

DECEMBER BEDE'S NEWS

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tradition



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Dear Parents,

Before the end of term in a moment of reading and reflection I came across this message to meditate in Advent:

“Be useful. Make yourself felt. Shine forth with the torch of your faith and your love. And set aflame all the ways of the earth with the fire of Christ that you bear in your heart.”

During the Celebration Assembly on the last day of term I was so pleased to have recognised so many examples of that; our pupils have filled the corridors of St Bede's with hard work, virtues, activities, laughter and above all the Bedian light they carry in their hearts. This term, staff and pupils have been an inspiration, I thank them for their commitment and wish them and you our families a joyful Christmas.

Kind regards,



Mrs M Kemp

Headteacher



*Merry
Christmas*



Photograph by Sarah E. 6L



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Inspired by our youngest children in the College
reminding us of the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Christ,
through the most charming nativity play,
I would like to wish you all a holy and happy Christmas.
May God made man bring peace and joy to all your families.

Mrs M Kemp
Headteacher

“Jesus is the light of our Christmas, the joy of our hearts, and the hope of our world.”

We have had a magical Advent in the Prep, beginning with our Prep 3 assembly reminding us of the true meaning of Christmas. We thank Mrs Whipp for our Travelling Cribs that have journeyed to many homes. We had a wonderful EYFS and Key Stage 1 Nativity, ‘The Bethlehem Bake Off’ , and our choir performed beautifully and movingly at St. Mary’s, The Hidden Gem. Our Christmas performances concluded with our very special Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol Concert in the Academic Hall. Finally, we marked the end of term with a beautiful Christmas assembly led by our wellbeing ambassadors.

On behalf of all our staff, I wish you a peaceful Christmas with your families and health and happiness in the New Year.

We look forward to welcoming our pupils back to school on Thursday 5 January.

With thanks from all of the Prep team for your continued support.



Mrs C Hunt

Head of Prep



*Merry
Christmas*

Virtue of the month:

Generosity

An essential virtue for a better world

Our Virtue of the Month for December has been generosity. Generosity is one of the most important aspects of healthy relationships because without generosity, we would be doing everything for ourselves and not looking out for others and their needs. We have emphasised to our pupils that generosity is not about material giving; giving ourselves, our time, our patience, our kindness, our love, can make the biggest difference to others.



Virtue of the month winners

Safeguarding

Keeping safe in a digital world

To get the most out of the Internet, you need to make smart decisions and have a basic understanding of online security. Share and discuss the following guide with your children to teach them how to use the internet safely and wisely, so they can explore the online world with confidence.

Think before you share

Think carefully about what you share and with whom. Keep sensitive information (e.g. your home address, your current location or other people's affairs) secret.

Protect yourself

Take responsibility for protecting important information by creating strong, unique passwords with characters, numbers and symbols.

Check that it is real

Beware of phishing and scams, and always report any questionable activity.

Respect others

Spread positivity and use your digital skills to block and report negative behaviour.

When in doubt, speak up

Use your voice to report inappropriate behaviour and find a trusted adult to talk to about situations that make you uncomfortable. Because that's what it takes to be a safe and fearless explorer of the online world.



Winter Water Safety

Due to the recent cold snap we are experiencing in the UK we strongly advise you to be vigilant with children and pets while playing outside. Even though playing in snow is always so much fun, there are some risks you must be aware of especially in areas with lakes, ponds, canals and such like. Although they may appear to be frozen, the ice will have differing degrees of thickness and will not support much weight. Keep children and pets away from these areas to ensure their safety.

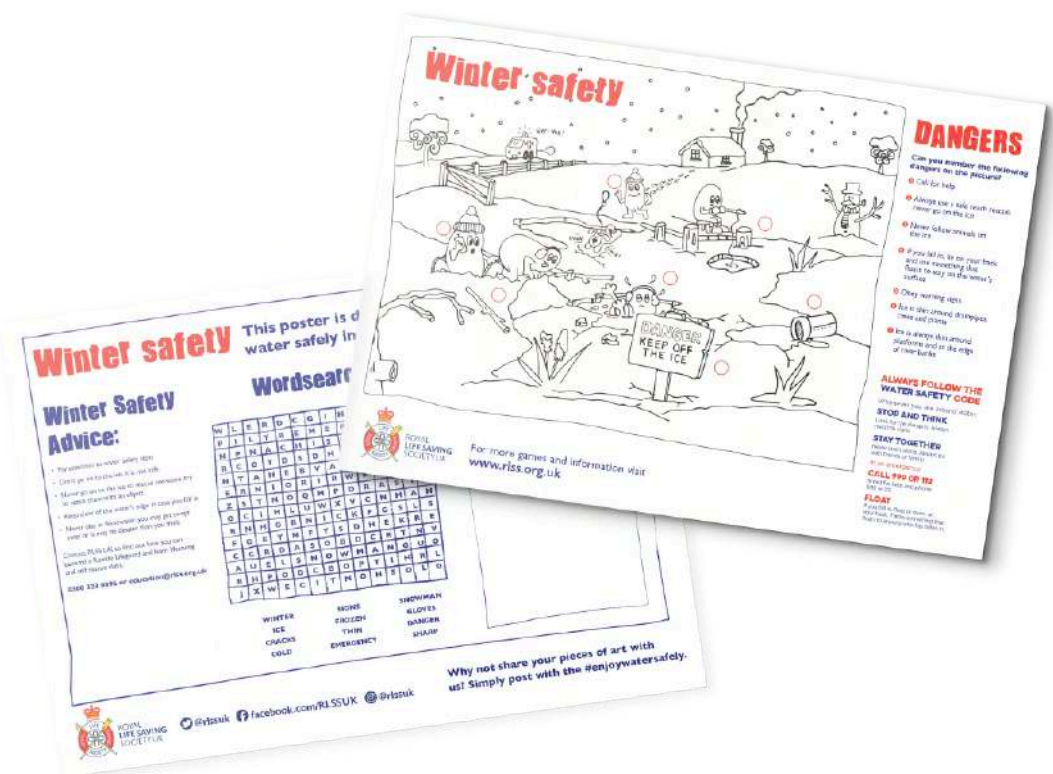
Here are some useful tips from the Royal Life Saving Society UK to help you to prevent ice related incidents.

