

## SEPTEMBER BEDE'S NEWS

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*Dear Parents,*

**It has been wonderful meeting so many of you on different occasions throughout the month,**

whether it was at the Tutor Evening, monthly "Coffee With the Head", new Upper Third Welcome Mass, or privately - **it has been a privilege to be trusted and approached by you** with your concerns and praises for the school.

Many things have happened in the last three weeks - team building days, World Language Day, the Sixth Form Open Evening, and the commencement of our co-curricular and sports programmes.

In our learning programme, we have focused the year on "Reflection", taking time to analyse our own work and decide the changes that need to happen for the best outcomes. The **teachers are working hard to help the students "own their progress"** as true leaders and the new homework system reflects that.

Possibly the most rewarding aspect of College life has been to see our pupils embrace the character development programme towards ethical leadership.

I have had the joy of working with the **Sixth Form in the Harvard Leadership Programme** and I am really enjoying getting to know them while we explore the wisdom needed in leadership.

We started the month with the feast day of Our Lady's birthday, and we finish with the feast day of the Three Archangels, Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. Each one of them had a very specific mission from God, a call, which they followed faithfully. We ask in our prayers that each one of us, parents, Teachers and students discover our unique mission and purpose for which God has created us and that we follow it faithfully.



**Mrs Maria Kemp**

*Headteacher*

## **In September 2019, we welcomed a new addition to the Prep family, our school dog, Bee.**

Bee is an Aussiedoodle and this breed is ideal for school due to their child friendly temperament and their hypoallergenic fur.

Mrs Hunt researched the benefits of a school pet with other headteacher colleagues, mental health, first aid representatives and by reading wider literature on the subject. Research shows that with school dogs, children can benefit educationally and emotionally, increase their understanding of responsibility and develop empathy and nurturing skills through contact with a dog.

In addition to these benefits, our children take great enjoyment from Bee's classroom visits and presence around school. During a typical school day, Bee can provide comfort, encourage positive social behaviours, enhance self-esteem, motivate speech in our Early Years and bring happiness to our school. Anyone owning pets will know the special bond that is formed between pets and people.

Bee loves meeting new people and welcoming new pupils and, although she can bark at visitors when they arrive at the door (much like she does at home!), she is quick to settle and we understand that this is her protective instinct towards her school family!

Access to Bee is carefully managed and supervised and children do not need to have close contact with her unless they wish to do so. Indeed, children who once had a fear of dogs have been eager to spend time with Bee.



**Mrs Claire Hunt**

*Head of Prep*

# Virtue of the month

## September: Order

Our virtue for this month has been Order. We have been working on this in a variety of ways across the school. This has involved finding coat pegs and trays, lining up in alphabetical order, charging and remembering to bring chrome books and bringing homework on time. We have been trying to be organised with our new routines and the virtue of Order has helped us to start our school year in our new classes organised.

*Mrs Whipp*

## From parents

*"...Disassembling his own bed and putting it in the laundry basket and putting new bedding on his bed..."*

*"...Prepared his school uniform, getting his books ready each night and his backpack ready for the next day..."*

*"...Folded his own clothes and put his socks in his own drawers..."*

*"...Taking the recycling bin out of the house and separating the relevant items in each bin..."*

