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YOUNG ENTERPRISE SUCCESS

On Saturday the 27th February, our Young Enterprise team '**Vitae**' won the '**Best Trade Stall**' Award at The Mall Cribbs Causeway Trade Fair. This is their second award after winning the Best Team Award at St. Nicholas' Market, back in December.

The name of the Company **Vitae**, was inspired by the school values and the 10 pupils who partook in the sale were praised by the judges for their professionalism, attention to detail and uniformity.

The team had to compete against 25 other schools to be awarded with this prestigious prize. We really appreciate everyone who has bought our product 'Rapz', which is an earphone wrapping kit.



Team Vitae will now go on to compete in the **semi-finals** at St Georges on Tuesday 15th March.
Ann Biju, Year 10, **Vitae** Managing Director

ROUTES INTO LANGUAGES SOUTH WEST COMPETITION

On Tuesday, 1st March 5 pupils went to the Royal High School in Bath to participate in the annual '**Routes into Languages South West**' speaking competition Sub Regional Final. The competition is always extremely well attended and many schools from the South West were represented.

Year 12 pupil **Laura Odemwingie**, gave a thought provoking presentation on Islamic State; **Matthew Kane**, Year 9 raised laughs as he spoke about his family and **Matilda Odemwingie**, Year 7, gave a lovely speech on her hobbies and interests. All three were presented in Spanish.



Year 9 pupil **Vitoria Macedo** came runner up in the near-native category in Portuguese, speaking about her home town and **Ben Whitfield**, Year 13 won in the Key Stage 5 category with a very humorous account of how the world would be run should he become President!

Both **Vitoria** and **Ben** will go forward to the Final on Wednesday, 29th June at Bath University.

We wish them both the very best of luck!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6th March 2016

Year 8 Paris
Trip Return

7th March 2016

Year 12 & 13 Internal
Examinations

8th March 2016

UCAS Parents
Information Evening
6.30pm

10th March 2016

6.00pm
Primary Cluster
Choir Concert

11th March 2016

Year 9 Reports Home

14th March 2016

National Science and
Engineering week

Week of Year 10 & 11
Exams in English, Maths
and Science

17th March 2016

Deadline for return of
Year 8 Options Forms

4.00pm—7.30pm

Year 9 Parents Evening

23rd March 2016

END OF TERM 4

GIRLS' FOOTBALL

Congratulations to the Junior and Senior Girls' Football Teams who won their recent matches against Bristol Free School and Bristol Brunel Academy.

GOLF

We are looking to enter the Avon Schools Golf Tournament. If you have a handicap of no higher than 28 for boys and 36 for girls please see Mr Barley.

FLYING START PROJECT

Congratulations to our **Design and Technology Flying Start Teams** who competed in the **Regional Finals** last week.

Year 9 pupil **Jack Lomas**, tells us a little more about the day:

*"On Wednesday 24th February, 12 pupils from Year 8 and 9 competed, as two separate teams, in the **Regional Finals of the Flying Start Challenge**. The event, was held in a huge aircraft hanger in Filton, Bristol.*

During the day we were given a tour around the hangers, were shown several aircraft and their memorabilia and also saw some missiles that had protected the hangers over many years.

Although we didn't win, we all enjoyed the day and it was a really good opportunity to put theory into practice."



NATIONAL MATHS CHALLENGE

On Thursday, 4th February 29 of our able Year 10 mathematicians sat the Intermediate Maths Challenge paper. The top 40% of the students entered nationally receive either a Bronze, Silver or Gold certificate.

We would like to congratulate:

BRONZE AWARD

Samuel Brady, Dominic Britton, Julia Crane, Joseph Gwinn, Balint Hargitai, Rafal Hemzaczek, Samuel Knight, Stephanie Palmer, Dominic Robbins, Paul Tano and Paul Whitehead

SILVER AWARD

Joseph Alexander, Matthew Ball, Ann Rose Biju, Jack Burns, Jett Dacara, Amara Fordham Vizcaino, Joe Holbrook, Rhian Hughes and Daniel Long

GOLD AWARD

Peter Savery

Congratulations to Peter Savery who was the best in school.

Nationally the top 5500 students are invited through to the European Kangaroo, taken alongside students from over 30 countries.

Peter is through to the Pink Kangaroo round for Year 10 and 11 students.

We wish him well as he competes in the next round on 17th March 2016.

Perhaps St Patrick will inspire him on the day!

BE SAFE THIS SPRING

As the spring months approach, our pupils will be getting outside regularly again which is great to help them expend energy, socialise with other children, and stay healthy. It is important to provide our young people with strategies to help them remain safe when outdoors.

If cycling: Always wear a helmet; Do not wear earphones to listen to music on your journey; Regularly maintain your bike; Don't trust that drivers will spot you and be able to stop in time – some drivers may be going too fast and may not pay enough attention, so anything you can do to protect yourself is a good thing.

Mobile Phones: There are an increasing number of incidents where teens are hurt or injured whilst using their mobile phones when walking. Keeping your heads up and putting phones down particularly when near a road, could help avoid a serious accident occurring.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Photography Club is held on Friday lunchtimes and is open to all pupils. Next week, a representative from Eco Animal Encounters will visit us—a perfect opportunity to take more wonderful photographs!

If you would like to find out a little more about the club, please see Mr Williams or Mr Britton in ICT.



Josie Morgan, Year 9



Isobel Clothier, Year 7



MILKING TIME
BY ANNABEL LEVETT

Annabel Levett, Year 10

SCIENCE—DISSECTING OWL PELLETS

Year 11 triple scientists have been dissecting owl pellets in their Biology lessons this week. They are learning about ecosystems in their final Biology topic, especially how ecosystems are closed loop systems that recycle almost all waste. Owl pellets are a great example of this in action. They contain all the bones and fur of their prey that they are unable to digest and so have to regurgitate instead!

