

## The Headmaster's Review of the Week

Dear Bedian Family,

As I write to you again this week we are all adjusting to our new operational era in the history of the College and while our physical buildings are closed to the majority of our pupils, the vast majority of our regular operations are continuing. You have heard from me a number of times this week and I am now reducing the frequency of these letters as we all settle into our new systems for working and learning. I will write to all families each Monday during term time, as well as whenever very important information needs to be distributed, and I will also be writing my review of the week for Bede's News each Friday during term time. Do also please follow the College, the Prep, our departments and myself (@LouisdArcy1) on Twitter for daily news, thoughts and items of interest if you can.

My Team of the Week this week has to be my colleagues throughout the entire College, teaching and operational, for their incredible agility, commitment and endeavour this week as we have moved as a College from a traditional onsite approach to teaching and learning to our new remote learning model. I have received much positive feedback from parents about them and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them again without reservation. St Bede's a great school because of the strength of the bonds holding the triangle of pupils, families and staff together.

I would also like to thank all again all members of our Bedian community for their fellowship, patience and support over recent times and I know that we will continue to look after each other throughout this challenging period.

The theme of the week is "believe" and as scripture says, "I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though they die, they will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11: 25-26). The challenge for all of us is to believe what Jesus says. As our schedules have been cleared of many of the normal day to day distractions, we perhaps now have more space and time to challenge ourselves. What are the most important things to us in life? I would encourage all of us to pray for those who are ill, anxious, grieving or displaced at this difficult time and I have included some prayers below

for us to say with our loved ones this weekend, to reflect upon and to also draw strength and consolation from:

Dear Jesus, help us to get to know you as the resurrection and the life during this time of uncertainty. Help us to be open to receive all of the blessings you have in mind for us. Amen

St Bede - Pray for us.

Lord God, send your Holy Spirit to fire us up inside and help our faith to grow, so that we can believe in you and turn to you in these times.

May our hearts burn with love and compassion for others.

May we each do our part to slow down the virus spreading by staying away, and staying at home.

Lord help us to feel comforted and loved. Amen.

St Bede - Pray for us

As I come to the conclusion of my review, I would like to wish all of you a safe and a healthy next period of time in your lives and I look forward to seeing you all again very soon.

Do stay in touch with my College colleagues and me, and please do not hesitate to contact us at any stage if you need our assistance or advice.

As we proceed through the season of Lent and look forward to Easter and the hopeful celebration of the resurrection of Our Lord, may God bless you all and we continue to keep all of the Bedian Family in our thoughts and prayers.

**Mr L d'Arcy**  
Headmaster  
@LouisdArcy1



### New Careers Resource - Unifrog

Unifrog is our new resource for information about careers, courses and apprenticeships. All pupils in Upper Fourth to Upper Sixth should now be able to log in and do some research on future options.

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### The Complete Destinations Platform

Find and apply for the best courses and apprenticeships for you.

Pupils can sign in at [www.unifrog.org/sign-in](http://www.unifrog.org/sign-in) using the email and the password they used when they registered in College. Any pupil who has not already registered will need a form code to enable them to do so – Lower Fifth pupils can get this from form teachers, anyone else should contact Mrs Poolton at [kpoolton@stbedescollege.co.uk](mailto:kpoolton@stbedescollege.co.uk) or Sixth Formers should contact Mrs Lockett.

This is a really useful, easy to use resource with lots of up to date information. It is well worth exploring and will help every pupil with the decisions about future studies and careers that they will all have to make.

**Mrs Poolton**



### Keeeeeeep Dancing!

It will take much more than schools being closed to stop our fantastic dancers from doing what they love! We have all been taking part in some brilliant online classes, ranging from kitchen ballet, to hip-hop with Josh Pilmore and even learning West End choreography.

We are also running weekly photo challenges to keep up with our technique! This week's Strictly inspired theme was 'keep dancing', with students being asked to send a picture of their home training! Well done to this week's winners; Minh Hao, Sophia and Rose. Check back next week to see who will be our next winners!

