



ST. BEDE'S
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Mrs M Kemp
Headteacher

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great
tradition

Dear parents,

It filled me with joy to receive the new statue of Our Lady into the College; may she watch over us, especially as the pupils in Upper Fifth and Upper Sixth sit their examinations.

This month's Virtue was Truthfulness. Taking ownership of who we are and what we do is essential in growing up to be trustworthy adults. It can be hard to accept our responsibility and avoid blaming circumstances or other people. This generation is constantly challenged by their affirmation in social media, and it is increasingly hard to be themselves because of the pressure to be approved or liked by others.

I hope you all have a restful half term and look forward to seeing many of you at 'Coffee with the Head' in June.

Kind regards,

Maria Kemp

"Be truthful, gentle and fearless."

May's Virtue of the Month was Truthfulness. Honesty is a behaviour we need to learn. It forms the basis of trust in our relationships. Learning how to be honest and communicate in a respectful, kind and truthful manner is an important skill we need to teach our children. Acknowledging honesty when you see it is an important and powerful way to foster truthfulness. We often notice children being dishonest and we (rightfully) draw their attention to it. However, we also need to frequently draw attention to their honesty and, as adults, it is important to model truthfulness in our relationships with our children and those around us.

When we return from our half-term break, we enter the final few weeks of our academic year. We will be preparing our pupils for their transition to new year groups in September and reflecting on their progress through our assessments and end of year reports. We have sports days, co-curricular days and lovely end-of-year activities to look forward to.

With my best wishes for May half-term,

Claire Hunt



Mrs C Hunt
Head of Prep

Mr D Rose
Head of Sixth Form



At St Bede's College, we promote the wellbeing of all our students.

Some of our Sixth Formers' most recent PSME sessions, outlined in this edition of Bede's News, reflect the psychological, physical, social and spiritual dimensions to wellbeing: it is a term sometimes used tokenistically, but in its truest sense, it reflects the pathway to our optimum state of being as children of God who can work, recreate and love with joy.

Dominic Rose

Virtue of the month:

Truthfulness

Truthfulness: the love of truth

Truthfulness is not only the virtue that only helps us to tell the truth, it makes us love the truth and to consider it in our behaviour and in every decision we make. Truthfulness is above all an attitude towards oneself. It is the condition for finding a firm foundation on which we can build our personality and our vital home.

Truthfulness is linked to virtues such as honesty, openness, integrity, authenticity, trustworthiness and fidelity. This virtue is a prerequisite for a fulfilling life, but it is also the path towards a better world in all aspects of society.



★ Virtue Award ★ Winners for Diligence



BE COMMITTED

As our students face their exams, we emphasise commitment as a powerful mindset that empowers them to succeed and take responsibility at every stage of their lives.

Dr A McMonagle, Deputy Head of Sixth Form

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Crowning of Our Lady Assembly

Nursery and Reception Class

As a celebration of May, the month of Mary, our EYFS children held a very special assembly to honour Our Lady and crown her with flowers. It is a St Bede's tradition that the youngest children in our school invite family and friends to share in this special occasion. The children worked very hard to learn prayers, poems and songs to share with us. They spoke, sang and performed their parts with confidence and we are all extremely proud of them. It was wonderful to see so many family and friends in attendance and to be able to share in this beautiful celebration. Well done to our little stars!

Mrs S Kelly, Early Years Leader EYFS Department



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Stars of the week





Class of the week



Class of the week: nursery and reception



House Points





Tudor's Diploma



Tudor won a diploma award for translating the Bible into Romanian!

HEADTEACHER COMMENDATION

The highlight of this half term was the celebration lunch for those students who won the Headteacher's commendation award. I love getting to know them and listening to their ideas and suggestions.

I asked them what would they do if they were Headteacher for a day and they negotiated a term's tenure!! They had fantastic inputs and gave us, the SLT, great food for thought.

Mrs M Kemp, Headteacher



HEADTEACHER COMMENDATION

Prep Headteacher's Award winners enjoyed afternoon tea

Headteacher Award Winners Fatma and Alexia joined Mrs Hunt for afternoon tea to celebrate their wonderful contribution to the school and the wider community. Fatma has demonstrated kindness and caring when helping younger children at after school care while Alexia has been busy raising money for the Samaritans. It is wonderful to see our children being so generous with their time as well as being so kind and compassionate.



Bedian Ambassador

April: Diligence



U3

Jayden S
Zinzile T
Tinotenda N
Alannah-Skye W
Emmanuel A
Natalie N

L4

Jaxon S
Caoimhe D
Hamid S
Thomas N
Finley DG
Tiffany C

U4

Isaac C
Chloe G
Gabriel M
Israel P
Niquain M
Charlie H
Luke S

L5

Havana L
Gray C
Malaika A
Charles K
Yoshi Y
Cayden D
Holly F

L6

Lucia L
Samson T
Oliver B
Ava W

U6

Matthew H
Isobel M
Patrick B

Happy Birthday!

