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OPEN EVENING 2017

The College had an amazing turnout to the Open Evening yesterday. The hall was packed to capacity for yet another lovely evening.

In the Main Hall, Mr Maher gave an address emphasising the distinctive nature of the College; one that has a unique culture and climate, where children experience an excellent education and one that is grounded in tradition and faith. He said whilst there are many very good schools around, there is none like St. Bede's.

Parents and their children had the opportunity of visiting all areas of the College, including our Sixth Form block, to see work in the range of subjects offered. They were very complimentary about the environment, the overall level of resourcing and the articulate and engaging students.

Those who helped on the evening were thanked by Mr Maher and they each received a small reward for giving of their time in this generous manner. A number of visitors were overwhelmed with the pride the children had for their school, their enthusiasm and confidence.

A reminder about applications:

Supplementary Information forms for prospective Year 7 pupils should arrive in College by **31st October 2017**. Parents must also have submitted the Common Application Form to their local authority by that date.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5th October
Year 9 History
Battlefields Trip
depart

6th October
Harvest Fast Day

7th October
Year 9 History
Battlefields Trip
return

12th October
Dry Slope Skiing
3.30pm—7.00pm

CATENIAN NATIONAL SPEAKING COMPETITION

We were delighted to hear last week that ex pupil **Peter Savery** was awarded second place in the recent Manchester Catenian - National speaking competition.

Peter, who last year represented St. Bede's and won the South west leg of the competition was thrilled with the result. He told us, *'the competition was tough, so I was honestly surprised with second place.'* Peter won £75 for the college which will be used by our Debate Club this year.

Peter, we are so proud of you and we know you have bright future ahead of you.

GRADUATION SUCCESS

Congratulations to our former pupils and brothers Felix McGrath and Milo McGrath on their graduation success.

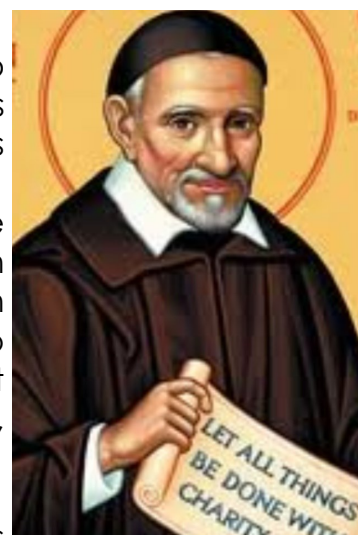
Felix McGrath 2005-2010
Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery Hons
Keele University

Milo McGrath 2003-2007
Masters in Civil Engineering
Imperial College London

We love to hear of the successes of our past pupils and would be pleased to receive Graduation photographs for our Alumni Wall of Fame.

REFLECTION— St Vincent de Paul - 27th September

St. Vincent de Paul was a French Roman Catholic priest who dedicated himself to serving the poor. In 1605 he was captured, and sold as a slave. Two years later he and his master managed to escape and both returned to France. After becoming a chaplain in Rome, he spent his life preaching missions and providing relief to the poor. He even established hospitals for them. He later extended his concern and ministry to convicts. The need to help these people was so great and the demands beyond his own ability to, meant that he needed help. So he founded the Ladies of Charity (AIC), who were devoted to helping those in need.



There are many groups today, inspired by St Vincent de Paul's work, that aim to provide help to those who need it.

Prayer: *Lord, spread the flame of love in your servants, so that through love of you, they give without restraint from what they have, to those who have nothing. Amen.*

Reflection: *"and do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."*

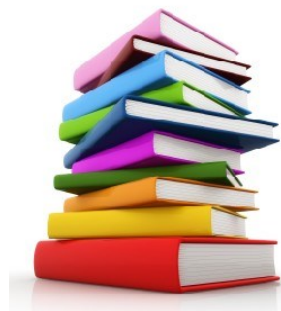
THANK YOU

Thank you to James Power, parent of Jessica, Christian and Oscar who has this year generously sponsored our Year 8/9 football kit. We are certain our pupils will feel a sense of pride in their new kit when they represent St Bede's Catholic College on the pitch. If any parent would be interested in sponsoring a kit, please contact Miss Chennells or Mr Barley.

Good luck to all our teams this year.



LIBRARY NEWS



Library Book Amnesty Week 2nd – 6th October

No matter how overdue your books, please take the opportunity to return them during our library book amnesty week! There will be a return box at the school reception all week. Thank you.

Book Club

Our year 8 student librarians are setting up a brand new monthly book club for students in year 7, 8 and 9. The first meeting is in the library on **Thursday 12th October** at **1.30pm**. Please sign up in the library if you would like to join.

Wondering what to read next?

