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ARETÉ—ACCESS TO BRISTOL

We were delighted last week to hear that 15 of our Sixth Form students have been accepted on the **Access to Bristol scheme run by Bristol University**.

The scheme is designed as a curriculum enrichment opportunity for students taking A-levels and will stand them in good stead when they apply to University through UCAS. Students will attend a series of sessions at the University studying one of twenty four subject streams ranging from Biomedical Sciences to Religion and Theology to Law and Modern Languages. When the students complete the scheme they will be guaranteed an offer from the University of Bristol, provided they meet the full entry requirements of the course they apply for.



With a record number of 1700 applications this year, this is a real incentive for our students to meet the grades.

Areté students with Miss Kirkbright Assistant Principal and Director of Sixth Form

MICHAEL JONES RIP

On Monday we shared in a lovely Memorial Service to celebrate the life of **Michael Jones**.

Father Kevin introduced the service that was attended by Mr Maher, staff and close friends of Michael. Mrs Sharp read Psalm; True Happiness followed by **Niamh Bailey** who shared some precious memories written by **Lara Mitchell**. Father Kevin Blessed the Katsura Tree: Its pretty foliage emerges a bronze/purple in the spring before hardening to a light green for the growing season. They then turn vivid yellow and pink for the autumn and at this point they can smell of burnt sugar, hence its 'Candyfloss' tag. We think this is an appropriate reminder of Michael's zest for life, and a fitting tribute, as we hold him in our hearts.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

16th October
Week of Year 10
and 11 Exams in
English, Maths and
Science

18th October
Year 11
Careers Fair

19th October
Dry Slope Skiing
3.30pm—7.00pm

20th October
'Wear it Pink'
Charity Day

Pupil Bake Off
End of Term 1

8th November
Sixth Form
Open Evening

WORLD WAR BATTLEFIELDS TRIP TO YPRES AND THE SOMME

At 5.00am on Thursday 5th October, 32 excited Year 9 pupils and 3 staff set off on their tour of the First World War Battlefield sites.

We visited the fascinating Memorial Museum of Passchendaele and attended the moving ceremony at the Menin Gate.

On day two, we toured the Somme area and held our own ceremony, laying a wreath at Thiepval in memory of those who sacrificed their lives in the First World War.

We traced the name of year 9 pupil **Boden Osborne-Clarke's** great, great uncle Private Douglas Keith Batchelor who died, aged only 19, on the first day of the Battle of the Somme (1st July 1916) fighting for the Royal Scots Regiment. Our First World War experience was tied together by a visit to Tyne Cot cemetery and the German cemetery at Langemark, before our final stop at the In Flanders Field Museum.

BATTLEFIELDS TRIP 2018

Letters will be available next week to Year 8 for next year's Battlefields Trip. If you do not receive a letter from your tutor, please see Mrs Lewis.



YEAR 7 ART PACKS

To assist with Art Home Learning, paints and brushes are available at a small cost for Year 7. Each pupil will have received a letter this week. For further information, please contact Mrs McCauley.

REFLECTION —13th October - Memorial of Saint Edward the Confessor

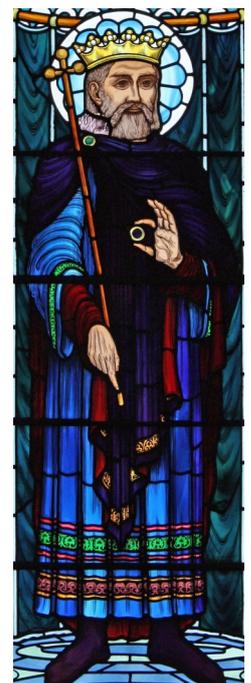
Edward was born near Oxford, around 1005. After the Danish invasion of 1013, his family spent several years in exile, followed by the Danes seizing the crown. Edward vowed that if he safely made it back to his Kingdom, he would make a pilgrimage to St Peter's in Rome.

Instead of making the pilgrimage, Edward ended up founding a monastery and dedicating it to St Peter, as the Pope wished. The Cathedral was built to replace the Saxon church at Westminster and became known as Westminster Abbey.

A confessor is a saint who suffers for his faith but is just short of martyrdom. Edward suffered for his faith by resisting the temptations of the world and reached out to the poor.

Prayer: St. Edward showed his devotion to God with patience, gentleness and generosity. May we, like St. Edward, serve God and strengthen his Kingdom through prayer and charity. Amen.

Reflection: "Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me."



PRIMARY CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday 10th October St. Bede's hosted the **North Bristol Primary Cross Country Championships**.

