



ST. BEDE'S COLLEGE

BEDE'S NEWS

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The Headmaster's Review of the Week

Dear Bedian Family,

I hope that all of you were able to enjoy a relaxing and restorative half term and as we enter the season of Lent and a period of contemplation and preparation in advance of the Easter Triduum, I am delighted as always to be writing to you.

Lent is a crucial period in the liturgical calendar and a time for renewal. As St John Paul II once said, Lent is "a time to be dedicated in a special way to conversion and renewal, to prayer, to fasting, and to works of charity". When we make poor choices and sin, we separate ourselves from God as we feel the shame of our sins. We know when we have done wrong, but we do not need to worry excessively or be down heartened. We should feel great joy that our heavenly father loves us so much that he sent his son to bridge the gap. Jesus took on all our sins and died on the cross. He offers to God his life, so that God will forgive us and so that we can all be saved. The cross is our way to salvation.

For Christians the cross of Jesus is the symbol of God's selfless love for us. He chose to give his life for us and we know that no matter what suffering we have to face in life, suffering has a purpose and it is also an opportunity for us to join our troubles with Jesus' on the cross. He will always help us carry our own crosses and burdens.

It is time for all of us now to start our Lenten promises. What challenges do we have in our lives? What temptations do we face? How can we use this period of Lent to address these? What do we feel God is asking us to 'give up' or 'do extra' this Lent?

Our theme of the week in the College has been the period of Lent and as scripture says ""Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights" (Matthew 5:17). The challenge for us all this week is to consider, in a quiet moment, a plan of how we will prepare for Lent. What needs to change? Can we give up / fast from something or do a little something extra? Can we for example pray more?

The College has been a hive of activity yet again this week, especially due to our important Ash Wednesday Mass at the English Martyrs' Church and our extremely positive Lower Fourth Parents' Evening last night. It was fabulous to be able to speak with so many parents, to hear how well their children are getting on currently and the admiration they have for the hard work and commitment of my colleagues here at the College.

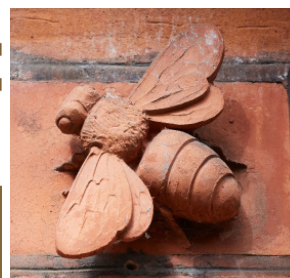
I would like to wish all of you an enjoyable weekend and look forward to writing to you once again next week.

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
@LouisdArcy1



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The International Space Challenge

On the 26 of February, we took part in a BLC (Business Language Champions) event called the International Space Challenge, held at The Manchester Grammar School.

During this event, our language and science skills were put to the test. The challenge was to design and create a model of a space hotel using Spanish to purchase the materials.

After building the model, we had to deliver a presentation to market our hotel model in Spanish in front of judges and an audience. Then, in English, we had to deliver a second presentation to explain our engineering ideas for our space hotel, which we called 'The Cosmic'.

At the end of the day, the results were revealed and as a team, we won a special award for 'Best team work'! Additionally, Scarlett received a prize for showing the best linguistic skills during the presentation. The judges mentioned how impressed they were by Scarlett's ability to answer unpredictable questions in Spanish on the spot.

This was a very rewarding and educational experience with a very interesting talk from a professor from Manchester University who explained to us how graphene was discovered in Manchester and how it can be used in industries. He also emphasised the importance of languages in the field of science and encouraged the participants to develop both skills.

We made the most of this wonderful opportunity organised by the MFL department and we received two prizes!

Gerrita, Gabrielle, Chloe, Angel, Tisha and Scarlett from L5MOR



Into The Semi-final!

Congratulations to our senior netball team who have secured a place in the semi-final of the Inspiresport SISTERS n SPORT Netball National Cup for Schools, after a 29-24 victory in a closely fought match against Ashville College. They have been drawn away to Malvern College in their quest to reach the final. Good Luck!



Graduway on its Way!

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!

Ms R Shava



Theme of the Week

LENT

"Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights." (Matthew 5:17)



Challenge:

In a quiet moment, make a plan of how you will prepare for Lent. What needs to change? Can you give up/fast from something or do a little something extra. Can you pray more?

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, when I receive my ashes, help me to believe that you love me no matter what and that you claim me as one of yours, even in my weakness you want me. You call me to be like you in the way I live my life. Help me this Lent to practice discipline and self control and build up my strength to resist temptations. I offer up my struggles to you as a prayer. Amen
St Bede – Pray for us

Development News

Tickets for our Summer Ball are now live 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



Cats Workshop With Amy

On March 11 we welcome Amy Whittle, a professional dancer and performer, to deliver a Cats workshop to our students. Amy trained at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama attaining a Degree and Post Graduate Diploma in Music. Since then Amy has been travelling and performing all over the world in Hotels, on Cruise Ships and has just finished her fifth contract with one of the longest running musicals CATS.

