



Message From The Headteacher

Wellbeing is a topic that is in the news on a regular basis and I am so pleased to see many of our pupils participating in co-curricular sport and music this week as it is a great way to unwind.

Our Upper Fourth also had a chance to hear about wellbeing in assembly from our school counsellor, Miss Cameron. As we make choices this weekend please ensure you take the opportunity to relax and do watch our Upper Third Liturgy video, I am sure you will enjoy it.

Mrs S Pike
Headteacher



Prayer:
Lord, when I am faced with a difficult decision, give me the grace to choose what is right. And when I get things wrong, which I will, remind me of your love and forgiveness. Give me the grace of repentance and a humble heart ready to receive your love. Amen.

Sixth Form Open Evening



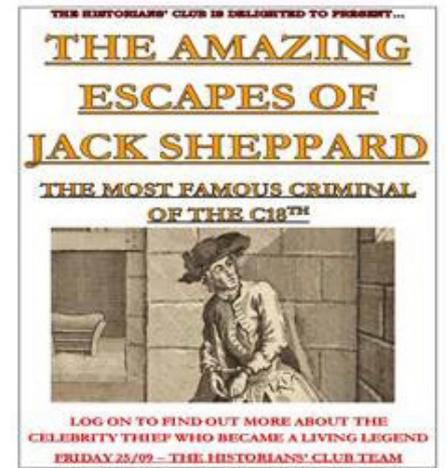
We held a very successful Virtual Sixth Form Open Evening last night for prospective pupils, our Upper Fifth pupils and their parents. The event was opened by Mrs Pike and was followed by a presentation from the Head of Sixth Form, Mrs Gallagher, about Life in the Sixth Form along with words from Mrs Davie about Academic Life in the College and our On-Line Learning provision.

This was followed by live presentations from Heads of Department who discussed their A Level and BTEC options with the pupils.

For further information follow the link.
<https://www.sbcm.co.uk/st-bedes-sixth-form-360-virtual-tour/>

Historians' Club Returns

The Historians' Club is delighted to announce its return for the current academic year. Following on from our successful run of homemade videos and local history projects produced during lockdown, we are delighted to return to our normal schedule of providing weekly presentations, recorded within the History Department at College. Whilst we sadly cannot have pupils attend our talks in person, we will still be providing them with their weekly dose of historical enrichment via our Historians' Club Team, which they can access via their school Microsoft Teams accounts. Videos will be uploaded each Friday afternoon so that pupils (and any interested parents) can watch them over the weekend.



Last week Mr Wilson kicked off our new programme of topics with a fascinating talk about the amazing true story of Ron Stallworth; an African American detective who managed infiltrate the infamous Ku Klux Klan. His story was recently depicted in the film 'BlacKKlansman'. This week, Mr Lee Rodriguez is talking about the 18th century thief and escapist Jack Sheppard; a man who was, at one point, the most famous and notorious criminal in England due to his daring and repeated escapes from prison.

If any pupils wish to be included in the Historians' Club Team and have not yet been added to it, they should approach their History teacher or any member of the History Department, who will be all to delighted to include them. During these testing times, we hope to provide as many pupils as possible with a short moment of historical escapism on a Friday afternoon.

Mr Lee Rodriguez

Assistant Head Safeguarding

I joined St Bede's College in April 2018 as Head of Religion, having previously worked in two Catholics school in the Salford Diocese. As a Head of Department I relished leading an academic core subject which pupils really valued and enjoyed, and also performed so well in. After 18 months in post I switched to the pastoral team as Head of Section for Upper Fifth. Upper Fifth is a crucial year for all pupils and the pastoral care offered at St Bede's, by their form tutors and all colleagues, is second to none. While last year provided some unique challenges, I am also very proud of all that the year group achieved.

