

# St. Bede's Catholic College

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## FOURTH ANNUAL GREAT ST BEDES BAKE OFF

On Friday 17th October, the staff at St Bede's staff showed off their baking talents in the first part of the **Great St. Bede's Bake-off**. The competition, judged by Year 11 prefects, awarded **Ms Rafee** overall '**Star Baker**' for her three winning bakes in Bread, Brownies and Show Stopper categories. Congratulations also to **Mr Atkinson** who won the small cakes category, **Miss Gormley** Large cakes, **Mrs Walker** Bread, **Mrs Turri** Chocolate cakes and **Miss Bassett** who took the overall Show Stopper prize.

Staff raised over £75.00 which will go towards our continued funding for the education of two Kenyan boys who visited St Bede's as part of Shamas Rugby Foundation late last year.

The second part of the Great St Bede's Bake-off took place today where our pupils demonstrated their vast range of baking skills. With **over 100 entries** it was a very difficult task to choose the winners. After a lengthy deliberation the following names were announced: Bread—**Megan Mounter**, Large Cakes - **Anna Serle**, Small Cakes—**Laura Turpin**, Biscuits—**Tom Whelan**, Brownies—**Isobel Patel**, Pastries/Scones—**Rose Taylor**. **Ann Rose Biju** was crowned overall '**star baker**' having produced excellent white and raspberry chocolate mini cakes and profiterole slices, Triple Chocolate cookies,

Garlic and Rosemary bread, Chocolate bread and chocolate rainbow cake. All 14 'Show Stoppers' received an award—they were just stunning; students spent hours in order to reach such an excellent standard. Our 'Show Stoppers' winners were:

**Rubin Halder, Emma Harman, Wyatt Thomas, Shayni Wickramaratne, Phoebe Cremin, Grace Cousins, Evelyn Hardy, James Ryan, Ella Staddon, Olivia Bamford, Alicia Tylek, Limonie McKeown-Sunderland, Angel Azanu and Madison Grears.**

A number of second prizes were also awarded.

Congratulations to those who took part and ....keep on baking!



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**21st OCTOBER 2016**  
END OF TERM 1

**31st OCTOBER 2016**  
START OF TERM 2  
WEEK B

**3rd NOVEMBER 2016**  
DRY SLOPE SKIING  
3.30pm—7.00pm

**YEAR 7 TUTOR AND  
E-SAFETY EVENING**  
5.00pm

**7th NOVEMBER 2016**  
SIXTH FORM  
OPEN EVENING  
6.30pm—8.30pm

**9th NOVEMBER 2016**  
'PLAY YOUR PART'  
WORKSHOPS  
For Year 8

**10th NOVEMBER 2016**  
DRY SLOPE SKIING  
3.30pm—7.00pm

## INSET DATES

After enquiries from a number of parents, we have decided to move our INSET day from Friday 3rd February to Friday 10th February. This may help parents with organising holiday plans over the February half-term. Our remaining INSET days are:

**2nd December 2016**  
**10th February 2017**  
**28th April 2017**  
**21st July 2017**

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

On Wednesday 12th October, 60 pupils from years 10-13 along with 7 staff visited the Bristol Hippodrome to see *Macbeth*, an opera by Giuseppe Verdi based on Shakespeare's original play. The performance was staged by the



Welsh National Opera, one of the UK's leading opera companies. The cast, chorus and orchestra provided first-class entertainment, telling the story of Macbeth, who, fulfilling the witches' prophecy, becomes King of Scotland.

The evening was a tremendous success and was an enjoyable and rewarding experience for all who attended.

## WORLD WAR BATTLEFIELDS TRIP TO YPRES AND THE SOMME

At 4.00am on Thursday 6th October, 38 excited Year 9 pupils and 4 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: in particular we commemorated the maternal great, great uncle of year 9 pupil **Nathaniel Toal**. His name was Private George Francis Fear and he was from Cheltenham. He was killed in action on the Somme in July 1916, aged 19.

Our First World War experience was tied together by a visit to Tyne Cot cemetery and Langemark cemetery before our final stop at the In Flanders Field Museum.

## BATTLEFIELDS TRIP 2017

Letters are now available to Year 8 for next year's Battlefield Trip. If you have not received a letter from your tutor, please see Mrs Lewis.

**Deposits need to be returned to Mrs Gates by Friday, 4th November 2016.**

## YEAR 11 MOCK INTERVIEWS

On Friday, 14th October representatives from local employers, further education colleges and the Army spent the morning at the college conducting mock interviews with our Year 11 pupils. 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.





