



Message From The Headteacher

Throughout the week Mrs Pike has been handing out Headteacher Commendation certificates to students who have excelled in a variety of different ways. She has also given out a number of book tokens to pupils from Champion, Bosco, Magdalene and Siena for amassing the highest number of Ace awards for their house.

Congratulations to you all!

Good luck to the many pupils who are taking music examinations during the weekend.



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Entrance Examination
Saturday 9 January 9.30am
admissions@stbedescollege.co.uk

Wellbeing Challenge

The Bedian community has fully embraced the festive spirit this week; we've had lots of submissions sharing the activities being done to stave off the winter blues. We've seen festive dance classes, creative Christmas crafts and lots of you putting up your decorations. Some of our favourites are below.

Rather than focusing on our own mental health and wellbeing, this week's challenge is to perform a small act of kindness. This could be bringing your parents a cup of tea in the morning, giving a sibling a hug or lending a sympathetic ear to a friend in need. Let's take a little time to spread some festive cheer this week by helping others.

Mr Hughes - Head of Lower Fifth



The Great Bede's Bake Off



Are you a budding bake off star? The next Nadiya? Or a potential Peter? Well get your recipes at the ready for this year's GBBO (Great BEDE'S Bake Off of course!)

Campion House are asking you all to get baking over this festive season-a fantastic family activity for a chilly Christmas afternoon!

There are two categories to enter your bakes into:

Do you make brilliant brownies? Or cracking cookies? Then why not enter them into the signature challenge! This can be any bakes at all...as long as they look and taste delicious!

Then for our showstopper round we would like to see your most festive bakes. This might be a classic Christmas cake, mince pies or even a Yule log. The more over the top, the better!

After you have baked (and tested!) your delights, don't forget to send a picture to Mrs Barber. The closing date for your picture and description of your bakes is 3 January.

Our very own Bede's versions of Prue and Paul will be judging your pictures, with prizes given out to a winner in each house, as well as an overall champion.

We can't wait to see your creations...although we wish we could taste them too!

Mrs Barber
Head of Campion House

Tony Hennigan September 1990 to December 2020

Before coming into Teaching, I spent five years as a Design Engineer working for GEC Switchgear, designing equipment for electrical sub stations which was exported all over the world. I decided to give it up to re-train as a Teacher. My first teaching position was at St Vincent De Paul in Victoria Park where I was quickly promoted to the Head of Department. St Bede's College had never taught Technology before and in the summer term of 1989 they appointed me as the new Head of Technology. I helped to set up the department from scratch and I spent the summer term working with the College Architect and the builders to set the department up ready to start teaching Technology in September 1990.

I have really enjoyed my time as the Head of Technology at the College, the department now teaches Technology from Prep 5 right through to A-Level. We are one of the very few Schools in the UK that is currently teaching students as young as 9 to operate a Laser Cutting machine. The department prides itself on the excellent examination results and the national awards that the students have won. These awards include the AQA A-Level Technology award which was won by Rachel when she beat over 31,000 other students for the best examination result in the UK. Other awards include the Roland Digital Creative Design Award and most recently the STEM Engineering and Bloodhound Engineering Awards.

As well as striving for excellent examination results, the department has always encouraged its students to solve real problems in the community and has linked up with several companies and organisations to work with its students on their coursework projects. Some of the highlights over the past thirty years included designing an interactive Electronic device for Manchester Children's hospital to calm young patients down whilst they were on the way to surgery. We also worked with Manchester City Football Club to design some batch produced Three-Dimensional promotional gifts for their souvenir shop as part of a GCSE Graphic Design project. The Manchester Giants Basketball team and the Manchester Storm Ice Hockey Team when they were based at the Manchester Evening News Arena also approached us to do some work with our A-Level students. The Rainbow Family Trust which is now Francis House Children's Hospice asked us to help them promote one of the charity shops and a group of U4 students created their own Radio Jingle which was played on the BBC. The Students also produced a Three-Dimensional sign and billboard.

I have been very lucky to have worked with a team of some of the best Technology Teachers and Technicians, not just in Manchester but in the UK and would like to thank them all for their loyal support to myself and the students.



Outside of my duties as Head of Technology I have always enjoyed raising money for charity and one of my first projects was to set up the One World CAFOD group to raise funds over a week-long festival of events. The yearly event would often raise between £6,000 and £10,000 for the charity. In 1995 I set up 'Young, Gifted and Green' which was an Irish, Music, Song and Dance Troupe which featured performers from the College and elsewhere. The group raised £216, 507.76 during its 25 years and the last concert was staged just before the lockdown in March at the College. The troupe have played several prestigious concerts which have included the BBC Proms at the Royal Festival Hall in London, staging our own sell out concerts at The Lowry Theatre, Gorton Monastery, The Bridgewater Hall, Manchester Town Hall and The Palace Nightclub.

