

26 June 2020

The Headmaster's Review of the Week

Dear Bedian Family,

As I write to you with my latest review of the week, I hope that all members of our College community are keeping safe and well during these difficult times. As we edge ever-closer to the end of term and the summer holidays, the College continues to be alive both physically and remotely with productive and impactful learning opportunities for our boys and girls, as well as providing of course our continued outstanding pastoral care of our young people.

It has been wonderful to see so many of our Lower Fifth pupils and Lower Sixth students around the College these past few weeks, and we long for the full return of all our pupils at some point early next term. We await further guidance in this area from the Government, but we continue to plan for not only a full reopening at the beginning of next term, but also for the possibility of a gradual phased reopening and in addition for the likelihood that we have a return to a full lockdown with only vulnerable and key worker children permitted to be on site. We have not deviated at any moment throughout this pandemic period from ensuring that the health and safety of all members of our College community remains of the highest priority and as Benjamin Franklin said "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure".

By now many of you will have read my most recent weekly Monday letter to all College families in which I did my very best to explain that our Upper Fifth pupils and Upper Sixth students are very much not forgotten, that we miss them all a great deal and that we also fully recognise that these past few months have been very challenging for them in particular and of course their families too. I am very much looking forward to seeing our Upper Fifth pupils and Upper Sixth students again in August on our public examination Results Days and we are also looking into the possibility of holding some additional fun and memorable College events for them in the Autumn in an attempt to make up for their missed end of year traditions!



It is of course important for me to remind all of our families that I am very much missing all of our other year groups too and the sentiment contained in a recent quote from one of our absent pupils ("I am really missing coming to school") I know is widely felt by many of our boys and girls.

During this continued period of unprecedented uncertainty and change, it is so important that we continue to spend some valuable time each day in spiritual reflection. I have shared a prayer below for us to say in private or with our loved ones:

O Father in heaven, look upon all your people who struggle with anger, anxiety, doubt, frustration, guilt, hopelessness, loss, memories, lack of patience, pain, regret, sadness, selfishness, temptation and weakness.

Your Holy Word tells us "All things work together for the good of those who love God, who are called according to his purpose."

And that means that you make all these things work for your good purpose in our lives, even when we do not understand how or why.

Please always remind us of your invitation, "Cast all your cares upon me," and of your assurance that goes with it, "because I care





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for you."

Through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

St Bede - pray for us.

Our first ever virtual Upper Third Transition event went extremely well last Friday morning and we are busily preparing here for our brand new and inaugural virtual Open Event tomorrow morning (10 – 11am) which will allow prospective boys and girls and their families to gain a helpful insight into life at both the Prep and the College. If you do know of any friends or families who would be interested in joining us for this event, please ask them to contact Mrs Rachael Campbell as soon as possible today using admissions@

stbedescollege.co.uk in order to register.

I would like to wish all members of our Bedian Family a happy, healthy and relaxing weekend and thank you as always for your outstanding support for myself and the wider College in recent times – I very much look forward to seeing you all again very soon.

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

May God bless you all and we continue to keep all of our Bedian Family in our thoughts and prayers.

Kind regards, **Mr Louis d'Arcy** Headmaster

Lockdown Concert

Music is a huge part of life at St Bede's College, so whilst in lockdown, some of our singers had the wonderful idea of putting together a 'Lockdown Concert!' They also decided to raise money for a local charity called 'SoundUp Arts', which brings music to those living with dementia.

The idea is that if you enjoy the concert, you can go to their charity website (<u>www.sounduparts.com</u>) and make a donation.

Everyone worked incredibly hard on their songs to make sure the concert was the best it could possibly be and I'm sure you'll agree that they've done a fantastic job!

Here is a link to the concert: https://vimeo.com/432441695



Virtual Open Morning

Tomorrow we will have our inaugural 'Virtual Open Morning' 10.00am - 11.00am for parents interested in joining the College, Prep School and Sixth Form. This exciting new initiative may well be the future for Open Events in these uncertain times.