Alongside Amy's performing work she has choreographed in many settings, and most recently worked as Creative Assistant on AJ Prichard's (professional of Strictly Come Dancing) UK Tour 'Get on the Floor'.

Amy also teaches singing, dancing and drama and is heavily involved in the world of Community Arts.





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On The BBC

Two Prep children have taken to the airwaves recently on BBC Radio and Television: Olivia in Reception Class was on the Radio 2 Zoe Ball Breakfast Show 'Show and Tell' on Monday morning. Olivia recited her LAMDA exam poem, 'My Puppy' brilliantly and spoke to Zoe about her new goldfish and our school dog, Bee.

Oliver in Prep 5 appeared on Blue Peter with his puppy Monty as part of National Pet Day. Oliver spoke fabulously about how to care for dogs and about how when he comes home from school Monty is excited to see him and runs up to him to greet him. We are so proud of both children. They are such a credit to their families and the Prep.

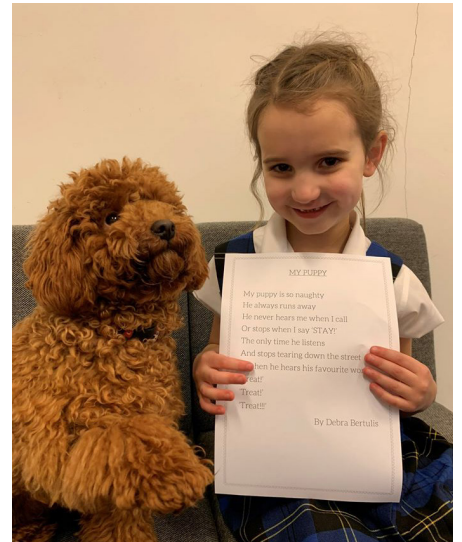
You can hear Olivia following this link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m000fnw?>

She is one hour eleven minutes into the show.

You can watch Oliver by following this link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000fljj/blue-peter-dr-who-pizza-pancakes-and-awesome-authors> He is in the opening piece.



Headteachers Award

Congratulations to Scarlett and Joshua, our Head girl and Head boy, on receiving a Headteacher's award. They have both fully embraced their roles and recently Mrs Hunt has received wonderful feedback from our visitors saying what a credit you both are to St Bede's.



Tea Party

At the end of last term all the Headteacher Award winners had a Valentines Tea Party with Mrs Hunt to celebrate their awards.



Happy Birthday!

Reception - Dipo

Prep 2 - Matthew

Prep 3 - Zacharia

HOUSE POINT WINNERS



CLASS OF THE WEEK - PREP 5J



STARS OF THE WEEK



NOTICES

4 MARCH

CLASS + CHOIR PHOTOGRAPHS - CHAPEL
WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM MUST BE WORN

26 MARCH

PREP PARENTS EVENING 26 ACADEMIC HALL

SYSTEM OPEN FOR BOOKINGS:

2 MARCH AT 7PM

SYSTEM CLOSING FOR BOOKINGS:

13 MARCH AT 8AM

BOOK HERE

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BEDE'S SIXTH FORM NEWS

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The Sixth Form View

It has been an exciting time recently in the Sixth Form. Mrs Lockett and I were present as many of our students took part in a 'Solutions Not Sides' workshop organised aimed at presenting the competing narratives in the Israel - Palestinian conflict in non-partisan way. It was terrific to see our Sixth Formers grappling with such a thorny and complex topic and, whilst we may not have found a perfect resolution, the negotiation skills learned were invaluable. I ought to note that Kevin and Leon still stand by their ingenious if slightly mystifying 'six state solution'.

The week before half term also saw many of our students take a leading role in the AJIS football tournament by refereeing games. The primary age children who took part had a thrilling time and many players and spectators commented on the quality of our students' officiating skills. Ultimately, it was Nerea who was awarded the coveted title of 'Best Referee' and I hope she enjoys the Nandos voucher she was awarded.

Mrs Lockett is to be congratulated for organising a fantastic Universities' Fair. A high number of Upper Fifth students and almost all of the Lower Sixth attended, all of them impressing the various delegates with their enthusiasm and shrewd questioning. I must add that I was thrilled to see so many of our students' eyes being opened to the wealth of possibilities that their futures could hold.

This week the whole College attended a special Ash Wednesday mass to mark the beginning of Lent. Our ancestors, canny farmers as they were, made a virtue of necessity by coinciding a spiritual time of fasting with the time of year when grain stocks were lowest: a literal famine before the feast. In our era of perennial bounty, we tend to view self-deprivation as the avoidance of small temptations; however, like the medieval ploughman, we should also remember that, when times are hard, we must make the best of what we have.

Mr Power