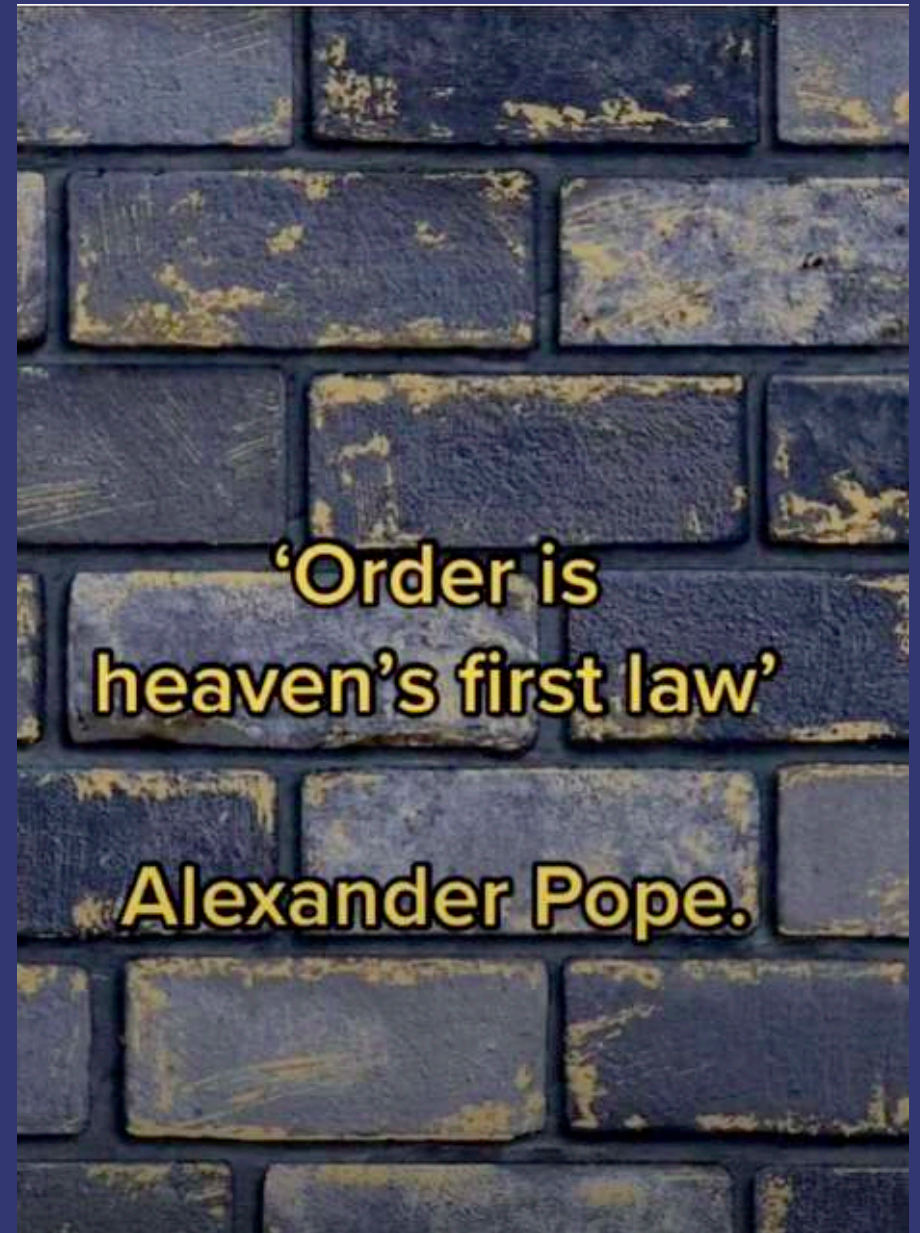




From teachers

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# A very special letter for Romilly

Whilst so many members of our community are still grieving the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II who was an inspiration globally for her fortitude, resilience, compassion, decorum and service. 'Our Monarch' carried out her duties until the very end, even having time to write Prep 5 pupil Romilly in her final week as monarch. During Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee, Romilly wrote to her Majesty congratulating her on her 70 years as Monarch. She shared photos of her magnificent hat from our school's regal hat competition.

On the day the Queen sadly passed away, Romilly received a very special letter from the Queen thanking her. Romilly kindly brought this into school to share. What a truly special item which she can treasure forever!

So even though our sense of loss and grief is still so powerful we must try to follow the example set by Queen Elizabeth II and look ahead to the future with courage, dignity and compassion in our hearts.