The troupe also enjoyed appearances on local and national TV shows like the BBC Songs of Praise Show, BBC Blue Peter Show, ITV's Lets Dance series and the Irish Connection series as well as live performances on the BBC News, Granada TV News and Sky News.

What's Next?

Although I am retiring from teaching at St Bede's College, I have several projects lined up to keep me busy and occupied. As soon as the COVID-19 pandemic is over I plan to use my spare time travelling the world and enjoying my passions of outdoor swimming, cycling, walking, and gardening, as well as looking after my grandson. But to begin with I will be kept busy working part time with my brother's hospitality and building company on marketing, management, and landscaping projects. I will also be working with Tourism Ireland and Mayo County Council on some Tourism projects in Ireland and the UK as well as some other marketing and press work for various clients. 7 years ago, I set up the Mayo Manchester Tourism and Business group which has won several awards for its work promoting County Mayo in the West of Ireland and engaging with the 5 million people around the world who have links to the County.



House Christmas Hamper Appeal

When I had the idea to prepare the hampers and to organise the appeal, I had no idea that the whole College and their families would respond so well. I envisaged getting a few bits in the car to take to Loaves and Fishes. Fortunately, everybody else thought differently. On the Christmas Jumper Day on the 4 of December, the items started coming and didn't seem to stop.

We were blown away by the volume of donations coming in which also included £520 to the 'Justgiving' page then came the task of sorting the items into hampers. It was at this time that I started to think that I had bitten off more that I could chew, and then they came! Staff and students just kept turning up at the hall and after a quick hamper making tutorial from our Lay Chaplain, Mrs Hibbert, sleeves were rolled up and hampers were prepared. A special mention must go to the Sixth Form students who gave their time so freely and without fuss. The end result was that we had 60 beautiful hampers and a room full of groceries for the food bank too.

On Thursday morning, we loaded the Sixth form student's cars and the college minibus and delivered everything to the 'Loaves and Fishes' charity in Salford to be distributed to struggling families and people in need.

Ross, at the centre, was close to tears when he saw the quality and volume of the donations and highlighted that for those living in isolation, alone or in poverty, this will really brighten their Christmas and asked for us to pass on huge thanks to everybody who donated.

I will echo that sentiment and say how proud I am to be a Bedian and to be a part of everything that entails. On behalf of the house team, Mr Lee-Rodriguez (Siena), Mrs Barber, Mrs Hibbert (Lay Chaplain) and myself, thank you for supporting us this year so far and we hope that everybody has a wonderful and peaceful Christmas.

God Bless

Mr Davies



Theme of the Week

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Advent

Mother of God

"Let what you have said be done to me." (Luke 1:38)

Challenge:

Is Our Lady a part of your life?
She is the person who God chose to carry Jesus. Her complete faith and trust in God is an example to us all. Let's us take time this week to think about how we can learn from Mary's example and trust God's plan for our life



Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank you God for entering the world through Our Lady. Help us to learn from her example how to put our faith in you and trust your will.
Amen.
St Bede- Pray for us



Football, Foden and Bede's

Fresh Base Productions visited St Bede's on Thursday morning as part of a full day of filming at venues across Manchester. The EA Sports project profiles the life of Bedian Phil Foden, from his roots in Stockport to his professional football career. The day began with the film crew recording St Bede's students playing a typical playground football match with the iconic Vaughan building in the background.

In the afternoon, members of the St Bede's Upper Fourth National Cup winning football team joined Phil Foden for filming and photographs at Adswold Youth Centre, near to where the Manchester City and England midfielder grew up.

Finally, a third group of students were filmed playing street football at the final location outside Stockport County's Edgeley Park stadium. Fresh Base Productions Producer, Gaurav Kumar said "The students at each location were amazing and their footballing skills were incredible. They were a dream to work with."

Mr Woan, who was overseeing the project said "This project is a once in a lifetime opportunity for our students. Initially we were approached to provide six students but we were able to offer our site as a venue and provide the opportunity for so many more students to be involved." The EA Sports promotional video will appear on YouTube and social media platforms later this month.