Pupils in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 from **11 local primary schools** took part with years 5 and 6 competing for the opportunity to qualify for the County finals and represent North Bristol on November 25th.

In typical Cross Country weather conditions, over 400 children competed with impressive results. The overall winning school on the night was **St. Bonaventure's RC Primary** with **Elmlea Juniors** in second and **Horfield Primary** third. Congratulations to all who took part.

A big thank you to all staff who assisted and our 15 student leaders who helped with registration, results, the finish line and marshalling the course.



YEAR 11 MOCK INTERVIEWS



Last week we welcomed representatives from local employers and further education colleges to spend time with our year 11 pupils conducting mock interviews. The event gave pupils the opportunity to practise their interview skills and use the feedback given to them to ensure they are successful in the future.

Comments from the pupils regarding the experience were extremely positive and the interviewers all remarked how well the candidates had prepared themselves for this event.

'GREAT BRITISH CREATE OFF'

Year 11 Art students are currently taking part in the 'Great British Create Off,' a series of practical lessons based on the show but with Art outcomes rather than cakes!

Students have already participated in the Signature Challenge and Technical Challenge with superb results. On Monday, they will work on their Showstopper! We look forward to sharing their work with you.



AUTHOR VISIT—CLARE FURNISS

On Wednesday 11th October we were delighted to welcome author Clare Furniss to St Bede's. Clare is the author of best selling novels 'Year Of The Rat' and 'How Not To Disappear'.

Clare shared what inspires her to write, how to get a publishing deal and offered advice to our pupils about creative writing.

Clare's top tips for being a writer:

1. Don't worry about getting it wrong - nobody writes perfectly first time
2. Write about something you care about
3. Discuss your work
4. Read!

Clare said you all have a story only YOU can tell. If you want to be a writer don't just think about it - do it!



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.

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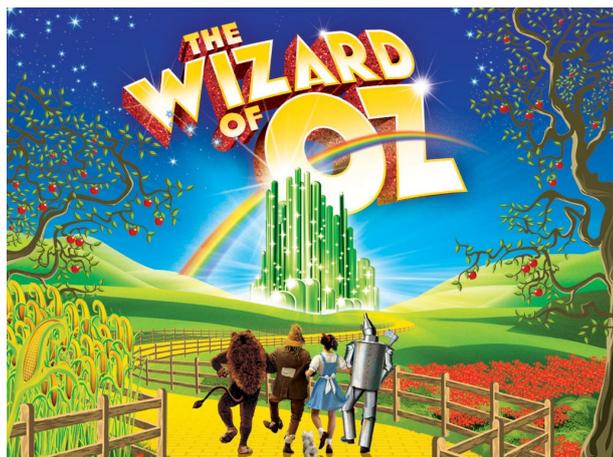
In order to celebrate the skills, talents and successes of our students at St. Bede's, we have a new Twitter account.

Please follow us:

@STB_Bristol



St. Bede's Catholic College Production The Wizard of Oz



The Performing Arts team are excited to announce that this year's school production will be **The Wizard of Oz**. This well loved story follows Dorothy and her dog Toto as they are whisked away to the magical land of Oz. On their adventures they meet the Scarecrow, the Tin Man and the cowardly Lion, along with witches and munchkins in their quest to find the Wizard and return home.

Auditions will be held next week and with over 100 students taking part, the show is sure to be an amazing success.

SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

Measles

We have been made aware that there have been a number of confirmed cases of Measles in the Gloucestershire area. Measles can spread very easily and before the rash comes out, the initial symptoms may include:

- Cold-like symptoms, such as a runny nose, sneezing and cough
- Sore, red eyes that may be sensitive to light
- High temperature (fever) which may reach around 40C
- Koplik spots (small red spots with bluish-white centres) inside the mouth
- A general feeling of being unwell

Some groups of people are especially vulnerable, and may include, unimmunised children under 12 months, pregnant women and those whose immune systems are not working properly for example; people receiving chemotherapy.

Anyone who is vulnerable as outlined above and comes into contact with a suspected case, should contact their doctor or Public Health England on 0300 303 8132.

Public Health has stated that some people may have previously been reluctant to have their children immunised with MMR. However, in light of this current situation and the increased risk to unvaccinated children and to the vulnerable groups of people above they urge them to reconsider this.

For further information please visit <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

YEAR 9 NETBALL SUCCESS

Congratulations to the Year 9 Netball team who **won the South Bristol Tournament** on Wednesday, securing wins against St. Bernadette B team, Bristol Brunel Academy and St Mary Redcliffe in the first round.

In the semi-final, they played Ashton Park and in the final St. Bernadette A team.

Girls, a wonderful effort and a great result. Well done.