

The Headmaster's Review of the Week

Dear Bedian Family,

I hope everyone is safe and well during this unusual time. The College is delighted to hear about the safe arrival of two babies this week. A daughter for Mr and Mrs d'Arcy and a son for Mr and Dr Sanders. Congratulations we wish you every happiness.

I have been working in College this week and it is so empty without our pupils. The remote learning is going well and as a College we are reviewing this provision. Mrs Davie is about to survey everyone to see how we can make the provision even better. At present, I am lucky since I am able to visit the College Chapel. I have been praying for you all on a regular basis and lighting a candle. As a child, my Dad's cousin, Sister Cecilia always encouraged me to pray to Mary. Sister Cecilia told me that Mary would always answer my prayers and support me. She was not wrong! During May, I would encourage everyone to pray to Mary for help and guidance.

There is considerable planning taking place in the College ready for phased reopening. It is vital that everyone feels safe when they return. I am very much looking forward to standing in the playground to welcome our pupils back. Until then keep safe, enjoy your family activities and if you need any help do not hesitate to get in touch.

Mrs S Pike



Welcome to our Bedian Family Claragh!

Dear Bedian Family,

I hope that you are all keeping safe and well, and thank you again for your continued outstanding support for the College during these challenging times.

My wife Roxanne and I would like to thank you for the many kind wishes which we have received since the arrival of our daughter Claragh last Thursday evening (please find a photograph of Anna with her little sister included with this piece, in case you would like to see our new baby).

Both mother and baby are happy and healthy, and we wanted to also thank the fantastic staff at St Mary's Hospital in Manchester for their exceptional care and dedication during our recent visit. So much incredible work goes on within our NHS and once again, we can only marvel at and be inspired by their skills, expertise and unrelenting compassion for others.

I would like to wish all of you every strength, good wish and God's blessing, and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Kind regards,

Mr d'Arcy.

Mr L d'Arcy
Headmaster
@LouisdArcy1



Amelia is a DJ with a capital D!

As part of our online, home learning, some of our pupils have been completing a project which examines careers in the music industry. One of the tasks asked pupils to have a go at mixing tracks and linking records using an online DJ simulation app. Pupils had to select songs, adjust the tempos and incorporate smooth breaks and transitions. Not an easy task!

Amelia rose to the challenge and produced an excellent mix. Mr Davies called in a favour and sent it to his friend James Hall who is a presenter on Capital FM. He commented 'It is a great to see young people engaging with and enjoying music production. The technology available to young people today is evolving at such a fast pace and the possibilities are endless. Amelia's mix demonstrates real musicality and it shows that she has a good feel for the tracks and a good sense of timing and phrasing. These are important skills for success in the music industry and Amelia has demonstrated these in bucketfuls.'

Amelia said that she was surprised to know that a professional radio presenter had listened to it and said 'I really enjoyed this project, listening to music is an important part of every day life for me, am really pleased with the commendation.'

She has been awarded, a well-deserved, Headmaster's commendation for outstanding work. As well as passing on advice regarding the CDJS controller and mixing, James declared 'I'm now frightened for my job. Looks like I'll have to go back to working stacking shelves. Thanks Amelia!'

Mr Davies

On the Ball

It goes without saying how much I have missed seeing the year 9 boys these past couple of months and in particular my second family the 2020 invincibles. The boys have continued to connect and work as best as possible. During games lessons we have started a 'St Bedes Football Euros', and a 'Skills Challenge' that takes place weekly on a Tuesday.

Just recently we had our first winners:

'St Bedes Football Euros' winner for March/April - Lucas Dineen
Fantastic work, tactical analysis and video work (pay rise for whoever was behind the camera!)

'Rocky Challenge' winner 5th May - Jon Ander Vilar Robinson
Skipper leading by example, superb!

Mr Fogel



Bede's Creatively Commemorates VE Day

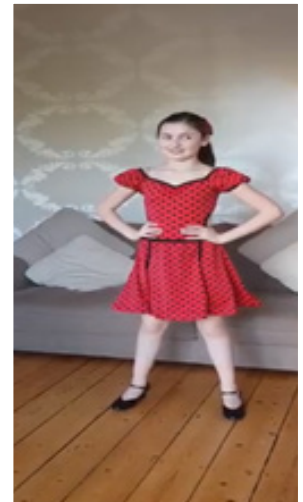
The History Department were delighted to see so many of our young historians commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day in such creative and inventive ways.

