



ST. BEDE'S COLLEGE

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The Headmaster's Review of the Week

Dear Bedian Family,

I am pleased to report that we have enjoyed another purposeful and rewarding week at the College.

Our theme of the week in the College has been "Light" and our challenge in this Sunday's Gospel is to allow our light to shine for the glory of God. This coming Sunday 9 February is Racial Justice Day and this week in the College we have been discussing "Hate Crime". We must always let our light shine by standing up for justice and equality for all. We need to see God in all of his creation and in other people, and value each person because they are a child of God. As scripture says "Your light must shine in the sight of others, so that, seeing your good works, they give praise to your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

The College has been buzzing this week with a great number of key events, in particular the Sixth Form interviews on Wednesday afternoon and evening. The interviews went extremely well and were an opportunity for our students and their families to discuss their recent mock results and receive specific advice and assistance with planning their studies and revision over the remaining months leading up to the summer season of A Level examinations. We remain utterly committed to supporting our Upper Sixth students with their preparations and revision all the way through to the conclusion of their public examinations, as well as continuing to provide them with the essential pastoral support and comfort whenever it is needed.

It was an absolute delight for me to attend the tremendous Upper Third Drama Club production of "Alice in Wonderland" on Wednesday evening and to yet again witness and be inspired by the outstanding talent on show, pupils and colleagues. I was also involved in the play at one point by Tweedle Dum and Tweedle Dee, which took me quite by surprise!

Our Upper Third Parents' Evening last night was a very positive event and had an authentically warm and uplifting feel. It was also wonderful for me to receive a huge amount of incredibly encouraging feedback from our appreciative families regarding the tremendous pedagogy, inspiration and pastoral support provided at the College for their children.

We now very much look forward to our annual exciting Strictly Bede's fundraising competition on Wednesday lunchtime of next week and then to our University Fair that evening.

As we approach the half term break next week, we can reflect upon a very positive term so far and we can all be grateful for the many gifts we have received since the start of the year. St Bede's continues to inspire its pupils to learn and grow as kind, compassionate and modest young people, whom we are always extremely proud of. Our fabulous pupils and loyal families inspire all of us here each day to give everything we can to ensure that they receive the best possible, life-changing education and the team around each young person here is second to none.

I would like to wish you every strength and blessing for the coming week and I hope that you all have a relaxing and restorative weekend.

May God bless you all and we continue to keep everyone in our thoughts and prayers here at St Bede's.

Mr L d'Arcy
Headmaster
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Internet Safety Day - Tuesday 11 February

Safer Internet Day aims to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre the celebration sees hundreds of organisations get involved to help promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

It calls upon young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers, and wider, to join together in helping to create a better internet.

In the College and Prep School we will be holding workshops throughout the day for all year groups. Topics ranging from Online Safety and the Law, Digital Reputation and how this can work for you., Hate crime, Gambling in a digital environment, Professional profile Social media, Moving forward and using social media to your advantage, Prevent awareness Hate Crime, Respect for others - cyberbullying and the law and much more will take place.

There is also a Parents Workshop on 11 February at 4.15pm in the Academic Hall. All very welcome.

Find out more here: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2020>
twitter@UK_SIC and <https://www.facebook.com/saferinternetuk>



Bury GS - Senior Fixtures

The 1st and 2nd XI made the journey to Bury Grammar School for an afternoon of senior football and what an afternoon it would turn out to be as the 2nd XI recorded their second victory of the season.

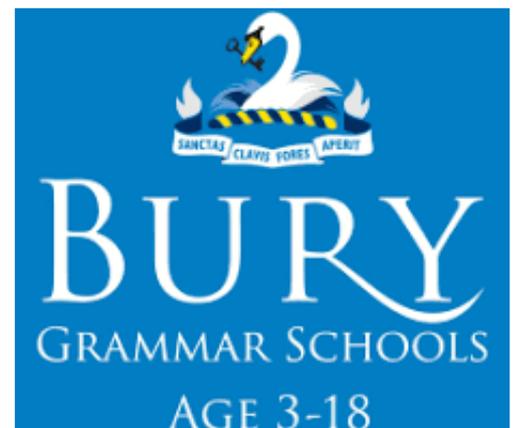
Jay was on fire and scored all four goals in a 4-2 victory which left the fans raving about the attacking football on show. The first came from an expertly worked free-kick routine in which Malachy whipped a perfect ball in for Jay to apply a bullet header into the back of the net! The lead was doubled following neat link up play from Riley and Leo that allowed Jay to be one on one with a defender and he finished into the bottom corner. Bury pulled one back just before the break. Elliot was brilliant in goal throughout and was unlucky not to come away with a clean sheet. He did, however, turn into Alison Becker in the second half as he walloped the ball out of his hands, over the top of the Bury defence to leave Jay one on one with the goalkeeper, the outcome was never in doubt. The goal of the game was yet to come as Juan picked the ball up in the right back position, played a sumptuous pass down the line to Kevin who had the defender on toast with a shimmy and a dart which gave him time and space to cross low for Jay to side foot into the top corner. Bury grabbed a late consolation goal, but this did nothing to dampen the spirits of the boys who had recorded an emphatic victory!

