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A MESSAGE FROM MR MAHER, PRINCIPAL

As we near the end of my second year with you, I thought it appropriate to say a heartfelt 'thank you' to all the students, parents and colleagues for the effort and hard work that everyone has put in to making this another incredible year. When I look back on the events over recent months I have to acknowledge that there have been so many highlights for me from the production of 'Grease', the 'Gabblers' and the Catenian public speaking competitions, dance and engineering competitions to the many activities, campaigns, trips and charitable activities that our students have been involved with. In addition, we opened the new Galileo building as well as the refurbished Chapel, now in the heart of the College.

I was delighted to hear we have raised over £10,000 for charity this year. I have the privilege of watching our young people grow in confidence and aspire to make a difference in the world to all those around them. I look forward with renewed energy to next year when we will be able to talk even more enthusiastically about the many significant achievements that our young people will continue to make.

I wish all the Year 13 students every success as they move on to pastures new and for those students who will be returning I am confident that St Bede's will continue to be recognised for the outstanding young people that we have here. Have a fantastic summer and I look forward to seeing you all in September.

J. G. Maher
Principal

REFLECTION—22nd July - Feast of St Mary Magdalene

There is little known about Mary Magdalene, but we do know that she was present with Christ during his ministry, death and resurrection. The Gospels tell us that Mary was originally a sinner and Jesus cast seven demons out of her. Mary Magdalene was the first witness to Jesus' resurrection.

After the death of Christ, legend states that she remained among the early Christians and after 14 years was put into a boat and set adrift without sails or oars. The boat landed in southern France, where she lived the remaining years of her life living in solitude in a cave.

Reflection: "Mary Magdalene found the disciples and told them, "I have seen the Lord!" Then she gave them his message."

Prayer: Lord, we remember today Mary Magdalene, who announced the great joy of the resurrection. We pray that we may proclaim the living Christ in our own lives, even when it may not be easy to do so. Amen.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

23rd July 2019
LAST DAY OF TERM 6
FOR PUPILS

24th July 2019
INSET DAY
END OF TERM 6

15th August 2019
A Level Results Day

22nd August 2019
GCSE Results Day

2nd September 2019
INSET DAY

3rd September 2019
INSET DAY

4th September 2019
START OF TERM 1
For pupils

PARENT SURVEY

Thank you to all parents who took the time to complete the parent survey.

We had 345 responses which will inform decisions moving forward. Thank you for your suggestions for improvement.

For up to date news from St. Bede's please follow us on Twitter



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STAFFING

As we approach the end of the year, we have 5 staff who are leaving us for pastures new.

Ms R Hector, Deputy Head of Sixth Form/Psychology
Promotion in a new school

Miss T Yates, Humanities and Economics
New position in a new school

Miss I Chinn, Music and Science
New position in a new school

Mr J Maszuchin, Mathematics
Pursuing a new career

Mr L Tulodziecki, Mathematics
New position in a new school

Miss A Mounter, Lay Chaplain
Studying for a PGCE

May we also take this opportunity to say a fond farewell to **Rose Clark** our **Kitchen Manager** who retires today after 19 years at St. Bede's. Rose has played a fundamental role at St. Bede's, always welcoming our pupils and staff when they are hungry, with a smile. We wish you a very happy retirement; enjoy your time with your children and grandchildren.

Our sincere thanks for the service of all staff leaving, and our good wishes go with them.

In the next newsletter we look forward to sharing with you the names of the new staff who will be joining us.



GRADUATION SUCCESS

Congratulations to past pupil **Emily Cannon** (2009-2014) who received a First class honours degree in Primary Education at Reading University. Emily will commence her teaching career in Devon in September. A wonderful achievement Emily, good luck!

Congratulations also to **Janice Pinto** (2009-2016) who received an upper second class degree from University of Leicester in Geology. Janice will now go onto study for a Masters Degree in Environmental Geoscience in Loughborough.



CITY LEADERSHIP

Congratulations to **Jade Hutchinson** in Year 12 who took part in the City Leadership Programme over the last couple of weeks. Run by the mayor, Marvin Rees, this two-week intensive summer course aims to provide personal development, academic enrichment and networking. It culminated in a graduation dinner where Jade made an excellent speech about what she had learnt. Jade will now receive 5 months of mentoring by leaders from business, politics and the public sector. The programme is a launch pad for future leaders in business, politics and non-government organisations. We are very proud of Jade and all she has achieved.



