



Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to another academic year at St Bede's! A particularly warm welcome to our new Year 7 and 12 students and their families. We are delighted to have you with us and I look forward to working with you this year to ensure all students have the opportunity to flourish.



A huge congratulations to our Year 11 and 13 students from last year that achieved such amazing results in August. The Year 11s achieved the third highest attainment in the city and Year 13 increased the percentage of C+, B+, A+ and A* grades from last year. We are so proud of them!

I have led assemblies with all students this fortnight. We talked about how each student can contribute to the Good News at St Bede's, showing love for others in their deeds and following the St Bede's Way every day. Below is the prayer I have said in each assembly:

Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year.

Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me.

Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.

Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.

Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to accept new opportunities.

Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my new friends.

Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year!

Amen



REFLECTION - 9 September – Memorial of St Peter Claver

The feast day of St. Peter Claver is celebrated on September 9. He is the patron saint of African missions.

St. Peter Claver was a member of the Society of Jesus and is the patron of African missions and of interracial justice, due to his work with slaves in Colombia.

St. Peter was born at Verdu, Catalonia, Spain in 1580. He entered the Jesuit college of Barcelona, becoming a Jesuit novitiate, taking his final vows on Aug 8, 1604.

St. Peter left his homeland to become a missionary in the colonies of the new world. He ministered to the slaves arriving daily in Cartagena (now Columbia). Over a thousand slaves arrived in Cartagena every month. He brought them food, ministered to their medical needs and prayed with them. He followed them to the plantation they were taken to.

After instructing them in the faith, he baptized them. By 1651 he had baptized over 300,000 slaves into the faith.

After suffering from illness for four years, St. Peter died on Sept. 8, 1654 and was canonized in 1888.

Reflection: "We must speak to them with our hands by giving, before we try to speak to them with our lips." Quote by St Peter Claver

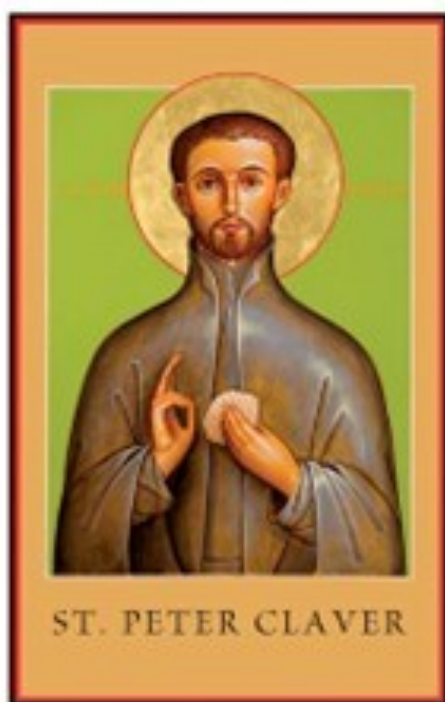
Prayer:

God of mercy and love,

You offer all peoples the dignity of sharing in your life.

By the example and prayers of Saint Peter Claver, strengthen us to overcome all racial hatreds and to love each other as brothers and sisters.

Amen.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2025

Monday
22nd September
Year 7 Retreat Day

Tuesday
23rd September
College will close at 2:15pm for Staff training

Thursday
2nd October
MAIN COLLEGE OPEN EVENING
6.00pm—8.00pm

Wednesday
8th October
Year 12 University & Apprenticeship Fair, Ashton Gate

Thursday
9th October
Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening
6.00pm

Friday
24th October
INSET DAY
END OF TERM 1



LOCKERS

Year 7 lockers will be made available toward the end of Term 1 and will be available to purchase via MCAS.

We will contact families to confirm dates closer to the time.

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

Welcome to the new staff joining us at St. Bede's Catholic College this year:

- Miss Bawol English Teacher (Maternity Cover)
- Miss Bird Religious Formation Teacher
- Mr Edwards Cover Supervisor
- Mr Harman Reprographics and Admin Assistant
- Mrs Hobbs Humanities Teacher
- Mrs McGraw Science Teacher
- Mr Ovens Science Teacher
- Ms Parsons English Teacher
- Mr Rose ICT Teacher
- Miss Wade PE Teacher

PAST STUDENT SUCCESS

Congratulations to past student **Yanis Preisner** who climbed Mount Kilimanjaro on the 20th August for a charity Dig Deep that brings water sanitation, hygiene education and infrastructure to villages in Kenya.

A wonderful achievement, well done.



MODESHIFT STARS TRAVEL PLAN AWARD

A big thank you to the Eco Club for their work on improving our travel habits and travel etiquette that ended with a whole school quiz in July.

The college has now been awarded the Modeshift Stars Travel Plan Award.

Congratulations!



GOOD TRAVEL PLAN 2025

A LEVEL AND GCSE RESULTS

All those that are part of the St Bede's Catholic College community are delighted to celebrate the successes of Year 11 and Year 13 students this year.

GCSE Results highlights

- 81% of students achieved a 4 or higher in English and Maths.
- 34% of all grades were 7 or higher.
- The Attainment 8 score was 5.6.

