



St George

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



St Bede's is definitely 'buzzing' again! Highlights of my week have included hearing the pupils singing on the Headteacher's lawn as well as enjoying their drama lessons. It has been great to catch up with the Sixth Form and I would like to congratulate them on their university offers.

Happy St George's Day.

Mrs S Pike
Headteacher



Heavenly Father, give us the bravery of St George to stand up for the truth and the glory of God that we have seen in the face of Jesus Christ. Give us the strength to overcome in our lives and in the world, all that is contrary to your rule of justice and love. Help us to be good news to the poor, proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind; let the oppressed go free, and proclaim the good news of God's favour and Jubilee. Amen

Mrs Hibbert

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Message for the Week



Theme of the Week


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The Good Shepherd

"I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me."
(John 10:11-18)

Challenge

This week let us reflect on the image of Jesus being the good shepherd. Jesus searches for you and anybody that is lost. He does not stop searching until he finds you. Find comfort in knowing that you matter to the Lord and let it teach you something about who God is and how much he loves you.



Prayer
 Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, lead me in my life. I trust you. Lord, when I feel that my life is going astray, when things are difficult for me, remind me that there are, as my shepherd, leading me to peace. Lord Jesus, I trust you. Amen

Earth Day 2021

Earth Day which was celebrated across the world this week, it aims to draw attention to environmental issues such as climate change and pollution. This year's theme is 'Restore Our Earth' and the focus is on natural processes, green technologies and restoring the world's ecosystems.

Our team of Upper Fourth pupil library assistants helped put together a display of books, all dealing with environmental matters and designed to make you think. There are books with facts and ideas about things we can do to make a difference as well as fiction with an environmental theme. All are available to borrow from the Library.

Mrs Poolton



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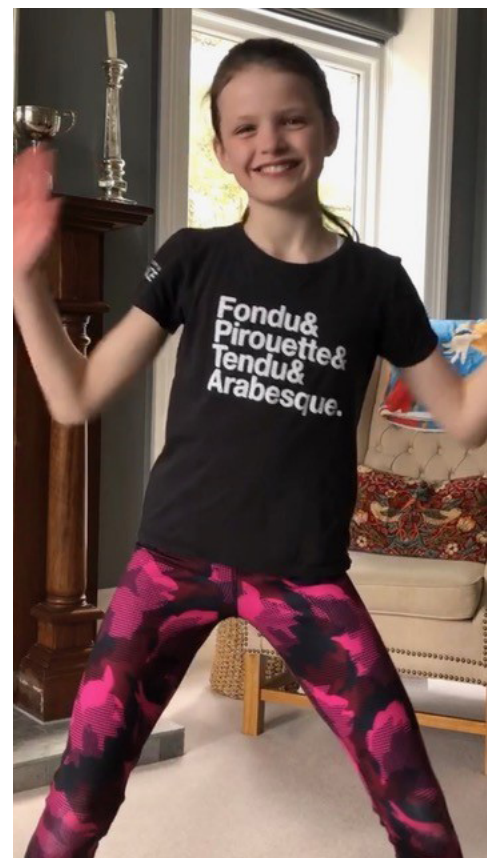
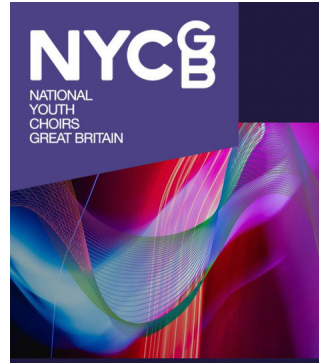
National Youth Choir

I am a member of the National Youth Choir of Great Britain and during the Easter holidays I was supposed to attend a week-long residential training course in Oxford. Due to Covid-19 restrictions the course had to take place online instead. It was a real shame that the Choir wasn't able to meet up in person in Oxford, but the online activity that we did instead was the next best thing and I absolutely loved it.

It was great to spend the week with others who love singing as much as I do. The week started with an amazing session with the choir master Gareth Malone direct from his home studio. He had written a song especially for us on the theme of lockdown and the importance of singing and music and how it can bring happiness in really tough times. He taught us the score and we performed it together. I loved it and it was such an amazing start to the week. After that the days were structured into different sessions with different musicians and experts with different specialisms. We had sessions where we learnt beatboxing with SK Shlomo and did body percussion with a performer from Stomp! We had classes on musicianship and singing the score where we were introduced to different sight reading skills and musical scores which we learnt and performed. We had creative sessions on Film music, Gospel music and Musical Theatre.

The course finished with a final sharing of all of the week's activities on the Friday evening. It was an absolutely amazing week and if the online course is anything to go by, my next course, which will hopefully take place in person instead of online, should be even better and I can't wait to go!

Scarlett - Upper Third



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Futsal Returns

Our summer inter-house futsal tournament began with a bang this Thursday lunchtime. Our very own Super League saw the Upper Third stage two superb games, full of quality goals, saves, and boisterously supported by a huge cohort of the year group.

The first game saw Siena humbled by Magdalene. Much to my personal disappointment, Connor G scored all four goals as Magdalene defeated Siena 4-0. This was followed by a high-quality 0-0 draw between Bosco and Campion. Brandon H was outstanding keeping goal, contributing to the fact that neither team could make a breakthrough.