Mohammad, Prep 1

Agostino, Prep 1

Jessica, Prep 3

Rosebella, Prep 3

Ruby, Prep 4

Shae, Prep 4

Caroline, Prep 4

Alexis, Prep 4

Tudor, Prep

Alexander, Prep 4

Aoife, Prep 4

Emily, Prep 5

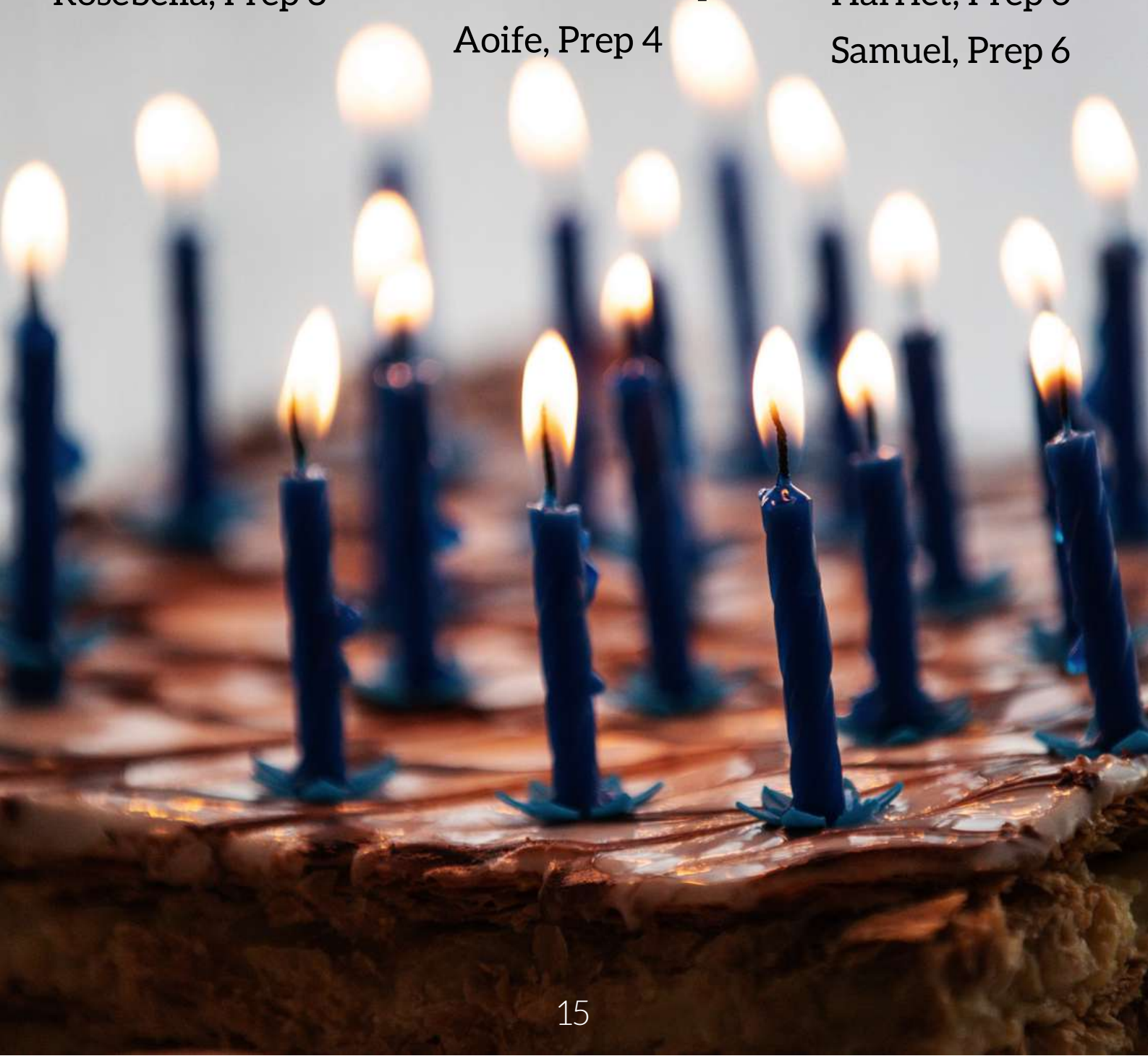
Mukupu, Prep 5

Rayyan, Prep 5

Jordan, Prep 6

Harriet, Prep 6

Samuel, Prep 6

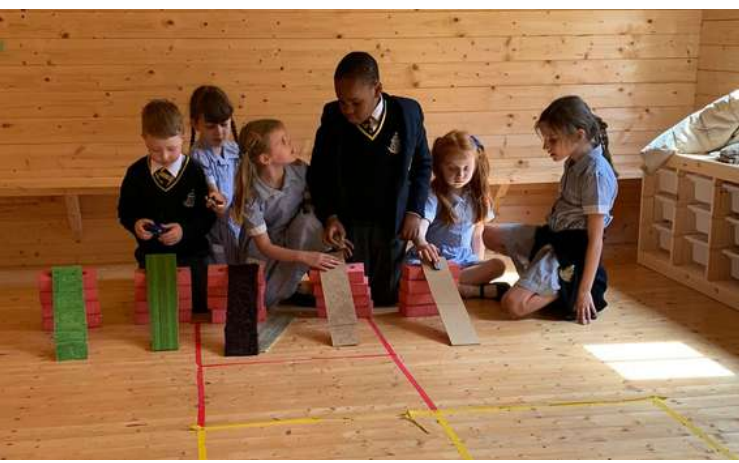


SCIENCE

#SuperScientists

Key Stage 1 had a great time investigating friction today in their lunchtime STEM Club. They predicted which surface would have the least friction and which would have the most. They then set about testing the surfaces using toy cars and different heights.

Mrs AM Edwards, Prep 6 Teacher, SEND Co-ordinator and Science Co-ordinator



Funky Sunglasses

Prep 3 learnt about the dangers of the sun in Science last week. They talked about things that they could do to protect themselves, then designed and made their own funky sunglasses.

