



ST. BEDE'S
COLLEGE

SEPTEMBER BEDE'S NEWS



Mrs M Kemp
Headteacher

Dear parents,

What a wonderful and intense start to our academic year!

It was fantastic to welcome the pupils back after their summer holidays. The U3 students' earlier start helped them settle and familiarise themselves with the College facilities in a calm way and they very quickly began to confidently manage the school day.

Since then it has been non-stop: tutor evening, U3 welcome Mass and retreat days, and, to finish, a full school inspection. The monthly Virtue of Order has been crucial in navigating a busy month, making sure students are settled and able to fully engage with learning.

Special thanks to parents who have volunteered for the PFA; I am sure many good things will happen which will enrich our Bedian Community.

All the best,

Mrs M Kemp, Headteacher

I hope this edition of Bede's News finds all members of our community well.

It was a pleasure to welcome our pupils back to school to embark on a new school year.

Our aim is to continue to encourage our pupils to be inspired, committed, and grateful in all aspects of their home and school lives. We believe that fostering these qualities will help our children to develop into well-rounded individuals.

Our recent Welcome Evening was a tremendous success. It was heartwarming to see so many parents, both new and returning, come together with our staff members to create a warm and supportive community. It was evident that our pupils have settled in well and are excited for the year ahead.

With the start of this new term, we have made some updates to our curriculum frameworks. We are excited to introduce new topics in Humanities and our STEM focus has a greater emphasis on scientific enquiry. These additions aim to enhance the learning experience of our pupils by providing them with a broader understanding of the world around them. We are confident that these subjects will stimulate their curiosity and encourage critical thinking.

We continue to implement our Virtues Programme with 'Order' as our virtue for the month of September. Through various activities and discussions, we are striving to instil a sense of order and organisation in our pupils. By cultivating this virtue, we believe that they will develop the skills necessary to look after their belongings, manage their time effectively, and complete tasks in an orderly fashion.

We appreciate your continued support in ensuring that your child is fully engaged in these initiatives. We encourage them to participate actively in class discussions, undertake activities to the best of their ability, and demonstrate respect for others' ideas and beliefs.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me or any member of our staff if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions. We value your input and are committed to working together with you to provide the best educational experience for your child.

We look forward to a successful and fulfilling year ahead.

With my best wishes,

Mrs C Hunt, Head of Prep



Mrs C Hunt
Head of Prep



Dr A McMonagle
Acting Head of Sixth Form

It has been a busy and exciting start to the new academic year.

The Sixth Form Common Room is full of life again, with our new Lower Sixth students fully embracing this new stage in their education; they are already offering co-curricular clubs to lower school students, setting up new initiatives and giving their studies the time and commitment they need from day one. Meanwhile, the Upper Sixth have been given a 'roadmap' calendar which makes clear that there are a mere 22 weeks until A level examinations begin. There is an air of industry in the Quiet Room as they prepare to do their very best in the November mock examinations.

Dr A McMonagle, Acting Head of Sixth Form

Virtue of the month:

Order

This month St Bede's pupils have been busy practising the Virtue of Order.

In the Upper Third, pupils have been learning the routines of St Bede's, and wearing their new uniforms with pride. In the Lower Fourth, pupils focused on order outside of school for example, helping more in the home by setting tables, emptying the dishwasher, making beds, sorting the recycling and packing bags the night before school. The Upper Fourth have concentrated on being ordered by being punctual to lessons, making sure their uniforms are immaculate, and being fully equipped for lessons with chromebooks charged. The Lower Fifth pupils have been ensuring their notes from last year are in order ready for their GCSE courses, and ordering their timetables including co-curricular activities. The Upper Fifth have also been organising their notes both on paper and digitally, and deciding what their most important priorities are for the year, whilst the Sixth Form have committed to conducting purposeful, planned private study, especially in non-contact periods.

Why is the Virtue important? Because if we use our time well, do our work, help at home and have fun, in that order, it shows our parents, carers and teachers our gratitude for the opportunities they give us. When we live the virtue of order we learn to prioritise our time, and therefore can think of others, making their lives easier through small acts of kindness which are achievable because our day runs smoothly.

Mrs C Boylan, Assistant Head (Safeguarding & Ethos)



Virtue of the month of September



September Virtue Winners - Order



Roles and Responsibilities for the new academic year

Prep 6 had been awaiting Friday's assembly with nervous excitement and bated breath. Why? Because Mrs Hunt was going to announce their roles and responsibilities for the new academic year.

The positions of **Head and Deputy Head pupils**, as always, were determined by staff and pupil vote. Congratulations to our Head Pupils, Enya and Joseph, who will be ably assisted by our Deputy Head Pupils, Deborah, George, Romilly and Victor.

Sports Captains, Christopher and Holly, will work closely with the PE staff and Vice Captains, Carmen and Ivan.

Our **House Captains** for 2023-2024 are May, Mukupa, Anna Leigh and Archie who will lead Siena, Bosco, Campion and Magdalene houses respectively.

Fia and Lucy, as **Heads of School Council**, will collaborate with Mrs Horsefield and the class representatives to organise fundraising activities and school events.

Mrs Leyden was delighted to acquire the services of our **Librarians**, Dean, Harrison, Rayyan and William, who will help her with the running and organisation of the Prep library.

All other pupils were awarded **Form Prefect or Peer Mediator** positions and they will be responsible for helping out both pupils and teachers in their allocated classes. As Head Prefect, Emily will oversee these prefects and help them carry out their duties, particularly during wet play.

All the Prep 6 pupils were very gracious upon receiving their positions of responsibility and they all seemed genuinely delighted for their friends and peers. We are looking forward to working with our new prefects this year and we are sure that they will work hard to be successful in their roles.