The 1st XI were missing key players, but the game was really even and Mr Park remarked 'we did not deserve to lose and certainly not 4-1!' The playing surface had seen better days, which meant St Bede's struggled to get to grips with the uneven bounce of the pitch.

The first 30 minutes were an even contest, with only a shot from Theo hitting the crossbar of any note, until a quick counter attack from Bury allowed their striker through on goal to score. Half time we were 1-0 down. Bede's started the second half brightly and were rewarded for their efforts with a well taken penalty from Theo.

Sadly there was a ten-minute period where we capitulated and Bury scored three unanswered goals. Bede's then regained their composure and pressed to try and get back into the game. On this occasion it was not to be. Standout performances came from Theo and Amory who displayed brilliant attitudes and incredible determination whilst attempting to regain momentum from Bury.

Mr Mitchell



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Theme of the Week

Light

"Your light must shine in the sight of others, so that, seeing your good works, they give praise to your Father in heaven."
(Matthew 5:16)



*Let your
light shine.*

Challenge:
This Sunday's gospel reminds us to allow our light to shine for the glory of God. Sunday 9 February is Racial Justice Day, this week we have been discussing 'Hate Crime'. Let your light shine this week by standing for justice and equality for all. See God in all his creation, in other people and value each person because they are a child of God.

Prayer:

Dear God, I am your child, unique and special and you have an irreplaceable vocation for me alone. Help me to believe that about myself but also about others. Help me to discover this calling and help me to let my light shine by the things I say and do. Amen



STRICTLY BEDE'S

12 February at Lunchtime
starting at 1:00
50 p only

Performers:

- Miss Livsey
- Miss Murray
- Miss Thomas
- Mrs. Manning
- Mrs. Bolton
- Mr. Fogel

Judges: Mrs. Barber, Mrs. Hibbert, Mrs. Amleigh, Mrs. Boylan, Mr. Hughes

With the presence of last years winners

Manchester Cup Finalists Again!

The U13s secured their place in the Manchester Cup final, for a second year in a row, following a 9-0 victory at home to Manchester Communications Academy. St Bede's started incredibly brightly and went 2-0 up in the first minute following goals from Benat and Harry O. Kwame marshalled the midfield wonderfully and started attack after attack which led to a host of chances with Benat completing his hat-trick and Kwame rifling an effort into the top corner from 30 yards out, to make the score 5-0 at half time.

The second half continued in the same vein and the U13s added another four with Harry O also completing his hat-trick, Tyreek slotting one past the on rushing 'keeper and Benat scoring the goal of the half as he slalomed through three defenders and rounded the goalkeeper to score his 59th goal of the campaign!

An honourable mention must go to Harry C, who despite not getting himself on the scoresheet broke through the lines expertly and laid on three assists. We now eagerly await the result of the other semi-final to see who we will face in the final in March.




CAREERS CONVENTION

St Bede's College
Monday 23 March 2020
6.00pm – 8.00pm

Pupils and parents are invited to meet advisers from a range of careers

Come along to talk to experts and explore career ideas

Find the right career for YOU!

For more [information](#) contact Mrs Poolton in the Library
kpoolton@stbedescollege.co.uk

Block Fixture - The Grange

On Saturday seven teams took to the field to compete against The Grange School. There was plenty of talent on display and some really competitive fixtures.

At The Grange the U15A team recorded a brilliant 2-1 win despite suffering a spate of injuries, as three boys went off injured. They competed for much of the second half with ten men and Pat B on target twice as his goal scoring record continues to impress. Ben received the man of the match award following a superb display.