Mrs AM Edwards, Prep 6 Teacher, SEND Co-ordinator and Science Co-ordinator



Trip to Blue Planet Aquarium

On Thursday 11th May Reception Class, Prep One and Prep Two enjoyed a fabulous day out at the Blue Planet Aquarium. This was part of our learning linked to the Topic work on Animals (Rec), Under The Sea (P1) and Habitats (P2). The trip included a classroom session where children were able to participate in a range of activities including;

- Finding out why turtles have shells, how many brains octopuses have, how many eyes starfish have, and more.
- Learning to identify and classify marine life.
- Learning to highlight the differences between marine creatures and other animals.
- Playing with toy sea-creatures and explore how they have adapted to their deep-sea environment.

Alongside this, we also had the opportunity to explore the many exhibits and the famous underwater shark tunnel! This was an exciting opportunity for the children to have first-hand experience with some fascinating creatures. They especially enjoyed watching the divers feeding the stingrays. We even managed to find the elusive tarantula located within the Venom exhibit!

Mrs Sharon Kelly Early Years Leader EYFS Department



Investigating Absorbency at STEM Club

Key Stage 1 lunchtime STEM Club investigated the absorbency of different tissues, such as kitchen roll, facial tissues and toilet roll. They used pipettes to apply single droplets then decided which material was the most absorbent. First place went to the kitchen roll!

Mrs AM Edwards, Prep 6 Teacher, SEND Co-ordinator and Science Coordinator



SCIENCE



Sweet DNA

As part of the Year 6 Science topic Evolution and Inheritance, the children have been learning about how inherited characteristics are passed on from parents. DNA carries the characteristics that we inherit and genes are short sections of DNA that contain specific information.

The children enjoyed making a simple DNA model using sweets in their lessons and had the pleasure of eating their hard work at the end of the lesson.

Mrs AM Edwards, Prep 6 Teacher, SEND Coordinator and Science Coordinator



GEOGRAPHY

Come and Join GeogSoc!

Starting in the Upper Third at St Bede's College is the beginning of something very exciting! You will become part of a supportive, fun and vibrant community of like-minded people. For example, people that love Geography!

Take the opportunity to be a part of GeogSoc (Geography Society), which has lots of fun activities to take part in, whoever you are and however good at Geography you are. You do not have to be an expert, all you have to be is enthusiastic about the amazing world around you!

Join others in being wowed by some super-interesting presentations: Narwhals of the Arctic, Fatbergs, Mt Everest's Death Zone, Cottonopolis (Manchester), The Grand Canyon, Lapland and the Geography of Christmas, and even The Geography of Chocolate!

Fancy having a go at developing your craft skills? Come along and create papier-mâché globes and models of volcanoes. Do you like playing games and having a giggle?

You might discover a hidden talent for playing Mapominoes, or designing your own Natural Wonders Top Trumps! You could enter national competitions, such as The Geographical Association's photo competition. Or you might help create the fabulous St Bede's Calendar! Think you are good at jigsaws? Then come along and see how quickly you can complete the 'Jigraphy Jigsaw'!

If you have an interest in the world around you, GeogSoc is for you. It is a great way to get involved with the wider St Bede's community. Join in! You are sure to find something that you love - you won't regret it!

Mr D Parkes, Head of Geography



ECONOMICS

Bede's Stock Market Trading Championship 2023

Our first day's trading has started! 30 students from Lower Fifth and Lower Sixth discovered how the stock market works and started to learn how to trade. They competed for 15 minutes in a practice trade game to improve their skills before resetting their fund levels to compete in the Big Game for the prize of being St Bede's Stock Market Trading Champion 2023.

Mrs S Bolton, EPQ Coordinator and Teacher of Economics & Business



Tax Talk

Sixth Form students were pleased to welcome Howard Buttery and Charlotte Hunter from His Majesty's Revenue and Customs this month. Mr Buttery is a very experienced regional lead and Ms Hunter is a qualified solicitor who works within HMRC. They informed our students all about tax and career opportunities at HMRC. For more information, see:

<https://www.civil-service-careers.gov.uk/apprenticeships/>

Dr A McMonagle, Deputy Head of Sixth Form



FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Prep Language club

Foreign Language Club has been going well this term. The children have enjoyed sessions where they have learned various languages through fun activities, songs and games. During Italian sessions, they learned the months of the year and greetings through songs and flashcard games. In the French sessions, they enjoyed playing French snap games as well as the ever popular 'Heads down, thumbs up.' Recently the children had fun with Spanish bingo and colour by numbers.

Mrs C Casson, Prep 5 Teacher and MFL Co-ordinator



Bienvenue au Prep 2 Café

Prep 2 were transported to Paris one afternoon this month as their classroom turned into a French restaurant as part of their 'Wonderful World' topic. They tried baguettes, French cheeses, crêpe, brioche and croissants, then wrote a review of the food!

Mrs C Casson, Prep 5 Teacher and MFL Coordinator



ENGLISH

An Unexpected Twist at the Lowry!

This month, students from Miss Moore's Upper Third English class, the Upper Fourth and Lower Sixth Drama students all came together to attend a matinée performance of Michael Rosen's 'An Unexpected Twist'. The show was a modern take on Charles Dickens' classic tale 'Oliver Twist', reimagining the story in a modern day setting, using beatboxing, music and staging to engage our pupils.

The students really enjoyed seeing the show, with those who are currently studying Oliver Twist in English commenting, "I really enjoyed it; it wasn't what I was expecting at all and I've never seen anything like that before!" The students were buzzing off of the energy and excitement that the show brought and it was a wonderful trip!

