



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 approach the end of another busy and productive week in the life of this fantastic school, it has been wonderful to spend time with a wider range of pupils and colleagues here this week and to be able to catch up with their important College and personal news.

The long-awaited phased return of our Lower Fifth pupils and Lower Sixth students has gone extremely well so far and I would like to thank all of those who have helped to make sure that our pupils, colleagues and wider families are kept safe and well. I still greatly miss our Upper Third, Lower Fourth and Upper Fourth pupils and their families, as well as many colleagues whom I have not seen face to face for such a long time, and I very much look forward to the time when it is safe for all of our pupils, colleagues and families to return to the College in full.

Earlier today I met with a group of recently-graduated alumni to listen earnestly to their views and experiences around the important issue of racial injustice in the world and we had a very detailed and positive discussion. I was able to give them my full assurance that we are continually developing our practice here at the College in order to provide the most authentic and balanced educational experience for our current and prospective pupils, and staff, and to support our families and wider alumni to the very best of our abilities. We also discussed the life of the College and a wide range of other important matters and I very much look forward to further opportunities for similar meetings with pupils, parents and guardians and alumni over the coming weeks, months and years.

I continue to celebrate our CFA students of the week and our many other pupils receiving Headmaster's commendations each week by writing to them personally via the chat function on Microsoft Teams, and our boys and girls seem to have enjoyed the surprise of me getting in touch! We also ran a questionnaire with our returning Lower Fifth pupils earlier in the week to ascertain their thoughts on our phased return and I am very encouraged at the wide range of positive feedback which we have received from them. Comments included "I have found it very helpful to get a taste of school again", "It has made me feel a bit more normal", "It is good to see people", "I was happy to see my



friends and to get to catch up with work" and "It was good to be back at a desk again".

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. Last Sunday we celebrated the Feast of Corpus Christi and as I did with my colleagues at our virtual briefing on Monday morning, I have shared a passage from the Gospel according to St John (John 6:51-18) below for us to say in private or with our loved ones:

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink

Jesus said to the Jews:

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;

and the bread that I shall give

is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another:

'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said.

Jesus replied:

I tell you most solemnly,

if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man

and drink his blood, you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood

has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food

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and my blood is real drink.
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
lives in me
and I live in him.
As I, who am sent by the living Father,
myself draw life from the Father,
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.
This is the bread come down from heaven;
not like the bread our ancestors ate:
they are dead,
but anyone who eats this bread
will live for ever.'

St Bede - pray for us.

I would like to wish all of our Bedian fathers a very happy Father's Day on

Sunday and also give a heartfelt thank you more widely to all members of our Bedian Family for your outstanding support for myself and the wider College in recent times - I miss seeing you face to face and 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 the Bedian Family in our thoughts and prayers.

Kind regards,
Mr Louis d'Arcy
Headmaster
@LouisdArcy1

Big Sleep In

Last year, a group of hardy and intrepid young people spent a rather wet and memorable night sleeping out on the Headmaster's Lawn alongside Mr Lee Rodriguez and Mrs Hibbert in order to raise money for Cornerstone, in conjunction with their annual **Big Sleep Out** campaign. This year, like so many aspects of our lives, Cornerstone's **Big Sleep Out** campaign has gone online and has been re-branded as the **Big Sleep In**. During the current pandemic and given the challenges placed on so many vulnerable people, the work that Cornerstone does in the community is more important than ever. Cornerstone is a charity which works alongside Caritas and the Diocese of Salford to provide support and safe and temporary accommodation for families and individuals who have nowhere to go and no one to support them.

Here at St Bede's we are delighted to support Cornerstone and hope that you will take this opportunity to raise money for them, without leaving the comfort of your home. This year's **Big Sleep In** is taking place on **July 10th** and Cornerstone are asking attendees to stay within their houses but to sleep anywhere other than their bed, as long as it is safe and complies with the current government guidelines in place for social distancing, protecting yourself and others from coronavirus. During the event, Cornerstone will hold a live webinar, educating the attendees about the work that they do and the challenges facing the homelessness and it will end with a 10am mass the next morning, hosted by Bishop John Arnold.

