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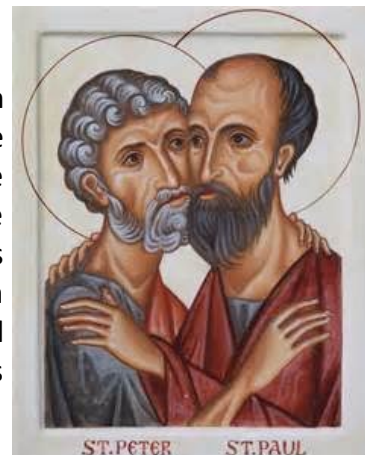
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REFLECTION— Feast of St Peter & Paul - 29th June

Saint Peter was one of Jesus' twelve apostles and is known as Simon Peter (Peter meaning 'rock'). He is important because the gospels describe Jesus as calling Peter his 'rock' upon which the future church would be built. He was the first to begin preaching to the gentiles. Although he betrayed Jesus 3 times during his crucifixion, Peter is a role model to us all. Through his faith in Jesus, he overcame these weaknesses, leading him to preach Jesus' message in order to convert people. Peter was crucified upside down, as he felt that he was not worthy enough to die as Jesus had.



Saint Paul was previously known as Saul. Saul experienced a powerful vision that caused him to convert to Christianity while on the road to Damascus. He was duly baptised and took the name Paul. After establishing his churches, Paul remained in communication with the faithful, often writing letters to answer questions and resolve disputes - some of these are found in the Bible.

Reflection: "...even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labours, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith." - St Augustine of Hippo

Prayer: God, you built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus as the chief cornerstone. Join us together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you.

Michael Jones 2002-2017

RIP

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and many friends of Michael Jones who passed away on Saturday, 17th June.

A Memorial Mass for Michael will be held with pupils at the college on Tuesday of next week. Requiem Mass is at St Teresa's Catholic Church, Filton on Wednesday, 5th July at 10.30am.

"May he rest in peace."



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6th July 2017

**Year 6 Transition Day
and New Parents
Evening**

9th July 2017

**Year 10 Biology trip
depart (Trip 1)**

10th July 2017

**Year 10
Work Experience week**

**Year 7 Activity trip to
France depart**

11th July 2017

**Enrichment Activities
begin**

**Year 10 Biology Trip
return (Trip 1)**

12th July 2017

**Year 10 Biology trip
depart (Trip 2)**

14th July 2017

**Year 10 Biology trip
Return**

**Year 7 Activity Trip to
France return**

Polite request

Now that the English Language and Literature GCSEs have been completed please could Year 11 pupils return any revision guides or text books (A Christmas Carol, Romeo and Juliet, An Inspector Calls or AQA Love Poetry) that have been borrowed from the English/Drama Faculty so that next year's students can use them. Please could we ask that all Library books are returned. Thank you.

RETIREMENT MASS FOR MS HUGHES

On Monday, 19th June the college hosted a special Mass for Ms Hughes in recognition of her forthcoming retirement after serving St. Bede's for 22 years.

The Bishop of Clifton, Rt. Rev. Declan Lang, joined several other local parish priests at the Mass, along with parents, colleagues, ex-colleagues, governors and pupils past and present, including a 100-strong choir.

At the end of the service Rt. Rev. Declan Lang and Father Mc Andrew, Chair of Governors, presented Ms. Hughes with a special gift and blessing from Pope Francis with a personal message in recognition of her service to Catholic Education.



LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

On Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd June over 100 pupils were involved in our college production of 'Little Shop of Horrors'. The story focuses on the journey of budding florist apprentice, Seymour Krelborn. He is desperate to take 'Mushnik's Skid Row Florist Shop' in a new direction but his way of doing that is to introduce a human eating plant into the lives of the people he cares most about, resulting in deadly consequences.

Our pupils have been an absolute delight to work with over the last six months. They have been dedicated, committed and focused; they have made our job incredibly easy and enjoyable. The entire cast turned up to rehearsals with energy and enthusiasm.

The pupils who played the principal roles and our college band, gave up countless break times, lunch times, after schools and weekends to ensure that the play was as successful as it was! We are so incredibly proud of the work that they have put in and their achievements on the night.

To the entire cast – thank you for an amazing experience and incredible memories!

Miss Calcaterra, Mr Lewis and Mrs Shaddick



AMAZING CHARITY WORK

Congratulations to year 7 pupil **Lucy Ryan** who has raised a staggering **£800.00** for charity this year. Having raised £100.00 for our year 7 charity *Lepra* at Christmas, we were delighted to discover Lucy had raised an impressive **£700.00 for Children's Hospice South West** at last weekends Bristol's Rainbow Run, a 5k run where participants get splattered with explosions of powder paint.

We are proud that Lucy has raised so much money for those less fortunate than herself.

Ms Hughes, earlier this week, presented Lucy with a small token gift from St Bede's for her efforts. Well done Lucy.



