

St. Bede's Catholic College

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OPEN EVENING 2016

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, Ms Hughes 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. She 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 Ms Hughes 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.

Supplementary Information forms for prospective Year 7 pupils **must arrive in College by 31st October 2016**. Parents must also have submitted the Common Application Form to their local authority by that date.

SENIOR TEAM 2016-2017

This week, Ms Hughes and Mr Luke had the privilege of interviewing pupils for senior roles within the college.

Congratulations to:

Head Boy—**Peter Savery**

Head Girl—**Stephanie Palmer**

Deputy Head Boy—**Jansen Roy**

Deputy Head Girl—**Ann Rose Biju**

Assistant Head Boy—**Sam Brady**

Assistant Head Girl—**Rhiannon Davies**

Senior Prefects

**Daniel Layden, Dominic Robbins, Lander Taduran,
Chelsy James, Izzy Tivey and Kundai Vurayayi.**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6TH OCTOBER 2016
National Poetry Day

Year 9 Battlefields
Trip depart

3.30pm—7.00pm
Dry Slope Skiing

7TH OCTOBER 2016
Cafod Harvest
Fast Day

8TH OCTOBER 2016
Year 9 Battlefields
Trip return

EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE

It was a pleasure to recognise recently the 74 pupils that achieved **100% attendance during the last school year**. All of the 100% attenders were presented with a badge during their house assembly and six were selected at random to receive a £20 voucher for The Mall at Cribbs Causeway. Congratulations to you all on this outstanding achievement and thank you to parents who have supported you in this.

100%

BRITISH SCHOOLS LADIES JUNIOR OPEN

Good Luck to Year 10 pupil **Isabel Payne** who has been selected to compete in the **British Schools Ladies Junior Open** at Sunningdale this weekend. Isabel is a keen golfer and currently plays off 18. We look forward to updating you on the result in the next edition of our newsletter.

PE staff are always keen to hear of any pupil involved in Sport outside of the college. Please do let the staff know and they will do what they can to support you.

WELCOME ALL YEAR 7 PUPILS

You belong to St Bede's!

Year 7 pupils took part in a retreat day on the 13th September based on the theme of 'Belonging'. Each tutor group participated in a number of workshops including meditation, a 'Belonging' quiz, arts and crafts and team games. The day was led by the Religious Formation staff, Mrs Cannon, Mr Williams and Father Tom. The day came to a fitting end when all Year 7 pupils celebrated Mass led by Father Tom. Pupils said: "It was a brilliant day full of fun activities", "It helped me feel part of St. Bede's and made me realise that I belong."



A BIRTHDAY TREAT FOR FATHER TOM

Congratulations to our College Chaplain Father Tom who, after a few cancellations due to poor weather conditions, finally jumped out of an airplane on Friday 22nd July!

Father Tom received the parachute jump as a gift for his 'special' birthday last year and said it was a 'fantastic experience' falling at a speed of 125 miles per hour!

We are delighted to hear that he has raised just over £4100! All proceeds will go to HCPT Groups from the Southwest Region who will travel to Lourdes on Pilgrimage with HCPT. If you would like to make a donation, please visit: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Thomas-Finnegan



A BUSY SUMMER FOR LOUIS PRICE, INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS PLAYER

Year 8 pupil **Louis Price** had a very busy start to the summer holidays training in France and Spain with some of Europe's best youngsters. He then travelled to Germany to play in the AndroKids tournament where 1500 players turn out to play against each other hoping to win the main prize. In the Under 12 category, **Louis managed to get to the last 8** where he lost a quarter final match against Matthias Danzer of Germany by the narrowest of margins. All good practice before heading out to Strasbourg for the U12 European Championships representing England.



The best players from 32 European countries compete in the EuroMini Championships which is viewed as the most important competition on the calendar. Having successfully qualified through 4 group stages, Louis lost in the last 32 against Eduard Ionesco, the number 1 player from Romania who is part of the European Talent squad. **As highest placed English boy, Louis enjoyed a hugely successful tournament** beating some top European players along the way. His most impressive victory came against Holland's Kas Van Oost, number 1 seed at this tournament last year and current ITTF Talent Squad player.

Louis now looks forward to a very busy October with 3 Grand Prix tournaments as well as a return to France for training. Best of luck Louis!

FREE COMMUNITY FOOTBALL SESSIONS

St Bede's Community Sport have teamed up with both Bristol Rovers and Bristol City to offer FREE community football sessions to local young people. The sessions will run every Thursday and Friday during term time at the following times:

Thursdays 7-9pm with Bristol Rovers Community Trust
for boys and girls aged 14-19.

Fridays 5-7pm with Bristol City Community Trust
for boys and girls aged 14-21.

To attend either of the session just turn up. You will need to provide your name, date of birth and postcode to the session leader.

SWIMMING

If you would like to represent St Bede's in forthcoming swimming events, please inform Miss Chennells of your swim times.

SPORTS FIXTURES

Please refer to our college website for forthcoming sports fixtures.

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/carers 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 State 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.

We have an exciting week ahead for St Bede's Rugby as our year 10 team start their journey in the Natwest Cup. The Natwest Cup, formerly the Daily Mail Cup, is an annual, national competition that features many of the country's perennial rugby powerhouses. St Bede's campaign will start with a very difficult fixture away to Colstons Collegiate on Thursday 29th September. The game will kick off at 4.30pm and all parents are welcome to come and support the boys.

Outside the excitement of the National Cup we have had a great response to our after school rugby clubs already this term. Year 10 have been getting ready for their challenging year every Monday, Years 8 and 9 have been training on Tuesday nights after school and have the makings of two good teams. A large and skillful cohort from year 7 has been getting to grips with the game every Wednesday. All after school rugby clubs run from 3.30pm until 4.30pm.

Girls rugby club will start after Netball season and will lead to a number of fixtures and festivals after Christmas. All players are welcome to attend regardless of experience.

In the next newsletter we will let you know how our year 10s fared in their game as well as giving details of this year's exciting sponsorship opportunities.

ST BEDE'S RUGBY



FREE ENTRY TO AT-BRISTOL

As part of the At-Bristol Community Open Weekend we have been fortunate to receive **free vouchers to At-Bristol Science museum for 1st or 2nd October**. The community open weekend is free for visitors who live in Lawrence Weston or, families with children who go to school in this area. A free family voucher will be given to all pupils on Monday, 26th September.

SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

Experts acknowledge that sleep plays a significant role in brain development, and it is therefore important for children to get enough sleep as their bodies grow and mature. Sleep is crucial for teenagers - it is while they are snoozing at night that they release a hormone that is essential for the growth spurt during puberty. As well as the role it plays in brain development, sleep also plays an important role in our brain's day-to-day ability to function. Lack of sleep makes it much harder for us to concentrate, and we become forgetful, irritable and prone to being clumsy and making mistakes. Furthermore, scientific evidence shows that the right amount of night-time sleep is just as important for children's development as healthy eating and regular exercise.

VACANCIES

The Governors at St. Bede's wish to appoint an:

Assistant Principal – Required January 2017

Head of Music—Required January 2017

English Teacher Long Term Absence Cover—As soon as possible

School Meals Supervisory Assistant (Two positions available) - As soon as possible

Full details of the positions are available on our website www.stbedesc.org

St. Bede's is a living wage employer.