All pupils were a credit to their House, with four excellent captains (Joe, Donnell, Zaccai and Basima), who organised their teams superbly well. It was wonderful to see so many pupils and staff come and watch and lend their support. Next week is the turn of the Lower Fourth, here's hoping for the same amount of quality, and maybe a bit more success for Siena!

Mr Lee Rodriguez - Head of Siena House



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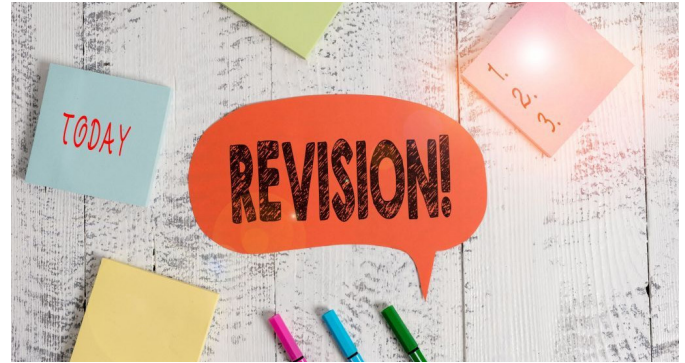
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Online Revision Tools

As we move deeper into the summer term it is only natural that pupils' thoughts start to turn towards end of year exams and assessments. For some this can be a very anxious and worrying time, no one likes taking exams, but for some it is easy to become overwhelmed. There are loads of different revision techniques and tools out there, some will work for one pupil and not another as we all learn in different ways. There are some excellent revision tools that can be accessed online, either on a computer or device such as tablet or mobile phone.



Below is a quick summary of a few websites and apps to help pupils prepare for their assessments and reduce exam stress.

1. Flashcard apps and Quizzlet

Save paper and the pain of trying to decipher your handwriting with a flashcard app. Look for a version like Flashcards+ (iOS), which lets you create your own cards or import existing sets through Quizzlet, a brilliant community site for students to share study notes.

2. BBC Bitesize

BBC Bitesize breaks down subjects into handy smaller chunks (there is a clue in the name here) and lets you revise topics, watch video summaries, complete activities and test yourself as you go. The site covers subjects from Key Stage One to GCSE.

3. Revision planning apps

A big part of revision is getting organised and keeping track of your study. The Revision Ace app lets you make a revision plan, record your time spent on each subject and track your progress as you go. Alternatively, you can create a colourful PDF timetable with the help of getrevising.co.uk, which will even suggest a schedule for you to follow.

4. Khan Academy

Khan Academy is a not-for-profit learning tool that aims to provide a world-class education to anyone with Internet access. The site includes video tutorials and tests in Maths, Science, Economics, Computer Programming and History. The site keeps track of your progress and gives you awards for achievement. This is a great tool for getting to grips with the basics or taking on advanced study for extra credit.

5. Spark Notes

Explore English Literature texts, watch video summaries and study a host of other subjects with popular study notes site Spark Notes. Try out No Fear Shakespeare, which puts the original text side by side with a modern translation to help you pick up the story and translate new words as you go.

6. S-Cool

Revise GCSE and A-level subjects, test yourself, make a revision timetable for free and download apps from this comprehensive revision website.

7. BBC Brain Smart

Need a quick study break? Why not stay productive and wake up your brain by playing a game from BBC Brain Smart. There are fun games to help you boost your memory, remember chains of numbers, get motivated and manage stress. And all without feeling like you are doing any real work.

The key to any revision to make sure it is active, so don't sit there reading information from Wikipedia as studies have proven that you will forget most of it within 24 hours. Be creative and engage your brain creating new materials – this will help embed your knowledge.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

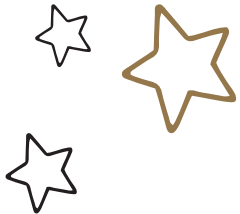
At this time of year, the first signs of Summer start to serenade us with wonderful warm, brighter evenings. It is also when the children in Prep 3 are in their final preparations for the Sacrament of their First Holy Communion. In preparation for this Anna Leigh, Emily, Enya and Romilly have celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is such a wonderful and precious time for our young children and we are so pleased they have shared images of this joyous occasion with us. Congratulations girls we are all so very proud of you.



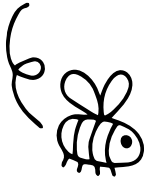
Outdoor Learning

Nursery and Reception Class have been making the most of the gorgeous sunshine this week. They have enjoyed using our outdoor areas to learn, explore and play with their friends. The children have especially enjoyed making mud pies in the kitchen area and building sandcastles in the sandpit. Outdoor dominoes is also proving to be a very popular activity! It is such a pleasure to see our youngest pupils enjoying their learning environment together.





*Housepoint Winners & Stars of the Week
Nursery & Reception*



*Housepoint Winners and Stars of the Week
Prep 1 & 2*



*Housepoint Winners and Stars of the Week
Prep 3 & 4 Prep 5 & 6*

Class of the Week Prep 1



Monday Motivation



PREP 3 **GEORGE**

PREP 4 **LUCIAN**



Notices

Please can every child bring a filled named water bottle to school