## *Farewell to HM*





# Safeguarding Children Online

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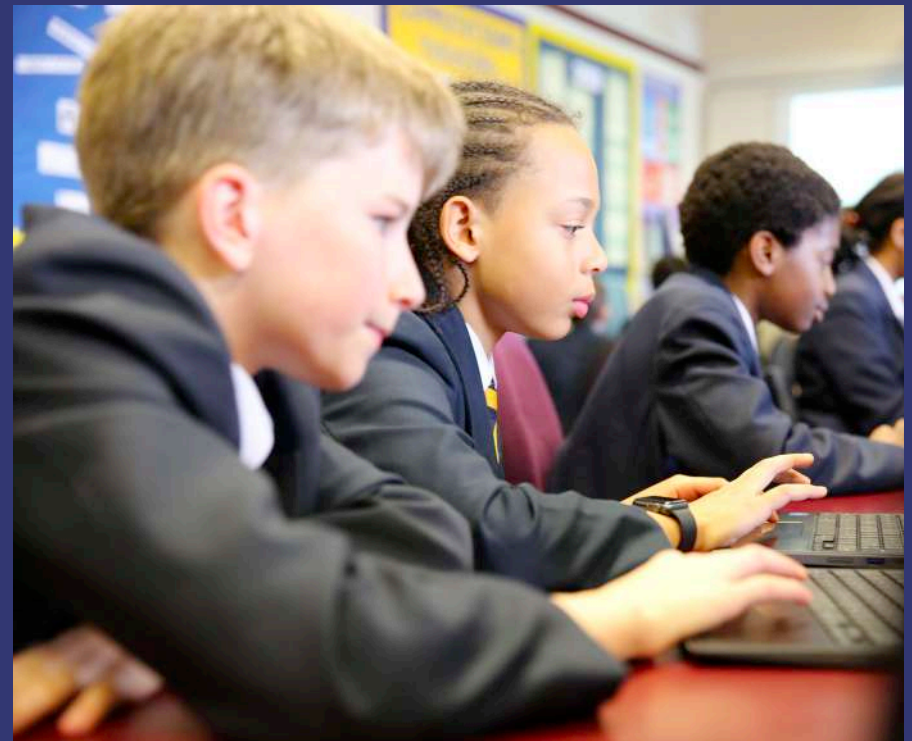
Our pupils are growing up in the twenty-first century and whilst that provides many exciting opportunities and developments in technology, it also poses risks and challenges. So many new apps are created all the time that it can be difficult to keep up with them. As a College we educate our pupils in PSMEE lessons about being safe online, whether that is being aware of their online reputation, protecting their privacy and security, knowing what to do if they are bullied online through the misuse of the social media, or just being aware that what they see online is not always realistic in terms of body image.

## But what can you as parents do?

Below are listed some apps which you may find useful in monitoring your children's online usage and helping to educate them in the best ways of using technology. It is probably a familiar sight round dinner tables all over the country, with every member of the family engaged in their own devices rather than in each other's presence. In our busy twenty first century lives it is important to make time to talk with your children and guide them in using their devices appropriately. By opening up channels of communication with your child about how best to enjoy technology but stay safe, it helps them to grow in their knowledge and understanding of what is appropriate rather than devices being seen only as a negative and as a means of control. As a family, perhaps you could create weekly challenges to help everyone rely on technology less, for example, this week let's try to reduce screentime by 30 minutes a day with prizes for the family member who is the most successful. Freeing up time from devices affords the time for parents and children to open up to one another more so as to deepen family relationships.



*Be Inspired*



## 1. Family Link

Whether your children are younger or in their teens, the Family Link app lets you set digital ground rules to help guide them as they learn, play, and explore online. Google Family Link is easy to set up and easy to use. Parents can control what devices their child uses, control their privacy settings, block apps, see their child's location, set daily device time limits, monitor usage, lock devices remotely, and filter sites on Google Chrome. Family link is the option if your child/ren has an Android device. You, as a parent, can control your child/ren device/s with your Android or iOS device.

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE VIDEO](#)

## 2. Apple Family Sharing & Screen Time



With Apple Family Sharing, parents can create Apple IDs for children under the age of 13 in their family. With an Apple ID, a child can use their own account on their own device – and even make their own purchasing decisions. But with integrated parental control features, parents can still set limits.

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE VIDEO](#)

## 3. Qustodio

Although it is necessary to pay for a license, Qustodio is an advanced app to make it easier to keep your kids safe online and develop healthy digital habits. It works on Android and iOS providing advanced app and content filter, activity & browser history monitoring, time limits, calls and SMS tracking, location feature and reports, alerts and SOS features.