If you are interested in getting involved in this wonderful and important event then follow the link below to register as an individual, before the event takes place on **July 10th**. Any pupils under the age of 18 will need the permission of their parent or guardian before taking place. Similarly, we have our own College JustGiving page for any participants to use to raise money. On behalf of all of us in the St Bede's Houses and Chaplaincy Teams, we hope that you are all well and remaining safe in this turbulent time. We look forward to this time next year, where we can once again gather together in prayer and spend an uncomfortable night on the Headmaster's Lawn, in order to support Cornerstone and all those who are homeless and in need.

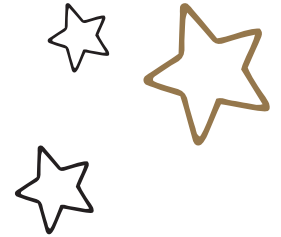
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Mr Lee Rodriguez





Headmaster's Commendations



U3 LEE	Cian O	Latin
L4 WIL	Harry C	English
L4 MRL	Daniel B	English
L4 MRL	Maciej W	English
L4 MRL	Dili U	English
U3 MUR	Fareedah I	Geography
L4 LAV	Nathan S	Geography
L4 PED	Abdullah U	Geography
L4 PED	Kamwana M	Geography
L4 LIV	Rebecca W	Geography
L4 MRL	Dara S	Geography
L4 LAV	Oliver T	Geography
U3 WLS	Brandon P	Geography
U3 LEE	Grace C	Geography
U3 WLS	Maksy B	Geography
U3 SUL	Shahzaib A	Geography
L6 DIT	Tom P	Geography
U3 LEE	Bailey C	Computer Science





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U3 DVS	Logan C	Computer Science
U3 SUL	Solomon T	Computer Science
U3 WLS	Maksy B	Computer Science
U3 LEE	Grace C	Computer Science
U3 WLS	Harry D	Computer Science
U3 LEE	Peter H	Computer Science
L4 PED	Reuben P	Computer Science
L4 WIL	Isobel H	Computer Science
L4 LVR	Emily L	Computer Science
L4 LIV	Hebe W	Computer Science
L4 HUH	Tyreek C	Computer Science
U4 SIN	Temi S	Computer Science
U4 COY	Justin O	Computer Science
U4 DUN	Erin B	Computer Science
U4 MIC	Jahzara G	Computer Science
U4 MIC	Beth H	Computer Science
L5 THO	Rio H	Computer Science
L5 COM	Stephanie M	Computer Science



Lower Seniors - Spark Joy Challenge

This week's theme was All Shapes and Sizes and the winner is Francesca B and next week's theme is very in keeping with the weather, WATER!

Mrs Vyce



Another Busy Week For Our Talented Pupils

A wonderful poem that Arran C in the Upper Fourth wrote for his Classics homework.

