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ANNUAL PRIZE GIVING

We welcomed Dr Peter Mackie, Senior Lecturer at Cardiff University as our special guest at the 22nd Annual Prize Giving ceremony yesterday evening. Dr Mackie, gave an inspirational speech based on Triumph over Adversity. He spoke of the incredible places and incredible people he had met as a researcher in the developing world. Despite the struggles he had witnessed, he was touched by the overwhelming generosity and kindness of the people, telling our students that these qualities are not only special but cost nothing.

Mr Maher said "The annual Prize Giving is a time for us to really celebrate the efforts and achievement of all our young people. Our lives are marked forever by those we meet—the friendships we make, the experiences we receive. All this has given us something that will last in faith, in hope and in love."

Prizes were presented to almost 250 pupils who were awarded for high achievement, excellent attitude and public spirit within the community. Although the names of many of the prize winners were known before the evening, there were surprise awards announced at the ceremony itself: Congratulations to **Allan Alias** and **Oliwia Kowalska** (Science Award), **Shems Preisner** and **Emily Curnock** (Sports Award), **Jade Hutchinson** (Year 11 Award), **Tobias Olds** (Year 13 Award), **Ignatius De Pedro** (Catherine Hughes Award for Community) **Joseph Gilbert** (Sixth Form Areté Award), **Conrad Haswell** (St. John Paul II Prize), **Louis Riggs** and **Ellie Condon** (Vice Principals' Awards), **Shems Preisner** (Principal's Award) and **Brooke Bindon** (Principal's Areté Award)

A huge number of children received nominations from staff and a scrupulous effort to be fair, resulted in the final list. We hope that pupils deserving of an award, but who did not receive one this year, will be recognised at Prize Giving celebrations in future years. Mr Maher, next week will award a small gift to pupils who achieved two or more nominations but did not receive a prize this year, a letter home will be sent to their parents to share with them this good news. A copy of the Prize Giving programme is on our website.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

7th May 2018
BANK HOLIDAY

10th May 2018
Ascension Day

11th May 2018
Pasteur House Charity
Quiz Evening
6.30pm

12th May 2018
Duke of Edinburgh
Silver (1) depart

14th May 2018
Main period of GCSE
Exams start

Duke of Edinburgh
Silver (2) return

19th May 2018
Duke of Edinburgh
Silver (2) depart

20th May 2018
Pentecost

21st May 2018
Duke of Edinburgh
Silver (2) return

POLITE REMINDER

Thank you to those who keep us updated with any changes to contact details held on our system. Please do let us know of any changes, particularly of friends and relatives who are able to collect your child should they be unwell.

REFLECTION

10th May - The Ascension of Christ (Holy Day of Obligation)

The Ascension of Christ signified the completion of his time on Earth, and is celebrated by the Church 40 days after the Resurrection and 10 days before Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Ascension is important to us for many reasons, as it showed his disciples that what he had come to do had been completed; he had died and risen again to save us from sins, and also allowed Him to be able to prepare a place for us with Him in heaven.



Reflection: "And after I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to myself, so that you will be where I am."

Prayer: Lord, right before your Ascension into heaven you told your apostles to be witnesses to the ends of the earth upon receiving the Holy Spirit. May we be similarly inspired to spread your Gospel message in word and deed. Amen.

YOUNG ENTERPRISE

Congratulations to our Young Enterprise team 'Evoke' who took part in the **West of England Area Finals** held at Kingsweston House last week. They faced competition from 7 other schools and showcased their upcycled magnetic chalkboards. During the evening the team spoke with 4 judges at their trade stand, had to submit a 5 page company report, and had to deliver a 4 minute presentation in front of around 100 people including judges, businessmen and women, and the other teams. Well done in particular to **Ana Parish, Megan Baber, Kalina Emilian** and **Giulia Ferrazzano** for delivery of an extremely well received presentation.

Although 'Evoke' did not secure the place in the Regional Finals, the team won an impressive **3 awards** out of the 11. The team were thrilled to win the '**Entrepreneurial Award**' and the '**Green/Ethical Award**'. We were also proud that our fantastic Business Advisor Mark Guatieri from Brand 51 won the '**Business Advisor of the Year Award**'.

Once again our students demonstrated excellent maturity, confidence, and beautiful manners, especially as the youngest team in the competition!

A huge congratulations to:
Ana Parish, Megan Baber, Kalina Emilian, Giulia Ferrazzano, Philippa Crane, Anna-Claire Lux, Ester Sukenikova, Annie Rogers and Catherine Rolls.



CATENIAN PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Following a delay due to the snow in March, the Catenian Public Speaking Competition finally took place on Sunday at Clifton Cathedral. **Shanaz Sharonsenthil**, from Year 11, and **Catriona Davies**, from Year 10, were amongst competitors from several Catholic Schools from across the region. Both Shanaz and Catriona were exceptional, delivering their four minute speeches with clarity, confidence and passion. Both showed an intelligence that clearly impressed the judges as **Shanaz was awarded second place and Catriona first.**



Catriona will now represent St Bede's in the National Final in Manchester in the early part of next year. Well done to them both.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

On Friday 27th April our second group of 33 Year 9 students embarked on their **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh** practice expedition. The expedition started at the monument in Hawkesbury Upton and students walked 15km in the pouring rain to their campsite that was on the edge of Stinchcombe Golf Course. Despite the numerous hills and difficult weather conditions the students arrived at the campsite in good spirits, with just enough energy to get their tents up, luckily the rain had stopped! The students were responsible for carrying and cooking their own food on gas stoves. The following day the weather had improved and the students departed for the final few kilometres of walking. The expedition finished at Tyndale's monument in North Nibley. Despite the students having lots of aching feet and shoulders they were an absolute credit to St Bede's and made excellent progress over the two days in their navigational and team work skills. Their final assessed expedition will be in the Mendips during enrichment week in July. Well done to all who took part!