COLLEGE UNIFORM

As the end of the College year approaches, in order to help those of you who may need to purchase uniform during the summer holidays the shop will be open on the following days:

Wednesday 24th July	9am – 3pm	In service Day
Thursday 25th July	9am – 3pm	
Thursday 29th August	9am – 3pm	
Friday 30th August	9am – 3pm	
Monday 2nd September	9am – 10am	In service Day
*Tuesday 3rd September	9am - 10am	In service Day

*An additional day has been added for your convenience

Please note as per our uniform policy, all skirts should be knee length. Pupils moving into Year 9 who need to replace their pleated skirt may purchase the regulation straight, knee Length, upper school skirt. Please do not buy 'tube' skirts made of stretch fabric as these are not part of the St Bede's uniform. If any girls come to school in September in stretch fabric skirts they will be requested to replace these with a school skirt from our shop, before entering lessons.

All pupils should wear black shoes which can be polished or are patented. In the interests of safety, shoes must not have a heel.

Canvas, suede or trainer shoes are not permitted.



Thank you to parents who responded to our uniform consultation. Governors will make a final decision regarding any changes to college uniform at their first Governing body meeting of the new academic year. Any agreed changes will be implemented in 2020-2021.

A LEVEL AND GCSE RESULTS DAY

A Level Results Day — Thursday 15th August

From 6.00am on Thursday 15th August, students will be able to log on to UCAS track to check the status of their application.

Year 13 results will be available from 8.00am for students who do not have a confirmed university place and from 9.30am for students who do have a confirmed university place and for all other students.

Results can be collected from the Areté building. Miss Kirkbright and Ms Hector will be able to help with any university queries or concerns.

GCSE Results Day — Thursday 22nd August

GCSE Results can be collected from the college 10.00am—12noon.

Enrolment for Areté Sixth Form will take place on the following days:

Thursday 22nd August

10.00am—2.00pm

Friday 23rd August

11.00am—1.00pm

Monday 2nd September

1.00pm—3.00pm

We are expecting to be busy, so please try and make it on 22nd August to avoid disappointment. If you are on holiday and are unable to attend please email sixthform@stbcc.org and we can help with your enrolment.

JOSEPH AND HIS TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

Congratulations to **Oscar Norton**, **Rian Kearney**, **Cecilia Romero** and **Laurie Fleming** who performed in a production of Joseph at St Brendan's Catholic College last week. The students who are part of the Affordable Theatre Company gave a first class performance. Mr Lewis, Head of Music, who went to watch the show, said the quality of singing was fantastic. Well done.

MUSIC RESULTS

Congratulations to the following pupils who received wonderful results in their music examinations:

Geraldine Cross Grade 2 Violin - Pass

Damon Watt Grade 4 Violin - Pass

Natalia Wnekowska Grade 3 Piano - Merit

Esosa Omoruyi Grade 3 Piano - Distinction

Nathan Wong Grade 4 Violin - Distinction

Cecilia Romero Grade 5 Singing- Distinction

CONGRATULATIONS TO MISS YATES

Our very own Miss Yates has just published her own children's book. Squirrel and the Three Bears is about a fun-loving squirrel who is enjoying autumn so much she's forgotten to get ready for winter. The story teaches us that sometimes asking for help is actually the bravest thing to do. You can follow Miss Yates' writing and illustrating adventures at www.thehappybookcompany.com, and keep your eyes peeled for the crowdfunding campaign at the end of the summer, where you can buy your very own copy of the book. Miss Yates absolutely loves making books, and is so proud to share this first one with you."



ENRICHMENT WEEK

Last week the whole school enjoyed a wonderful week of enrichment. Year 7 visited Bristol Zoo and experienced a French Breakfast, Year 8 visited the Big Pit in Wales and participated in a Young Enterprise event and Year 9 chose a day of activities to suit their interests which included Drama, Baking, PE and Art. It was a week of learning new knowledge and different skills and was enjoyed by all. On the Friday we had a House Day, a perfect ending (despite the poor weather!) to a hectic week.



FOYLE YOUNG POETS POETRY COMPETITION

If you're a budding writer and would like a chance to enter a competition then visit the following website: <https://foyleyoungpoets.org/about/> and find out more about how to enter.