In the last issue of the newsletter we had just celebrated National Poetry Day. The theme this year was 'Messages.' The pupils were encouraged to write their own poems following The Decamot Method of creative writing. They had 10 random words to include in their poems; these were letter, circus, morse code, invisible, meticulous, painting, seahorse, lupine, date and tracing. So many beautiful and imaginative poems were created. Well done.

*From the invisible painting,  
to the visible tracing,  
From your first breath,  
to your last step.*

*From each meticulous letter  
to each dot of morse code  
From the life changing moments,  
to the life saving smile*

*From the crazy circus,  
to the sinister graveyard  
From the light of day  
to the whistle of night.*

*From the lupine howl,  
to the seahorse's cry  
Everyone has two dates,  
their first and their last.*

Isobel Clothier, Year 8

## SAMSUNG GALAXY PRIZE DRAW

Congratulations to Year 12 students **Vanessa Kadji, Agata Madej and James Saunders** who were the recipients of a **Samsung Galaxy Tab S2 Tablet** following a prize draw on Tuesday 18th October.

Each student will have full use of the tablet for this academic year.



## A FANTASTIC FIRST TERM FOR YEAR 7

Year 7 have had a wonderful first term and I am delighted with the positive feedback I have had from teachers and pupils.

Our attendance is above our 95% target and the equipment checks and uniform have been excellent. I am currently enjoying "Impress Me Week" where I have challenged the year group to impress me in their tutor groups in a bid to gain bonus points for our currently very tight, tutor competition. As I write, there are 4 points dividing the 7 tutor groups with all to play for!

This week I have been welcomed to 7BRP in Italian, taught to the group by **Fabrizio Pullara**, been welcomed in sign language and been shamelessly flattered by large numbers of other groups! Well done Year 7, you are proving to be a fantastic group. I look forward to the year ahead.

Mrs Carmichael  
Head of Year

## 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 1300 applications this year, this is a real incentive for our students to meet the grades.

## National Science Competition

Do you have a burning passion for physics and astronomy? Love to express yourself artistically?

Looking for new inspirations? Show your genius by entering this free CREATIONS National Competition for UK secondary school students – create an artistic piece that engages young people in physics and astronomy and inspires future scientists!

<http://creations-project.eu/creations-competition-2016/>

## PRIMARY CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday 18th October St. Bede's hosted the **North Bristol Primary Cross Country Championships**.

Pupils in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 from 15 local primary schools took part with pupils in years 5 and 6 competing for the opportunity to qualify for the County finals and represent North Bristol on November 20th.

In perfect 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, **Horfield Primary** third and **Westbury-on-Trym** fourth. Congratulations to all who took part.

## VACANCIES

The Governors at St. Bede's wish to appoint a skilled and motivated

### Geography Teacher January 2017

The closing date for completed applications is **Thursday, 27th October at noon.**

### Assistant Information Technology Technician

The closing date for completed applications is **Wednesday, 2nd November at noon.**

For more details, including Application forms please visit [www.stbedesc.org](http://www.stbedesc.org)

## Key Stage 4 Alternative Education Providers

Parents of Year 9 pupils will find a letter on our website under Admissions from the Service Director of Education and Skills regarding Alternative Education Providers for Key Stage 4 students.

## AUTHOR VISIT SUNGJU LEE

**Sungju Lee**, the North Korean author of the riveting memoir, **Every Fallen Star**, graced St. Bede's with his presence on Wednesday 12th October. All Year 10 and some Year 9 pupils were given the opportunity to engage in his hard hitting life story. He told us of his journey through childhood; his abandonment, identity crisis and survival. Interacting with someone who has been through so much, overcome so many obstacles, was inspiring to everyone in the audience. Unfazed by the past he recited his story, depicting what it was like to be a boy all alone, to create a new family, his gang, to go from privileged rich boy to street orphan. He caused an uproar of emotions in the room and stirred invigorating conversations. We challenged him with questions on faith, democracy and destiny. When asked if he would change the past he said, "The past is what made me who I am today." On the topic of whether he forgives wrong doers such as his father his response was, "No matter what our parents believe, they will always be our parents." He left us with one intriguing thought. He asked pupils "What was the first school trip you ever went on? Mine was a visit to an execution site. Can you imagine the trauma a 12 year old seeing that would have faced? That was me."

We will never forget how he overcame his suffering and his troubled past, but he left us with his belief that "hope is never lost" and that was a very wise thought indeed.