Mrs Catherine Harrison, Deputy Headteacher Prep



Head Pupils and Deputy Head Pupils





Captains



House Captains



Sports Captains



Heads of student council & Librarians



Heads of student council



Librarians



Class prefects



Language ambassadors prefects





Stars of the week





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House Point Winners





During her summer holidays, Teresa gained a distinction in acting in her LAMDA Grade 2 studies. She performed at Sale Waterside Theatre in two different musicals in lead roles; the acrobat in Matilda and Sebastian in the Little Mermaid.

She has been working very hard to pursue her passion for musical theatre.

Teresa for LAMDA



Passing Music exams



Two individual awards for football and gymnastics

Happy Birthday!

Nursery

Jayden
Henry
Xavier
Freya

Prep 1

Lucas

Prep 2

Eghosa

Prep 3

Aidan
Nathaniel
Lilly-May

Prep 5

Theo
Nicholas

Prep 6

Enya
Beth
May

Reception

William
Ashton

Prep 4

Flynn
Francisco
Jimena
Inaya
India





Headteacher's Commendation



Pupils who won the Headteacher's Commendation certificate for the Summer Term enjoyed a celebratory lunch with Mrs Boylan and Mrs Kemp in September. The certificate is awarded to pupils who have best embodied the Bedian spirit over the course of a term, and members of staff nominate worthy winners. Due to the U5 and U6 being on study leave in the summer term, there were a smaller number of pupils at the celebration lunch, but that meant there was all the more delicious food for those who attended.

Mrs C Boylan, Assistant Head Ethos and Safeguarding

Safeguarding

Filtering and Monitoring: IMTLazarus

Please find a reissue of March's newsletter on the topic of Filtering and Monitoring as mentioned at Tutor Evening 2023.

We are excited to introduce you to a tool that we believe will be beneficial to you and your child's education, mental health, well-being and control over screen time and online access. The tool is called IMTLazarus, and it is designed to give you, as a parent, greater control over your child's Chromebook during home time (5pm to 8am on weekdays, weekends, half term and holidays). This is exactly the same tool we use in school to supervise, control and provide content filter on our students' Chromebooks, but this time, available for parents.

We understand that as parents, you are concerned about your child's safety and well-being while they are online. With IMTLazarus, you will have the ability to monitor and manage your child's online activity, as well as set restrictions on certain websites.

Some of the features of IMTLazarus include:

- **Website filtering:** You can totally block access to the internet.
- **Attention management:** You can set a digital padlock on your child's Chromebook, ensuring that it is totally blocked.
- **Web report:** You can see a full report of your child's online history: searches, most common websites, etc. This is a fantastic tool to build a trusting relationship with your child and help them mature in their responsible use of screens and internet.
- **Screenshot records:** The tool takes a screenshot any time your child's Chromebook has a change in its screen, so you can visualize what your child is viewing in real time (only with screenshots) and in the previous few hours.

*Mrs C Boylan, Assistant Head
(Safeguarding & Ethos)*

To request access to IMTLazarus, please complete [this Google Form](#). Once we receive your request, we will provide you with instructions on how to access and use the tool to control your child's Chromebook.

Please note that this tool is optional, and you are not required to use it if you do not feel it is necessary. However, we believe that it will be a useful tool for many of our parents, and we encourage you to consider using it.

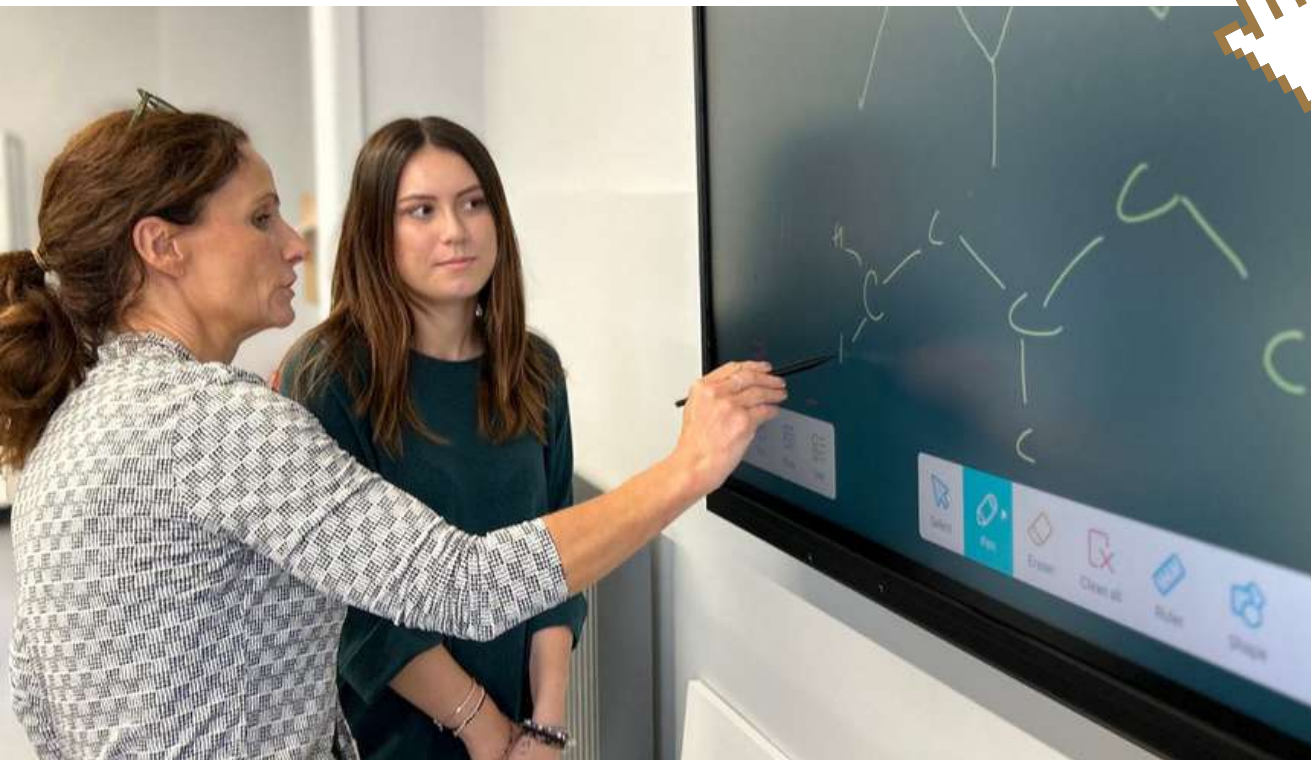
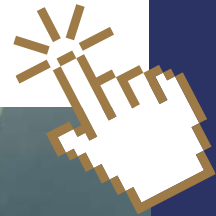
As you may recall from a previous post about [Safeguarding our children online](#), we shared with you some other tools that can help you supervise your child's mobile phone usage. We believe that IMTLazarus is a great addition to these tools and will provide you with even greater control over your child's online activity on their Chromebooks. We understand that monitoring your child's online behaviour can be a daunting task, but we hope that these tools will help make the task a little easier for you. We encourage you to take advantage of these tools and to stay engaged with your child's online activity to ensure their safety and well-being.