1. Teach children not to go on the ice under any circumstances.
2. Keep dogs on their leads and don't throw sticks or toys onto the ice.
4. Only use well lit areas. Time your walks to make the most of the daylight.
5. When walking alongside water keep back from the edge.

Get your children talking about Winter Water Safety with this Safety Activity Booklet and Colouring In Sheet.

DOWNLOAD HERE

Mrs C Boylan





Stars of the Week





Class of the Week

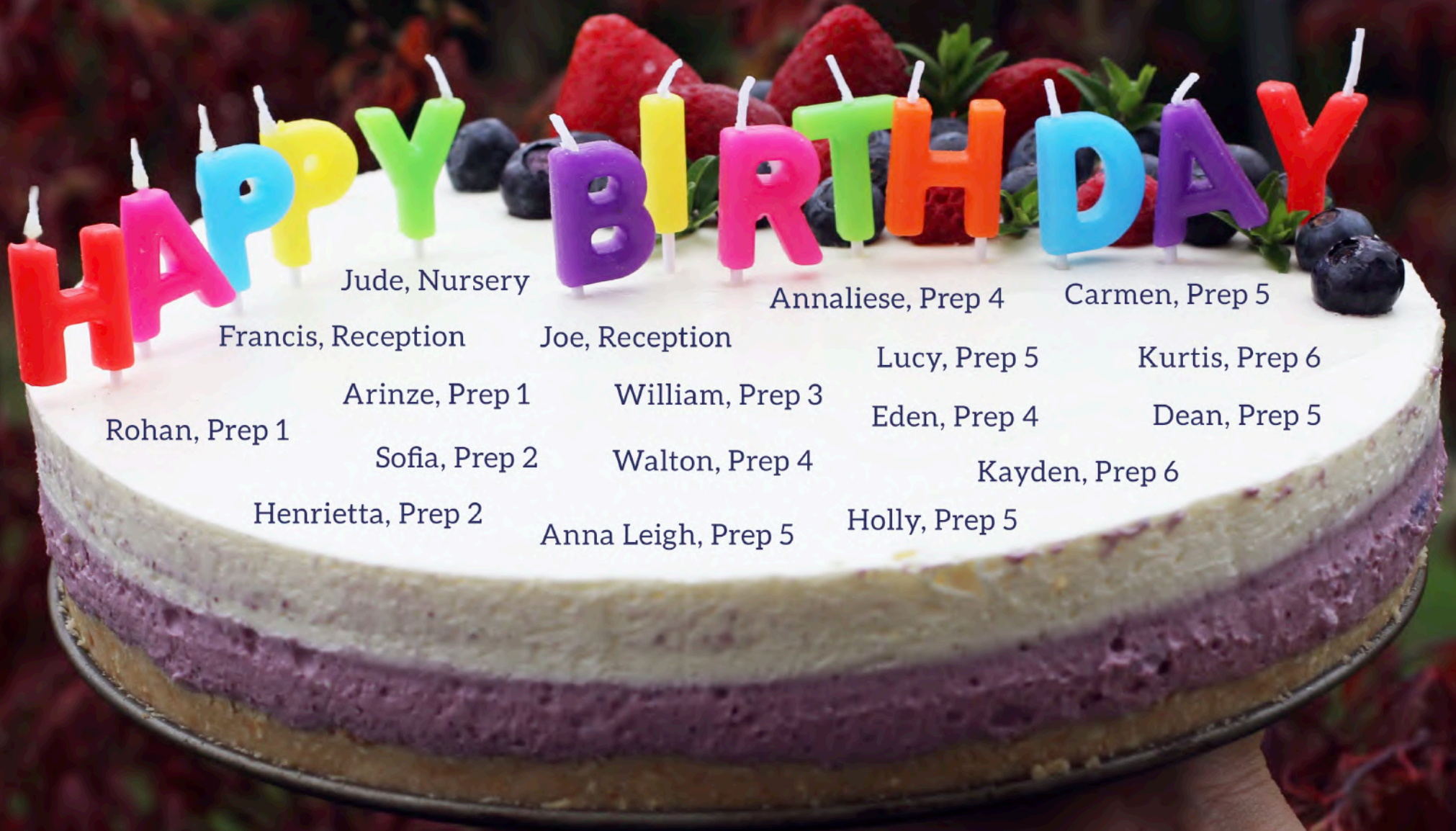




House Points



Happy birthday!



