

# St. Bede's Catholic College

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## EQUESTRIAN SUCCESS

Congratulations to Year 9 pupil **Milly Watkins** who participated in a One Day Equestrian event at Stonar School on Sunday 25th September. Milly secured 9th place, in her biggest One Day Event to date competing against 42 other competitors from schools across the region.

We look forward to hearing how Milly fares in other competitions in the coming months.

If you are a pupil, and would like to be a part of the Equestrian team, please see Miss Bassett.

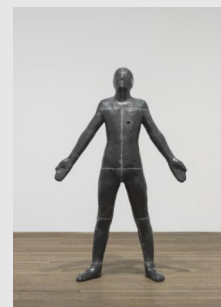


## ART TRIP TO THE TATE GALLERY, LONDON

On Wednesday 28th September, students from Year 10, 12 and 13, with their teachers, embarked on a trip to **The Tate Modern Gallery** and the **Jerwood Gallery** in London. As well as being an unforgettable day out, the trip provided educational resources for the students to use in preparation for their important exams. In the Tate Gallery, they visited the many rooms which exhibited work from recognised artists such as **Picasso** and **Van Gogh** to the more contemporary ones, **Anthony Gormley** and **Louise Bourgeois**. Students were exposed to a wide range of different styles from which they could take inspiration. During the visit they completed transcriptions of at least three different works of art which they are later to present as an assessed piece of work.

The different techniques, styles and materials shown in the gallery offered much inspiration about good compositions, tone, colours, etc.

Some works challenged perceptions of what art is or should be and will inform debate back in the classroom.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**8TH OCTOBER 2016**

**Year 9 Battlefields  
Trip return**

**13TH OCTOBER 2016**

**Dry Slope Skiing  
3.30pm—7.00pm**

**20TH OCTOBER 2016**

**Dry Slope Skiing  
3.30pm—7.00pm**

**21ST OCTOBER 2016**

**'Wear it Pink'  
Charity Day**

**Student 'Bake Off'**

**END OF TERM 1**

## CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

A full list of co-curricular activities available to pupils during lunchtime and afterschool is now available on our website  
[www.stbedesc.org](http://www.stbedesc.org)

Tutors have been given a copy so pupils can view the extensive range of activities on offer every day.

## SWIMMING

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

## AUTHOR VISIT—FAYE BIRD

On Wednesday, 5th October we were delighted to welcome author **Faye Bird** to St. Bede's. She shared her story of how she became a writer, beginning her career as a receptionist to becoming a Literacy agent and then an author. She read extracts from her two published books, *'My second life'* and *'What I couldn't tell you'* the latter of which is based around the issue of selective mutism. The book, she said, revealed to her the power of silence and listening.

Faye spent the lunch break with a group of pupils from years 7—11 providing helpful tips and useful writing techniques.

**Jansen Roy and Jessica Levett, Year 11**



## MUSIC TRIP - WELSH NATIONAL OPERA PRESENTS MACBETH BRISTOL HIPPODROME

**Wednesday 12th October 2016**

All pupils who are attending the Bristol Hippodrome on Wednesday 12th October to watch the Welsh National Opera should be dropped off at the front of the **Bristol Hippodrome at 6.45pm**. The performance will last approximately 2 hours 55 minutes. **Pupils must be collected at the front of the Hippodrome at 10.10pm**. Please note that pupils should be dressed in appropriate clothing suitable for the Theatre. Also be aware, that traffic around the Hippodrome is likely to be congested at the start and the end of the performance. Thank you.

## COME AND JOIN US AT SCIENCE CLUB!

**Year 7**

**Tuesday at 1.30pm in B4**

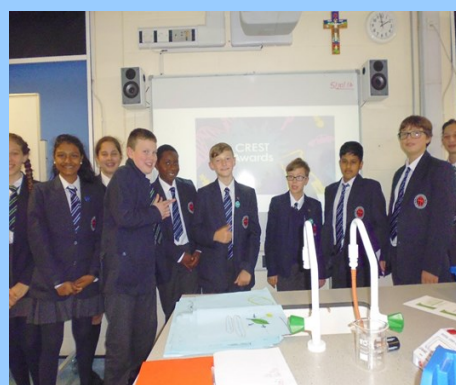
We are growing  
**ENORMOUS**  
crystals



**Year 8**

**Wednesday at 1.30pm in B3**

An opportunity to experience  
real-world science,  
in an exciting way by exploring  
the CREST award.



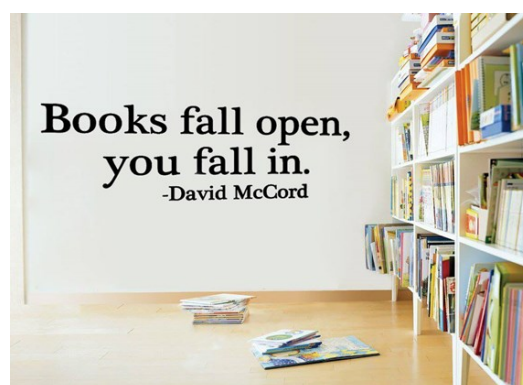
## LIBRARY NEWS

Library information and forthcoming key events can be found on our college website <http://www.stbedesc.org/library.html>

This year we are proud to have our very own Patron of Reading, Chelsey Flood, who visits the school regularly. We are relaunching her **year long personal reading challenge** culminating on World Book Day 2017. All students are welcome to join in, please do check the website library page for more details.

Let's get a buzz going about books and reading.

Mrs Pickup, Librarian



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

## YEAR 7 ACTIVITY TRIP TO FRANCE

If you would like your child to participate in the Activity trip to France in July 2017, please return the reply slip and deposit of £85 to Miss Chennells by Friday, 21st October. Photographs from previous Activity Trips can be viewed on the Gallery page on our website.