THE GABBLERS GRAND FINAL

Congratulations to Areté student **Julia Crane** who took part at **The Gabblers Grand Final** recently. This prestigious event takes place at The Bristol Hotel every year and is quite different from any other speaking competition that we do. Julia has been practicing the art of **After Dinner Speaking** for the last six months, delivering three separate speeches as well as anecdotes, the saying of grace and summing up highlights of the evening. All of which are incredibly difficult but Julia has managed them all with impressive intelligence. The evening was superb and Julia's speech, entitled "Twitchers and Tweets", was one of the highlights. The competition was won by ex St Bede's Head Boy **Peter Savery**, representing QEH. Congratulations to both Julia and Peter.



SAVE THE DATE

Pasteur Family Quiz



Following the success of last Year's Quiz Evening, Pasteur intend to hold another fun-filled evening for one of our college charities; Teenage Cancer Trust—a charity close to our hearts.

Date: Friday 11th May 2018
Venue: St Bede's Catholic College Hall
Time: 6.30pm

Tickets are going fast. Remember the teams can be mixed, family, pupils and staff - of all Houses! Thank you for your kind donations.

SUMMER CAMPS

The annual Clifton Diocese Summer Camps have launched for 2018 and bookings are now being taken. This year, the camps have moved to a new location in Viney Hill in the Forest of Dean and are being held between 13-17 August (ages 7-11) and 20-24 August (ages 12-16). The camps promise to be weeks full of fun, faith and friendship. If you are interested in finding out more, or to book a place for your child, please visit <http://livingyourfaith.co.uk> or email livingyourfaith@hotmail.co.uk.

LIBRARY NOTICE

Please return all overdue library books to the library or place them in the box at reception to give other students the opportunity to read them.

The library is open to students after school until 4.30pm Monday to Thursday.

YEAR 7 ACTIVITY TRIP TO FRANCE

A reminder that payment for this trip is now due. Please make payment via our Finance Office.

One space has become available on the Year 7 Activity trip please contact Miss Chennells for details.

UNIFORM PRICE INCREASE

There has been a slight increase in our college uniform prices. Order forms and a price list is available on our website www.stbedescc.org

Follow us on Twitter!

Our twitter account is updated regularly so that we can celebrate the skills, talents and successes of our students at St. Bede's.



Please follow us:
@STB_Bristol

CELEBRATE Bristol - 27th - 28th October 2018

"See, I am doing a new thing!" - Isaiah 43:19(NIV)
A Conference for the whole family!

Celebrate Bristol is a non-residential weekend including tailored 'streams' for all ages of children and young adults. This year keynote speakers Michelle Moran and David Wells will be 'unpacking' an exciting theme. In addition there will be workshops, seminars, praise and worship, prayer ministry, Holy Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession. The event is hosted by Catholic Charismatic Renewal at St Bede's Catholic College, BS11 0SU. Further details to be found at www.celebrateconference.org



CELEBRATE
CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC EVENTS SERVING THE CHURCH

SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

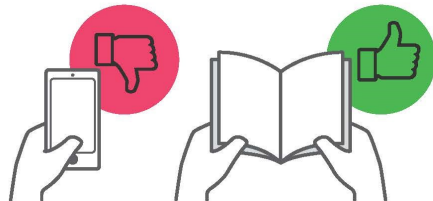
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Five top tips to manage children's screen time

Help your child make the most of their time on and offline

1 Set a good example with your own device use

Children will tend to model their behaviours on you, so if you start reading a book, they may follow your lead.



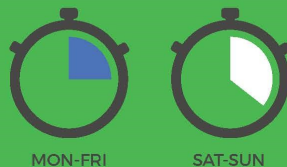
2 Talk together about the time they spend online

Understand what they're doing, and explain your concerns.



3 Agree an appropriate length of time that they can use their device

Put in place a family agreement to set some boundaries and don't break them.

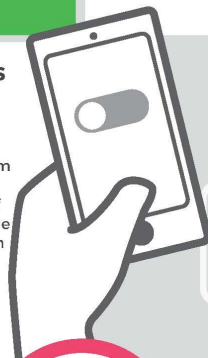


4 Get the whole family to unplug and create 'screen free' zones at home



5 Use technology and apps to help manage screen time

For example, the **Forest** app enables them to grow a beautiful forest each day they don't use their phone for a set amount of time. The iPad's **'Guided Access'** limits the time you can access any given app, which can be great for younger children.



60% of parents are concerned their kids don't have interests outside the web



Parents of 12-year-olds are most concerned about lack of offline interests



Children aged between 11 and 16 post on average 26 times a day