SCIENCE



Stem Club and Chemistry

Prep 5 STEM club have been looking at the chemistry of fireworks. They have been learning about the different parts of the Bunsen burner and how to light it safely. They used their Bunsen burners to burn the chemicals Copper, Potassium, Strontium, Barium.

They have also been decorating Mrs Prince's Chemistree by making different coloured baubles.

They had to mix water, hydrochloric acid and sodium hydroxide using an indicator to see what colours they could make. They did a great job creating a variety of colours.

Likewise, Prep 3 looked at the chemistry behind making slime as a Christmas present today. Thank you to Mrs Horsefield and Mrs Eddison who helped bring festive cheer to the lesson.

Mrs R Prince, Head of Science and Head of Department Chemistry

NHS Open Day

On Wednesday 30th November we took eleven L6 Chemistry pupils along to the 11th annual Young People's Open Day. The pupils were exposed to the many different careers and professions within an NHS Foundation Trust. They had great fun testing different nutritional products and practising their life saving skills.

Mrs R Prince, Head of Science and Head of Department Chemistry



ECONOMICS



U4 Business Christmas Fair

On Tuesday 13th U4 Business students put their learning into practice as they ran their own Christmas Fair. The Academic Hall was a hive of activity as students, after having developed their own product ideas and sourced their resources, prepared their stalls to tempt College students into parting with their hard earned cash. There was everything a teenager could desire from boba tea, to chocolate fountains, marshmallow lollies, candy floss and beautiful St Bede's baubles which had been hand made by one of the groups.

Games included higher or lower, tin can alley and darts. There was also a chocolate tombola, definitely a sweet theme running through the afternoon, and the students were very creative (and entertaining) as they encouraged customers to spend with them. Visiting students to the festive market place were also entertained by Josh who busked, getting us all into the Christmas spirit, and along with all the profits from the stalls, his money too goes to raise funds for St Bede's PFA.



There is a prize for the team that makes the most profit from each of the three Business classes, as well as for the class who make the most profit overall. Winners have yet to be declared as costings have to be finalised but it's fair to say that this was a great learning activity for all the students, developing their Enterprise skills as well as their understanding of the theoretical knowledge they have been studying, and they all did incredibly well.

It was fabulous to see them working together in their teams and supporting each other. Final winners will be announced in the next edition.

Thanks also go to the Upper and Lower 6th Business students who turned out in force to support our younger students with their final preparations and throughout the fair. They too were a credit to the College, embedding the spirit of generosity as they willingly gave up their time and their expertise.

*Mrs M Corbett, Head of Department Business,
Economics and Psychology*



ENGLISH



Imaginative writing course

L5 students completed their Imaginative Writing pieces in November. There were many entertaining responses and the pupils worked very hard. Below is one particularly well-crafted response courtesy of Paddy M. I hope you will be as impressed by its darkly beautiful expression as I was!

Mr S Howes, Head of English

Inevitable

My bookshelf used to be filled with the shiniest trophies; now they are rusting. I sit in a dark wooden chair; I feel suffocated within my shoebox apartment yet drowned within the city I live in. I trace the freckles across my arms, feeling time pass by. My feet crawl onto the chair and my legs crush into my chest. The room is silent: one chair, one bed, one window... Outside the city is alive. The cars are wailing and the birds sing. My walls are bare, and I can feel myself sinking into my desperation. My hair is turning grey and my eyes are getting dry; my tears are trapped behind my glassy eyes. I stare at the wooden floor, my mind crossing in circles like a broken record. Trying to find myself, trying to find the part that isn't buried under shovels of loneliness. I look at the clock as time flickers by and my life leaks away.

I perch myself against the open window, hoping to be pushed, because then at least people would care.

I watch the people.

I watch the buses full of blank faces, full of lonely people.

I watch the men wearing ties and tawny jackets paired with sunglasses masking their deprivation.

I watch the teenage girls, the youthful radiance you only have at 16. Their flowing hair dances to the wind in time with the motion of the shiny wheels on their bicycles

I drag myself off the window sill and towards the door with the sun bleeding on my back. My hands claw upon the collection of letters my mother has sent me. All questions that I have answered with white lies in black ink. I defile the letters, tearing them apart.

Suddenly the giggles of joyous children running wild muffles through my window. A window was shielding me from the world yet still letting me watch it. My red eyes gaze at the tiny children jumping in puddles, speckles of mud splattering onto their mismatched socks and subtle skin. Every drop of rain sings melodies of reminiscence and nostalgia. The wet pavements reflect flashing lights from the vociferous cars. Petals of water blossom from the grey clouds, tapping on my window, dripping on the children as their smiles extend and their eyes gleam.

The moon has won the war with the sun, the stars scattering across the sky like a disco ball shining in a desolate hall. The city is concealed within a Prussian blue cloak; a biting breeze brushes against me. My room is silent; the city is alive.