## INTER HOUSE CROSS-COUNTRY

Congratulations to **Bell Burnell House** who were victorious in the first of the Inter-House Sporting Competitions this Academic year. We were delighted to see over 200 pupils participating in the cross country event last week. **Scores after one event:** **Pasteur** 10 points, **Descartes** 14 points and **Bell Burnell** 20 points.

		Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Girls	1st 10 Points	DESCARTES	BELL BURNELL	BELL BURNELL	DESCARTES	BELL BURNELL
	2nd 7 Points	PASTEUR	PASTEUR	PASTEUR	PASTEUR	DESCARTES
	3rd 5 Points	BELL BURNELL	DESCARTES	DESCARTES	BELL BURNELL	PASTEUR
Boys	1st 10 Points	BELL BURNELL	BELL BURNELL	PASTEUR	BELL BURNELL	DESCARTES
	2nd 7 Points	DESCARTES	DESCARTES	DESCARTES	PASTEUR	BELL BURNELL
	3rd 5 Points	PASTEUR	PASTEUR	BELL BURNELL	DESCARTES	PASTEUR



# ST BEDE'S RUGBY



Last week saw the College's return to the Year 10 Natwest Cup. It was a tough assignment for the St Bede's boys as they were asked to travel away to Colston's School to take on the perennial rugby powerhouses.

The boys did themselves proud and after an inauspicious start that saw them concede two early tries, they played their way back in to the game and out played Colston's for much of the contest. Unfortunately the early deficit proved too much to overcome and the final score was 38-14 to the home side. The players performance drew credit from many spectators with the Colston's PE staff being particularly impressed with aspects of the boys play.

The loss means the College now drops in to the Natwest Vase competition, where we will face QEH after their loss to Clifton College in the first round. This consistently high quality of fixture will only help the development of the players at St Bede's and offers them an excellent incentive to keep improving.

Earlier in the week St Bede's hosted a Year 9 festival involving ourselves, Oasis Academy Brightstowe, Cotham School and Bristol Free School. The boys showed the fruits of the hard work they have been putting in throughout the term and produced three wins against good opposition. The real test will come next week as we travel to Oasis Academy Brightstowe for a festival that will decide who moves on to the later stages of the competition. The hosts themselves will want to exact revenge on the last kick defeat they suffered on Wednesday. The rivalry between the two schools is growing nicely as both institutions have invested into their rugby programs in the last year.

By the time this is published our Year 7s will have had their first taste of representing the college as we host a Year 7 festival here at St Bede's. We look like we have been blessed with both quantity and quality of players in this year's uptake so we are optimistic about the future.

## MARATHON SUCCESS

Congratulations to **Mr Colebourne** and **Miss Calcaterra** who both completed the Cardiff Half Marathon last Sunday, 2nd October.

Participating in her first half marathon, Miss Calcaterra, who told us '*I never want to do it again,*' raised a staggering **£550** for '2 Wish Upon A Star' a charity which supports bereaved parents.

Mr Colebourne, who is becoming a regular at running half marathons, was delighted to run a personal best of 1 hour and 56 minutes. Well done to you both.

## NATIONAL POETRY DAY

Yesterday the college celebrated National Poetry Day.

The theme this year was 'Messages' Staff and pupils were encouraged to create their own poetry on this theme. The winning poem will be printed in the next issue of our newsletter.



### CELEBRATE CONFERENCE

Are you interested in exploring your Faith in a family friendly setting? Then ***Celebrate*** could be for you! The Celebrate team are holding a weekend conference at **St Bede's Catholic College** on the 22nd and 23rd October that is sure to be fun and faith filled.

We have great speakers, worship and fellowship, dedicated streams for the children and young people specifically designed for each age group.

Why not come along and see for yourselves!

For more information see our website [www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org) or call 07891 194853.

### OCTOBER HALF TERM SPORTS CAMP

The community sports team will be running a week long multi sports camp during the October half term 9am-3pm from Monday 24th-Friday 28th October.

The course is open to boys and girls aged 7-14 and costs £50 for the week or £12 per day. The week will cover a whole range of sports such a dodgeball, basketball, cricket, tennis, invasion games and much more.

To book a place please contact Rob Allan, Sports Development Officer, on 07825 767582 or email [r.allan@stbcc.org](mailto:r.allan@stbcc.org).

### YEAR 7

#### E-SAFETY AND EDUCATION FOR PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS INFORMATION EVENING

Year 7 Parents are invited to an E-Safety and Education for Personal Relationships Information evening at St. Bede's on **Thursday, 3rd November at 5.00pm**. The evening will provide useful information on E-Safety and the EPR curriculum your child will follow in Year 7. An opportunity to meet informally with your child's tutor following the Year 7 Review will also be available. A letter will go out to parents on Monday of next week. We ask parents to complete and return the reply slip acknowledging their intention to attend. Thank you.

### VACANCIES

The Governors at St. Bede's wish to appoint an:  
**Apprentice Information Technology Technician**

This Apprenticeship is open to applicants between the ages of 16 – 24 years old. As part of the Apprenticeship you will be required to undertake training at SGS Filton on a day release basis.

The closing date for completed applications is  
Monday 10th October at noon.

#### School Meals Supervisory Assistant

(Two positions available)

As soon as possible

Full details of the positions are available on our website [www.stbedescc.org](http://www.stbedescc.org)

**St. Bede's is a living wage employer.**



### Areté

**St. Bede's Catholic College Sixth Form**

## OPEN EVENING

**Monday, 7th November at 6.30pm**