**Shanaz Sharonsenthil and Sneha Thomas. Year 10**



## SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING

Pokémon Go is a game where you collect and trade cute creatures called Pokémon (Pocket Monsters). It's one of the first popular games to use "augmented reality" a kind of cross between real life and an online world. The game makes it look like Pokémon appear in real life places by using the GPS and camera on your phone. Although the popularity of this game may be starting to wane since this summer, it is still important to be aware of the potential safeguarding risks attached for players. The NSPCC have created a guide for parents in order to support children around staying safe. Paper copies are available on request from our college reception or on-line using the link here:



<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/pokemon-go-parents-guide/>

# ST BEDE'S RUGBY



There has been plenty of school rugby played since the last newsletter and the pupils at St Bede's have been in the thick of it. Our year 7 teams lived up to the high expectations the college has of them and produced some terrific rugby in the festival that was held at St Bede's earlier in the month. With the college being blessed with more interested players than ever in that year group we were able to put out two strong teams. Both teams performed admirably and were largely successful against a strong field. This week sees one of the teams travelling to Oasis Academy Brightstowe to represent the college in another festival.

Our year 9s were not quite able to repeat the excellent set of performances that saw them win 3 out of 3 games at our home festival and saw OAB gain revenge at their home festival, eventually running out convincing winners with some fine individual performances. Result aside; the year 9 team is progressing well and are light years ahead of where they were at this time last year. Continued application to afterschool club should see this trend continue towards the finals and sevens season.

Thursday night it was the turn of the year 8 teams to host a festival at St Bede's. Given that we were hosting the event we were able to have a second team taking part as well as the team that represented us so well, away at OAB. This is so important as it creates a far larger pool of players for later on in the boys' school rugby careers and also rewards the players that contribute equally to the extra curricular activities and rugby within the curriculum but just miss out on selection.

The highlight of the last couple of weeks was undoubtedly our year 10 match in the NatWest Plate against QEH. It was fair to say that the boys were motivated for the game and desperate to beat their private school counterparts. They started the game in the manner they would continue, with some thunderous defence and ambitious attack. Ultimately this would prove too much to handle for QEH and St Bede's finished on the right side of a 41-17 point score-line. This will see the college move through to the next round and a step closer to Twickenham. A truly excellent result and fitting reward for the teams commitment to training and continued improvement.

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Congratulations to Year 11 pupils **Lara Mae Asuncion, Ann Rose Biju, Julia Crane, Vanessa Diaba, Katie Dunne, Harvey Nash, Peter Savery and Kundai Vurayayi** who recently completed the Bronze Award. Congratulations also to **Oliver Capstick** Year 12 and **Tom Holbrook** Year 13 who completed their Silver Award.



## CAREERS FAIR

On Wednesday, 19th October, our Year 11 pupils had a chance to talk to 16 different exhibitors including local colleges, Arete Sixth Form, NHS, Mazars Accountancy, Arup, University of Bristol. This event forms part of the Independent Advice and Guidance given to our Year 11 pupils as they consider options for study post 16.



**Arété**

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

**OPEN EVENING**

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



### 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 to 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).

### THE BIG DRAW

This week we celebrated The Big Draw – the National Campaign for Drawing. This year's theme was 'STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)', and our pupils have been taking part in drawing activities in tutor groups and across the curriculum. Many students participated in Art workshops run by Science, Maths and Technology teachers - using motorised paintbrush robots to create drawings was a real highlight! Many students have also entered our competition - to invent something that will help you in your life as a student at St Bede's! Entries have included a Lunch Queue Force-field, and Teacher Sympathiser and a Jet Powered School Bus! We also found some talent within our staff – Mrs Liew won the prize for the best Teacher invention - a TARDIS Bag! Well done and thank you to all those who helped to celebrate The Big Draw.

### 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 **Wednesday, 2nd November**.

Photographs from previous Activity Trips can be viewed on the Gallery page on our website.

### ADMISSIONS 2017

If you wish to apply for a Year 7 place for September 2017 **Additional Information forms must arrive in College by 31st October 2016.**

Parents must also have submitted the **Common Application Form to their Local Authority by 31st October 2016.**

## Wear It Pink Day

Pupils and staff were invited to accessorise their uniforms and 'Wear It Pink' today to raise funds for **Breast Cancer Awareness Day** At first count this morning, we had raised **£670.00!**

Well done to all who participated. Pupils and staff had so much fun, all for a worthy cause.