If you have any questions or concerns about IMTLazarus, please do not hesitate to contact us (fcalmaestra@sbcm.co.uk). We are always happy to help.



Introducing IYAMA interactive touch screens

We're kicking off the school year with a game-changer: IYAMA interactive touch screens that have been installed into our classrooms. These state-of-the-art screens will revolutionise the way our students learn, allowing them to actively participate. Teachers will have a wide range of tools to create dynamic, multimedia-rich lessons tailored to different learning styles.



But it doesn't stop at learning - students can also collaborate together on the screen, share ideas and improve their teamwork and communication skills. This will equip them with the skills they need to succeed in today's digital world. We have prepared 3 styles for our students and teachers:

- **Interactive Learning:** Touch, manipulate, and learn effectively.
- **Collaborative Projects:** Boost teamwork and creativity (creating a variety of lesson plans, including multimedia presentations, interactive activities, and collaborative projects).
- **Adaptation to Learning Styles:** Tailored for everyone! They are inclusive as the boards are suited to all learning methods, providing students with multiple ways to interact with learning materials.

Mr F Calmaestra, Head of Strategy & Innovation



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SCIENCE

'If you were an engineer, what would you do?'

This year we had two winners in the 'If you were an engineer, what would you do?' competition. The winners were two Upper Third pupils, Missy and Ryan. Pupils had to design a unique product and enter a poster to explain their proposals, along with a persuasive letter to sell it to the judges. Just under 50,000 pupils submitted to the competition and there were two rounds of grading with engineers to select the winners. Missy designed an innovative watch that senses seizures and reports it to family or medical teams to get help. Ryan created a superb drawing of his design of a drone that collects rubbish to help improve our environment.

There was an award ceremony on 6th of July at Manchester Metropolitan University which Missy, Ryan, their families and I attended. It was a great event. The judges' comments on their design ideas were read out and awards were given.

Well done to Missy and Ryan and hopefully we will have more winners next year!

Miss S Manning, Design Technology Subject Coordinator



Unveiling the new Chemistry Laboratories

We're delighted to unveil a significant development to St. Bede's College: the opening of three brand new Chemistry laboratories on the ground floor of the Henshaw Building.

Equipped with the latest technology, in the form of interactive Iiyama panels, new practical equipment which will allow pupils to use chromebooks more effectively, and a complete makeover. The laboratories have not only been aesthetically transformed, but also designed to enhance teaching and learning. The carefully designed teaching space allows experiments to be carried out safely, while providing for theory lessons. The new mobile fume hoods mean that students can work practically on complex Chemistry experiments in any of the three laboratories, and new ergonomic cantilever seating is more comfortable for them.

The centrepiece of the structural transformation is the newly opened corridor which allows students access from one side of the building to the other. The original Terrazzo floor was carefully repaired and restored in keeping with the traditional style of the listed building.

The refurbishment promises an exciting future for Science education at St. Bede's, and we hope to continue to develop the building over the coming years, with the aim to inspire the next generation of Bedian scientists.