**Mrs Barber.**





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## A Message from Bishop John about Covid-19



We are certainly living in difficult and challenging times and we must be aware of our own well-being and the care of people around us, particularly the elderly and those who have medical conditions. In the coming weeks and even months we must learn to be Church in a different way.

on weddings and baptisms, none of which should now take place.

I encourage you all to live our Faith in a different way. Consider creating somewhere in your homes that you and your family can go to pray during these days, the Church continues in each of us.

Private mass can still be offered and I am thankful to all those parish priest who have been able to make this available via streaming.

These are unprecedented times and it vital that we all do our part to protect the most vulnerable.

John

In line with The Prime Minister's statement on 23 March 2020, no churches in the diocese should open again until these restrictions are lifted. This means further restrictions

### Reading Round Up

This is an ideal time to immerse yourself in a good book. We may not be able to travel or meet other people, but books can take you to different parts of the real world or a completely imaginary one and enable you to encounter many memorable characters. The proven link between reading for pleasure and educational attainment is also an incentive for all pupils to find a good book to enjoy.

Your librarian will attempt to keep you updated with reading suggestions – books to read and where to get them – each week. This week's suggestions are:

- Join your local library online and make use of their eBook and audio book collections
- Audible are offering free audiobooks while schools are closed – have a look at <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>
- Follow [@StBedesLibrary](#) on Twitter – Mrs Poolton will tweet about books on most days

· At this time of year, pupils in Upper Fourth and above are usually busy shadowing the judges of the Carnegie Medal – the prestigious award for the outstanding book for children or young people published during the last year. This year we are attempting to do this online with a Carnegie Team set up where we can exchange views on the shortlisted books. Any pupils in Upper Fourth or above who would like to join can email Mrs Poolton at [kpoolton@stbedescollege.co.uk](mailto:kpoolton@stbedescollege.co.uk). Check out the shortlist at [www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk](http://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk)

· This week's author to check out is Tom Palmer who writes stories featuring football and rugby as well as war themed books. Football fans should check out his Roy of the Rovers series. One of them – Scouted – is free to download from <https://tompalmer.co.uk/free-roy-of-the-rovers-book-and-online-chat/> until 23 April when Tom will be doing a live webchat.


### Theme of the Week

# Believe

*"I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though they die, they will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" John 11: 25-26*


**Challenge:**  
Jesus asks Martha **does she believe what he says.**  
**Do you believe this? As our schedules have been cleared of the normal distractions, we have the space and time to challenge ourselves.**  
**What is the most important thing to us?**

**Prayer:**  
Dear Jesus, help me to get to know you as the resurrection and the life during this time of uncertainty. Help me to be open to receive all the blessings you have in mind for me. Amen  
**St Bede – Pray for us**

 [stbedescollegechaplaincy](https://www.instagram.com/stbedescollegechaplaincy)


**Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead**

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies." - John 11:25 (NIV)  
The puzzle is based on John 11:1-45 (NIV).



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MARY	WAKE	SICK	LAZARUS	BROTHER
JESUS	STONE	DISCIPLES	LIFE	BELIEVE
PRAYED	WEEPING	GLORY	MARTHA	RISE
ENTRANCE	LOVE	DEATH	TOMB	SLEEP



## ST. BEDE'S COLLEGE

Dear Parents

If you haven't already, please consider making a donation via Just Giving to the local food bank and homeless centre Cornerstone.

This is a great way of supporting others while adhering to social distancing, it also allows them to purchase produce that they require.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-bedes-college1>

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Mrs Hibbert  
College Chaplain

## Development Update

On behalf of the Development Department I would like to wish you all good health in these difficult and trying times. Our faith and character as Catholics and Bedians is certainly being tested at the moment. As you are all aware, the College is closed but our Development Department is still open and I am working remotely with most of our communication channels still open, apart from direct telephone contact. I will continue to give you regular updates as to how the Department and its plans are progressing.