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	 Family Link	 Family Sharing
Child device	Android devices running version 7.0 and higher	Android devices running version 7.0 and higher
Parents device	Android devices running versions 5.0 and higher, and iPhones running iOS 11 and higher.	Apple devices (iPhone, iPad or Mac)
Real-time location	Built-in	Child must share location using another tool
Content Filter	Only when using Google Chrome as a web browser (we recommend to block different web browsers).	Full integration with Safari. Other browsers could be installed by the child, but you can control purchases
Purchase control	✓	✓
Apps control by time	✓	✓
Screen time control	✓	✓
Web content supervision	✓	✗
Purchase control	Free	Free





WE ARE ALL READY IN PREP



# And we have a lot of birthdays!



John, Prep 1  
Aidan, Prep 2  
Francisco, Prep 3  
Jimena, Prep 3  
Enya, Prep 5  
Ariana, Prep 6  
Jess, Prep 6  
Lilli, Prep 6  
Nathaniel, Prep 2

Inaya, Prep 3  
Freya, Nursery  
Lucas, Reception  
Josiah, Prep 1  
Lilly-May, Prep 2  
Nicholas, Prep 4  
Beth, Prep 5  
May, Prep 5

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*Be Bedian*





# Stars of the Week







# Wonderful House Point Winners







# Class of the Week





# Chaplaincy

## Upper Third Welcome Mass

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Wednesday 21 September the Upper Third pupils were officially welcomed by the college community at their 'Welcome Mass' with their families and friends. Our Headteacher, Mrs Kemp, took the opportunity to extend a warm welcome to the new pupils and thanked them for the unique contribution each of them will make during their time at St Bede's College. It is imperative that we start in the right order and put God at the centre and at the beginning of everything we do.

The pupils spent time preparing for the Welcome Mass with Mrs Hibbert, the College Chaplain, where they focused on the body of Christ and how each part of the body has a unique role (1 Corinthians 12:12-27).

The Welcome Mass was celebrated by Father Joe Evans, Priest of the College and Father Michael Deas, a former student of the College. Theo Sharrock, an alumnus of the College and seminarian at the English College in Rome, was the master of ceremonies and Ehiabhi Agbonrofo, a third year student, officiated at the Mass. The students filled the Academic Hall with their voices singing under the direction of Mr Davies and the brass band.

The students led the liturgy with a long list of lectors and offertory processors. Congratulations to all Upper Third pupils, we are proud to welcome you to the St Bede's College family.