Mrs Rachael Prince, Head of Science, Chemistry Department



Before



Refurbished Lab



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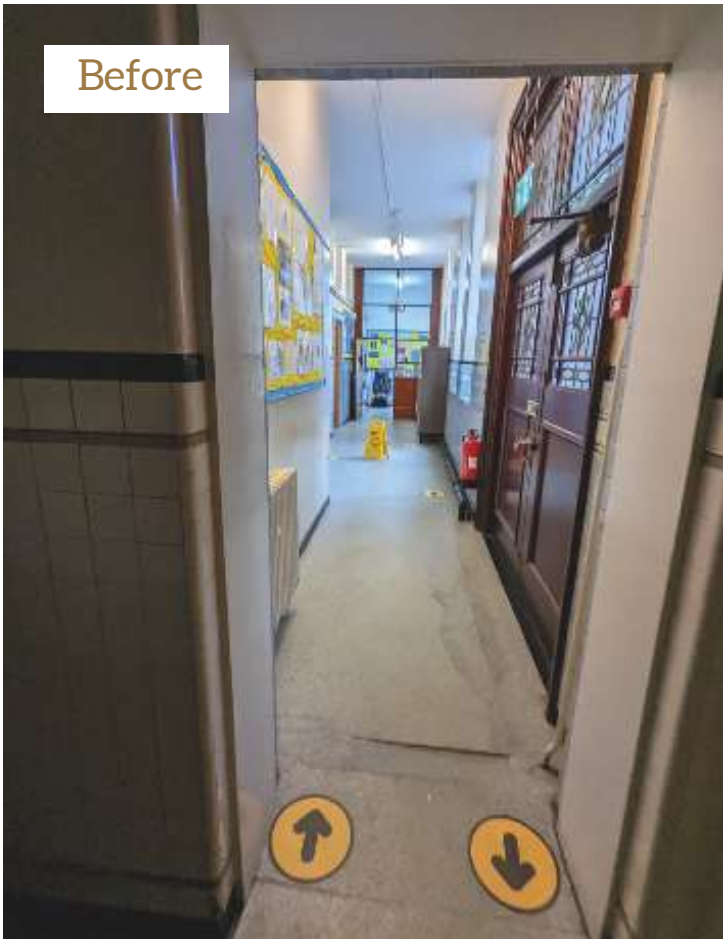
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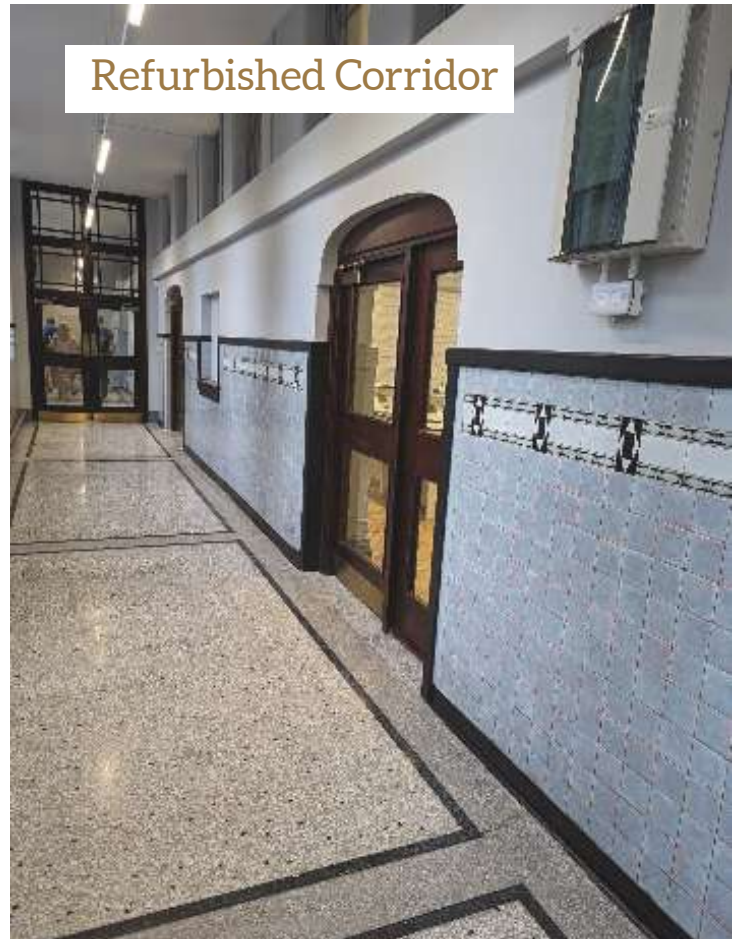
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Before



Refurbished Corridor



MODERN LANGUAGES

European Day of Languages Bake-off is back!

In celebration of European Day of Languages 2023, the MFL Department was back with its annual Bake-off. Pupils were asked to create a European or Languages-themed cake to show off their baking and cake-decorating skills. There were twenty entries in total, all of which looked delicious and beautifully decorated! Like true Bedians, pupils clearly went to a great deal of effort, which was wonderful to see.

Our winner was Dara S (U3) with her amazing Spanish-themed cake. Well done, Dara! The runners up were Safa I (U3), Isabella P (U3), Katelynne H (U3), Eli B (U4) and Jibrail J (U4). Well done to everyone - your commitment and determination are an inspiration to us all! All entries were rewarded with Class Charts points and Dara and the runners up will receive Amazon vouchers as a prize.

The MFL Department would like to thank all pupils and colleagues involved for supporting the event. We can't wait to see what you come up with next year! We would also like to show our gratitude to those who entered for donating their cakes to our charity bake-sale, organised by Mr Wilson, Head of Magdalene House.

Mrs J di Paola, Modern Foreign Languages Department



European Day of Languages

St Bede's Prep celebrated European Day of Languages in style this year. The theme was all things French and the children looked fabulous in the French colours 'bleu, blanc et rouge.'

We were astounded by the response of the children to the 'French' cake competition. Hundreds of beautifully-decorated, creative and delicious cakes were displayed. Picking a winning cake was almost impossible but Kadima in Prep 3 was crowned as star boulangère. Many congratulations to her and everyone that donated. The cake sale raised over £160 which has been donated to the The Red Cross Libyan Flood appeal.

French was joyfully celebrated throughout the Prep, including French in PE, joyful singing of French songs, dancing, French storytelling, French imovie making, creative French style artwork and even bingo in French. It was a wonderful opportunity for the Prep to come together and celebrate the joy of learning about foreign language and culture.

Vive la France!

Mrs C Casson, Prep 5C Class Teacher



Language Ambassadors 2023-2024

Mrs Casson is extremely impressed with all the wonderful foreign language work going on around the Prep from Nursery to Prep 6, and she is delighted to announce this year's Language Ambassadors and deputies. They have already helped to prepare for European Language Day and will continue to help Mrs Casson and Mrs Leyden with tasks such as school language quizzes, competitions, fundraising and, most importantly, will be in charge of the very precious Spanish Teddy Bags that will start to come home with children very soon.

Ambassadors:

Prep 3 - Max
Prep 4H-Lexi
Prep 4M- Francisco
Prep 5C- Tami
Prep 5W-Aoife
Prep 6C- Harrison
Prep 6H-Josep

The Deputies:

Prep 3- Benney
Prep 4H- Robyn
Prep 4M- Rosabella
Prep 5C-Noelle
Prep 5W-Caroline
Prep 6C-Rayyan
Prep 6H-Teresa

Mrs C Casson, Prep 5C Class Teacher





ENGLISH

MUN Model United Nations Project

This year, St. Bede's students are excited to have been invited to Model United Nations conferences at Cheadle Hulme School and Manchester High School for Girls. We have been busy preparing in committees over the past few weeks and cannot wait to show off our skills at the upcoming Cheadle Hulme conference with Hannah M and Aaron A as guest chairs. Representing Argentina, Netherlands and Nigeria on a whole host of issues from diverse representation in National Legislatures to the fall of the Soviet Union, it's set to be a brilliant first conference of the year!