M Moore, English Teacher and Mr S Howes, English Teacher



BEDIAN TALENT



Alderley Edge Festival

At the beginning of May, a number of Prep and College pupils represented St Bede's by singing at the prestigious Alderley Edge Festival, achieving several first, second and third prizes in their different categories. Congratulations to all the pupils who sang! With so much talent, the Prep Music Festival in June will be well worth watching!

Mrs B McGoff, Headteacher's P.A.



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Prep 3-6 Disco

On Friday 28th April, Prep 3-6 had an eagerly awaited disco in the Academic Hall which was arranged by the Student Council. They all brought their dancing legs and fun was had by all!

Mrs L Horsefield, Prep 4 Teacher, Art Coordinator, Houses and Charities Coordinator



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Sixth Form Ball

On Saturday 29th April St Bede's Sixth Form Leavers' Ball took place in the Midland Hotel in Manchester. It was a fantastic celebration of the time our students have spent in the College, some of whom have been with us since starting in the Prep. Everyone was dressed up to the nines and thoroughly enjoyed the meal and beautiful surroundings of the hotel.

The dance floor was busy all night and a very amusing and good-humoured awards ceremony was run by the students. Our very special thanks and huge admiration go to three students who were key in organising the event: Ava M, Fenella C and Gabriella L. With support from Ava's mum, the girls worked tirelessly to ensure the evening was a huge success. We had beautiful balloon arrangements, St Bede's themed cupcakes, a magician, a professional photographer and much more. We are in awe of these three students and the dedication and maturity they displayed. Thank you for such a superb ball!

Dr A McMonagle, Deputy Head of Sixth Form



PERFORMING ARTS

'Cat On A Hot Tin Roof': a Night at the Theatre

GCSE and Drama and Theatre students enjoyed another thrilling night at the theatre recently. This time it was another timeless classic: Tennessee Williams' 'Cat On A Hot Tin Roof'. This reimagined masterpiece saw a beautifully diverse cast with a stunning set and lighting design.

The acting was superb and much enjoyed by our students who will hopefully be inspired to write about it during their summer examinations. This was the last trip for our Upper Sixth students who will take away some fantastic theatre memories from their time at St Bede's. We wish them well on their onward journeys.

Mr J Dickson, Director of Performing Arts





A Level and GCSE Drama and Theatre Showcase

We welcomed families to our drama studio this month for the final Drama and Theatre A Level practical examination. Our Upper Sixth students presented two plays. One was an original drama created by themselves using various prompts in the style of physical and verbatim theatre. The others were their scripted pieces from the plays 'Constellations' by Nick Payne and 'Nora - A Doll's House' by Henrik Ibsen reimagined by Stef Smith.

The Lower Sixth merged theatre with multimedia in a visually stunning version of 'The Glass Menagerie'. Our Upper Fifth wowed with the excellent characterisation of 'The Birthday Party' and the audience was left frozen in awe of the Greek classic 'Medea'. Special thanks to: Anya R who' with her photographic talent' created masterpieces for our programme; Lewis A for his technical skills; and of course to Mr. Mason who is always there to make our students' work look professional. Our drama students made us very proud with their magnificent performances and everyone present enjoyed the evening very much. We will miss them sorely and we wish them the best of luck in their next steps towards higher education.

Mr J Dickson, Director of Performing Arts



Puppetry workshop

We were lucky enough to have a puppetry workshop from our very own Mr Mason. Mr Mason is a trained puppeteer performer and artist. Students were able to explore a wide range of puppets spanning the globe in an art form that is 4000 years old. A thoroughly enjoyable GCSE and A Level Drama and Theatre lesson.

Mr J Dickson, Director of Performing Arts



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Pirate Songs in Chetham's School of Music

The Nursery children went on a trip to Chetham's School of Music and had the opportunity to sing songs with a pirate theme. They thoroughly enjoyed playing percussion instruments and listening to musicians perform live. We had a great time!

Mrs O Cunningham, Prep 2 Teacher



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MUSIC

David's Piano Etudes at SIPC

Our Peripatetic teacher, Mr David Önaç, with his Five Etudes' solo for piano have been selected as a set work for the prestigious **Scottish International Piano Competition**.

High profile pianists from all over the world will be playing David's pieces as part of the semi-finals of the competition, and he has been specially invited to act as a member of the judging panel for the semi-finals at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland.

Mr J Dickson, Director of Performing Arts

David's virtuosic piano études were written while he was only 20 years old and studying for his MPhil in Composition at the University of Cambridge. They had their European premiere by renowned pianist Peter Donohoe in Brussels in 2007, their Cambridge premiere by Simon Smith, and the composer has also performed them himself on several occasions.

You can hear a recording of David's performance of four of the five études **here** and find more information at **his website**.



Summer Dance Show 2023

The Summer Dance Show '23 proved that St. Bede's has rhythm and lots of it!

On the Academic Hall stage, GCSE Dance students and members of St Bede's Dance Club performed a wide variety of pieces that thrilled the audience.

Miss L Stark, Dance Teacher

Tap dance, lyrical dance, folk dance, ballet, contemporary dance, rock and roll and swing were just some of the genres performed by the fantastic dancers from St. Bede's.

Special thanks to everyone who made this wonderful evening possible, from the Performing Arts team to the lighting technicians, and of course to the talented dancers of St Bede's for their enthusiasm and dedication.