The U14A team kept a clean sheet and added four goals of their own to complete a solid victory. Charlie earned rave reviews for his display and goals were contributed by Luca, Oliver and James C (2). Mr Fogel drove home with a smile on his face declaring 'football was the winner' and he could not single out any individual for the man of the match award as they were all top notch!

Elsewhere there were brilliant victories for the U13A team (6-0), U13B team 5-2 and U15B team (9-1). Sonny F scored the pick of the goals from these games, playing outfield in the second half, for the U15B team, he hit the top bins from outside the box. Fergus earned joyous praise from Mr Wright for his disciplined performance in midfield for the U13B side and Benat completed, yet another, hat-trick for the U13A team.

The 1st XI were unfortunate to fall to a 4-3 defeat, in which they nearly overturned a 4-0 deficit, following a much improved second half performance, with goals from Pat, Fin and Theo. The U12b team competed in a much more pleasing fashion and although they suffered defeat their defensive shape was much better and progress is definitely being made. Keane came away with the man of the match award. It was a difficult morning for the U12A team, with three key players missing, as two of them were representing the Great Manchester cross country team, but the boys battled valiantly until the end.

This weekend we host both Bury Grammar School and Scarisbrick Hall School in a mixture of A&B team fixtures.

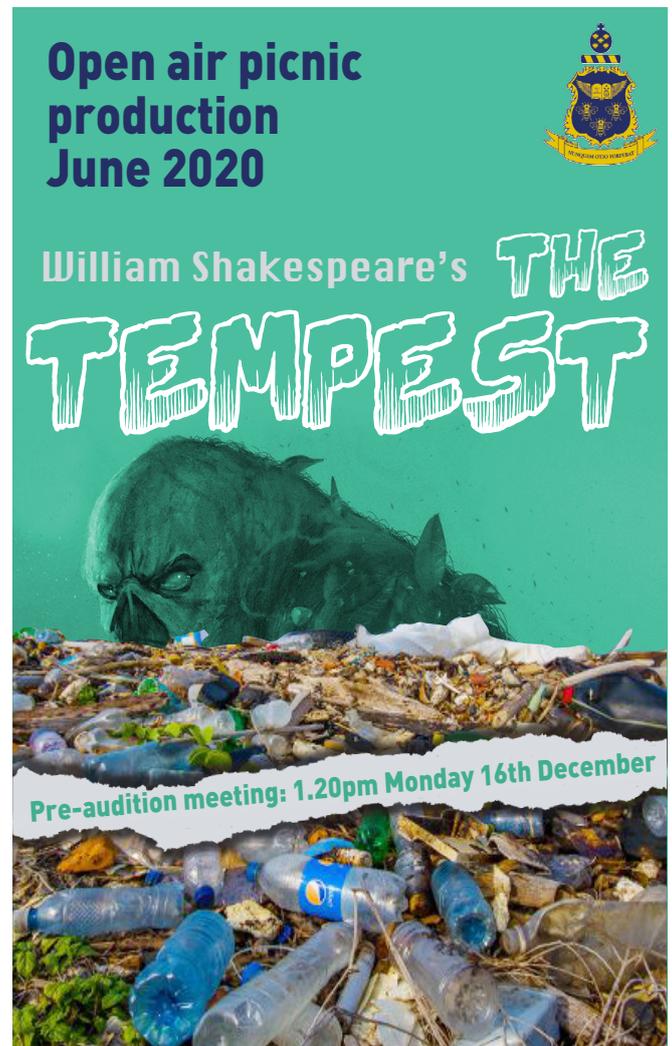
The Sixth Form View

It's been a really busy week in the Sixth Form. We were delighted to welcome Mr Gallagher back after paternity leave and I hope he wasn't too embarrassed by the spontaneous round of applause he received at assembly.

Upper Sixth Students and their parents were welcomed on Wednesday night for our annual Mock Review Meetings and I would like to thank all who attended. It was very purposeful event and I would hope that our students came away from it with renewed determination to succeed. It was also wonderful to discover that our very own Martha has just received an excellent offer to study Medicine at Queen's University Belfast. Congratulations Martha! Looking ahead, I am sure our Lower Sixth will all be looking forward to our Higher Education Evening next Wednesday. Mrs Lockett has managed to secure a high number of representatives from a diverse range of universities. We also hope to see all of our Upper Fifths there as they begin to plot their course to university.