Our St Bede's College Summer Ball fundraising event which is scheduled for Saturday 27th of June is technically still on schedule, depending upon further Government updates as to the pandemic situation. Tickets are still available on Eventbrite, which can be accessed here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/st-bedes-college-summer-ball-tickets-93069741101>. In the event that the Ball is postponed, we will definitely be holding it in the next academic year and all purchased tickets will still be valid.

The purpose of our Summer Ball is to publicise our exciting new Capital Campaign project which we are currently working on behind the scenes. This essential project will be ground-breaking for St Bede's, particularly in terms of updating our current facilities. I sincerely hope that many of you will want to play a major part in this project, and please do contact me via the email address below if you would like to help the College in any way.

During this period while many of us have greater access to our computers than perhaps we usually do, I would like to encourage all of our Sixth Formers to register on our new Graduway platform where they can for example interact with their peers and other Bedians. Do please sign up as soon as possible at <https://stbedesalumni.co.uk/> for exclusive networking

opportunities and much, much more! Graduway can also be accessed via the app by using the links below:  
Apple App Store link: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/graduway-community/id1457549791>

Google Play link: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.graduway.stbedesalumni>

Graduway is in addition a platform through which current students and other Bedians can access mentorship opportunities from both alumni and staff. It will in time also be a location where internships and work experience opportunities are advertised by our alumni community.

For further information about Graduway, our development plans, ways in which to support the College and any other queries, please email me using [development@stbedescollege.co.uk](mailto:development@stbedescollege.co.uk).

Thank you for your continued support and I hope that you all stay safe and well.

**Ms Rumbi Shava**  
**Development Manager**



### Three Little Trees

On our final morning in school, Prep 4 delighted the teachers and pupils with a beautifully moving performance of 'The Three Little Trees' Easter play. With missing cast members, very limited costumes and ten days less preparation time than scheduled, the pupils were determined to convey the message of hope and redemption.

The pupils were just amazing. They took on extra parts and got on with the job in hand. The narration, acting, songs and dance came together beautifully. It was a lovely way to praise God, treasure and reassure one another altogether in the chapel before the school closed.

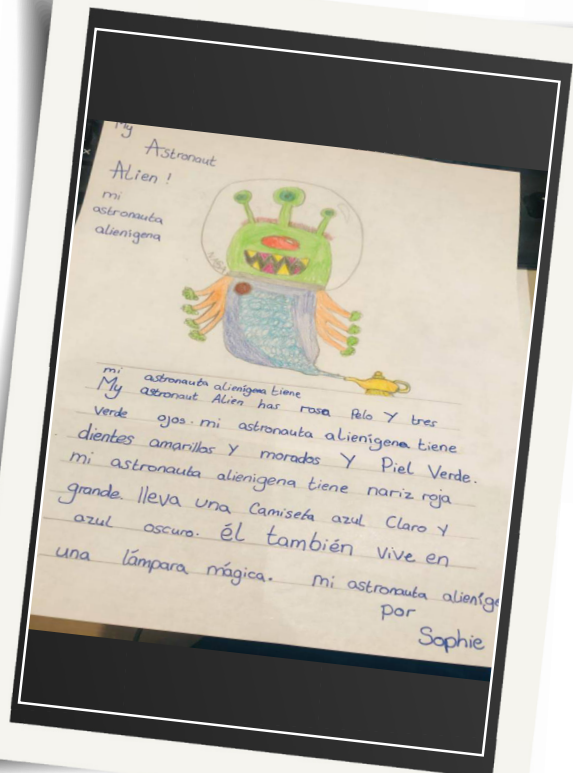
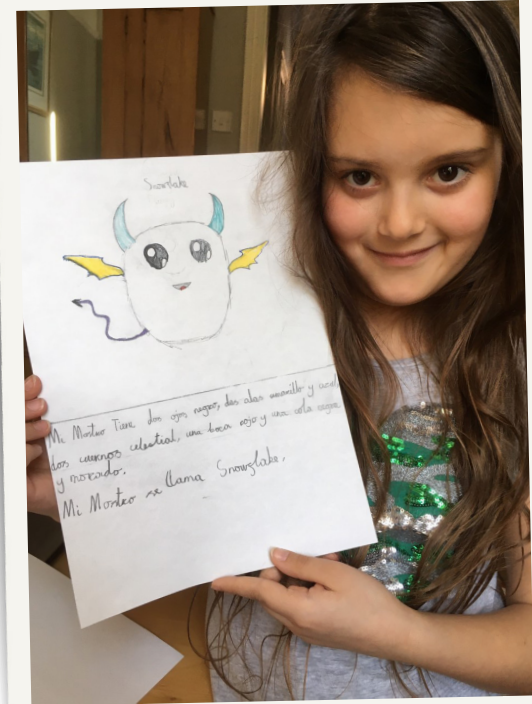
The songs are still ringing in the ears of the teachers and pupils. We hope you enjoy the video.