"We are currently studying waste in ecosystems, but I was still surprised when we found out we would be dissecting owl pellets. Skulls, jaws, teeth, ribs and a humerus are just some of the bones we found." **Emma Xanh**

"Today we delved into the D.O.M (dead organic matter) that is owl pellets. It was very interesting as we discovered what rodents the owls had been eating. This fits in with what we are learning about ecosystems and how things are recycled". **Christian Jones**



AT-BRISTOL

As part of the At-Bristol Community Open Weekend we have been fortunate to receive **free vouchers to At-Bristol**

Science museum, on
23rd and 24th April.

The community open weekend is free for visitors who live in Lawrence Weston or, families with children who go to school in this area.

If you would like to receive a voucher for your family, please email the college at contact@stbedescc.org and mark it for the attention of Mr Curnock.

Vouchers will be allocated on a first come – first served basis.

MEET THE PROFESSIONALS AND INFORMATION EVENING

The event held last Tuesday, proved to be a great success. Pupils attending the evening were given the opportunity to 'Meet the Professionals,' who are parents of ours, and gained a first-hand insight into the breadth of the employment market, its recruitment demands, and the opportunities on offer.

Pupils and parents were then provided with invaluable guidance when revising for GCSEs in English, Maths and Science.



ST BEDES RUGBY

It's been a busy few weeks for St. Bede's rugby with several competitions taking place and more to come.

Our year 7 and 8's were first in action this term; competing in the Bristol schools seven's tournament hosted by QEH. The tournament was played in atrocious conditions and it was the first exposure to the shortened form of rugby that some of our boys had experienced.



The year 7 team had the toughest of starts; climbing off the bus to face QEH, one of the stronger teams in the competition. After a slow start they started to get the measure of their opponents and went on to improve in every game and give a really strong account of themselves. **Jason Soodeen** and **Teddie Thompson** were particularly competitive and drew praise from opposition coaches.

Our year 8 team faired a little better in their pool winning their first game against St Katherine's comfortably before going on to push Castle School, BGS and QEH right to wire in the games that followed. All the players played extremely well and given better conditions could have achieved even more, particularly given the speed within the team. Special mention should go to **Marcos Hill-De Aguilar** who was a late call up and was undoubtedly our player of the tournament and **Bruno Da Re** who was a constant menace to the opposition.

Last week saw our year 11 team contest the quarter final of the 'Super 8' rugby competition against Backwell school.

With the pitch bathed in sunlight after a rare week of fair weather; the stage was set for what would turn out to be a thoroughly entertaining and well contested match. The second half started with the teams locked up at 7-7 and neither looking like they would relent. It took some outstanding teamwork and interplay for us to eventually get our noses in front with tries from **George Kloska** and **Moni'Ee Wilson** to add to a try in the first half from **Luke McGwire**.

A thoroughly deserved victory after a disciplined and exciting performance led from the front by captain **Alfie Bond** and stand out performer **Alex Kanchanatheera**.

This week sees the same group of boys contest their own Bristol Schools sevens tournament at QEH as well as preparing for a semi final against the extremely strong Castle School.

Our year 9 team will continue their exciting and impressive season by representing the Bristol area in a tournament at Burnham-on-Sea on Thursday, 3rd March. Playing against teams from Cornwall, Devon, Somerset and Gloucestershire it should provide the boys with some valuable experience ahead of next years expanded fixture list. It is a big honour to be selected to represent our area and is a testament to the work the players have put in already this season.



We will let you know how we get on in the next newsletter!

CADET AWARD

Congratulations to Year 8 pupil **Renson Reji** who last week was awarded the 2442 Squadron **Best Cadet Award**, after completing a 19 week Flight Training programme.

Renson, who has only been a cadet for 4 months, was delighted to be chosen out of 25 other cadets. He aspires to be a Pilot in the future, what a great start!

Well done Renson, a wonderful achievement.



WORLD CHALLENGE 2016 FUNDRAISING EVENT

Our Sixth Form students are continuing to raise funds for the **St. Bede's World Challenge Expedition to Swaziland this summer**. Regular Quiz nights are scheduled to take place at St. Teresa's Social Club commencing Thursday, 10th March and then every fortnight. If you are interested in attending the event please contact St. Bede's via email at contact@stbedesc.org or on 0117 3772200.

SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING

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'Sexting' is the exchange of self-generated sexually explicit images, through mobile picture messages or webcams over the internet. It's not harmless: Young people may see 'sexting' as harmless activity but there are risks.

Taking, sharing or receiving an image, even voluntarily, can have a long-lasting negative impact. It's easy to send a photo or message but the sender has no control about how it's passed on. When images are stored or shared online they become public. They can be deleted on social media or may only last a few seconds on apps like Snapchat, but images can still be saved or copied by others. These images may never be completely removed and could be found in the future, for example when applying for jobs or university.

Further advice for parents and carers on 'Sexting' can be found on our college website: www.stbedesc.org/safeguarding and on Page 16 and 17 of <http://vodafonedigitalparenting.co.uk/issue-3/>. Note: paper copies of general advice about Sexting are available from the college reception

STAFF VACANCIES

The Governors at St. Bede's Catholic College wish to appoint the following:

Science—Physics Teacher—September 2016

Science Technician—April 2016

A number of Exam Invigilators

School Meals Supervisory Assistant—As soon as possible

All support staff posts at St Bede's are subject to a 6 month probationary period.

The successful candidate will be required to undergo an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service Check before starting work.

Job descriptions and application forms can be downloaded from our website : www.stbedesc.org
St. Bede's is a "Living Wage" employer.