Speaking of Upper Fifths, we have been holding weekly workshops where an Upper Fifth Form will come down to the Common Room to speak to one of our Lower Sixth Forms about life at St Bede's after GCSEs. So far these have been hugely positive events and I have been delighted with how eloquent, honest and positive all our Lower Sixth Students were. As Acting Head of Sixth Form, it was wonderful to hear how they all felt well looked after and provided for by staff and the unique Bedian family atmosphere was frequently mentioned. This afternoon many of our Sixth Formers will be attending a seminar hosted by Solutions Not Sides which is an educational programme based on interaction with Israeli and Palestinian Peace Activists. It is an opportunity, not only to learn about Middle East politics and history but also to think deeply about negotiation and conflict management. It is just an example of one of the many opportunities for development we offer our Sixth Formers at St Bede's.

Mr Power



Open air picnic
production
June 2020

William Shakespeare's **THE TEMPEST**

Pre-audition meeting: 1.20pm Monday 16th December



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Podcast - Dr Kanani

Following the centenary of the Suffragette movement, we were interested to see how the lives of women had changed in the last 100 years. We wanted to investigate modern-day female role models in Manchester and the Northwest, so we decided to interview local business women. Our aim was to find out how they run successful companies whilst balancing the other commitments in their busy lives. So, we decided to find out by making a podcast. The first three episodes were so popular we decided to continue with the podcasts and widen the career fields of our interviewees...

Our fourth podcast is with Dr Sheila Kanani, astronomer, author and Royal Astronomical Society Outreach and Diversity Officer.

Dr Kanani visited the Prep last year to run some space workshops with all the children from Nursery to Prep 6. She popped in again recently to discuss her latest book 'How to be an astronaut'. This is when our reporters Holly and Poppy, from Prep 6, caught up with her to record the podcast.

Here is the Sound Cloud link to the interview:

<https://soundcloud.com/user-130632280/st-bedes-prep-podcast-episode-4>



AJIS Football

The Prep Under 10 Boys' Football Team made their tournament debut last Friday competing against a large number of other AJIS schools. The competition began with group stage matches where the team played three times and were unbeaten. Games against Bridgewater, St Ambrose and Merchant Taylor saw some stand out performances from Edson and a comfortable qualification from the group. Birkenhead (winners of their group) were faced in the semi-final and the game went to golden goal extra time! After some impressive passing football, it was St Bede's Prep who scored the vital goal and went on the final.

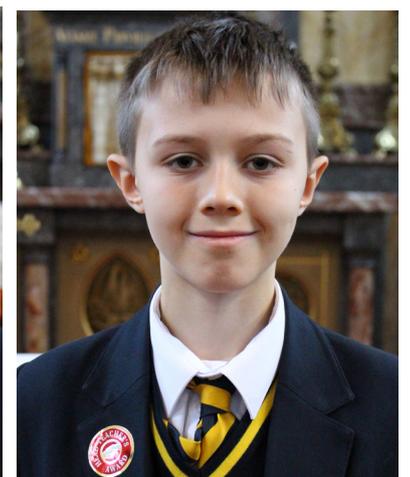


The final itself was a thoroughly entertaining game which resulted in a 6-2 score line and unfortunately it was Cheadle Hulme who were victorious. However, it must be said the performance of the team during the day was brilliant and the boys deserve a lot of credit for their efforts!

Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to Poppy and Ethan in Prep 6 for having received their Headteacher Awards this week. Ethan received his award for demonstrating his personal and academic development; in behaviour, attitude and application. It is a pleasure to see how he is increasingly responsible, mature and an excellent role model to others.

Poppy is a shining star of our school. She has taken time to support her brother with reading at home whilst also always working so hard herself in her classwork and supporting charities, without seeking anything in return. Everyone in the Prep is so proud of you both for the wonderful young people you are.



STARS OF WEEK



HOUSE POINT WINNERS



Happy
Birthday!

Prep 1 - Leah & Patrick

Prep 5 - Victoria

Prep 6 - Joseph, Karen & Max

CLASS OF THE WEEK - Nursery



Bedian Family

Welcome to the Bedian Family Teddy born 5 February...
Congratulations to the family from all at St Bede's Prep.



NOTICES

10 FEBRUARY
PREP MUSICAL EVENING
4.15PM ACADEMIC HALL

11 + 12 FEBRUARY
PREP 4 TRIP TO PATERDALE HALL
(OVERNIGHT)