Areté Taster Day

On Tuesday 27th June our new cohort of Year 12 students joined us for a Taster Day to live the daily life of an Areté student. Students from St. Bede's and four other local schools came together for an enjoyable day learning about the Sixth Form and their chosen subjects. The taster lessons were a huge success with some exciting experiments happening across subject areas. Our special guests for the day caused a stir - three large land snails who formed the basis of a Psychology experiment and made repeated attempts to escape!



WEST END PERFORMANCE

Congratulations to year 10 pupil **Robyn-Jane Obee** who has secured a lead role in the West End production of 'Lazy Ace.'

Robyn, who has been a member of *Pauline Quirke's Drama Academy* for two years, has already started rehearsals and is looking forward to performing in London next month.



Biomedical Sciences Taster Days at the University of Bristol

On Monday the 19th June, six Year 12 students attended the Biomedical Sciences Taster Days at the University of Bristol. Taster days are aimed at giving A level students the chance to try out a variety of subjects and to experience what studying at university will involve. The students attended a lecture on Diabetes where they learned about how to effectively diagnose diabetes before attending a laboratory session where they were able to try out a range of exciting laboratory equipment. Later on in the day they attended a neuroscience lecture which they described as 'amazing'. Here they got to view a variety of brain scan images and learnt about how they could investigate neuron pathways. The Taster Day gave them a genuine chance to gain insight into studying at a university and learn about current research being undertaken by the School of Biomedical sciences at the University of Bristol. They all agreed they had a great time!

GOLD AND SILVER FOR LOUIS PRICE AT THE 2017 ENGLISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Having already won the Zagreb Open in May representing England, year 8 pupil **Louis Price** was full of confidence going into the Under 13s National Table Tennis Championships recently.

The morning saw Louis win all his matches in the group stages. The semi final against No 3 seed Naphong Boonyaprapa from Nottinghamshire was a tough clash, but Louis again secured victory. The final saw Louis play his England team-mate, Readings' Jamie Liu and Number 1 seed. Louis won the first set but found Jamie in imperious form, Jamie took Gold and Louis Silver.

The Under 13s doubles followed, with Louis being partnered with Jamie Liu. A great competition for them both ensured they took the title and were crowned 2017 National Champions.

Well done Louis, an amazing achievement.



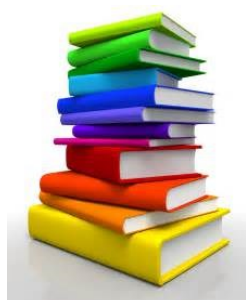
St Bede's Summer Reading Challenge 2017 Have fun reading over the summer!

The school library has a fantastic selection of books - from the latest titles to well loved classics. There really is something for everyone.

This year pupils are invited to choose some books from the school library to take home for the holidays and join the Great Summer Reading Race. Everyone completing the challenge will receive a certificate and a chance to win a prize! Further details are available from the library. Not sure what to read next? There are lots of ideas at www.lovereading4kids.co.uk and we're also happy to help.

Please note a change in library opening hours during enrichment week. The library will be closing at 2.30pm on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th July and closed on Friday 14th July. Usual opening hours resume from Monday 17th July.

Mrs Fish and Mrs Velazquez



DANCE COMPANY

'Dance Company' were asked to perform at the Colston Hall this week in shows involving choirs from schools in Bristol. The girls danced along to a choir singing a song called 'Lady Dressed in White'. On Tuesday evening after the show, the girls were asked if they would be willing to perform a second dance number during the Wednesday and Thursday evening shows. Both dances were performed beautifully. Well done girls!



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD—BRONZE AND SILVER

On Saturday 17th June 29 year 10's departed for their **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition**. Five groups set off from Draycott in the Mendips with enthusiasm. All groups made it to the campsite in good time to cook their own dinners, roast marshmallows on the campfire and take in the view over Chew Valley Lake. The next morning they packed up their tents and walked in the relentless heat for the day. The expedition finished in Compton Martin, the students were very tired but pleased to have successfully completed the expedition section of the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award.

Last weekend, eleven year 12 students departed for their **Silver Duke of Edinburgh Assessed expedition**. The pupils set off, maps and compasses in hand, from Hawkesbury Upton and made excellent progress throughout the day. The students arrived at their campsite in North Nibley and pitched their tents. They set off early the next morning to complete a circular walk, taking in the beautiful views from Stinchcombe Golf Course and navigating some difficult forested areas. On the final day the students walked from North Nibley to Hawkesbury Common. Despite more difficult navigation through forest and taking bearings across open land the students successfully completed the expedition section of the award. The students were a credit to St Bede's and it was fantastic to see how their skills had progressed from their previous expeditions. Congratulations to all students involved!

SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT—Head lice

Head lice are tiny insects that live in hair and are a common problem, particularly in school children. They are largely harmless, but can live in the hair for a long time if not treated and can be irritating and frustrating to deal with. Spotting head lice in hair can be very difficult.