*A Paean to the Victors of Marathon
by Arran C*

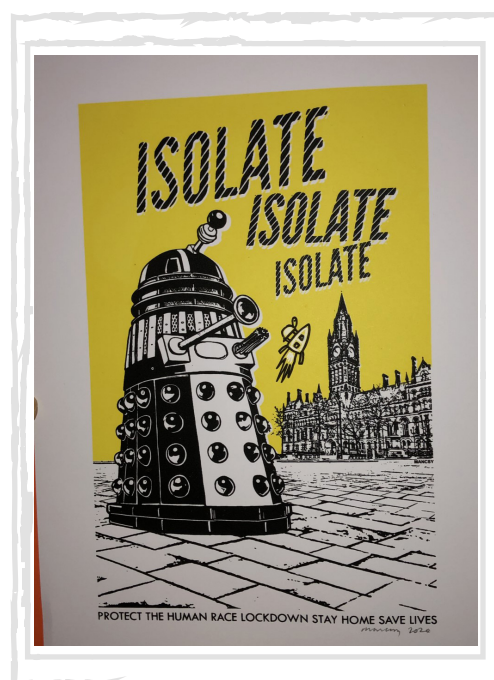
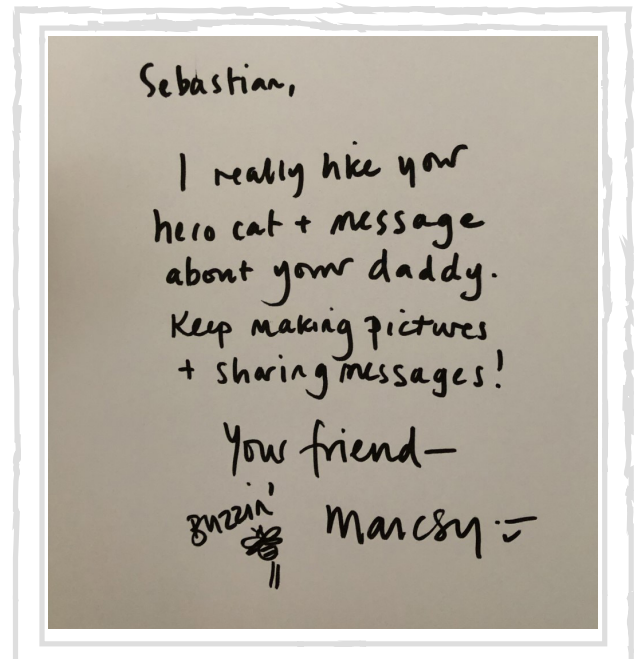
Outnumbered but not outclassed, the mighty Athenians rose
To run upon the Persian ranks; their enemy to oppose.
Upon the fearsome xiphos raised, the Sun God Helios flashed
His dazzling rays of blinding sun and with the Persians clashed.
The bravery of the Hoplite warriors and use of their phalanx,
Made mincemeat of the Persian throng and depleted all their ranks.
The three-winged army soared into flight and smashed the Persians with all their might.
The Persian fleet was set alight and terror gripped; they all took flight.
All hail the Saviours of Glorious Greece who from the Persians did release;
The famous freedom fighters of all Greece whose memory shall never cease.

Mancsy Art

Prep 5 pupil Sebastian is a fan of street art and especially likes local artist Mancsy. Mancsy is an anonymous Manchester artist, well known for leaving his limited edition prints around Manchester for fans to find and own. He has done prints of Emmeline Pankhurst, the Manchester Bee and a Manc Cat.

Sebastian entered a competition by Mancsy, who since 2012 has been giving away poster prints featuring his trademark bee. The competition asked people to draw posters featuring heroes. Sebastian drew a picture of his cat Minty, who is now 18, and his NHS Doctor Dad. Sebastian was thrilled to win a poster and a personal message from Mancsy. Mancsy also added Sebastian's signature tortoise and rocket to the poster.