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SPORTS

A great month for Manchester City Football Club U16 and U18s

The last few weeks have been triumphant for our pupils and alumni playing for Manchester City Football Club. St Bede's has been represented in Manchester City's Premier League winning campaigns at U16, U18 and first team levels. The U16s won the Premier League Cup final on 25 April with a team full of St Bede's U5s and U5s students and a last minute goal to take the title 2-1 against Liverpool.

The U18s team with seventeen Bedians completing their GCSEs in 2021 and 2022: True Grant, Jacob Wright, Jahmai Simpson-Pusey, Kane Taylor, Isaiah Dada-Mascoll, Justin Oboavwodu, Will Dickson, Jaden Heskey, Nico O'Reilly, Lakyle Samuel, Michael Okeke, Ashton Muir plus Joel Ndala, Ezra Carrington, Charlie Gray, Sebastian Naylor and Alfie Harrison.

Two goals from Justin Oboavwodu sealed a 2-1 win over West Ham United, securing the National Premier League Cup for the third successive season, emulating the three straight victories of the first team, which boasts Bedians Phil Foden, Rico Lewis and Cole Palmer in its ranks. Manchester City are undoubtedly the best team in Europe and the future looks bright with the incredible talent coming through the academy.

Mr C Woan, Deputy Director and Senior Management Team



Manchester Schools Tournament

The Under 15s Girls' and Boys' Athletics teams attended the Manchester Schools Tournament earlier this month.

The Girls' Team finished 2nd overall out of 14 schools, while the Boys' Team finished 5th overall out of 16 schools.

Individual Medalists:

Havana - 1st in the High Jump

Shirya - 2nd in the 200m

Isabella - 3rd in the 100m

Penny - 3rd in the 80m Hurdles

Georgia/Isabella/Shirya/Havana - 3rd in the relay

Miss A Sharp, PE Teacher and PE Administrator



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Salford City Success

Upper Sixth Student, Markel M, was recently offered a professional contract by Salford City Football Club. Markel has played as a midfielder for the club since September 2021 and has admirably managed his footballing career alongside his A Level studies. He has loved football since an early age and we are delighted by his success.

Dr A McMonagle, Deputy Head of Sixth Form



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committed

Rounders Team

The Prep Excel Rounders Team attended a tournament at St Matthew's High School, where they played 2 matches:

vs Rushbrook School - Won 9.5 to 5.5
vs Charlestown School - Won 16 to 5.5

Miss A Sharp, PE Teacher and PE Administrator

Annual Netball Match

The annual Netball match between Staff and the Upper Sixth took place with the added interest of pitting, perhaps for the first time, mothers and daughters against each other. Mrs Lavorini took on Gabriella, while Mrs Corbett was umpired by her two daughters, Charlotte and Grace.

In a very close contest, Gabriella took the win in the Lavorini household, as the Upper Sixth prevailed 16-8. Marie D made good use of Miss Sharp's years of coaching, with some accurate shots and scoring 15 of the 16 goals. It was a lovely way to end the seven year netball career some of us have had at St Bede's and I couldn't have asked for a better group of girls to play with. I would like to thank Charlotte and Grace for refereeing and all the staff involved in the match.

Gabriella L, Senior Netball Captain



Upper Sixth Football Victory

Just before Study Leave commenced, the annual Staff v Upper Sixth leavers football match took place at Brantingham Road. Weather conditions were perfect with the rain earlier in the day providing a beautifully slick surface. The event was incredibly well supported with a range of parents, Sixth Formers and pupils in younger years making the short trip down the road to support (mainly!) the Upper Sixth.

A good spirited contest ensued with the Upper Sixth taking a two goal lead early in the first half before the staff fought back to go into the break 4-3 up. The second half saw the younger and fitter side take control, and they were eventually able to break down the solid backline of the staff to see the game go into the final 5 minutes tied at 4-4. The staff appeared to have won it with two minutes remaining, but were denied victory by an excellent goal line clearance by Ciaran O; this spurred the Upper Sixth on to score a winner with seconds left on the clock.

A notable performance came from Markel, who dictated play with consummate ease and finished both of his chances (including the winning goal) with a calmness that comes as no surprise for one who has been offered a professional football contract by Salford City. High praise also goes to Mr Mitchell who scored three goals and recorded an assist on his long-anticipated return from injury.

We are so proud of the Upper Sixth students who have demonstrated incredible commitment to the College Football Programme for the past seven years; we hope you go on to enjoy the game we love in the years to come.

Mr S Griffin, Head of Football, PE Department



LIBRARY

Breakfast in the Maher Library

Treasure for a Library is the arrival of new books! Rather than putting these new releases on shelves, we decided that a great approach could be to showcase them by telling parents all about these treasures! And so, 'Breakfast in the Maher Library' began!

Parents of Lower School students were invited in on different weeks; first were the Upper Third parents. As the majority of Library Assistants are from this year group, they also enjoyed the privilege of attending at this time. Next, it was the Lower Fourth parents, followed by the Upper Fourth.

It was wonderful to engage in conversation about reading habits and challenges we are all faced with. Parents also had the opportunity to ask questions and find which new releases they could recommend to their children. This resulted in Natalie coming to borrow a book which her mum recommended to her from the breakfast gathering.

'Those who attended also learnt about what has been happening in the Maher Library this academic year and were amazed.

I also shared websites to be used at home in conjunction with the College: for example **Book Trust** to select books, read book extracts, ideas on 'what to read after....e.g. Diary of a Wimpy Kid'. There is also **Borrowbox**, a digital reading platform linked to local libraries, and **LoveReading4Kids** where genres can be searched and the age suitability of books is given, plus more. These are just a few of the many available!