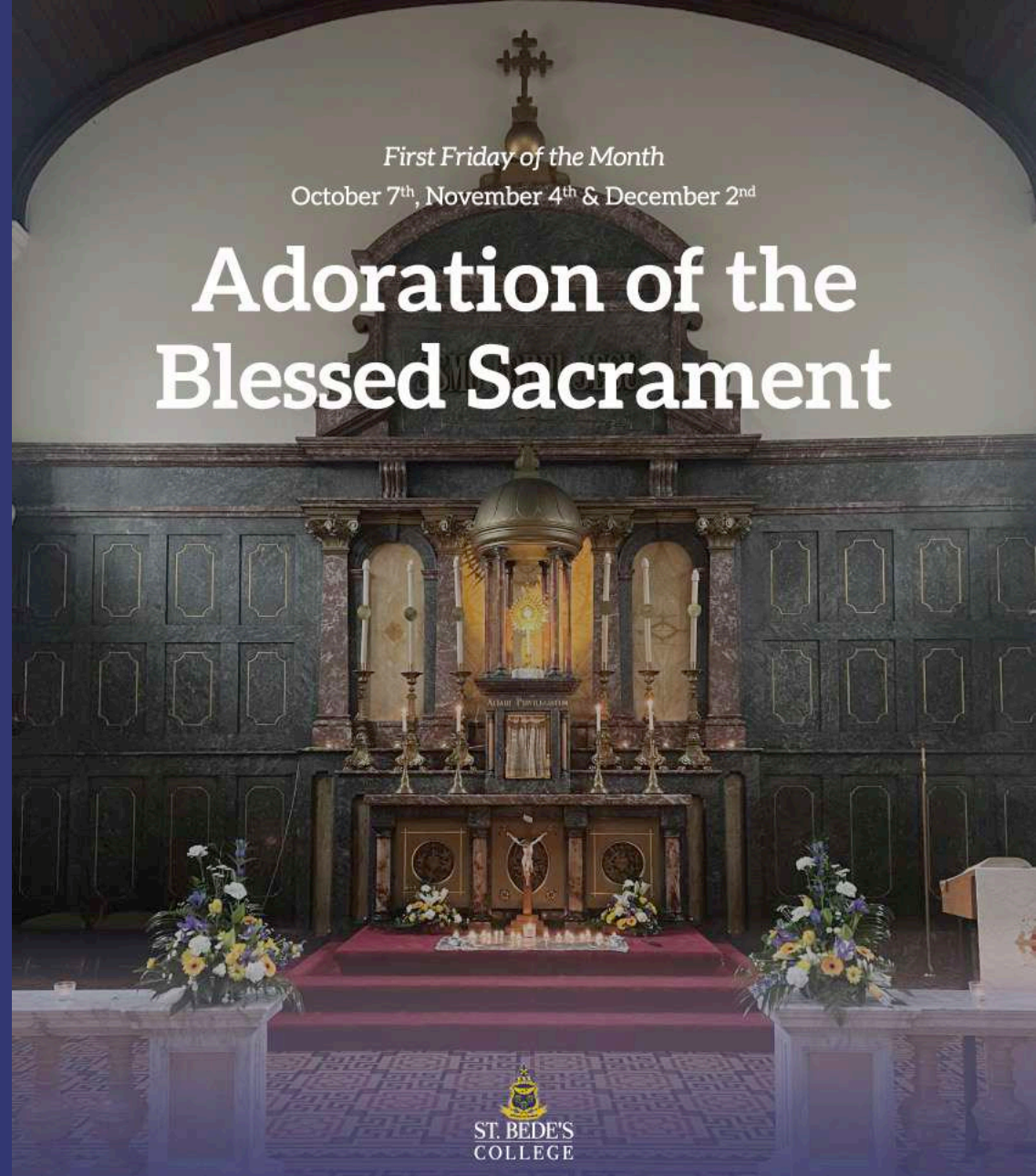




First Friday of the Month

October 7<sup>th</sup>, November 4<sup>th</sup> & December 2<sup>nd</sup>

# Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Chapel is open to Pupils and Parents to spend time in prayer together before and after school

8:30 to 9:30 am & 3:30 to 4:30 pm

*Please enter via the main entrance*



# Marist Centre Visit

Prep 6 enjoyed their first trip of the year a day of reflection at the Marist Centre in Chorlton.

As the pupils embark on their final year in the Prep, they have considered their responsibilities at the top of the school - responsibilities to God, their teachers, other pupils, their families and themselves.

The pupils reverently addressed these areas through poster work, role play, prayer and liturgy, using the concept of a key as the way to open themselves to responsibility and mindfulness of others. A fantastic time was had by all and the pupils certainly have plenty to consider as they look forward to their journey through Prep 6.







# Sixth Form

## Lower Sixth Induction Day

On Tuesday 20th September, our Lower Sixth students enjoyed a day of fun, team-building activities at Brantingham Road fields. They got to know each other better through completing a range of logical and physical challenges. Students had to plan, communicate, work together and stay motivated in their groups; this was a fantastic way for our Bedians to get to know our many new entrants to the College. The day ended with some very entertaining competitions in which forms were pitted against one another. Everyone enjoyed the day and left in high spirits.



**Mr Dominic Rose**

*Head of Sixth Form*



# MUN Project

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We have been invited by Manchester High School for Girls to their annual MUN conference. MUN is a student-led version of the United Nations whereby pupils choose committees to debate within and are given countries to represent. Students then have to research the policies of their assigned country and debate these at the weekend conference.

It is a great way for pupils to learn more about global politics, as well as network and improve their debating skills. The first information meeting took place last Wednesday 14 September, for pupils to register to go to the conference (4th and 5th Feb)

and then -after October half term- there will be weekly meetings for pupils to practice their debating and putting their knowledge into practice.

The session for MUN next week will start at 1:30pm but you are welcome to come and set up from 1:10pm if you would like. It will go on until 2:10pm. This will be in the Regis building in R9 on the English corridor (second floor).

*Miss M. Moore*

*Be Committed*





# SCIENCE



## Taxonomist and Zoo Keepers for a day

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Prep 6 have enjoyed being taxonomists and designing their own zoos in Science this week. They sorted thirty-two different animals based on their similarities and explained their reasoning during their Presentations. They have also been learning different memory techniques to help them learn the Linnaean Classification System. They made up mnemonics to help them and sang along to an amended Mamma Mia YouTube Mammalia Taxonomy Song.

*Mrs Anne Marie Edwards*





## Experimenting with Viscosity

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Stem Club investigated the viscosity of different liquids today. They discussed the meaning of viscosity and looked at a selection of liquids to predict which had the highest viscosity. They set up a fair test experiment to see if their prediction was right. The children enjoyed learning how to use pipettes and each received a pipette to practice at home.