There will be short messages from the Senior Leadership Team and key personnel from the College about why St Bede's is such a special place to be and how we have coped with the lockdown situation.

If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining the College, please contact admissions@stbedescollege.co.uk for the invite link.







Headmaster's Commendations





U3 DVS	Cliona D	English
L5 THO	Richard A	English
L5 COM	Vanessa C	English
L5 FAC	Sonya E	English
L5 COR	Roy H	English
L5 COM	Doris K	English
L5 MCM	Markel M	English
L5 THO	Ross M-H	English
L4 MRL	Chantelle M	French
U3 MUR	Francesca B	French
U3 MUR	Alice C	French
L5 FAC	Halina K	Art
L5 COR	Chloe L	Art
L5 HGN	Veronica S	Art
U3 MUR	Alice C	Latin
U3 LEE	Peter H	Latin
U3 SUL	Charlene R	Latin
U3 BRB	Marcus D	Latin

U3 WLS	Maksy B	Computer Science	
U3 MUR	Hogan K	Computer Science	
U3 MUR	Alfie O	Computer Science	
U3 MUR	Francesca B	Computer Science	
U3 BRB	Edward C	Computer Science	
U3 MUR	Fareedah I	Computer Science	
L4 MRL	Maciej W	Computer Science	
U3 SUL	Emma B	French	
U3 WLS	Maksy B	French	
U3 LEE	Grace C	French	
L4 PED	Marley L	French	
L4 LVR	Kian N	French	
L4 MRL	Maciej W	French	
L4 PED	Evie C	French	
L4 HUH	Patrick K	French	
L5 FAC	Halina K	French	
L5 COR	Chloe L	French	
L5 FAC	Gerrta M	French	









L4 PED	Kamwana M	Latin
L4 MRL	Maria B-M	Latin
L4 PED	Reuben P	Latin
L4 LIV	Rebecca W	Latin
L4 LVR	Michael Q	Classics
L4 LIV	Alexander B	French
L4 WIL	Isobel H	French
L4 WIL	Jasper E	French
L4 LVR	Josie O	French
L4 MRL	Rafal S	French
L4 LIV	Hebe W	French
U4 SIN	Tom O	French
U4 SIN	Aaron A	French
U4 MIC	Lucas D	French
U4 SIN	Ava W	French
U4 SMT	Jon Ander V	French

U4 COY	Olivia B	Spanish
U4 MIC	Sonny F	Spanish
U4 MIC	Benoit N	Spanish
U4 SMT	James T	Spanish
U3 BRB	Marcus D	History
L4 MRL	Dara S	History
L4 LVR	Oliver T	History
U4 PRH	Solomon H	History
L5 REI	Luke D	History
L5 COM	Thomas D	History
L5 FAC	Maria O-L	History
L5 HGN	John T	French
U4 PRH	Oliver B	Spanish
U4 KAN	Samson T	Spanish







Lower Seniors - Spark Joy Challenge

This week's theme was WATER and the winner is Hogan K for his fantastic sketch.

Next week is our final challenge. Since the weather has been a fantastic mixture of sunshine and puddles, AND it's the end of the year, I thought that a really appropriate theme would be... reflections.





Scarlett Sings 'June'

Prep 6 pupil Scarlett has kept herself busy during 'lockdown' learning a new song 'June' by Roger Quilter. It is a very appropriate song evoking the beautiful aspects on this month. Scarlett recorded this song for everyone in the Prep to cheer them up during these difficult and challenging times for so many of our Bedian family. Thank you Scarlett.

https://vimeo.com/432446708/78f6132e0a



Another Busy Week For Our Talented Pupils



NURSERY CHARLIE
PREP 1 MATILDA
PREP 4 MATEO
PREP 6 EVELIN
PREP 6 JACK









Prep School

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