Miss M Moore, Teacher of English. Head of Siena House



BE BEDIAN



Bedian Talent: Kuziva M

Having won a regional competition on public speaking organised by the Catenian Society, Kuziva M -now in the Upper Sixth Form- was invited to the National Final here in Manchester. She gave a very polished performance discussing the advantages but also the darker side of social media; it was a mature and compelling speech. She competed against a range of very talented young people from across the country and was delighted to bring the trophy back to St Bede's. The judges said that at the very start of their deliberations, they all agreed that Kuziva was a clear winner and that first place was undoubtedly hers. No doubt her public speaking skills will be invaluable in her chosen future career in Law.



Mr S Howes, Head of Department English

Bedian Spotlight: Charlie G

Congratulations to our Rising Star: Charlie G! From the pitch to the court, Charlie is making waves. Charlie, the newest addition to our U3 family, is fantastic on the Futsal court as he proudly represents the Manchester Futsal Club Academy. He's also a vital part of Manchester City's Select team.



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Prizegiving Evening

The inaugural Prizegiving Evening was held for our outgoing U6 students to celebrate their examination success and their commitment to St Bede's. As well as this, pupils from the L4 upwards received ethos prizes for being inspired, committed and grateful in line with our mission and identity. In front of their parents, the current U6 and L4, pupils were presented with their certificates and awards. The Chair of Governors, Xavier Bosch, opened the evening by thanking parents for their commitment to the College and as primary educators of their children for trusting us to accompany them on their journey of growth.

Mrs Kemp finished the ceremony with her words of inspiration and encouragement, 'Dreams without goals only fuel disappointment, you need commitment and above all consistency. Without commitment you will never start, but without consistency you will never finish.'

*Mrs C Boylan, Assistant Head
(Safeguarding & Ethos)*



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Celebrating Mrs Hunt's 25 years of service

The new school year started in celebratory fashion on INSET day as the staff acknowledged Mrs Hunt's 25 years of service to St Bede's College and Prep. She started her vocation in 1998 as a newly-qualified teacher in a Prep 5 class and she became Head of the Prep ten years ago.

Mrs Hunt leads by example, extolling Catholic virtues through her words and actions. Her loyalty and dedication to the Prep and the people in her care is clear for all to see. She has had such a positive impact on so many lives and she is loved and respected by her staff and pupils, past and present. Congratulations, Mrs Hunt, on a fabulous achievement.

Mrs C Harrison, Deputy Headteacher Prep



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MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS

Prep auditions for The Sound of Music

Last week we had the Prep auditions for The Sound of Music. We have been working with the group since Easter to develop singing, dancing, acting techniques. There are so many creative and talented students in the group that the audition process was beyond impressive. Our students came prepared to give their best and sang and acted beautifully. Roles will be cast this week and we will begin to prepare the Academic Hall to transform it magically into the Alps to bring this classic musical alive. We look forward to the rehearsal process and to welcoming parents and friends to this spectacular show that will kick off in March 2024.

*Mr J Dickson, Director of Performing Arts
Department*



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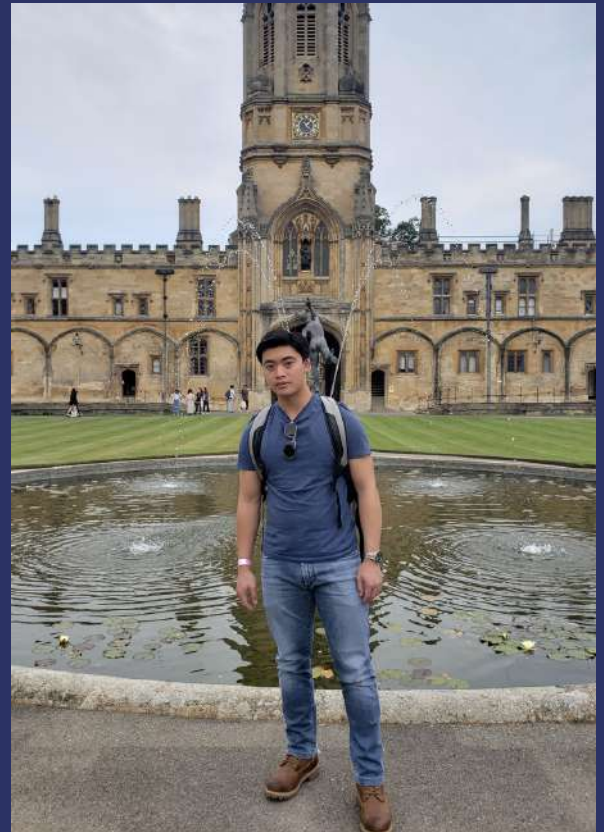
SIXTH FORM

John Locke Institute Essay Prizegiving in Oxford

Two Upper Sixth students, Samson and Kuziva, recently had essays shortlisted for the Psychology Category of the John Locke Institute 2023 Global Essay Prize. They were invited to the awards ceremony and a gala reception at the Ashmolean Museum, dinner in an Oxford college dining hall and a series of lectures and seminars led by academics from Oxford and Cambridge.