Follow this link for the video: <https://vimeo.com/400253526>

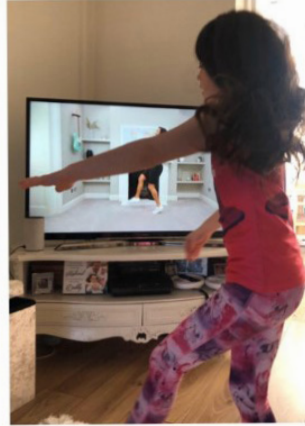
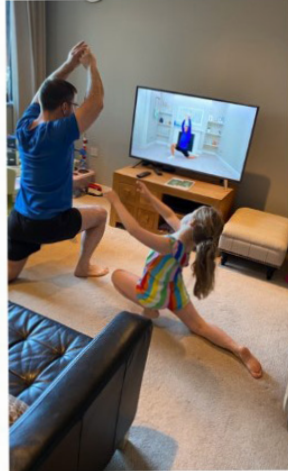
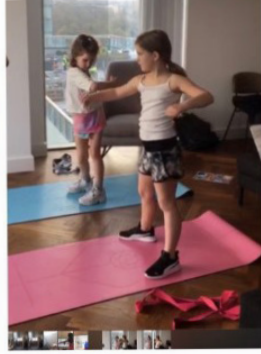


## Spanish Monsters

Prep 4 have recently been learning colours, numbers and body parts in Spanish. They have done a great job at home, putting all this learning together to create some pretty cool monsters and describing them in Spanish. What super, little independent linguists we have in the Prep. Nice work Prep 4!



## Busy Week For Our Talented Pupils





### Breaking Free

Since September Prep 6 have been working on their production Breaking Free, an adaptation of Disney's High School Musical. On Friday 20 March we were treated to 4 song and dances numbers from their show. We opened with a fantastic rendition of 'Stick to the Status Quo' with wonderful vocal solos from Bruce, Eden, Marcus, Scarlett and Tara. This accompanied with great whole class singing and energetic choreography by Mrs McDonald made it an opener to remember. We then were taken on a theatrical energetic ride with Scarlett and Tara performing the classic Bop to the Top as Sharpay and Riley, a performance full of flamboyance and sparkle! Then the boys took to the stage led by our very own Troy Bolton- Joshua and Chad played by Brandon who led us in a street dance, energy filled performance of 'Get your Head in the Game', excellent dance skills and basketball skills from all involved and once again brilliant choreography by Mrs McDonald . We then saved the best till last, the finale of the show aptly entitled 'We're all in this Together'. A wonderful showcase of song, solos and dance which brought everyone together, and during these challenging times what better way to unite than through the joys of song and dance. I want to commend everyone on their hard work and commitment, thanks to Mrs Harrison and Mrs Cartmel for their support and hard work. Thanks to the amazing Mr Mason and Mrs Cartmel for transforming a set in under 24hrs and thank you to Mrs Hunt for all her support and encouragement. Congratulations to all involved and we hope we can perform the whole show to you later on this year.

