



Message From The Headteacher

There was a lot of excitement when pupils returned on Monday to see their friends after the half-term break. Everyone was surprised to see the improvements that had taken place on Our Lady corridor. The smiles on the Prep children faces said everything when they saw the changes that had taken place in their playground! Pupils in the Upper Sixth and Upper Fifth appear to have worked hard during the holiday preparing for their mock examinations, that have taken place this week. On Thursday, our Upper Third pupils made history attending their first Parent Tutor evening remotely. All the feedback has been positive. Comments like "It feels like I've always been here" and "it

feels like a family" were particularly lovely to hear.

Highlights of the week have included the Upper Third reflection services in the Chapel and the first outdoor celebration assembly!

Keep safe

Best wishes,

Mrs S Pike
Headteacher



Commendation Awards

Congratulations to all our students who have been awarded Headteacher Commendation Awards.

As we cannot have assemblies at the moment we decided to award the certificates in their year group bubbles before the start of the day.

Well Done to all!



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Welcome Mr Calmaestra

Mr Francisco Javier Calmaestra began his role as the College's Head of Strategy and Innovation at the beginning of this half-term. Mr Calmaestra joins the Bedian Family from Arenales Carabanchel School (Madrid - Spain) where he progressed from teacher to Deputy Head in 2013 and then to Head of Prep. He has developed a great impact learning program in Arenales Cabanchel, where every student from Year 1 to Sixth Form has their own device as a learning tool. He brings a breath of knowledge, understanding and skills to St Bede's College.

Mr Calmaestra loves to teach Maths and Computer Science, but he always says that the most important thing for a teacher is not to teach many things, but to guide students to learn as much as they can.

For the last eight years he has spent part of his time training teachers and helping them improve their teaching methods. Likewise, he has always encouraged them to progress from traditional teaching to active and connected learning for their students. He is also a regular speaker and workshop leader in many Educational Conferences held in Spain.

Recently coming from Madrid with his large family, five of his six children also join the Bedian Family as Prep students. They are very proud to be Bedians because the Catholic faith and values of the College go hand in hand with how they live at home.

He likes to run and go on field trips with his family as well as playing the guitar.

From everyone in the Bedian Family, we offer a warm welcome to Mr Calmaestra and wish him all the best for the future.



November - The Month of Remembrance

On Monday 2 November pupils and staff joined together in prayer for the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed, All Souls Day. With the current regulations we were unable to celebrate Holy Mass, however, Mrs Hibbert College Chaplain led a Eucharistic Service.



Mrs Hibbert said "With the imminent closure of churches, we feel very blessed to have the College Chapel to serve our community. So, for the month of November we are inviting families to send the names of their loved ones who have died. We will light a candle for them and place their names in the Chapel and remember that at each service."
chibbert@stbedescollege.co.uk

Pupils have started to visit the chapel with their form class for an Adoration Service, where they will personally light a candle for their family members and friends.

Mrs Hibbert



Theme of the Week


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Remembrance - All Souls

"Stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour." (Matthew 25:1-13)

Challenge:

Remember a loved one that has died. Let us make time this month to pray especially for them, using this time to bring to mind all our actions and the person we are. Let us try to be like the bridesmaids, in the gospel, who came prepared with the oil, let us always be prepared for the Lord.



Prayer:

Lord Jesus, help me to be ready to be a part of your kingdom. Thank you for loving me and longing for me to be with you in heaven. Help me to share the love you have given me with those around me, through kind actions, encouraging words and acts of mercy and forgiveness. Amen

Salford Diocese Youth

Salford Diocese Youth department have created a 'one minute word' reflection on their social media page. This week our College Chaplain Mrs Hibbert will be the first lay person to film a reflection on the gospel.

Take a look at the video

<https://www.instagram.com/salfordyouth/>

Mrs Hibbert

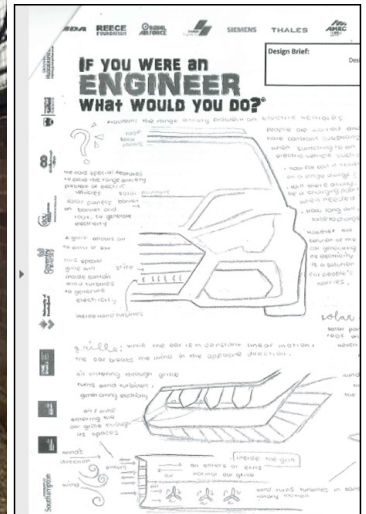


Engineer Leader Awards

Congratulations to Engineers Audrey ZR (Finalist Award), Peter H and Maria BM (Distinction Award).

This year over 30,000 students entered the Engineers Leaders Awards from all over the UK. This is a competition that the Design Technology Department entered with the challenge 'If you were an engineer what would you do?'

St Bede's College successfully gained two distinction entries and Upper Fifth pupil Audrey ZR, was a shortlisted finalist.