Parents also shared ideas on how to instil a love of reading: one mother suggested going to the local library and reading as a family. Other parents appreciated learning that reading aloud is still important and valuable for College-aged students. These Breakfasts have been successful in opening dialogue with parents, the most crucial educators of the students at St. Bede's, and I am honoured to have met some in this way. Thank you. Next year, I hope to continue on this incredible journey with you and hope that more parents and carers will be able to join in.

Miss M Pocas, College Librarian



HOUSES

Feast Day of St. Catherine of Siena

On Friday 28 April, Siena House came together to mark the Feast Day of St. Catherine of Siena whereby students attended mass, celebrated with a feast of sweet treats in the dining hall and sent postcards of kindness to their peers. The focus of the Feast Day discussion was on who St. Catherine was and the idea of comparing our faith to a sunflower.

Not only does the yellow of the sunflower link to our house colour, but also gives us a strong message in terms of faith. The sunflower is a flower that, as the day progresses, is always looking for the direction of the sun in order to fully absorb its rays. The sunflower teaches us to turn to the light and turn to the Lord for nourishment and guidance. This is a message that the devout St Catherine truly embodies and a message that I wanted pupils to consider throughout the day.

On entering the Chapel, pupils were given a sunflower sticker to wear and to encourage conversations with one another about the Feast Day and how the flower can symbolise our faith.

A special thanks goes to Mrs Hibbert for her organisation of the Mass and the effort she put into transforming the Chapel, as well as Father Joe for his invaluable teaching of our pupils. A huge well done to the following pupils for reading as part of the service: Erin F (U3), Alannah SW (U3), Martina T (U4), Collins K (L4), Paddy McG (L5), Kitty McN (U4), Erin B (L6), Zach T (L6), Faith T (L5), Belle H (U3) and Temi (L6).

Spending time as a House to think about our patron and learn about her importance was really special and gave the students a lot to consider.

Miss M Moore, Head of Siena House



New Lower Sixth House Team Takes Over

This month the Heads of House handed over the reins to our new Lower Sixth House Team - the eight students who have recently been appointed as the House Captains for next academic year. Pupils were challenged with the task of producing and delivering an assembly to their houses, this was a fantastic opportunity for students to introduce themselves to their fellow housemates, as well as discuss this month's virtue - **Truthfulness**. Congratulations to the following pupils on their appointments as Senior House Captains, and well done for rising to the challenge of House Assemblies - you all did brilliantly!

MAGDALENE

Martin T
Kathryn K

CAMPION

Charlotte C
Oliver B

SIENA

Zach T
Temi S

BOSCO

Lucia L
Gia H

Miss M Moore, Head of Siena House



CHAPLAINCY

Upper Fifth Leavers' Mass

On Wednesday 10 May, the Upper Fifth celebrated the start of study leave with a wonderful Leavers' Mass. In front of a large audience of parents, the pupils offered gifts of gratitude for all of their successes and achievements, and reflected on the journey that they have taken during their time at St Bede's. There were wonderful musical performances, including a beautiful singing solo from Chantelle and outstanding performances from Jeremy on the cello and Kelly on the organ. There was even an original rendition of Waymaker by the Upper Fifth rock band, with the pupils in fine voice. They were a credit to the College all morning and it is clear that they will be missed by so many of the teachers and staff who have had the pleasure of working with them over the years.

We are very grateful to Mrs Hibbert for putting the Mass together and Mr Davies for assisting with the music. Thanks also to the parents for attending and for all of the support that they have provided to the College and to their sons and daughters. It has been hugely appreciated by all of us at St Bede's. We, as a College, and they, as pupils, could not have managed without you.

Furthermore, whilst there was a definite feeling of finality to the morning, it is better to think of it as a 'see you soon' than a goodbye. We will see all of the pupils soon, as they tackle their GCSE examinations; we wish them good luck in all that is to come. Similarly, we will see most of the Upper Fifth pupils soon, as they return for Sixth Form next academic year. For those pupils for whom the day represented a final full day at St Bede's, even this was not really a goodbye. For once you are a Bedian, you will always be a Bedian and in that regard the Upper Fifth will never really leave. The College, their experiences here, the relationships that they have made and the journey that they have undertaken will always be with them; in that regard it is certainly not goodbye. See you soon Upper Fifth and thank you for everything.

Mr M Lee Rodriguez, Head of Upper Fifth and Teacher of History



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Sixth Form Leavers' Mass

Friday 12 May was a highly emotional day for our Upper Sixth as they celebrated their final day as College students. For some, this marked the end of a fourteen-year association with St Bede's College. It was a poignant yet joyful celebration of academic enterprise, sporting achievement, artistic expression, love and friendship. It was fitting that parents and members of staff were able to share this special moment that will never be forgotten by those in attendance.

The students were involved in all aspects of the Mass, particularly the Liturgy of the Word, the presentation of scholastic symbols and in the singing of joyful hymns. Our sincere thanks go to Fr Joe Evans and Mrs Hibbert for the preparation of such a beautiful liturgy, and to Mr Davies for his musical accompaniment.

Mr D Rose, Head of Sixth Form



Crowning of Our Lady

A new statue of Our Lady arrived just in time for May, the Month of Our Lady. The pupils have been welcoming the beautiful statue of Our Lady and her presence within the College each day this week.

The children in the Early Years and Key Stage One went to the Headteacher's Lawn to welcome Our Lady's statue and gather together in prayer, asking Mary to take all their prayers to her Son, Jesus. The children learnt about Mary's part in the Wedding Feast at Cana (John 2:1-11) and how she noticed the problem and asked Jesus to help. The children thought about how Mary can help them during school life.