Treatments for head lice are available to buy from pharmacies, supermarkets and online.

The main treatments are:

- removing head lice with a specially designed comb – this is suitable for everyone and relatively inexpensive, but needs to be repeated several times and can take a long time to do thoroughly
- lotions or sprays that kill head lice – these can be very effective
- Detection combing. Dry combing takes less time, but wet combing is more accurate because washing with conditioner stops head lice moving.

A pharmacist can advise you about the treatments available. You may want to consider regular detection combing – for example, on a weekly basis – if you're concerned about your children.

You can read more here: <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

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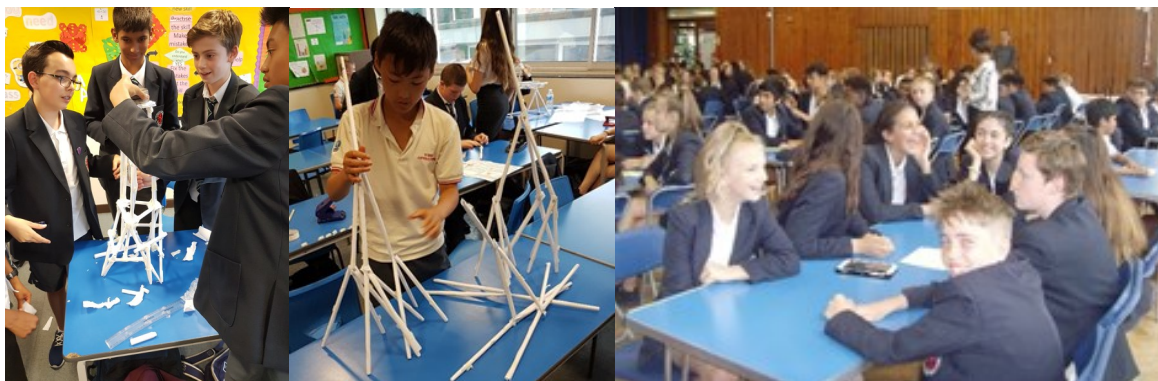
This week Ms. Hughes was visited by Edoardo De Paoli and Will Ferguson from the **Shamas Rugby Foundation** to give us a face to face update on **Filex and Isaac's progress** and the work of the Foundation as a whole. It was wonderful to see both of them and to reflect on the fantastic week that everyone at St Bede's enjoyed when hosting the boys from Nairobi.



Isaac and Filex are progressing well at their new school and their academic achievements are matching their excellent work on the rugby field. They are remarkable young people and as a centre of learning, it gives us an immeasurable amount of pride and satisfaction to know that we are aiding two boys that would otherwise not have the opportunity of a formal education. Edoardo told us that although some families sponsor youngsters, St Bede's is the only school they have worked with that has taken on the 4 year sponsorship of two boys. We received two lovely letters from the boys which are available to view on our website.

KEY STAGE 3 NUMERACY DAY 2017

On Wednesday students in Key Stage 3 took part in a Numeracy Day which involved a fantastic range of cross-curricular activities. They built boats, bridges and towers; jumped, rowed, ran and bounced; learned about budgeting, averages, forces, density and mass; and took part in a brilliant Maths quiz with Mr Colebourne. Well done to all students - they thoroughly engaged with the tasks they were given, showing outstanding teamwork and enthusiasm throughout the day. We look forward to having more fun on the upcoming Literacy Day. Remember PE kit can be worn on the 10th July for our Literacy Day.
Miss Barnes



UK ARMED FORCES EQUESTRIAN EVENT

Congratulations to year 9 pupil **Holly Naylor** who recently received praise for her involvement in running the show office at the **UK Armed Forces premier show**. The show, which saw a competitor base of 235 personnel from HM Armed Forces, MOD Civil Servants and the UK Emergency services, took place at Addington Manor.

Holly was given the sole responsibility of results information management for the whole show. CJ Luck, Air Vice-Marshal said: *"Holly's attitude, intelligence, personality and ability to rise to challenges, sets her aside in her capabilities and promise for the future."*



Holly, we know that you have already volunteered to help next year and we know they will be so pleased to have you on board! Well done.

YEAR 11

Today, our Year 11's celebrated their last day in school uniform as we said a fond farewell. Many of the pupils will of course, be returning in September for life in Areté, our Sixth Form.

Ms Hughes told them how proud she was of their achievements and said that she would remember them as **Sublime and Exceptionally Fine Achievers!** She said the whole year group had been an absolute pleasure to work with and many staff will talk very fondly about all them for years to come. They had been fantastic workers, especially this past year and that she was hugely optimistic about the results they will achieve.

Each pupil was presented with a small gift and were treated to a 'trip down memory lane' as we shared photographs of their time at the college.

This evening, the Year 11 Prom will take place which is always a wonderful occasion. We wish each and every one the success they deserve.

Advance Notice

Arrangements for Thursday 20th July:

College will finish at 1.35pm for the summer break in order that staff can partake in an extended staff meeting.