The floorboards creak; my bed snaps a whimpering sound as I creep into it. The narrow confines of my coffin rest against the walls with no room for anyone else. because I am incapable of love. I have never felt another's touch nor have I been kissed whilst asleep. I cannot love anyone; I cannot even love myself

Floodlights of memories enthrall me. Nursery rhymes and sunny days in the park, my father swinging me around with happiness escaping our mouths. Sparkler flickers and fireplace crackles. Christmas carols and marshmallows swirling like figure skaters. A smart little girl in a grey uniform collecting prizes with pride. Giggling girls at sleepovers. But the shadows fall: parent's arguments echoing past the staircase, abuse hurled, my father running away faster than water, sly girls whispering in the playground, fingers pointing, the claustrophobia of home, mothers wine stained shirts. She grieved, yelled and controlled me. I had to get out.

The unannounced turbulence of my life swamped my freedom; fleeing was the only way to escape. But there is no escape. The prison of my mind controls my joyless existence. I can be anywhere, I can be anyone. But the burden of my pain is imprinted deep within me like the scars on my skin.

I cannot love this world.

Paddy M

PHOTOGRAPHY



Photography course: a first step into a lifelong passion

Throughout the Photography course the students explore all aspects of Photography, beginning with a comprehensive understanding of the technical workings of a single lens reflex camera, both digital and analogue. They go on to develop their Photography skills to be able to be in complete control of the aesthetic results, before enhancing the images using the latest Photoshop editing software.

During this time they will learn to process minor editing adjustments through to entire manipulations of an image, creating digital artwork. The A level course builds on the skills taught during the GCSE stages, and further explores the theory behind photography, the context and intent of the images we make. Students consider how to use Photography as a powerful tool to investigate social and political issues, to build a platform to voice their own opinions through their Photography, and how to respond to photographic assignments in a thought-provoking and engaging manner.

Starting from next September, St. Bede's will be introducing U4 to Photography, providing them with an opportunity to start earlier, gaining all the skills and knowledge they will need to successfully complete their GCSE studies. The positive response from the L4 taster sessions, which gave them an insight into the facilities of the Photography department indicates that we are set for a busy Autumn term in 2023

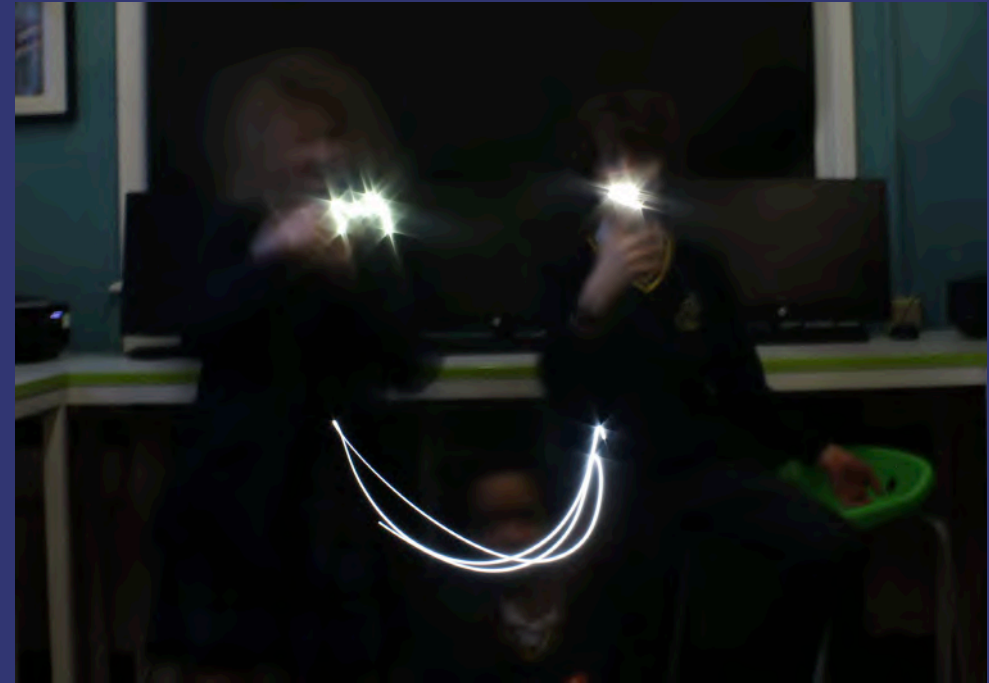
Mrs D Bennett, Art & Photography Teacher

Images of light

St. Bede's hope is that the Photography Course will inspire a younger generation of students to make photography a lifelong passion. Although we call the course "Photography", it is really the study of a wide range of light and lens-based media.

This allows students to deeply understand the basis of the functioning of all kinds of cameras, so they can take advantage of all their possibilities. One example is this exercise carried out by eight students during a taster day. The images of light paintings are obtained using a slow shutter speed.

Mrs D Bennett, Art & Photography Teacher



Evita Cast headshots

Over the recent weeks the L6 Photography students have had the exciting opportunity to expand their skills in the studio, working cross-curricular with the Evita cast. A Level students Anna H and Sarah N have been producing professional head shots of the actors involved in the College production. The Photography students have fine-tuned their abilities, using sophisticated lighting techniques and equipment to capture portraits of their fellow students. Working within the studio environment, they have not only mastered the technical aspects of a DSLR camera but also how to manage a busy working environment and confidently pose models to achieve the best results.