Staff and pupils joined together during lunchtime to celebrate mass and bless the new statue.

Mrs C Hibbert, School Chaplain



CHAPLAINCY

Feast of St Bede

We celebrated the feast day of St. Bede with Mass at English Martyrs' Church for the College pupils celebrated by Fr Joe Evans, to pray for St. Bede's College. The new Sixth Form Prefects led the pupils in prayer and readings, and represented the College Houses in the entrance procession

The Prep pupils attended Mass in the College Chapel celebrated by Fr Michael Deas. The Pupil Chaplains led the Mass readings and prayers, asking for St Bede's intercession in their school work.

Mrs C Hibbert, School Chaplain

A Testimony of Conversion: John Pridmore

As part of the build-up to the celebration of the Feast of St. Bede, the College welcomed International speaker and best-selling author John Pridmore. John is a former East End gangster turned Christian who now travels internationally, speaking to others about how his life changed. His powerful testimony of conversion was welcomed by the students and John captivated them with his witness to his faith.

You can find out more about John Pridmore on [his website](#).

Mrs C Hibbert, School Chaplain



Great Manchester Run

Congratulations to Miss Brown on her fantastic achievement in the Great Manchester Run on Sunday 21st May. Miss Brown was representing the College and raising money for Caritas Salford. She has far exceeded the target of £200 and has raised an incredible £641. All the money raised goes directly to the projects that Caritas oversees, including Cornerstone, The Morning Star Hostel, refugee support and much more.

Their mission is to help those across the Diocese of Salford who are experiencing poverty, disadvantage and discrimination to transform their lives with dignity. If you would like to donate, please use [this link](#).

Mrs C Hibbert, School Chaplain



Be
grateful

LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Prep 5 visited the Stockport Air raid Shelter

As an introduction to the topic of World War 2 , Prep 5 visited the sandstone tunnels in Stockport which were used as public shelter from aerial bomb raids. The children dressed up brilliantly as evacuees and spent the day in character in 1941. They learned how to 'make do and mend' and prepared to be chosen by a local family to stay and spend nights, safe in the tunnels.

The Warden and Mrs Bell showed them around the mile-long tunnels. It was hard to imagine 6000 people crammed into them at night but the children enjoyed singing war time songs whilst being shown the facilities: electric lights, toilets, a sick bay, a refreshment canteen and even triple bunk beds. The sound of the siren and the pitch darkness when the lights went off did not dent the Dunkirk Spirit and the children really did 'Keep Calm and Carry On.'

Mrs C Casson, Prep 5 Teacher & MFL Co-ordinator



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Boreatton Park 2023

The Coronation Bank Holiday Monday will remain unforgettable for our Prep 6 pupils as it marked the beginning of their PGL adventure at Boreatton Park.

Over the course of the week, the children enjoyed a vast range of outdoor activities, including high ropes, giant swing and zip wire.

They also enjoyed getting extremely wet during raft building, kayaking and the tremendous thunder storm on Thursday afternoon. The deluge did not dampen spirits, however, as the children excited prepared for the BP disco.

The children sang their hearts out in the fresh air of the beautiful, rolling Shropshire countryside. They savoured three hearty meals every day, consumed copious amounts of sweet treats and slept like babies each night.

We were delighted with the behaviour of the pupils and the fantastic team spirit, enthusiasm and resilience that they all showed.

Well done, Prep 6! Long live your happy memories of Boreatton Park.

*Mrs C Harrison Prep Year 6 Teacher
Deputy Head of Prep*



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CORONATION SPECIAL



Coronation Cafe

On Friday 5th May, all of the Sixth Form students were delighted to be gifted a tub of ice-cream to celebrate the coronation of HRH, King Charles. Our new prefects helped to decorate the Common Room in red, white and blue. Meanwhile, Aaron C from the Lower Sixth held a bake sale in aid of the British Heart Foundation, which featured a range of delicious coronation cupcakes.

Dr A McMonagle, Deputy Head of Sixth Form

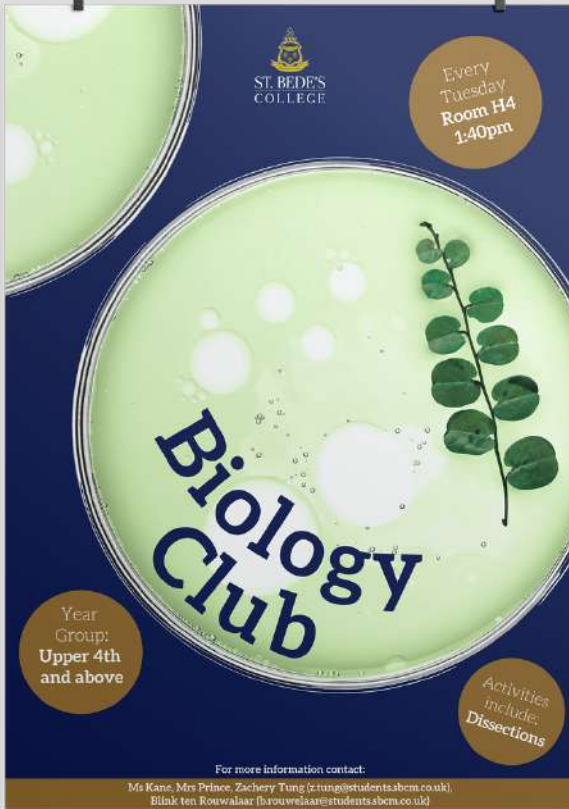


The youngest #Bedians also celebrated by sending letters to the new King and painted their own crowns. In Prep, everyone pulled their national colours out of their wardrobes.