Take a look at our top 20 most borrowed library books for September:

1	Salt to The Sea (Carnegie Winner 2017)	Ruta Sepetys
2	The Diaries of Bluebell Gadsby: Finding Zach	Natasha Farrant
3	More Than This	Patrick Ness
4	The Last Straw	Jeff Kinney
5	The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas	John Boyne
6	The Bombs That Brought Us Together	Brian Conaghan
7	The Bone Sparrow (Carnegie Shortlisted 2017)	Zara Fraillon
9	All That Glitters	Holly Smale
9	The Fellowship of the Ring, The Lord of the Rings	J.R.R. Tolkien
10	How Not To Disappear	Clare Furniss
11	Don't Even Think About It	Sarah Mlynowski
12	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time	Mark Haddon
13	The Hunger Games	Suzanne Collins
14	The Knife Of Never Letting Go	Patrick Ness
15	The List	Siobhan Vivian
16	Moon Locket	Peter Bunzl
17	My Brother is a Superhero	David Solomons
18	Spy Girl: Out of the Shadows	Carol Hedges
19	Wonder	R J Palacio
20	The Crown (The Selection Series)	Kiera Cass

SPORTS NEWS

ST BEDE'S RUGBY



Rugby at St Bede's has started back with a vengeance. We have already fielded teams in all years and the standard has been excellent.

The first group to represent the school this term were our year 7's. With little chance to see what the players had to offer in lessons or training sessions the first festival was a journey in to the unknown. Fortunately they all proved very capable and both teams entered fared well.

This week our year 11 and year 8 sides travelled to RGS for two very competitive games. Our year 11's picked up where they left off last year and worked their way to a good victory. Our year 8's took a little longer to get in to their stride and left themselves a bit too much to do, despite a fine second half, eventually going down 6 tries to 4.

Tuesday saw the year 10 cohort try their luck in the NatWest Vase competition against Oasis Academy Brightstowe. Unfortunately and despite a spirited performance, OAB had a bit too much for them and they exited the competition. We will now move in to the NatWest Bowl where we will face another team that exited in the first round of the Vase.

On a more positive note, it is with great pleasure that we can report that 10 of our girls will be trialling for Gloucestershire this Sunday. The girls have shown fantastic commitment and skill with their rugby so far and this is a great reward for their endeavour. We will let you know how they get on.

Year 7 Activity week to France

There are still a few spaces available for the Year 7 French trip during enrichment week in July 2018. Information can be found in the parents letters section of our website. If you have any other queries, please see Miss Chennells.

St. Bede's Swimming Team

If you would like to participate in St. Bede's swimming team, please ensure your swimming times are given to Miss Chennells by Friday, 6th October.

The Great St. Bede's Bake Off

Application forms are now available for pupils who would like to participate in The Great St. Bede's Bake Off. The student bake off will take place on **Friday 20th October**. There will be prizes for the winners for each category and a **Star Baker 2017** award.

The staff competition will be taking place on Monday 16th October. Students will be allowed to vote at break time for their favourite show stopper and prefects will be deciding on the final winner. All proceeds will go towards the **Shamas Foundation**.

ADMISSIONS 2018

If you wish to apply for a Year 7 place for September 2018; Supplementary Information Forms should arrive in College by **31st October 2017**.

Parents must also have submitted the Common Application Form to their Local Authority by 31st October 2017.

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER!

In order to celebrate the skills, talents and successes of our students at St. Bede's, we have a new Twitter account.

Please follow us:

@STB_Bristol



OLD COINS

A polite reminder that we are unable to accept any of the old round pound coins from next week. Please note that the Finance office does not have the capacity to assist with changing coins for pupils. Thank you.

IS YOUR CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

In order for your child to receive free school meals and for the school to receive the Pupil Premium funding, a parent/carer must be claiming one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross Income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit.

If you believe that you are eligible and have not told us, please do contact the college. In addition to your child receiving the meal free of charge the college will receive additional funding and this is used to enhance provision for your child and could include 1-1 tutoring, music or co-curricular support.

TERM DATES 2017-2018

Term 1:

4th September to 20th October

Term 2:

30th October to 20th December

Term 3:

3rd January to 9th February

Term 4:

19th February to 23rd March

Term 5:

9th April to 25th May

Term 6:

4th June to 20th July

Inservice Days

4th September 2017

8th December 2017

9th February 2018

27th April 2018

20th July 2018

TERM DATES 2018-2019

Term 1:

3rd September to 26th October

Term 2:

5th November to 21st December

Term 3:

7th January to 15th February

Term 4:

25th February to 5th April

Term 5:

24th April to 24th May

Term 6:

3rd June to 24th July

Inservice Days

To be confirmed

SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT HEAD LICE

Head lice are tiny insects that live in hair and are a common problem, particularly in school children.

They are largely harmless, but can live in the hair for a long time if not treated and can be irritating and frustrating to deal with. Spotting head lice in hair can be very difficult.

Treatments for head lice are available to buy from pharmacies, supermarkets and online.

You can read more here:
<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Introduction.aspx>