Mrs D Bennett, Art & Photography Teacher



Nativity scenes

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PERFORMING ARTS



Theatre trips

The drama department had two evening theatre trips this half term. The L5, U5 and L6 saw Frantic Assembly's 'Othello' at the Lowry and 'Let the right one in' at The Royal Exchange Theatre. Two completely different styles, stories and settings but enjoyed massively by our students. Frantic Assembly is a physical theatre company focusing on movement and choreography with the whole cast working symbiotically as a living breathing entity. Let the right one in was based on the Swedish film from 2008. It is a love story set in an urban Stockholm following the life of a young boy bullied in school and his new neighbour, a young girl, who is a vampire. The Royal Exchange is a round theatre so actors enter from all sides.

It was violent, bloody and scary with amazing use of strobe lighting to enhance the element of fear. Both plays whilst different stylistically were mesmerising to watch and had the audience at the edge of their seats throughout. The students gained so much in terms of performance, staging and choreography from these two outstanding productions. This wraps up this year's theatre programme but the drama department will be back with lots more theatre trips next year. Thank you to parents and guardians for supporting us with these trips. They are capturing our students' imaginations and contextualising their studies in the classroom to the industry.

Mr J Dickson, Director of Performing Arts



Bethlehem Bake Off

A dazzling group of 52 EYFS and Key Stage 1 children took to the stage for this year's spectacular Nativity show; Bethlehem Bake Off. There was glorious singing and dancing (and baking) which told the tale of the birth of baby Jesus. The show started with the introduction of our Bethlehem Bake Off presenters and judges, who were joined by the cupcakes from Nursery and Reception classes for their song 'The Bethlehem Bake Off'.

Throughout the performance, the sheep, shepherds, camels, kings, angels and innkeepers all got their moment in the spotlight and a chance to tell the story from their perspective. The children sang, danced and acted beautifully and their behaviour was impeccable whilst they were on stage and throughout rehearsals. All of the teachers were so proud of how brightly their superstars twinkled on the stage!

Miss O Cunningham. Prep 2 Teacher

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LIBRARY



Advent Calendar

In the Maher Library, our advent calendar is unique; a book Advent calendar! The Library Assistants were busy wrapping up their chosen books and numbered each one in their own style. Each school day from 30th November, a different student from the College unwrapped and revealed which was the Advent calendar book for that day. These were then displayed on the Advent book calendar stand. Students borrowed the book, which, for some, was a different genre to what they usually read- a great way for students to read something new.

You may have seen the revealed book of the day as stories on Instagram – please continue to look out on the College social media channels, for what is going on in the Library and how the students are getting involved.

Miss M Pocas, College Librarian

ST BEDE'S INSTAGRAM



Advent Sponsored Read

This Advent, we are asking our College pupils to raise money for Mary's Meals by taking part in a sponsored reading. £15.90 is all it takes to feed one child for a whole school year. If you donate now until the end of January this contribution will be doubled meaning Mary's Meals will be able to feed two children.

Not only will this help to raise money for Mary's Meals, but it will also benefit our own children by developing their enthusiasm for reading, improving their vocabulary, helping them develop their ideas and widening their knowledge. Pupils can choose their own books to read, but are strongly encouraged to borrow books from the Maher Library.

They should set themselves a personal challenge. All students have received a booklet to plan their reading and to collect sponsorship with the Justgiving page link below. Please encourage your child/children to read and give generously so that many children can have a meal this academic year.

Miss M Pocas, College Librarian

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New books for the library from ELS

Libraries are the best places anyone could need! Madeleine, Joan and Jacob had the privilege of visiting the Education Learning Services (ELS) who lend books to many schools across Cheshire West and Chester, including the College, since they are amongst the students taking part in the Cheshire Schools' Book Quiz. Madeleine, Collins, Joan and Jacob have completed the first round of 10 questions on *October, October* by Katya Balen, 10 questions on *The Thief who sang storms* by Sophie Anderson and 20 general questions on books. Watch this space for an update on the next round on the quiz! Well done to you all!

At the ELS, the students eagerly chose a range of books for the Library; amongst them are brand new titles and books for Sixth Form and Staff. The students are familiar with the Library and quick learners, so with superb team work, they issued more than 50 books! We also enjoyed a snack and a drink and Ann showed us around.

The new titles will be in the Library to borrow in the New Year and to enjoy. Now you can ask which titles your peers picked out and see what you think of the books!

Miss M Pocas, College Librarian



SPORTS



Girl's Netball

The Girls' Prep Netball Team faced Oldham Hulme at the weekend with the A-Team coming home with a hard fought 3-3 draw; Carmen was selected as player of the match. The B-Team mainly made up of Year 4 girls faced their Year 5 team and even though they went down to a 3-0 loss they performed well and it was a fantastic learning experience for them, with Deborah being nominated as player of the match.

Mrs N McCormick, Head of Physical Education



Manchester Schools Indoor Athletics

St Bede's College took part in the Manchester Schools Indoor Athletics held at Sports City on Friday 2nd December. Both teams participated well; the Girls' and Boys' Teams finished 4th. We had some excellent individual placings:

Zara T 1st in 200m

Maria FD 2nd in 60m

Eniola O 1st in Long Jump and 3rd in Shot Put

Israel P 2nd in High Jump

Solomon 3rd in Hurdles

Jack M 3rd in 300m

Also on the following Friday, 9th December, the Year 8 and 9 Athletics Team competed in an invitational tournament with 20 other schools from across Manchester. The Girls' Team finished 7th overall with the Boys' Team finishing 3rd. Some notable performances for individual medalists were:

Basima was 2nd in 200m

Eniola was 3rd in the long jump

Israel was 1st in the high jump

Miss A Sharp, PE Teacher & PE Administrator



INSPIRATIONAL TALK

Living With A Disability

On Tuesday 22nd November, the Sixth Form were privileged to have a talk by Manchester solicitor Jonathan Fogerty on living with a disability.