Mr Woan



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Remote Learning at St Bede's College

Be well prepared for your future

It's no surprise that 'lockdown' has been chosen as the 'Word of the Year' by dictionary publishers Collins. It reflects how the world changed as we all had to adapt to the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Looking forward, while the prospects are brighter with potential vaccines and treatments arriving in 2021, schools will face challenges for a while yet – and at St Bede's College we are working hard to learn from the pandemic and ensure that teaching and learning are seamless and high quality – wherever our students are.

Here's how we have been supporting students so far.



Remote Learning

During the March-June lockdown period, our Sixth Form students benefitted from regular lessons, many of them live. Small class sizes also meant that teachers were able to offer individual online support via our Teams platform.

PP During lockdown, my teachers were really supportive and lessons were quickly adapted, ensuring we could learn just as effectively from home.

Emily-Upper Sixth



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Blended Learning

Since September Sixth Form students self-isolating have benefitted from hybrid lessons with visualisers provided to all staff thanks to our active Parent Teacher Association. These allow students to share content and contribute to class discussion from home. In addition, they can submit work for feedback online – in many cases receiving this faster than if they had to physically hand in work!



PP I really appreciate how my teachers ensured that I was able to join live lessons while I had to self-isolate. It meant that I didn't miss anything and didn't fall behind in my studies.

Theo-Upper Sixth



Personal Support

Through the whole process, our small tutor groups have meant that personal development and career support has continued. We have held Parents Evenings remotely and even added extra sessions for exam feedback. We also provide specific support for those applying for subjects such as Medicine and to Oxford and Cambridge University – for example how to manage online interviews. Reports remain personalised and give specific feedback to students rather than just grades.

SMALL CLASS SIZES

PP Online learning while in self-isolation enabled me to keep up to date and continue learning in my subjects. My teachers were always responsive and available to me whenever I needed them.

Sabrina-Upper Sixth



The Future of Learning

Looking to the future, we are learning from these lessons and expanding our digital support using the Microsoft Office 365 platform. Innovations we are rolling out include class workbooks to allow small groups to collaborate on projects and training for teachers in remote coaching. And our new Head of Strategy and Innovation, Mr Francisco Calmaestra, is looking forward to deploying his international experience and expertise to drive further improvement.

To learn more about our personal support for Sixth Form students, please contact Mrs Rachael Campbell or Miss Helen Taylor, admissions@stbedescollege.co.uk

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Advent Services

We are extremely grateful to our College Chaplain, Mrs Hibbert for organising services of prayer and reflection for each class this half-term. It has been lovely to have the opportunity to be back in our peaceful place at the heart of our school, our chapel. The services concluded this week with our Prep 5 and 6 classes. Thank you Mrs Hibbert!



Prep Pop

'Prep Pop has been a very popular vocal group for over twelve months and we are lucky to be back rehearsing after a long pause and our Prep 3 and 4 bubble have been in full swing this half term!

The pupils have very much enjoyed attending this lunch time club with Miss Furness and their rendition of 'Dancing in the Moonlight' can be viewed here: <https://vimeo.com/488925186/332cefecf5>



House Point Winners & Stars of the Week



Building the Kingdom

The Reception class children have enjoyed learning about the Nativity through their Building The Kingdom and Topic sessions. Incorporating their fine motor skills development in Early Years and they have used clay to make a Nativity scene and then painted them. The children are very proud of their work and can't wait to bring them home next week!



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Class of the Week - Prep 4

WISH YOU
A VERY
 **HAPPY** 
BIRTHDAY

RECEPTION **HENNIE**

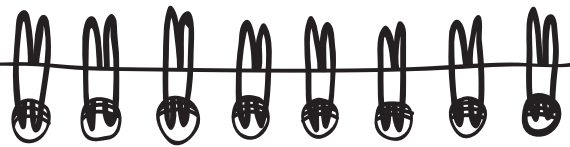
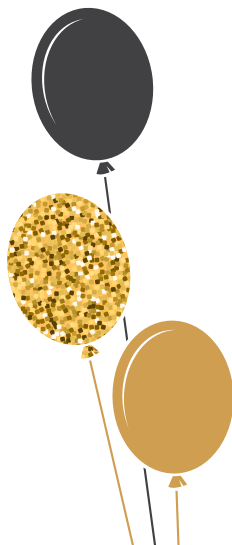
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PREP 3 **DEAN**

PREP 4 **KAYDEN**

PREP 6 **NAHUM**



Notices

School Closes for the Christmas Holidays at 12 noon on 18 December, there will be no Prep After School provision that day so children should be collected promptly.

Late Class & Clubs Pick Up is from Prep Entrance only, face coverings to be worn by adults.

Late Class runs from 3.45pm to 5.45pm