Having been set the challenge by their History teachers, our Upper Thirds to Upper Fourths responded by dancing, singing, baking, researching and building their own personal tributes to the VE Day celebration and the memory and legacy of the momentous event.

Notable submissions came from the likes of Grace in Upper Third, who performed a VE Day themed rock video, with a little help from the Economics Department. Darcey and Francesca, both Upper Third, produced fitting musical and dancing tributes to VE Day and the 1940s; whilst some, like Peter in Upper Third built a more physical tribute to VE Day and the heroes of the 'Golden Generation'. Many, like Flynn in Lower Fourth, made us jealous of their homemade VE Day themed bakes, all of which looked delicious. Finally, special tribute must go to Anna in Upper Fourth, who dug into her family history to find some artefacts and medals from her great grandfather Bert's experience of the Second World War.

Wherever you were and whatever you did, we hope that you all got involved in commemorating and celebrating VE Day in one way or another.

Mr Lee Rodriguez



Present and Future Doctors

Nothing makes us prouder than hearing about our alumni making a difference in the world. As the months of this pandemic go by, we are hearing more stories about past students who are working in frontline NHS positions. Experienced doctors have switched their usual roles to work in A & E, or I.C.U. whilst our recent leavers-still completing their medicine degrees-have been called into voluntary roles in hospitals.

St Bede's College has a long history of preparing candidates for entry to medical school and it is no surprise that we currently have some highly motivated Sixth form pupils who are preparing for 2020 or 2021 applications. Under guidance from the Biology Department, the Lower Sixth group have begun their preparations and are busy researching the UCAT and BMAT examinations which they may take in support of their applications. Before lockdown, Science teachers ran a series of mock multiple-mini-interviews which the pupils found to be both valuable and challenging. Since then they have narrowed down their choice of universities using virtual open days and tours. Alongside their online AS Biology lessons, they have been working diligently to complete wider reading and short online courses in a variety of areas, such as epidemiology and geriatric medicine. They will soon be submitting draft personal statements and completing further mock interviews. In addition to all this they have recently started a MedSoc course to support their planning.

We owe so much to those who are working in the NHS and in other key-worker roles and it is profoundly gratifying that so many are College alumni. It is also amazing to think that our current Sixth form contains the next generation of medical practitioners who are readying themselves to take on such essential roles in the future.

We salute all the present and the future Bedian medics!



Rachel B is one of the Lower Sixth group currently preparing for her medicine application n 2021.



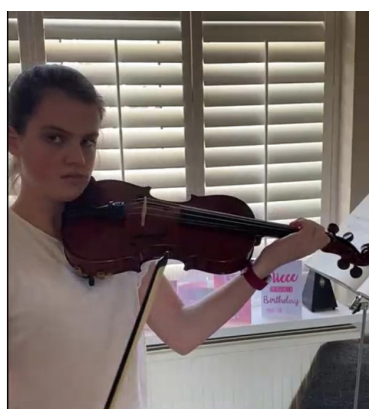
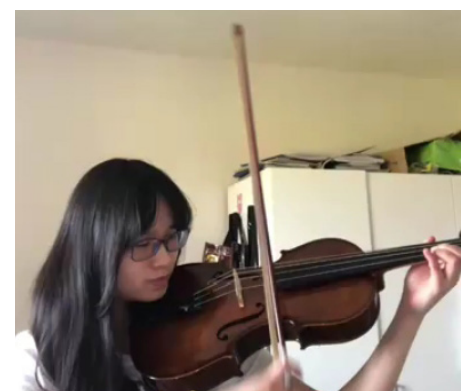
Dr Wesley Tensel, a Bedian alumnus, came into College last year to talk to our Sixth Form.

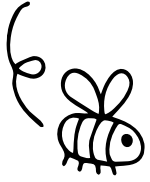
Congratulations

I would like to congratulate two of my pupils for their outstanding work during this lockdown period. On top of their academic studies they have shown commitment and real progress in their music lessons.

I have seen evidence of excellent organisational and communication skills, as well as significant development in their playing, Martha on violin and Karena on viola. Both have provided me with videos of steadily improving playing of pieces and scales, always on time. Karena's Montagues and Capulets by Prokofiev and Martha's Allegro by Handel have been particular highlights. Well done, girls, impressive work.

