate Liverpool and gathered some really useful inspiration for the students' examination projects.

The students were able to see a wide variety of styles of artwork first-hand, and get more of an impression of how the work was created. We were well looked after by the gallery staff, who were able to give us more information about the artists that created the work that we saw and what their ideas behind it were. We then enjoyed some free time, looking around the shops at Albert Docks before coming home.



Development News

Our St Bede's Graduway platform is almost here! We are so excited to launch our new platform which will give you access to the St Bede's community. Reconnect with fellow alumni, join a mentoring program, or search for job opportunities and events. More to come soon. We know you will love it!

Tickets for our Summer Ball go live on Wednesday 26 February on Eventbrite, <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/st-bedes-college-summer-ball-tickets-93069741101>. £45 a ticket which includes a 3 course meal prosecco on arrival and live Band.

Make sure you book your tickets early to avoid disappointments as tickets are limited.

Ms R Shava



Strictly Come Dancing

The final of 'Strictly Bede's' was a fun filled and energetic event which was judged by a panel of experts which included Mrs Barber, Mrs Boylan, Mrs Hibbert, Mrs Hughes and Amileigh.

Every act was amazing with the dancers performing with grace, style and plenty of enthusiasm, showing the benefits of their comprehensive rehearsals. The pupil professionals produced some fantastic choreography and had clearly schooled their amateur teachers well!

Prep Five really brought the house down - with a little help from Mr Fogel! However, it was Miss Thomas who claimed the glitter ball with a dazzling display with Marie and Audrey.

It was a great event and all the teachers and dancers stepped up to the challenge and worked hard to produce an amazing spectacle. A fantastic £200 was raised for Cancer Research UK.

To watch the final click here: <https://vimeo.com/391429797>





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Musical Afternoon

On Monday we were treated to a wonderful afternoon of music from our students. We opened with our Orchestra led by Mrs Janes who performed an energetic piece entitled Patricks Reel. We next had beautiful vocal solos from Immy in Prep 5 and Amara in Prep 6 who took us right back to Hairspray. We had instrumental performances from our smallest performers right through to our more experienced performers and it was wonderful to see such talent coming through the Prep and how confident our students are. From 'Chocolate Treats' performed by Shay, Caleb and David to 'Jelly on a Plate' by Rosie and 'Minuet in G' by Bally we were certainly given a range of performances which kept us all entertained. Our musical evening concluded with beautiful solos from Scarlett and Isobel which led to a truly fantastic performance from Prep Pop performing Stomzy's 'Blinded by your Grace', there certainly was something for everybody. I want to thank our amazing peripatetic staff for their encouragement, support and inspiration they provide to our pupils. Thank you to all our students who performed and families who came to support. We hope to see you soon at our next events:



2 April - Prep 6 production- We're all in this together!
6 May- Musical Evening
18 May- Musical Theatre and Ballet evening.

AJIS Football

For the second week running St Bede's hosted an AJIS football tournament but this week it was Girls' Football in the spotlight. It was another successful afternoon down at Platt Lane Sports Complex where two squads of girls represented the Prep.

For the first part of the day the teams participated in a round of group stage matches. The A-Team managed to win their group and qualify for the semi-finals which was in itself a superb achievement. Olivia, one of the tournament's top scorers, was the driving force throughout, thus enabling the A-Team to progress through to the final.

The B-Team was a newly selected squad. They competed well and managed to win one of their games with Abi being the scorer. The final of the whole tournament was between St Bede's A-Team and King's Chester. It was a tense affair but one in which King's Chester emerged victorious. However, both teams can be proud of their achievements and it was an enjoyable day all round.



Happy Birthday!

Nursery - Si Dong & Emma

Prep 2 - Joseph, Fia & Romilly

Prep 3 - Knacara & Kiama

Prep 4 - Sarah

Prep 6 - Mwema

HOUSE POINT WINNERS



CLASS OF THE WEEK - PREP 4



STARS OF THE WEEK



NOTICES

NEW TERM STARTS MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY

Patterdale

What an amazing two days Prep 4 have had in the Lake District this week. This was the first time that Prep 4 have had an overnight stay with school and it was a resounding success! Arriving at Patterdale Hall, on the shores of Lake Ullswater, we marvelled at the stunning setting of this facility, nestled amongst the majestic, snow covered mountains. It really was a stunning location.

With much excitement, rooms were allocated, lunch was eaten and without further ado we headed straight to our leaders for our first activities. 4C headed off on a magical exploration of the woods. We walked alongside the crystal clear but fast flowing river and stopped to marvel at the natural beauty around us. Jane expertly incorporated our woodland walk into a creative writing session, using this setting to stimulate wonderful imagery of goblins, fairies and magical creatures. The children were tasked to explore and all sorts of things were discovered- goblin shoes, dryad headbands, magical keys and fairy wings. Vocabulary was shared as the walk went on and by the time the children headed back indoors they were bursting with ideas for their follow up writing session. After a well-deserved hot chocolate and biscuit, they set to work and produced some very imaginative and creative stories and descriptions which we can't wait to display back at school.

Meanwhile, 4W were also enjoying the great outdoors, being expertly taught archery down towards the lakeside. Everyone joined in with enthusiasm and it must be said we think there must be a few descendants of Robin Hood in this class, such expert arrow skills being displayed. A quick change of equipment and onto the fabulous low ropes course, involving a great deal of skills to balance around a whole series of ropes, bridges and challenges. Teamwork was definitely needed to safely get the dinosaur egg around the course without it breaking!

Following a delicious home-cooked meal and a quick play in the games room, we headed outside for the most amazing evening adventure, all together. Games around the campfire and then the most fun night line walk ensued, with us being guided through the trees and grounds, holding onto the rope, having to all work together to help one another get around. Much hilarity ensued and further team building games around the camp fire sufficiently tired us all out in time for bed.

The next day, following a hearty breakfast fit for an Everest expedition, we swapped over activities and had a fabulous morning in the sunshine. After lunch it was time for bush craft in the woods. We were so lucky to learn about fire lighting and everyone tried their very best to light their own little fires using flint. Most succeeded and there were indeed some very skilful prep 4 fire starters amongst us. We were then lucky enough to bake our own bread twists on sticks on the group camp fire. Delicious! A quick tea and then we had to say a sad goodbye to all our amazing instructors at Patterdale and bid them farewell for now. A stunning drive back over the Kirkstone Pass, through the stunning snowy mountains ended our Lake District experience. We hope to go back again- it really was the most amazing two days away.

For more images of this wonderful trip follow this link:
<https://www.sbcm.co.uk/gallery/prep-4-in-patterdale/>