## STEM Club

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Prep 3 have been busy in STEM Club this week. In groups, they were challenged to make the tallest tower using only marshmallows and spaghetti. They worked fantastically in their groups and showed true team work. Their towers were very impressive!



# FOREIGN LANGUAGES

## PREP Language Day 2022: World Song Contest

Last Tuesday, Prep celebrated Language Day with a World Song Contest. In just three weeks the children learned a song in a foreign language. The first ones to hit the stage were Prep 1, representing Germany with the German version of Baby Shark. Next up were Prep 2 and Prep 3 representing Colombia; who sang 'Colombia, Mi Encanto' from the Disney Movie. Prep 4 followed, representing Japan singing 'When you Believe' from The Prince of Egypt in Japanese, a great performance that granted them the First Prize. This was followed by Prep 5, representing Italy, with an impressive rendition of Dion and Bocelli's 'The Prayer'. The contest was rounded off with Prep 6 representing France singing 'Photograph' by Ed Sheeran totally in French. The morning ended beautifully with the whole of the Prep signing and singing 'What a Wonderful World' By Louis Armstrong.

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE VIDEO](#)



## Beginners' Spanish Club

The academic year starts full of new initiatives, among them the inaugural meeting of the Beginners' Spanish club in the library with Mrs Reid and Miss Pocas, which was well received by those who attended. Apart from Mr Hughes with his multilingual background, all were new to the language and participated enthusiastically in the introduction of basic language such as saying names, how we are and where we live. By the end of the club, all participants could have a short conversation in Spanish. ¡Muy bien! Please join us for the next meeting on Gold Wednesday at 1.30pm in the library ¡Hasta la vista!





# European Day of Languages

On Monday 26 September, College pupils celebrated European Day of Languages. The Modern Languages Department was delighted with all the effort that went into the European 'Bake-Off' and stunned by the quality of entries. Although it was a difficult decision, winners were announced: Sophia's Spanish cake took first prize with Malaya, Liliella and Poppy's French cake 'J'adore le francais' came second. Each of the winners received Amazon Vouchers. The standard of baking was phenomenal, so much so that everyone who took part was treated to French snacks and rewards during Thursday break. Magdelene House sold slices of the cakes and the proceeds of which were added to by the money raised through other activities resulting in a total raised over £100 for Cancer Research. Carey S won the 'Guess the Number of Lollies' game, with numbers in Ukrainian, correctly estimating that there were 90 (дев'яносто)! The 'Guess the Name of the Teddy' was won by Sky in Upper Third, who correctly picked the name Pedro. Everyone was bowled over by Mr Gerardo and Miss Camilleri's Boules competition; it was a roaring success, as were the French Carambar sweets which were given to all participants. Many thanks, danke, gracias and merci beaucoup to all pupils and staff who made EDoL 2022 one to remember!

Mrs M Reid





# MUSIC



## Mr Davies Music Scholarship

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An exciting new initiative has been launched in the performing arts department. Mr Davies is launching the music scholarship, giving 7 students the opportunity to apply for the scholarship allowing them the opportunity to learn music on a brand new brass instrument; with one free tutorial a week, music and notebooks provided and the chance to build a St. Bede's brand new brass band. This opportunity is available to all U3 students who have the desire to try something new. Letters are being sent home to parents with details on how to apply. The deadline for applications is 7th October.

*Mr Dickson*



# PERFORMING ARTS



## Learning Outside the Classroom

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The upper school GCSE, A Level Drama and Theatre Studies students enjoyed their first show of the new academic year. After a busy day at school Mr Dickson, Mrs Alderson and Mr Wright met the students to watch 'The Glass Menagerie' at Manchester's Royal Exchange Theatre. A unique interpretation of Tennessee William's modern classic saw the story brought to life on this famous 'in the round' space. Minimal set and impressive, imaginative use of music and lighting showed our students how the creative industries can bring stories to life. Now it's back to the classroom for analysis and evaluation of performance and design. We are fortunate to be located in a city that offers such a variety of performances and theatre spaces. Coming up in November is Frantic Assemblies 'Othello' and the spooky 'Let the right one in'. The performing arts department would like to thank parents for their ongoing support and we hope another fantastic memory was made.