In my new role as Assistant Head in charge of Safeguarding I am responsible for ensuring pupils are safe, happy, healthy and learning at College. While all staff take an active role in Safeguarding, I will oversee this and liaise with Mrs Pike and parents as necessary. I will maintain my current role as Head of Upper Fifth and teaching classes. If you ever have any Safeguarding concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mr Tom Sanders

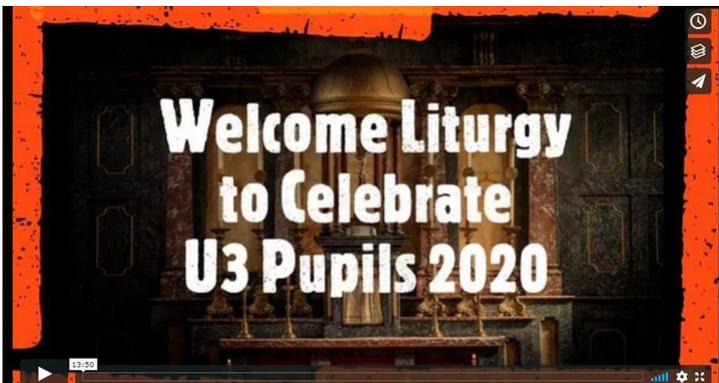


Welcome Liturgy

We were unable to host one of our most memorable occasions in the College Academic Year this week, The Welcome Mass, for all the new families in the Upper Third.

Not wanting our families to completely miss out on this wonderful tradition our College Chaplain, Mrs Hibbert, created this lovely video to celebrate the Upper Third class of 2020.

<https://vimeo.com/460572624>



Bookbuzz 2020

Upper Third pupils have been busy choosing books this week. We are once again taking part in the BookTrust's Bookbuzz scheme which is designed to get children reading by gifting them a book. This year there are 17 wonderful, age-appropriate books to choose from so there should be something to suit every child. Pupils are shown a film of the authors talking about each book and our Librarian, Mrs Poolton, talks them through what factors to consider when making their choice. Once decisions have been made, books are ordered and brand new copies should be in the hands of pupils just after half term.

If you want to find out more, please go to

www.booktrust.org.uk/bookbuzz or contact Mrs Poolton at kpoolton@stbedescollege.co.uk



Theme of the Week

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Choice

"He answered, 'I will not go', but afterwards thought better of it and went." (Matthew 21:29)

Challenge:

Has someone asked you to do something recently that you refused to do? This week, think about the choices that you make and how it affects others. This is really hard, but it is the path of humility that Jesus calls us to. This is the path that leads to true life.



Prayer:

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Which is YOUR favourite?



- I like... MYSTERIES
- I like... FACTS
- I like... REAL-LIFE STORIES
- I like... SUPERNATURAL ADVENTURES
- I like... ANIMALS
- I like... FAST-PACED ACTION



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Mental Health and Wellbeing

Yesterday, our school counsellor, Lisa Cameron held an assembly with our year 9 students to raise awareness about mental health and wellbeing. Lisa is passionate about children's mental health and wanted to pass on her knowledge and experience to empower the students of St Bede's.

Throughout the assembly, Lisa talked about the differences between mental health issues, common myths, the signs and symptoms to look out for and what to do if a student noticed any changes to their wellbeing. Lisa provided the students with strategies to overcome their difficulties and a list of organisations who they can contact if they require support.

<https://youngminds.org.uk>



Music On The Move

The Music Department has had a really positive start to the new academic year. Although the lessons have been different, they have still been enjoyable. With the music room being used by the Sixth Form for their bubble, Music lessons have been a mobile subject in all four corners of the College building and keeping Mr Davies fit! Lower Fourth have been enjoying studying the development of the Blues and Blues Artists, they are enjoying the benefits of a diverse playlist. While The Upper Third have been learning about note values and writing music notation. This offered the perfect opportunity to get outside on the new College Courtyard, rehearsing their 'Rhythm Grids' and performing to their classmates.

The Upper Fourth Music group decided to head outdoors for a bit of 'al fresco' Samba they found a space at the bottom of the playground that didn't disturb the rest of the College too much! Mr Davies said 'We've had a great start to the week and it has been great to get out of the classroom and into the fresh air - other subjects have taken advantage of the space too, but I wonder if they will enjoy it as much when the winter starts to kick in?! Joking aside, long may the nice weather continue!

Mr Davies





European Day of Languages

European Day of Languages challenges involving social distancing

- 'European Bake Off' - cook your favourite national recipe or bake a European themed cake and send us a video or photo
- Watch a foreign language film and write a review for us in English
- Film a one-minute workout in a language you are learning
- 'Decorate a language stone' - paint stones in European flag colours or with language themes and leave in your local park for others to find - send us a photo or video!
- Film yourself reading your favourite foreign language poem or extract from a book (for foreign nationals)

All entries should go to Mrs Reid mreid@stbedescollege.co.uk and there will be prizes!