Jonathan suffered a life-changing injury as the result of an accident in a swimming pool as a teenager, yet has managed to complete his academic studies, practise as a lawyer, raise awareness about spinal injuries and be involved in related charity work.

The students were moved by Jonathan's optimism and ability to thrive and live life to the full.



Mr D Rose

Head of Sixth Form, Senior Leadership Team



CHAPLAINCY

Carols by Candlelight

The Christmas festivities commenced with a joyous 'Carols by Candlelight' service in the Academic Hall on Tuesday 13th December. The evening started in near total darkness as Malaya started singing 'Once in Royal David's City'. As the song progressed candlelight spread throughout the hall as the college choir, orchestra, parents and guests joined in with the carol before Fr Joseph officially opened proceedings with a prayer. Throughout the evening the audience were treated to readings in English, Spanish Swahili, French, German, Cantonese, and Italian.

There were beautiful duets from Jacinta and Francesca with 'Silent Night' as well as Hannah singing 'O Holy Night' whilst accompanied by Martha Rose on violin. These wonderful performances were interwoven with 'O Little Town of Bethlehem', 'Ding Dong Merrily on High', and 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing' led by the college choir and orchestra with the congregation singing along at full voice. The evening ended with an address from Mrs Kemp followed by 'Trepak' from 'The Nutcracker Suite' performed by the college orchestra.



The term was brought to a beautifully spiritual close when Prep children in Key Stage Two performed their own Carols by Candlelight on Wednesday 14th December just before the end of the school day. The Prep Choir entered the Academic Hall carrying lanterns and singing 'Once in Royal David's City'. The pupils from Years 3 to 6 retold the Christmas Story to parents, friends and the children in Key Stage One with wonderful readings and carols that filled the room with triumphant jubilation on celebrating the birth of Jesus.

All the children sang 'Gloria in Excelsis Deo' beautifully before Prep 4 delighted the congregation with 'O Little Town of Bethlehem'. This was followed with an amazing rendition of 'Away in a Manger' from Prep 3. Prep 6 rejoiced in their singing of 'The First Noel'. This was followed by everyone in the Academic Hall singing, firstly, 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing' and then 'We Three Kings'. The congregation fell silent as Prep 5 sang 'Silent Night' so serenely with Lucy signing the carol to the audience. It was so peaceful, yet powerful that many audience members needed a tissue to dry their eyes. The carol service came to end the way it started; with happiness and celebration as all the children remembered the real meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus, with 'Joy to the World' and the final message for Christmas was sent to us all with the beautifully sung lyrics from 'Don't be Afraid'.

Mr J Joyce-O'Keefe

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Nativity Scenes Competition

Congratulations to every form that participated, you should be very proud of your achievements.

It has been a worthwhile experience for the students as well. It has been wonderful to hear pupils talking so enthusiastically about their work. Thank you for all your wonderful creations and the generosity of your time to create them.

Here are the five winners:

Mrs C Hibbert, School Chaplain

1



U3 PRH - Mrs Park

2



L4 MAM - Meakin/Manning

3



L5 PRI - Mrs Prince

4



U5 BWS - Brewer/Smith

5



U3 DVS - Mr Davies

Christmas appeal for Caritas Salford

Thank you to everybody who donated to the Christmas appeal for Caritas Salford. The donations were gratefully received and will be distributed amongst the children and families in greatest need. Small actions can make a big difference!

Mrs C Hibbert, School Chaplain

Final Christmas Celebration Mass

We were grateful to celebrate the end of term and the coming of Jesus Christ at mass with Fr Joe and Fr Michael. Fr Joe spoke about letting Christ into our lives by letting others, like family members, into our lives over the festive season, and also putting others before ourselves. December's Virtue is generosity, so Heads of Year welcome emails from parents which demonstrate how your children have continued to live out this virtue during the holidays.

Mrs C Hibbert, School Chaplain



Pope Francis acknowledged the apostolic mission of Parentes Foundation

Last month, Pope Francis held an audience with the Parentes Foundation. During the consultation, the Holy Father was introduced to the fantastic work of the Foundation, an Educational Network whose mission is to contribute to the education of children and young people around the world and to which St. Bede's College also belongs.

After listening attentively and with deep interest, Pope Francis expressed his support for the Parentes Foundation with these affectionate words: "When an organisation goes beyond its borders and does good beyond its place of origin, it is a sign of the authenticity of its apostolic mission".

At Present, the Parentes Foundation - through its objectives of formation, cooperation and the Educational Network - develops projects with a global reach of 34 countries in Africa, Europe, Asia and America; resulting in achievements in 136 schools, which have directly benefitted more than 3,000 students and 1,500 teachers.

Among the topics discussed with the Holy Father was the importance of education as a vehicle for social change.