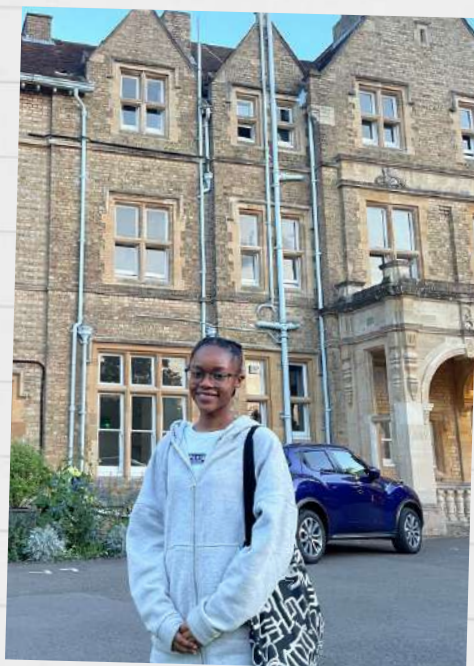
Samson stayed in Oxford for the weekend and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Following his tour of various colleges on The University of Oxford's Open Day, the next day he attended Psychology lectures and seminars at the examination schools. This was followed by lunch at Christ Church College and a reception at the Ashmolean Museum; on the final day, an admissions process talk gave him an insight into how to apply and interview well. Of his time there, he said, "It was a fantastic experience - not just from an academic perspective, but a social one too - I met and made friends with people from all over the world (there were applicants from 138 different countries). It truly was a privilege."

Dr A McMonagle, Acting Head of Sixth Form



My Trip to Oxford: Kuziva M at John Locke Institute's 2023 Global Essay Prize

When visiting Oxford on September 15th, I already knew of its prestigious university and its stunning architecture. Yet as I ventured further into the city, I was presented with the culture and personality of a city I didn't think would be so diverse. Tourists, students and residents roamed the streets, a blend of ancient architecture mixed with modernity built behind them. As the sun set and the day turned into night, a DJ playfully manoeuvred his fingers over a turntable outside HMV whilst friends and even members of the public free-styled on the mic.



Outside of the city life that brings Oxford its charm, I also enjoyed my visit to the Oxford University Law Faculty where I was pulled into an interesting debate about what 'ownership' truly means and who has a 'better right' to an object in a situation where the owner is not there to collect their property. Tutors of the faculty also dispelled myths about the well-known university, emphasising that Oxford looks at applications contextually and seeks out students who show academic excellence and a true love for their subject, not those who can read the most books and speak the most intelligently. This was the highlight of my trip, showing me just how far outreach and inclusion have come for all groups in today's society.

This wasn't the end though; I was delighted to be invited to St Hilda's College for dinner with shortlisted participants of the John Locke Institute's 2023 Global Essay Prize where I met students from all over the world: America, Australia, Hong Kong, Singapore and more. We shared our struggles and enjoyments of student life as we dug into a hearty meal kindly prepared by the catering staff.

Later into the evening, we all attended a lecture at Oxford Town Hall by the director of the institute, gaining useful insight into how to write a persuasive essay. The key takeaway was that the opposing side's argument is just as important as your own - both sides must be thought through and explained thoroughly to reach a well-thought-out conclusion. One must not argue to simply 'win' a debate, but to truly discuss an issue and come to a judgement where all sides of the issue have been considered.

Though I was only there for a day, my trip to Oxford was filled with events and discussions that enriched my perspective of the world, engaging my skills into the art of essay-writing and academic pursuit whilst also helping me appreciate the people who make the city, Oxford city.

Kuziva M, Upper Sixth Prefect

The University of Oxford Open Day

On September 15th, Mrs Corbett accompanied (and bravely drove!) Dr McMonagle and several Sixth Form students to the University of Oxford's Open Day. We enjoyed a beautifully sunny day and drank in the history and culture of the city, with some of us even squeezing in a trip to the city's Natural History Museum. Our students loved the city and took full advantage of the opportunities to research colleges and courses. They commented as follows:

Charlotte: "Oxford is a really nice mix of city and country- there is so much to do, but there is a lovely feel of community. All of the staff and students were so helpful and were genuinely interested in our experiences and questions- I really loved the trip!"

Lucia: "I would highly recommend researching thoroughly before attending the open day, and preparing questions, to ensure that you use your time as effectively as possible. All of the staff and students were really friendly, so don't hesitate to approach them."

Maria: "Oxford seems like a really nice place to live; the people were extremely welcoming and approachable. The lecturer in Medicine told us that honesty is essential when applying and that preparing for interviews is very important!"

*Charlotte C, Upper Sixth Prefect and
Dr A McMonagle, Acting Head of
Sixth Form*

Aaron: "Being in Oxford can be quite overwhelming, but in the best possible way! All of the staff were lovely and there's so much history. It's not cheap there, but the colleges offer lots of pastoral and financial support to students."

Zach: "Medicine at Oxford is a very competitive course - you get multiple essays a week but you are very much supported by the staff. It's a busy city, but everyone is really friendly"



Circus Skills

Our new Sixth Form students were warmly welcomed back to St Bede's on September 6th and enjoyed an afternoon of team-building and Circus Skills. Students were challenged to try a variety of activities including juggling, spinning plates and throwing diablos. They were initially reticent, but soon the Sports Hall was full of smiles and laughter. It was a fantastic way to get to know those who have joined us from other schools and countries, and allowed the year group to bond as a whole.

Dr A McMonagle, Acting Head of Sixth Form



Choosing a Course, Clearing and Results Day

Upon their return to the College, the Upper Sixth had an engaging and detailed talk from Louise Carr, Student Recruitment Officer at the University of Liverpool. Louise explained how and when offers are made on the UCAS hub and advised students on how to decide on their firm and insurance courses. She guided them through what happens on A level Results Day and how Clearing works. Students were also given an insight into what to expect from university accommodation and reported that the session was very helpful in looking to the future.

Money at University

At St Bede's, we always encourage our students to look to the future and this was the case on the Upper Sixth's first day back to the College in September. Sadeef Latif, independent financial advisor, returned to give our students information and practical strategies which focussed on handling money at university. She filled them in on travel costs and how to get the best student discounts. The topics of paying deposits for accommodation, covering utility bills and signing contracts with landlords were covered. Sadeef also highlighted the interest charged on overdrafts and credit cards, opening our students' eyes to their advantages as well as the problems they can cause.