You must be aged 11-17 and can enter a poem on any theme you like. The deadline is the 31st July 2019. Good luck!



WORK EXPERIENCE

Year 10 and 12 pupils participated in work experience last week with range of local and national employers. We received some excellent feedback. The quality of this year's placements has once again, been outstanding, and our students, who were supported to source their own placements, have been very grateful for the opportunities.

Work experience placements included: Airbus, Rolls Royce, Burges Salmon, St Monica Trust, North Bristol NHS, British Airways, Aardman Animations, Mercedes, Peugeot, Barcan + Kirby LLP, University of Bristol, GKN Aerospace, DPD Credit and Billing, HSBC, M & S, John Lewis, Avon and Somerset Constabulary, Partner and Non Partner Primary Schools.



PASTEUR HOUSE QUIZ

On Friday 12th July 2019 Pasteur House held our third Family Quiz Evening. Fourteen teams made up of staff, parents, ex-pupils and pupils to battle it out for the £30 jackpot - which was kindly re-donated to the pot by the worthy winners 'You're a Quizzard Harry!' - all to raise over £500 for our College Charities; St Peter's Hospice, Mind and Rays of Sunshine.



Once again the tension and laughter was palpable as the amazing Mr Colebourne returned to put us through our paces. Pupils from across the Houses led by **Matin Nassiri** sang and performed with the assistance of Mr Lewis. Thank you for the popcorn by **Portia Smith** and **Andrina Benson**, for the posters produced by Mrs Bergman-Dye, all the amazing raffle prizes and the hard work of The Pasteur House Council....A top get together to round off another busy and successful year!

Ms Sharp and Pasteur House

CONNECTIONS

We are delighted to announce that St Bede's has been selected to take part in the National Theatre Connections programme for 2020. Each year the National Theatre commissions ten new plays for young people to perform, bringing together some of the UK's most exciting writers with the theatre-makers of tomorrow. This is an incredibly exciting opportunity for students to work together to produce and perform a brand new play, work with industry professionals and take their production to a professional stage at the Sherman Theatre in Cardiff. More information on how to take part will be circulated in September.

National Theatre
connections

St Bede's Catholic College Term and Holiday Dates 2019-2020

- Term 1:** Monday 2nd September 2019 to Friday 25th October 2019
- Term 2:** Monday 4th November 2019 to Friday 20th December 2019
- Term 3:** Monday 6th January 2020 to Friday 14th February 2020
- Term 4:** Monday 24th February 2020 to Friday 3rd April 2020
- Term 5:** Monday 20th April 2020 to Friday 22nd May 2020
- Term 6:** Monday 1st June 2020 to Monday 20th July 2020

The school year is 195 days and includes five in-service days used for staff training

In-service Days 2019—2020

Monday 2nd September 2019
Tuesday 3rd September 2019
Monday 4th November 2019
Friday 3rd April 2020
Monday 20th July 2020

SPORTS DAY

Last week pupils and staff had a great day as we celebrated our Annual Sports Day. In warm conditions, our pupils excelled as they competed to win points for their house. Having already completed the field events earlier in the day, the final results were:

1st Place— Descartes

2nd Place—Bell Burnell

3rd Place—Pasteur

In the 4 House Cup Competition, the results were:

1st Place—Pasteur

2nd Place—Descartes

3rd Place—Seacole

4th Place—Bell Burnell



FRENCH ACTIVITY TRIP

Last week year 7 pupils went to France as part of the enrichment activities. Pupils experienced a variety of activities including; paddle boarding, canoeing, kayaking and crate stacking. Everyone had fun and most of the pupils even tried French cuisine; snails and frogs legs with most agreeing they were delicious!



SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

Summer break: Safeguarding - Children's Social Services Contacts

If you have a concern if about the well-being of a child or young person – here are the contacts for our three local authorities.

Contact First Response

0117 9036444



Contact Access Response Team (ART)

01454 866000



Monday to Thursday 9.00 – 5.00, 4.30 on Friday

01454 615165 out of hours and at weekends

Contact

North Somerset Safeguarding Children Board (NSSCB)

01275 888808



If a child is at immediate risk of harm – Call the POLICE : 999

Safeguarding
is everyone's business

NOTE :

Emotional Well-Being Contacts:

Please visit our college website:

<https://tinyurl.com/y4ojfwtu>



4th September 2019 START OF TERM 1 for pupils