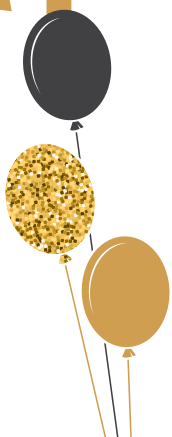
Watch our video here: <https://vimeo.com/400905795>

Miss Smith



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A VERY  
**HAPPY**  
**BIRTHDAY**

NURSERY **EMMA**  
PREP 4 **ABIGAIL**  
PREP 6 **POPPY**  
PREP 6 **VIKASH**



## The Sixth Form View - The Genius of Isolation

I know that life seems very peculiar at the moment for all of us and we all miss the day to day human contact that we social animals crave. It can also be daunting to work alone, at a desk, with only the bleeps of instant messages to help us complete our seemingly never ending assignments. However, I thought I would use my column to recommend to our Sixth Formers some of the benefits of isolation. History teaches us that it is when we are cut off from our normal lives that we can find true inspiration. Just off the top of my head, I can think of a few examples of times when isolation has been the midwife of genius. I hope they are sufficiently inspiring!

In the summers of the early 1600s, the bubonic plague ravaged London with terrible ferocity for several summers. On all of these occasions, As the bodies piled up in the streets, William Shakespeare was in quarantine at his London home. The theatres having been closed down, he used his time fairly productively to write three new plays: King Lear, Macbeth and Anthony and Cleopatra. It had been during a previous severe bout of pestilence in the 1590s that had led to the white hot creative streak which saw the penning of many of his romantic sonnets as well as the critically acclaimed Venus and Adonis. In the 1660s, it was plague that drove the hypochondriac Isaac Newton into glorious isolation (no real tragedy for the antisocial mathematician). It was whilst sequestered in his rooms that Newton, encountering a problem for which convention mathematics was insufficient, created a whole new branch of mathematics. I'm reliably informed that Calculus is quite important for the general effort of counting! It is believed that it was also the plague, in its original 1347 Black Death form, which forced the composer Guillaume de Machat into hiding. It was at this time he wrote the first complete scoresheet for the high mass - Messe de Nostre Dame - one of the greatest choral masterpieces of all time.

For quite different reasons to do with mental health (he had recently parted company with his own ear) Vincent Van Gough was admitted to a 'House of Health'. Left alone, with one room for sleeping and another which served as a makeshift studio, he painted ceaselessly. One of the results of Vincent

being distraction free was Starry Night. An artist from an earlier century, Michelangelo, infamously went into hiding in a small cell under a chapel in the Vatican. Whilst on the run from the furious Medici family, he drew on the walls with charcoal to pass the time. The results, discovered by chance in 1975, are fairly breath-taking. You should check them out!

During the summer of 1816 the world was pretty much in lockdown because of the 'Volcanic Winter' caused by the eruption of Mount Tambora the year before. It was whilst closeted together with his group of friends at lake Como that Lord Byron suggested to the company, which included the poet and libertine Percy Bysshe Shelley, that they have a ghost story writing competition. In the event it was Percy's nineteen year old wife Mary who took up the challenge. The result was the gothic horror masterpiece Frankenstein. Another guest, John Polidori contributed a story called The Vampyre which would later be the inspiration for Bram Stoker's Dracula. Later on in the 19th century John Henry Newman wrote three sonnets whilst when quarantined on board a cholera ridden ship. Interestingly, it was also whilst spending seventeen days in quarantine aboard another ship infected with cholera that Thackeray was able to find the time to finish off his novel Barry Lyndon. Less lucky was the composer Stravinsky who contracted the potentially deadly typhoid fever in 1913. As he convalesced in a nursing home, he managed to begin work on his marvellous opera The Nightingale which he finished whilst his wife was isolated with tuberculosis in the Alps.

There can be no doubt that working alone can be tough. However, it is at those moments where momentous, even tragic, events make our world contract that we can listen to inner voice and work with greater clarity and insight. It's as if our very longing for the world we have temporarily lost transmogrifies into white hot creativity and industry. Use this time, really focus on your studies but also make time for those around you. The world will be waiting for you when this is over.

**Mr Power**