Dr A McMonagle, Acting Head of Sixth Form



SPORTS

It has been great to see how much sport has been taking place at St Bede's College since our return from the summer holidays. There have already been several football and hockey matches on Saturday mornings, as well as netball and football cup competitions mid week. In the Prep School there have also been football and hockey matches involving pupils from Years 5 and 6.

The Co-curricular programme in both the College and the Prep has been well attended. It is so wonderful to see that pupils from Prep 1 to Upper Sixth have the opportunity to participate in a range of activities throughout the week.

Mrs N Lavorini, Head of Physical Education



LIBRARY

Harry Potter Activity Week

The Maher Library has come to life from the beginning of the new academic year with a Harry Potter activity week!

Students were able to use their creativity in making their own magic potions experimenting with a range of ingredients, and creating magic wands. Each potion and wand were different everyday. St. Bede's wizards also made their own Butterbeer, having a great time experimenting. The College students also had the opportunity to borrow a range of Harry Potter books and other forms of the stories, from audiobooks to the film script and J.K. Rowling's illustrated books. We also had some daring wizards who had a go at some challenging origami.

Our amazing Harrison catering team provided beautifully decorated cupcakes and gave us the opportunity to taste some non-alcoholic ButterBeer of course, which was very popular!

A great time was had by all including Prep 6 who were able to become St. Bede's wizards!

Miss M Pocas, College Librarian



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Summer Reading Challenge

Summer is a time to recharge our batteries, and what better way than to pick up a good book to escape into another world? St. Bede's Maher Library brought this opportunity to every student and teacher (and of course families). The challenge was to send a photo or video of a review in an 'exotic place'. There was also a prize for the most read books.

It was fascinating how 'exotic' was interpreted; next to a hamster, by swimming pools, in a hotel, on a rooftop, in a garden, on a cruise and even outside Buckingham Palace, plus many others! Students really showed their creativity!

Throughout the summer, students and staff sent in photos and videos of their book reviews in exotic places, which ranged from written form and interviews to photos and videos. I was excited to open each of them; it felt like I was opening a present which would surprise me! Upper Fourth and Lower Fifth students joined in, and even those who were yet to start the Upper Third joined in!

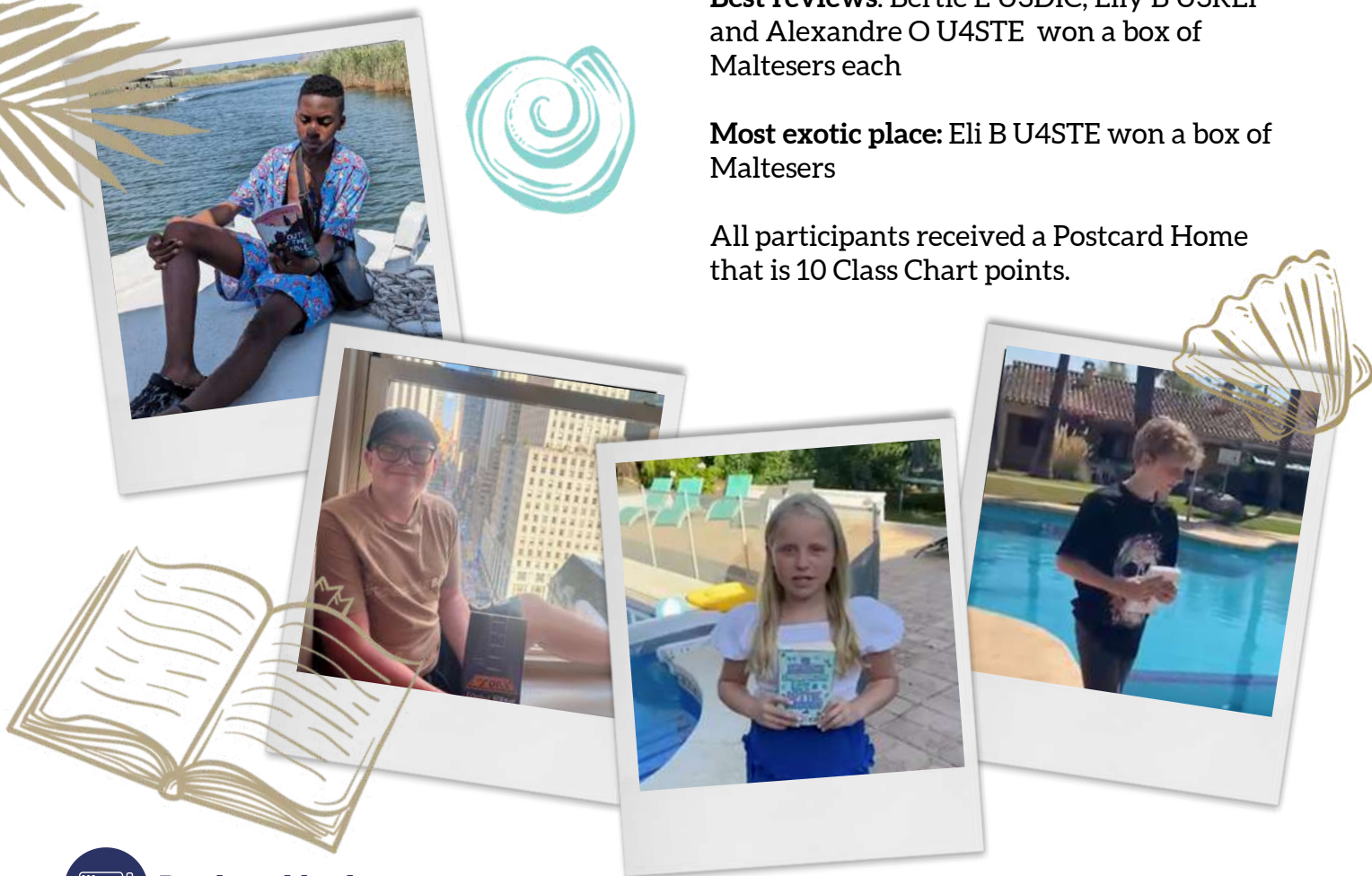
The winners are as follows:

Most read books and exotic places: Matthew B U4GER who won a £10 Book token

Best reviews: Bertie E U3DIC, Lily B U3REI and Alexandre O U4STE won a box of Maltesers each

Most exotic place: Eli B U4STE won a box of Maltesers

All participants received a Postcard Home that is 10 Class Chart points.