[Click here to see what the little ones were up to!](#)

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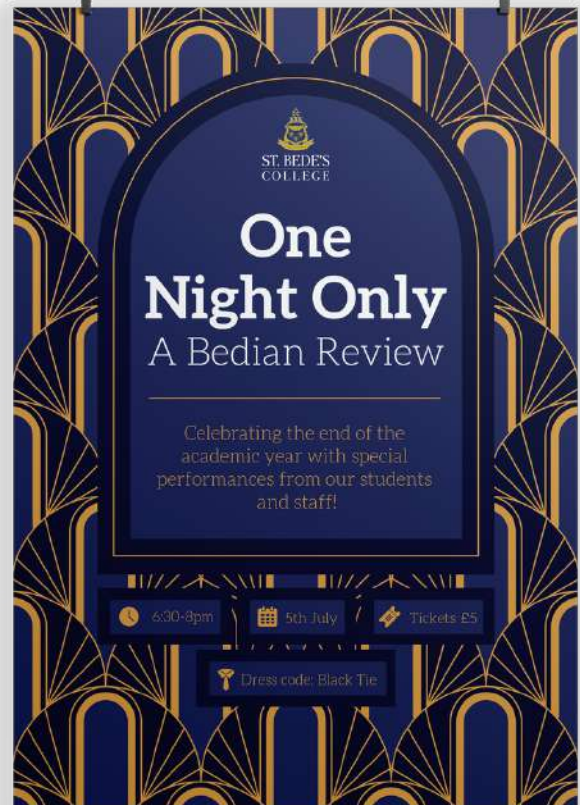
Every Tuesday
Room H4
1:40pm

Biology Club

Year Group:
Upper 4th
and above

Activities include:
Dissections

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One Night Only

A Bedian Review

Celebrating the end of the academic year with special performances from our students and staff!

6:30-8pm | 5th July | Tickets £5

Dress code: Black Tie

Reading Group

Open for Upper Third to Upper Fourth

Read the shortlisted books from the Cheshire Schools' Book Award 2023 and vote for your favourite one in April 2023, with the award ceremony planned for May 2023.



Meet Wednesdays lunchtime at the **Maher Library**



Model United Nations

Meeting every
Wednesday lunchtime
1:40 in R9 (English)

St Bede's College has been invited to Cheadle Hulme School's annual Model United Nations conference (MUNCH) on the 7th and 8th October.



Interested in debating?
Want to learn more about politics?
Come to MUN!

Please email or see Miss Moore to register.

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Natalie McNamara
St Bede's College Counsellor



My name is Nat, and I am a fully qualified therapeutic counsellor. All of us at some point in our lives find ourselves with feelings that we find difficult to navigate through. My aim is to create a safe and comfortable environment for my clients to enable them to explore these feelings and emotions.

Beginning counselling can sometimes feel a little scary and may also feel like a big decision. I am friendly, non-judgmental and passionate about building trusting and positive relationships with my clients.

Within my practice, I will guide you and support you in navigating through your troubles by working together to explore your thoughts, feelings and behaviours.

I have several years experience working with children and young people, as well as adults. I feel passionate in helping people to reach their full potential.

I have experience of working with people varying many different issues including Anxiety, Low-mood, Stress, Grief, Low self-esteem, Grief, Academic challenges, amongst many other things.

LET'S TALK IT OUT

Low Mood

Anxiety

Stress

nmcnamara.external@sbcm.co.uk

My working days are Wednesday & Friday

Referrals can be made through heads of year, but please contact myself directly if you would like any more information.



[Click here to book tickets for our second date to see *Romeo & Juliet!*](#)

ST. BEDE'S COLLEGE



Coffee with the Headteacher

Fri 9th Jun

Opens 9:00 AM

The event will be held in the Joseph Refectory

[Book your tickets](#)



College Prep 5 Taster Day

Is your child in Prep 5? Are you looking for Upper Third (Year Seven) school options? Why not sign your child up to spend a day at our College!

Our mission is to inspire, encourage and enable every one of our pupils to change the world by fulfilling their role in it.



Fri 23rd June



Entry time: 8:50 am
End time: 3:30 pm



FORTHCOMING EVENTS



Monday 5 June

Return after half term;
GCSE & A Level Examinations

Tuesday 6 June - Sunday 11 June

GCSE & A Level Examinations

Monday 12 June

GCSE & A Level Examinations;
3:50pm: DofE Bronze Qualifying Expedition

Tuesday 13 June

GCSE & A Level Examinations;
DofE Bronze Qualifying Expedition

Wednesday 14 June

GCSE & A Level Examinations;
3:00pm DofE Bronze Qualifying Expedition;
Lower Sixth Higher Education Day

Thursday 15 June

GCSE & A Level Examinations

FORTHCOMING EVENTS



Friday 16 June

GCSE & A Level Examinations;
8:50am Prep 5 Taster Day

Saturday 17 June

GCSE & A Level Examinations

Sunday 18 June

GCSE & A Level Examinations;
9:00am Gold DofE Qualifying Expedition

Monday 19 June - Wednesday 21 June

GCSE & A Level Examinations;
Gold DofE Qualifying Expedition

Thursday 22 June

GCSE & A Level Examinations;
6:00pm Gold DofE Qualifying Expedition

Friday 23 June- Sunday 25 June

GCSE & A Level Examinations

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