The Pope blessed a cross for St. Bede's which has been lovingly placed at the entrance of the chapel so that all who enter can be part of this blessing.

In gratitude, some of our students have participated with students from other countries in this fantastic video which was sent to the Holy See, last Saturday 17th, on the occasion of the Holy Father's birthday.



[CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE VIDEO](#)

Assembly & End of Term Celebrations

U6 and Staff Christmas Lunch

One of the many privileges of being in the Upper Sixth at St Bede's is the U6 and Staff Christmas Lunch at the very end of term. U6 students enjoyed a traditional Christmas lunch with all the trimmings and a choice of delicious desserts. We wish them an enjoyable Christmas break, so that they come back in January refreshed and ready to give a wonderful account of themselves in their A Level examinations.

They have everything to strive for: three students have had interviews at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, another three students had interviews to study medicine.

Many thanks to our Catering Team for the delicious Christmas dinner and the mouthwatering desserts.

Mr D Rose, Head of Sixth Form, Senior Leadership Team



Final Christmas Celebration Assembly

After break we gathered together again in the Sports Hall to celebrate our achievements over the term.

This year started the House awards system where Heads of House chose two people per half term who have scored really highly on Class Charts points and who have represented the College virtues of the month. Congratulations go to:



First half term: Virtues - Matthew
Second half term: Virtues - Ailish
House Points - Ann-Sophie
House Points - Sofia



First half term: Virtues - Henry
Second half term: Virtues - Cleon
House Points - Matilda
House Points - Joe



First half term: Virtues - Cass
Second half: Faith
House Points - Noah
House Points - Eli



First half term: Virtues - Rida
Second half term: Virtues - Connor
House Points - Angel
House Points - Archie

Positive Points

A fantastic number of pupils have achieved their Behaviour for Learning Bronze Award and are wearing their badges with pride. We are looking forward to seeing how many pupils achieve their Silver Award in the new year.

Duke of Edinburgh award

Last year 103 pupils in the Upper Fourth and Lower Fifth started their Bronze Award. Now 64 pupils have completed it and 40 have signed up for silver.

Aaron, Oliver, Samson, Martin and Isaac in the Lower Sixth have all completed their Silver Award and some are working towards their Gold.

The pupils' dedication to others and commitment to the awards is to be commended.

Mrs Claire Boylan, Assistant Head

Headteacher Commendation Nominees

Over the last few weeks, teachers have been nominating pupils who have really embodied the Bedian spirit for a variety of reasons, whether it be commitment to House, subjects or tutor groups.

Here are the list of nominees:

U3

Noah S
Oliver H
Lucy H
Sophie-Ann H
Grace T
Thomas E
Sheriff O
Nathan A
Sophia N

L4

Josh H
Carey S
Zara T
Mason S
Rosie L
Nika Y

L5

Grace C
Fareedah I
Ellie Y
Louisa K
Bosco C
Jasmine N

U4

Holly E
Malaya F
Sofia K
Farren D
Youssif A
Jiya M
Alison W
Luca C
Donel C
Vinanya K
Conor D
Divine E
Chloe D
Martina T

U5

Hebe W
Maria G
Siena H
Tyreek C
Danny C
Benat M
Patrick K
Matthew W
Austin C
Frankie I

L6

Aaron A
Sarah N
Erin B
Joaquin T
Lucas W
Callum K
Martin T
Kuziva M
Ava W
Kathryn K
Charlotte C