*Mr J Dickson*



# Our Performing Arts Programme

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LAMDA, or The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art as it is also known, is one of the leading drama schools in Europe. LAMDA boasts alumni such as Benedict Cumberbatch, Jim Broadbent, Jonathan Ajayi and Anna Maxwell Martin, to name but a few. As well as degree level teaching, LAMDA also offers the prestigious 'LAMDA awards' for students at secondary school level. Here at St Bede's we are proud to offer our students an exceptional LAMDA tuition programme. The programme is designed to offer students both a grounding in performance in preparation for a career in the arts and an education in life skills, such as public speaking and communication, that will be beneficial for any career path they choose.

The programme is led by theatre director and producer Jonny Kelly. As well as being a fully qualified drama teacher, Jonny has directed productions in some of the most well-regarded venues in the country, including the West End No.1 regional theatres. Jonny has received critical acclaim for his work, with The Guardian newspaper describing his production of 'Bismillah' as being 'plugged into the mains and sold with panache' and The Times newspaper describing his production of 'The Passing of the Third Floor Back' as 'a rare revival served up with style' He was an artistic associate of Pleasance Theatre for four years where his work was labelled 'hugely entertaining' by The Stage and 'Decently funny' by The Telegraph. Jonny's extensive experience as both an educator and an industry professional ensures that our students receive the highest possible level of tuition available. This is evidenced by the success of last year's cohort of students, where 80% of our students received a distinction in their exams. For more information on the programme please email [jonnykelly@sbcm.co.uk](mailto:jonnykelly@sbcm.co.uk)





# SPORTS



## Sports Fixtures Calendar

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Dear parents, here is the link to the timetables for your children's matches and the results so far this term. Go Bedians!

[CLICK HERE](#)

September saw the school football programme get underway, with many friendlies and cup fixtures taking place. All age groups have progressed to the next round of both the ISFA & ESFA cup competitions without any defeats.

The u18s beat Campbell Belfast 6-0 in Round 1 of the u18 ISFA boodles competition.

The u15 beat St Annes 5-0 in Round 1 of the u15 ESFA competition.

The u14s beat Westholme 5-1 in Round 1 of the u14 ESFA competition.

The u13s beat All Hallows 4-1 on penalties after a closely fought match which ended 3-3 after the match. This was the U13 ESFA Competition.

Below are some pictures of the One Minute Silence in respect of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II after the u18s & u13s cup wins.





# DUKE OF EDINBURGH

## DofE Bronze Qualifying Expedition June 23rd-25th

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During the summer St Bede's Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants took part in the Bronze and Silver Awards expeditions. Fifteen groups of Year 9 & 10 students set off on their Bronze Award from their base at Waddecar Scout Camp, where met by their designated instructor and assessor and set up their tents.

Each group spent the first day with their instructor revising the necessary skills required for the expedition. The main emphasis being on navigation skills using compasses and paper maps. By the time they were crawling into their sleeping bags, all the groups were able to successfully navigate themselves and had demonstrated their ability to cook a hot meal using the Trangia stoves.

The expedition proper began on day two. The students planned their own routes for both days and each one followed a slightly different route with them all successfully making it to the top of Beacon Fell and back to camp in one piece. The weather was a mix of sun and rain which proved a lesson to those who had forgotten to pack their waterproofs!

On day three the groups all trekked around the Beacon Hill area and were debriefed. The students showed excellent team spirit and positivity. All of them received glowing reports from their assessors. Over a third of the 103 students have now fully completed their award and will soon be receiving their certificates. Well done to you all.

To be continued: If you want to know more about the adventures of DofE in August, don't miss the next issue of Bede's News.





# BEDIAN TALENT



## Bally performs in Norway

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Bally was invited to perform at European Piano Teacher's Association (EPTA). We took some of Bally's photos during his performance in Norway. He also received a certificate of participation from his beautiful recital. Bally will bring the certificate along with his ABRSM Piano Grade 5 with Distinction to school.





## Joshua Starring In *Frog Boy*

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Joshua H. (U4BEN) was recently the main character in a short indie film called *Frog Boy*. The short film is eleven minutes long and is about a young boy named Aiden. Aiden has an imaginary friend named Billy. Billy and Aiden have many adventures together in the woods and are best of friends. The trouble starts when Aiden's workaholic parents Jill and Scott get concerned about Aiden and ban him from the woods. The film is being entered into an indie film festival and if it wins it will be made into a series.