More information about Mancsy can be found at www.mancsy.co.uk



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BIRTHDAY

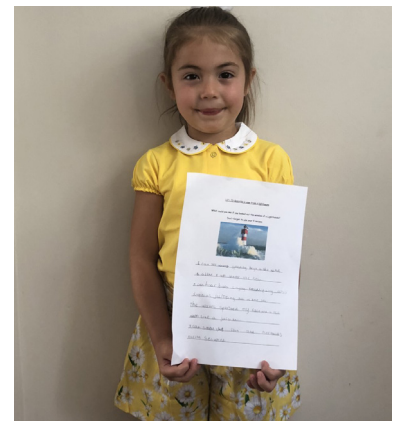
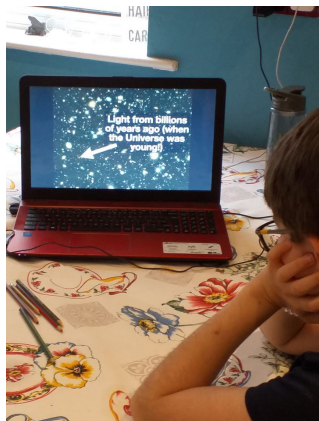
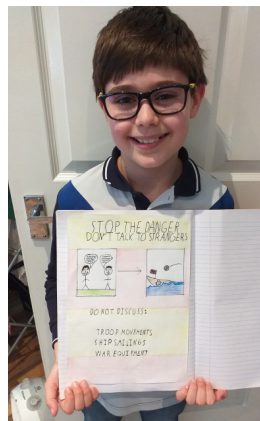
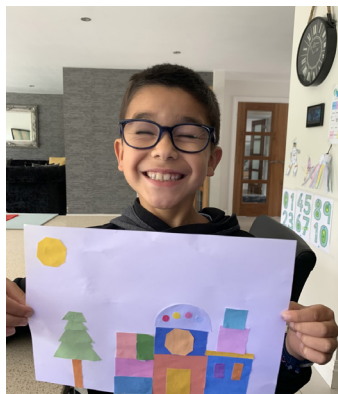
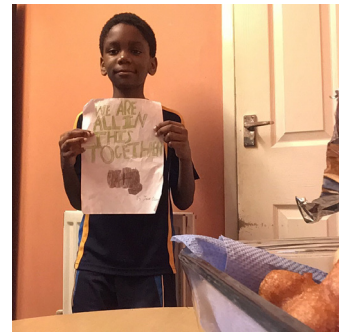
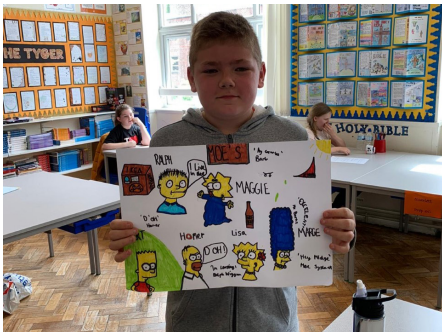
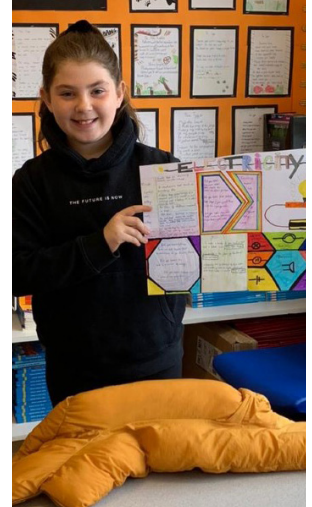
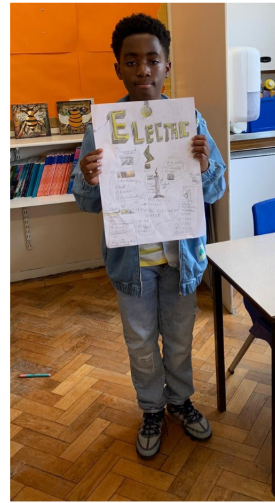
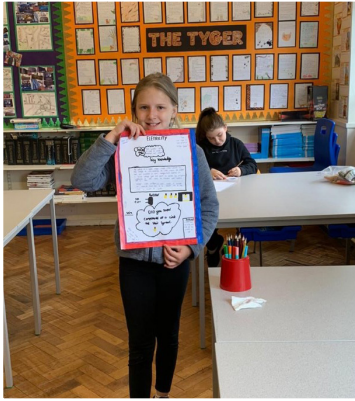
PREP 4 **NELL**

PREP 4 **LARISSA**

PREP 6 **ALEXANDRA**



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The Sixth Form View



This week it was wonderful after so long to welcome back Lower Sixth students who came into College to meet with the Sixth Form team. Each had an interview to discuss their academic progress in their subjects and their experiences of distance learning through Teams. Those who were unable to come in person had their discussion on line.

Students were all supplied with a pack of materials to support their university application process which is now beginning. Our L6 are now registering with UCAS and exploring universities and courses through a variety of websites including Unifrog to which the College is subscribed and which holds an enormous amount of information and guidance on universities, not just in the UK, but also the USA, Europe, Australia and the Far East for those considering studying abroad. We take pride in offering our students bespoke higher education advice and support, tailored for each individual student to ensure their applications

for university or apprenticeships are strong and competitive. The Sixth Form team are always available to support students through into the world beyond St.Bede's.

For those who will be applying for Medicine or Oxbridge, the Medical Applications and Oxbridge Preparation Programmes have been underway for some time. Students are being supported through a variety of activities and independent study opportunities. Students have been allocated subject specialist teachers as Mentors who will help and support them in the supplementary work they will need to complete now and over the summer, particularly with a focus on the Aptitude Tests in November which are part of the Oxbridge application process.

We are committed to supporting our students in every way we can to ensure their application journey is exciting and rewarding and that their applications reflect all their hard work and commitment and demonstrate their tremendous qualities as people.