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Thank you and congratulations to everyone who took part, I hope you enjoyed the challenge! I look forward to many more participants in the Bede's Reads Challenge.

Miss M Pocas, College Librarian



CHAPLAINCY

Prep Welcome Mass / Evening

The Prep students began the academic year with a Welcome Mass. Our new School Priest, Fr Alvaro was the celebrant and took the opportunity to introduce himself to the students. He reminded them that although it was going to be a day full of new experiences and excitement, taking part in the Mass was the most important thing they were about to do.

After the Mass, Mrs Hunt welcomed the new students and everyone prayed together 'Jesus you can use my hands, Jesus you can use my feet, Jesus you can use my voice'. These words allowed us to start the term with the realisation that by living in the presence of Jesus we can help him to do his work every day.

Mrs. C Hibbert, School Chaplain



College and Sixth Form Mass

College students marked the beginning of the academic year by attending a moving Mass celebrated by Fr Alvaro. They placed themselves in the hands of Our Lady on the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Fr Alvaro spoke about our College motto, '**Inspired, Committed, Grateful,**' in his homily, explaining how we can turn to the Virgin Mary as a model of inspiration, commitment and gratitude. A particular mention must be made of the fantastic choir led by Mr Stillburn and Mr Davies. The music and wonderful singing voices helped to create a truly special atmosphere of contemplation and prayer.

We pray that every pupil and member of staff will flourish this year, living as examples of inspiration, commitment and gratitude themselves, in other words, being true Bedians.

Mrs. C Hibbert, School Chaplain



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Upper Third Welcome Mass

Upper Third pupils, alongside their families, were officially received into College with their families at the Welcome Mass celebrated by alumnus Fr Michael. During this joyous gathering, we were all reminded of how these young people are a true inspiration to us. Their unique gifts and talents, including their incredible singing, lifted our spirits and filled the hall with positivity and energy!

The absolute highlight of the evening was the post-communion reflection, where our pupils serenaded us with a breathtaking rendition of 'We Bow Down.' It left an indelible mark on the hearts of everyone present.

Mrs Kemp expressed her delight at how well the children had prepared for the Mass, reminding them, 'God made you as a gift, and we are so lucky.' She concluded, 'Thank you so much for being the future of St. Bede's; I can't wait to see you grow with us.' We are excited to see all the amazing things these Upper Third pupils will achieve during their time with us.

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Lourdes Pilgrimage

Eight Lower Sixth pupils, led by Mrs Corbett, travelled to Lourdes this summer as part of the Salford Diocese's annual pilgrimage. The theme of the week was 'Go and tell the priests to build a chapel here'. St Bede's students joined this pilgrimage as volunteers putting themselves at the service of pilgrims and they did so with willing hands and open hearts, ready to help in any way they could.

Rev Dr Gerard Fieldhouse-Byrne, Lourdes Pilgrimage Director, sent a letter to Mrs Maria Kemp, stating that: "It was evident to me that these young people reflected the values and commitments that the Church asks of a genuine age-appropriate way and it was wonderful to see. I also know that their generosity and friendship had a big impact on the people they served during the pilgrimage."

It was certainly a memorable experience of volunteering and faith for Ollie, Arran, Luca, Charlotte, Katie, Hannah, Isaac and Samson. They were all fantastic ambassadors for the College and thoroughly enjoyed their days in Lourdes. They all agree that they would like to go back!

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CO-CURRICULAR

Here at St. Bede's we place a huge emphasis on life outside, as well as inside, the classroom. We pride ourselves on the 'above and beyond' opportunities that we can offer our students, whether they are experts, enthusiasts or complete novices. From sports, music and performing arts to a wide range of activities to complement academic studies in St. Bede's, we offer a vast array of opportunities that allow every student to indulge and follow their passions. Click below to find out more about the current Co-Curricular provision

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Thursday 11.05am
Friday 11.05am


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FORTHCOMING EVENTS



Tuesday, 3 October

2:00pm UKMT Senior Mathematics Challenge

Tuesday, 10 October

World Mental Health Day

9:00am U5 GCSE Geography Compulsory
Fieldwork (Yorkshire)

Wednesday, 11 October

7:00pm U5 GCSE Geography Compulsory
Fieldwork (Yorkshire)

Thursday, 12 October

3:00pm Prep Parents' Evening (Virtual)

Saturday, 14 October

LA Business Trip

Sunday, 15 October

LA Business Trip

Monday, 16 October

LA Business Trip

Tuesday, 17 October

Iceland Trip

LA Business Trip

Wednesday, 18 October

Iceland Trip

LA Business Trip

3:50 pm Prep

3:50 pm College

Half-Term begins

FORTHCOMING EVENTS



Thursday, 19 October

Iceland Trip

LA Business Trip

Friday, 20 October

Iceland Trip

Friday, 27 October

9:00am Gredos Centre Spanish trip

Saturday, 28 October

Gredos Centre Spanish trip

Sunday, 29 October

Gredos Centre Spanish trip

Monday, 30 October

8:45am Gredos Centre Spanish trip

INSET

Tuesday, 31 October

Gredos Centre Spanish trip

9:00am Return after Half Term



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