Rachel Janes

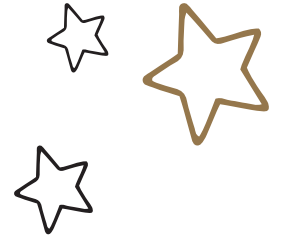


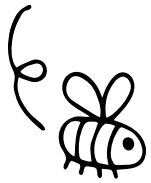


Headmaster's Commendations



Lower Fifth	Sophie B	Chemistry
Lower Fifth	Thomas D	Chemistry
Lower Fifth	Marie D	Chemistry
Lower Fifth	Halinka K	Chemistry
Lower Fifth	Roy H	Chemistry
Lower Fifth	Audrey R	Chemistry
Lower Fifth	Luke D	Geology
Lower Fifth	Sonya E	Geology
Lower Fifth	Roselle S	Economics
Lower Fifth	Marie D	PE





Headmaster's Commendations



Upper Third	Maeline B	Geography
Upper Third	Lauren F	Geography
Upper Third	Francesca B	History
Upper Third	Holly F	History
Upper Third	Peter H	History & Latin
Upper Third	Grace C	History
Upper Third	Darcey B	History
Upper Third	Amelia L	Science
Upper Third	Ryan L	Science
Upper Third	Jacinta L	Science
Upper Third	Stephen M	Science
Upper Third	Alfie O	Science
Upper Third	Brandon P	Science
Upper Third	Charles S	Science

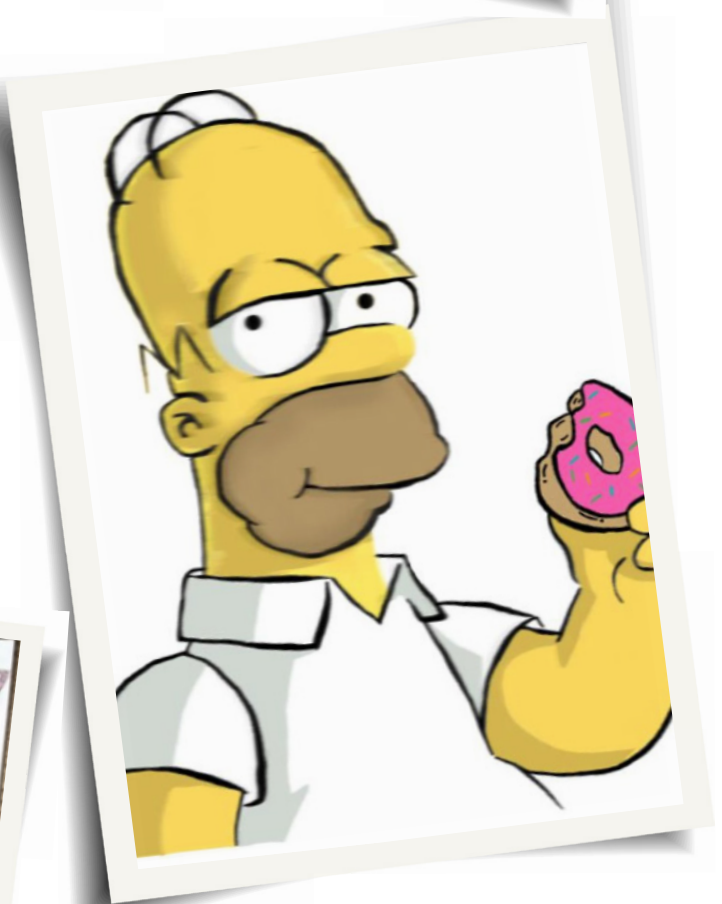
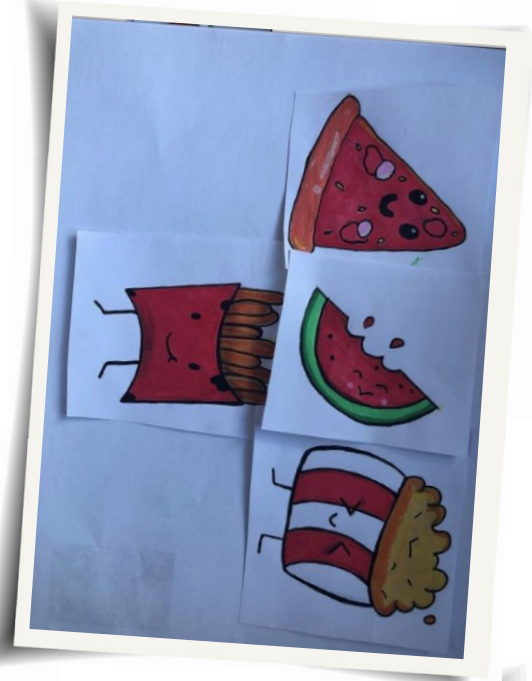
Lower Fourth	Maciej W	Geography
Lower Fourth	Danny C	Geography
Lower Fourth	Maria B-M	Spanish & Religion
Lower Fourth	Kamwana M	Spanish & Religion
Lower Fourth	Oli T	History
Lower Fourth	Louie F	History
Lower Fourth	Flynn H	History
Lower Fourth	Dara	Religion
Lower Fourth	Michael Q	Religion
Lower Fourth	Daniel	Religion
Upper Fourth	Niav E	Geography
Upper Fourth	Daniel R	Geography
Upper Fourth	Ashton M	History
Upper Fourth	Anna V	History