U6

Isobel M
Isabella C
Matthew K
Ciaran O
Kimberly L
Marie D
Doris K
Martha O

Headteacher Commendation

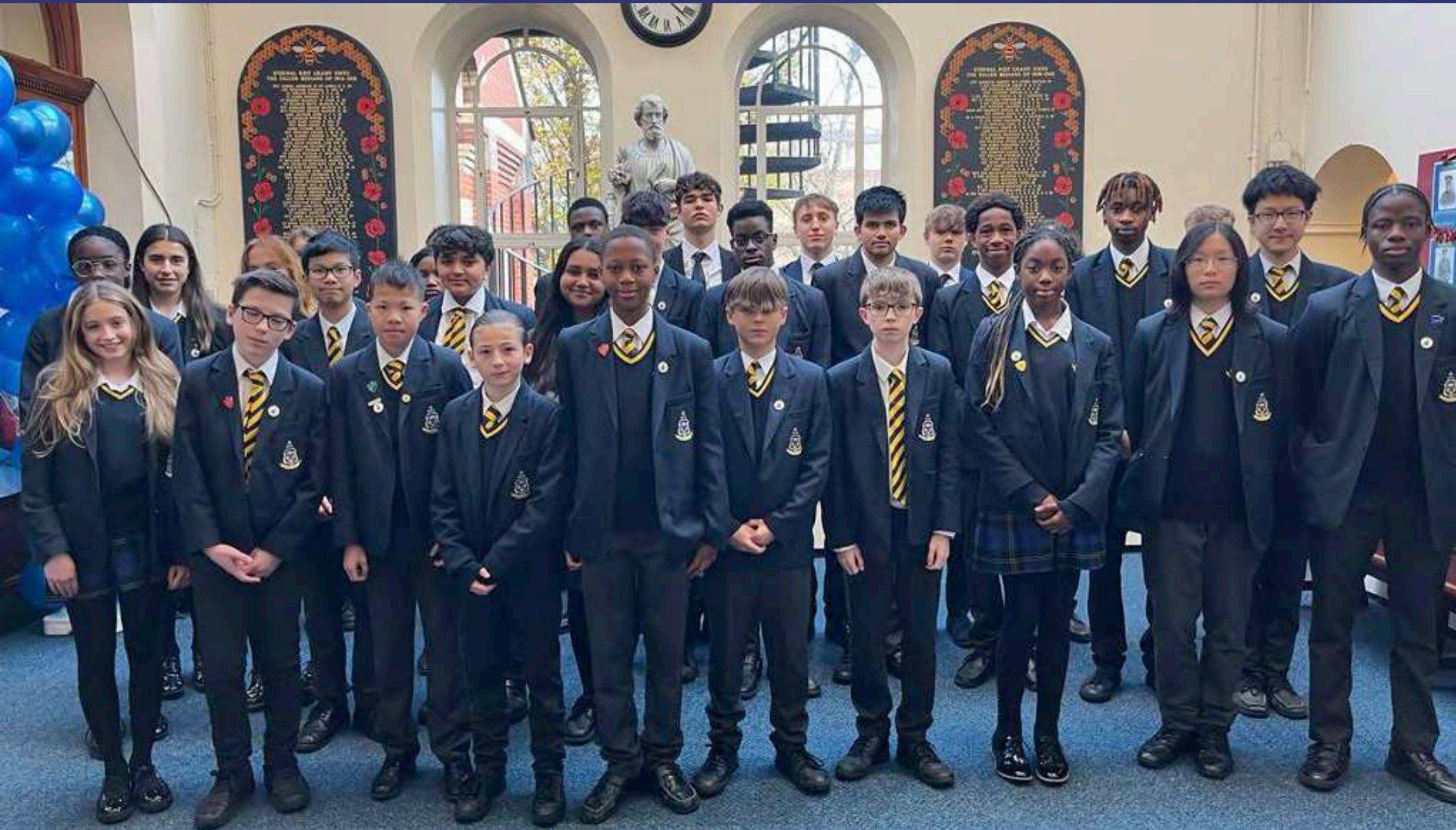
Thank you to these pupils for continuing to uphold our College values and ethos. They are truly an inspiration to the rest of the College. There could only be one winner of the Headteacher's Commendation for each year group, so congratulations to Sheriff, Mason, Holly, Grace, Maria, Aaron and Martha who received certificates and a chocolate prize.



Prep Well-being Ambassadors



December Bedian Ambassadors



Primary Maths Challenge

Our young mathematicians have aced the Primary Maths Challenge again. Well done to all our Bronze, Silver and Gold Winners.

Bronze Maths Challenge



Silver Maths Challenge



Primary Maths Challenge



Gold Maths Challenge



Cross Country Team



Irish Dancing Champions



Sixth Blue Peter Badge



Christmas Card design winners



February 10th
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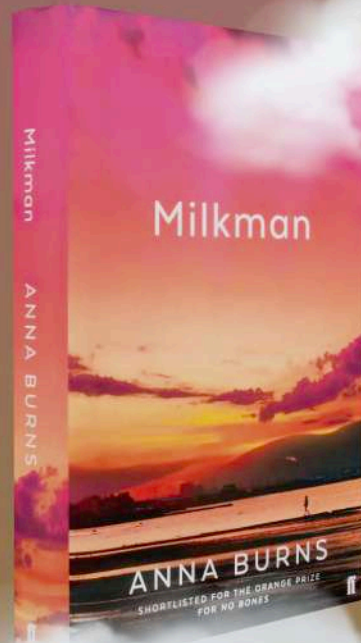
Maheer Library,
1:30pm

Sixth Form
& Staff
Book Club

Discuss or hear about...

In this unnamed city, to be interesting is dangerous. Middle sister, our protagonist, is busy attempting to keep her mother from discovering her maybe-boyfriend and to keep everyone in the dark about her encounter with Milkman.

But when first brother-in-law sniffs out her struggle, and rumours start to swell, middle sister becomes 'interesting'. The last thing she ever wanted to be. To be interesting is to be noticed and to be noticed is dangerous.



St Bede's presents

EVITA

18TH-21ST JANUARY 2023 7:30PM




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tickets available



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, 4th January 2023

| INSET

Thursday, 5th January 2023

| Easter Term begins

Saturday, 7th January 2023

| 9.00am, College Entrance Examination

Tuesday, 10th January 2023

| L6 Salford & Didsbury fieldtrip

Wednesday, 11th January 2023

| 6.00pm, U5&U6 Parents' Revision Evening

Friday, 13th January 2023

| 1.15pm, L5 English Educational Visit: An Inspector Calls

Wednesday, 18th January 2023

7.00pm, EVITA Musical

Thursday, 19th January 2023

| 7.00pm, EVITA Musical

Friday, 20th January 2023

| 7.00pm, EVITA Musical

Saturday, 21th January 2023

| 6.30pm, EVITA Musical

Wednesday, 25th January 2023

| 9.30am, Scholarship Day for PE year 6

Thursday, 26th January 2023

| 7.00pm, Parents conference: Understanding anxiety a lesson towards clarity. With Sarie Taylor. Price £5

SCHOOL CALENDAR



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