A word from Joshua: "Before this short film I hadn't acted in anything larger than a school play but I had always somewhat had a passion for drama. Acting in the film was a lengthy process as I was always on set because I was the main character. When acting in the short film I quickly learnt how much work goes into tv shows and films. For a short film 11 minutes long I spent about two weeks on set and producers spent an additional five months editing."

*Be Grateful*



# HOUSES

## First Events of the Year in St. Bede's

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We have had a fantastic start to the year within our houses, with the House Prayer Competition starting off the year as we mean to go on. We had some fantastic entries and a huge congratulations to our winning pupils, you have really displayed the true Bedian values through the hard work you put into the prayers!

We also had our first fundraising event run by Mr Wilson on the European Day of Languages, selling the fantastic cakes entered into the bake sale. He managed to raise just over £100 with help from House Captains and other members of the College for the Magdalene House charity - Cancer Research UK.

Coming up on the 10th October, we are encouraging pupils to wear a green accessory as part of the 'Wear It Green' campaign by the Mental Health Association on World Mental Health Day. Mr Piskorz has been working hard to organise the Alton Towers 5k for pupils from U3-L5 to attend on Sunday 13th November. On 14th October the College is hosting the Champion Comedy Night, organised by House Captain Isobel M in U6. Tickets cost £20 and all money raised will be donated to British Heart Foundation. We hope to see you there!

Miss M Moore





# EVENTS

## CAMPION COMEDY NIGHT

14th October 2022

The doors are to open at 7:30 pm, with Comedy beginning at 8:30 pm.

The evening will come to an end at 10:30 pm.  
Please know that the event is 16+. Tickets £20

\*Acts subject to change. 16+ Strong language and adult themes. Fully seated.  
Sorry, but we can only refund in the event of the show being cancelled.

supported by a full line up



Justin Moorhouse

The evening is taking place to raise money for the British Heart Foundation and so your generosity is greatly appreciated



## St Bede's Cantonese Club!

Would you like to learn Cantonese?  
Do you already speak Cantonese?  
Can you speak a little?

Come and join our language exchange club!

Interested contact Mr Hughes  
[ahughes@sbcm.co.uk](mailto:ahughes@sbcm.co.uk)

Gold Tuesdays  
at 1:30pm in R8



## St Bede's Poetry & Creative Writing Group

Monday lunchtimes,  
starting October 3rd  
1.40 pm in Room R9

What makes a good poem?  
Could you write one yourself?  
How do you write for the media?

Learn to analyse poetry, write it  
yourself and write a good news  
or feature article.

With Fr Joe Evans, writer, journalist, poet and college priest

Interested contact Fr Joe Evans

[frjoe@sbcm.co.uk](mailto:frjoe@sbcm.co.uk)

Keep an eye out for the Co-Curricular activities websites



# FORTHCOMING EVENTS

## Monday 3rd October

- | U5 Net Ministries
- | Year 8 HPV vaccinations (Dose 1)

## Tuesday 4th October

- | U4 Net Ministries
- | Madrid Trip Meeting, 4 - 4.45pm

## Wednesday 5th October

- | U6 Biology Residential Field Course (runs from 5 - 7 October)
- | L5 Net Ministries
- | Sixth Form Apprenticeship Talks (pupils only, 2-2.30pm)

## Thursday 6th October

- | L4 Net Ministries

## Friday 7th October

- | U3 Net Ministries

## Monday 10th October

- | World Mental Health Day

## Tuesday 11th October

- | Prep 5 Trip to Jodrell Bank

## Wednesday 12th October

- | Sixth Form Net Ministries

## Thursday 13th October

- | Prep Net Ministries
- | Prep Parents Evening (Online) - 3pm, start times vary
- | L6 Tutor Evening, (Sports Hall, 5 - 7.30pm)

## Friday 14th October

- | Champion House Comedy Night

## Tuesday 18th October

- | Prep Harvest Festival

## Wednesday 19th October

- | End of term, 3.50pm

## Thursday 20th October

- | Netherlands Sports Tour (runs from 20 - 24 October)
- | Senior Football Tour (runs from 20 - 24 October)

## Monday 31st October

- | College reopens / pupils return





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