Lower Seniors - Spark Joy Challenge

This week's challenge was Food, and we think that Bailey, Amelia and Enrique are worthy winners for their street art, cartoon and kindness. The photos, art, poems and recipes really made us smile. This week's theme is something we're all glued to at the moment... technology!

Mrs Vyce



Kindness From Patrick!

Prep 5 pupil Patrick has been keeping healthy and helping out during lockdown. Patrick was asked if he could help walk our elderly neighbour's dogs as she is vulnerable and shielding. He jumped at the chance and has really enjoyed using his daily exercise time to help out with Tilly and the aptly named Winston, the chihuahua, in between lessons!

This is yet another example of the wonderful acts of kindness and charity our Prep children have carried out during the lockdown. We are immensely proud of them all.



Zachary's Zoom Zoom Swing

Prep 3 pupil Zac has really enjoyed his music lessons with Miss Furness. He especially enjoyed watching BBC's Yolanda's Band Jam TV Show. Yolanda has brought the show to the airwaves with her brand new radio show Yolanda's Live Jam on CBeebies radio. Zac auditioned for the show and was thrilled to have been invited to join in her show. He auditioned for the show when he was six, which involved him being videoed playing 'Clown Dance' and describing his viola. Zachary went along to a recording studio with his Dad where he was interviewed by Yolanda, he chatted about his instrument and told Yolanda that he played with the school orchestra. He then got to play the especially composed track, "Zachary's Zoom Zoom Swing" with Yolanda. This is an amazing achievement for Zac. We are all so proud of him.

Yolanda's Live Jam radio series introduces little listeners to an array of musical instruments and techniques, there are ten episodes with different mini musicians. The show explores how music can make you feel different emotions; discover musical techniques and styles and share your love of music in a special live jam performance. It is on CBeebies Radio every day during May, 2-3 times a day or you can just listen to the clip.

The following link takes you direct to Zachary's program.
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p089gj2f>

WISH YOU
A VERY
HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



PREP 1 **TUDOR**

PREP 6 **KITTY**



VE DAY

To mark the 75th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day, one Prep family enjoyed a double day of celebrations. Matvey and Ivan Rainkin (Prep 6 and Prep 2) and their family proudly honoured their two heroic, Russian grandfathers - Klimanov Dmitriy Fjodorovitch and Mashetov Ivan Pavlovitch - both of whom fought in WWII. The Rainkins joined with friends and family on Saturday 9th May to commemorate the day via a Zoom meeting where they shared memories of the bravery and sacrifices made by their grandfathers. Dmitriy, served as a Marine in the Soviet Fleet and, inspired by his life, Matvey wrote down the story of his maternal great grandfather describing him as 'fearless, skilful, disciplined and highly regarded by his leaders'. Wounded in 1943, he then became a guard of the ships in The Baltic Sea and went on to serve clearing mines until well after the war ended; he was awarded several medals for his efforts. Both boys felt a huge pride at the sacrifice made by their courageous great grandads and enjoyed singing the traditional Russian 'Katusha' which Matvey has promised to teach his class when 'we meet again'. It is very important that we all remember the sacrifices made by so many millions during World War II.



Yet Another Busy Week For Our Talented Pupils

Here is a selection of some of the fabulous work the children have been taking part in.