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Wearing Our Colours For Zimbabwe Bridge



Following my article last week today the Sixth form have responded brilliantly to build a Bridge in Murewa Rural District in North East Zimbabwe.

We have raised £130.50, which will go towards paying for the materials to construct the bridge. I am really pleased and surprised at how well the Sixth Form have supported our cause and my mum will be really proud as well - Thank You!

Mazvita Z



New Beginnings

Inzinga S-A - Upper Sixth

The previous academic year was an unprecedented time that ended on a cliffhanger due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic that triggered a national lockdown. St Bede's College adapted quickly and efficiently to Online teaching through Microsoft Teams and students have had a myriad of experiences with the new learning format. Some students have adapted well to this unique event, while others found it challenging.

However, students were grateful for the ongoing support from their teachers who continued to teach virtually throughout. Unfortunately, Year 11s sadly didn't have the opportunity to sit their GCSEs and say a proper goodbye to their friends, but the Lower Sixth are enjoying life in the sixth form and are looking forward to taking advantage of the upcoming leadership roles on the student council as we try to assimilate some normality into school life.

"I think that there is a big step between Upper Fifth and Lower Sixth however the teachers have been very supportive and I'm excited to study my new subjects"

Acquoi-La - Lower Sixth

"I have found lockdown really stressful but the teachers have really helped and I'm really glad that I stayed at Bede's"

Skye - Lower Sixth

The Lower Sixth have embraced college life, becoming role models for the lower school as pupils adhere to the new COVID restrictions. Meanwhile, Upper Sixth have been completing base line assessments and preparing for their UCAS applications as they explore their future in higher education and beyond.

"Despite lockdown being a struggle I have had outstanding support from teachers which have made my transition into Upper Sixth manageable and Bede's has shaped me as person and I feel excited and prepared to go to university"

Freya - Upper Sixth



Roles and Responsibilities

It was lovely for Mrs Hunt to meet with Prep 6 and their teachers in our chapel last Friday morning for a very special assembly. It was such a shame that the rest of the Prep School could not join with them to celebrate being awarded their roles and responsibilities for this academic year.

Mrs Hunt reminded the children that each and every role is special and each and every role is important. Just as each Prep 6 pupil is special and important. Whilst some roles have been voted for by teachers and peers, other roles have been awarded because we know the gifts that our pupils possess and we know they will do great work within our school.

We are very proud of all of the children in Prep 6, whether they have been here since they were little, or have only recently joined us; they are Bedians and they are meant to be here with us.

We know Prep 6 will shine this year and we wish them every happiness and success.



Lunch Time Supervisor



**LUNCH TIME SUPERVISOR
REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY**

St Bede's College is a leading Catholic Independent Co-educational Grammar School in Manchester. Our aim is to inspire excellence and instil values in every aspect of College-life so that all our pupils become well-rounded and capable individuals.

St. Bede's College Prep requires a Lunchtime Supervisor to work 5 days a week from 11.45-1.15pm.

Please complete and return an application form to be considered application forms can be downloaded from the Vacancies section of the St Bede's College website (<https://www.sbcm.co.uk/st-bedes-the-place-to-be/vacancies/>). All candidates will be required to provide three referees (in the case of Catholic applicants one of whom must be a Parish Priest). Further details of the post can be obtained from the HR Manager coxley@stbedescollege.co.uk

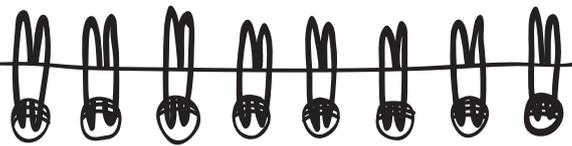
Closing date: Required immediately

St Bede's College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and completing an enhanced DBS check.



Class of the Week - Prep 1

WISH YOU
A VERY
HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
RECEPTION **XIA**
PREP 3 **MAY**
PREP 3 **BETH**
PREP 5 **ZINZILE**



Notices

Reminder:
Friday 2 October is a normal school day

House Point Winners & Stars of the Week