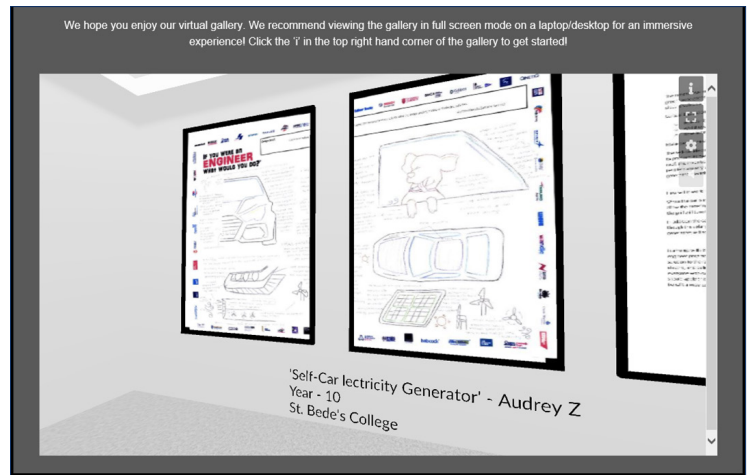


The Annual Awards Ceremonies were a little different this year. Instead of an exhibition and awards ceremony at Salford University a virtual gallery of the finalists was created.

You can visit the virtual gallery here:

<https://leadersaward.com/2020-greater-manchester-gallery/>

Miss Manning



Five For Fireworks

As we go into our second period of lockdown, it is more important than ever to get outside and get moving! With this in mind we are asking you to run, walk, crawl, cycle or even dance for 5 minutes, 5 kilometres or 5 miles over the Bonfire Night weekend.

You might even spot some fireworks on your way!

If you would like a medal to commemorate your achievement, then all you need to do is donate £5 to our Just Giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising-edit/fiveforfireworks>.

All the money raised will be going to the Manchester Food Bank to help those that are struggling, especially at this current time.

So get into your best running outfits (the brighter and more creative the better!), and get moving! Don't forget to send a picture to Mrs Barber (kbarber@stbedescollege.co.uk) for the chance to be featured in next week's Bede's News!

Mrs Barber



Black History Month

Congratulations to the three prize winners in our competition to create a poster to promote Black History Month. Malaya, Frankie and Tyreek produced wonderful, thought provoking posters and received prizes of books and chocolates. Well done!

Mrs Poolton



Busy Half Term

Please note:
In all pictures pupils have been asked to briefly remove their face mask.

The Site Team have been very busy during the half term break. We returned to see a wonderfully updated Our Lady Corridor, a revamped Prep Infant Playground and two new minibuses!



England Training Camp

Over the half term break, five St Bede's students attended two different England Football training camps. It is a great honour to be selected for international duty and it is hard work as much as talent that is reward with an international call up. The feedback from England for all five players was excellent for both training and their conduct during education. Here are some snippets of feedback about their experience at the England camps.

Kane T

Kane T U16s - I've really enjoyed the week. It's been a really good experience for me and I have learnt many new things. I've met a lot of new people from all over the country and its good to mix with people that you wouldn't usually come across. It's been a decent week of training and hopefully I'll be back soon.

Ezra C

Ezra C U16s - The camp has gone very well and I have enjoyed being here and training which is helping me to get better as a player and helping me learn. I have also been able to get on with my work because I have had all the resources I needed to be able to complete my work. I think that my football training has gone well and it has taught me new things such as the formations and how England play.

Nico O'R

Nico O'R U16s - This week has been really good and challenging on and off the pitch. I have enjoyed it especially in training. I have completed all my revision work for school and the camp has been really good.

Jadel K

Jadel K U17s - This camp has been a good experience for me. It would've been even better if the camp was longer. Education has been good and I was able to complete all of my work. I'm looking forward to my next opportunity with England.

Rico L

Rico L U17s - There's nothing I would really change about the camp as all training sessions were good and enjoyable. It was very easy to get work done with no distractions from others while doing education. It is always an honour to be picked for England.

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First Holy Communion

When we returned from our half term holidays, we received some wonderfully uplifting news from Prep 4; Jysiah, Zachary, Dara, Lucien and Kiama were finally able to receive the Blessed Sacrament of their First Holy Communion at St. John's, Chorlton on Sunday 1 November.

We hope that we can hold a joint Eucharistic Celebration for our Prep 3 and Prep 4 pupils in our College Chapel on Sunday 4 July 2021.



Chess Champions

We all experienced a rather wet and miserable second week of the half-term holidays in October and whilst many children may have chosen video games, some of our Prep pupils were able to take part in an online chess tournament where they played against other Prep pupils and participated against other schools in the North West.

The Prep competition was closely fought and saw Edson (Prep 6) take first place, closely followed by Zachary (Prep 4) in second place and Ethan (Prep 5) in third who all received medals. Michele (Prep 6), Cleon (Prep 5), Paolo (Prep 3) and Shae (Prep 2) also received prizes for their participation.

Congratulations and well done everyone! Chess Club will resume in school as soon as it is safe to do so.

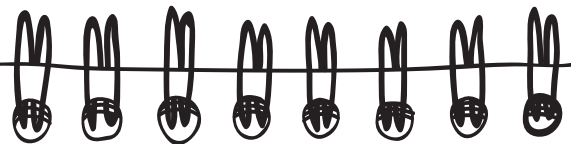




Class of the Week - Nursery

WISH YOU
A VERY
HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

PREP1 SYLVIE-ROSE



Notices

IMPORTANT NOTICE Late Class will take place from 3.45pm to 5.15pm, pick up will be via Prep Entrance

Wednesday 11 November
Children are encouraged to wear something red with their uniform to mark Remembrance Day.

Thursday 12 November
Prep Parents Evening



House Point Winners & Stars of the Week