Some of the top performers include:

Emily J: 11 x 9s

Adam B: 8 x 9s and 3 x 8s

Jacob S: 9 x 9s, 1 x 8 and 1 x 7

Bethany L: 7 x 9s and 3 x 8s

Niamh A: 7 x 9s, 3 x 8s and 1 x 7

Milo W: 6 x 9s and 5 x 8s

Sara S: 6 x 9s, 3 x 8s and 1 x 7

Evan W: 8 x 9s, 1 x 8, 1 x 7 and 1 x 6

Samuel J: 6 x 9s, 2 x 8s, 1 x 7 and 1 x 6

Paulo M: 5 x 9s, 3 x 8s, 1 x 7 and 1 x 6

Tereska P: 5 x 9s, 3 x 8s and 3 x 7s

Natalia K: 4 x 9s, 3 x 8s and 4 x 7s

Jamie T: 3 x 9s, 6 x 8s, 1 x 7 and 1 x 6

Adam Z: 5 x 9s, 3 x 8s, 1 x 7 and 2 x 6s

A Level Results highlights

A special congratulations go to our top achieving students, including:

Boris S: A*, A*, A*, A*, studying Applied Mathematics at the University of Edinburgh

Adam P: A*, A*, A*, A* studying Mathematics at the University of Edinburgh

Joshwin S: A*, A*, A, A, studying Mathematics at Imperial

Antonina P: A*, A*, A, studying Veterinary Science at the University of Bristol

Dillon C-U: A*, A*, A studying Mechanical Engineering at University of Sheffield

Isobel B: A*, A*, A, studying Law at the University of Exeter

Theodore F: A*, A*, A, taking a gap year

Cameron D: A*, A*, A, taking a gap year

Amelia C: A*, A*, A, taking a gap year

William J: A*, A*, B studying Physics at University of Manchester

Brendan T: A*, A, A, A, studying Maths and Physics at the University of Bristol

Amarachi A: A*, A, A studying Medicine at University of Bristol

Amelia O: A*, A, A, A, studying Physics at the University of Exeter

Edward N: A*, A, A, B, studying Biochemistry with Medical Biochemistry at University of Bristol

Lucia L: A*, A, A, studying Psychology the University of Bath

Victoria C: A*, A, A studying Film at University of Westminster

Hyperion C: A*, A, A studying Philosophy, Religion and Ethics at University of Exeter

Mr King, Principal, said "Our students worked so hard to further develop a passion for their subjects and prepare well for the summer examinations. It is therefore extremely pleasing to see them rewarded for their character and resilience with outstanding grades today".

Mr McMillan, Chair of Governors, said: "Well done to everyone, students and staff; we are so proud of you! We wish each and every student success in their next steps".

BELL BURNELL HOUSE CHARITY SUCCESS

Throughout last year, Bell Burnell House took part in a number of charity events, ending the summer term with the exciting 12 in 12 Challenge. A total of 114 pupils got involved: 52 completed 12 activities in 12 hours, 40 took on 6 activities across the school day, and many others joined in with individual events. Activities ranged from football and table tennis to a lively game of bingo during dinner — but the highlight for many was the hilarious slip 'n' slide!

The energy and enthusiasm from our students never faltered, and it was wonderful to see all year groups coming together. For the first time, our sixth form students also played a key role in running the event, which made the day feel even more special.

Last year, Bell Burnell House raised an incredible £7,420.37 with the 24-hour walk. Mr Johnson never imagined that total would be surpassed, but thanks to the phenomenal effort of Bell Burnell students, staff, and families, we are proud to announce that we will be donating a jaw-dropping £7,474.37 to St Peter's Hospice.

A representative from the hospice will be visiting their next assembly to share how this money will make a difference.

Bell Burnell House had a fantastic year — not only winning both the Sports Day trophy and the House Cup, but also excelling in their charity efforts. Our students should feel incredibly proud of these achievements. Mr Johnson would like to thank the dedicated staff who gave their time so generously, as well as the parents, families, and friends whose support and donations made such a difference.

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SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

Important notice

A reminder for all parents and carers - Child feeling unwell?

Please discuss with your son or daughter the importance of following the correct procedure in the unusual event of feeling unwell in college.

Students who are not feeling well must alert a member of staff who will notify student support to assist.

Under no circumstances should a student attempt to use their own methods to speak directly to a parent or carer.

College staff will medically assess the student and make a decision whether to call an emergency contact parent/carer or not

If a student needs to leave the college due to illness, they are not permitted to do so alone. Children must be collected by a named person, verified by details on the college administration system.

INSTRUMENT AND VOICE LESSONS

Instrument and voice lessons start on Monday 15th September. Timetables are on display outside C29. Spaces are still available. If you would like your child to have music lessons at St. Bede's, please click the following link to complete the reply slip on Google Forms: <https://forms.gle/PwTEvc1Py9nLeLYc9>.

Music Department - Extra-curricular groups

Students are warmly welcome to join the music department's extracurricular group. The Junior Choir will rehearse at lunch on Mondays. All students in years 7-9 are welcome to attend. The College Band will rehearse at lunch on Wednesdays. All students (years 7-13) who play instruments are welcome to attend. The Senior Choir will rehearse at lunch on Thursdays. All students in years 10-13 are welcome to attend.

The Sound of Music (Youth Edition)

This year's production is The Sound of Music (Youth Edition), which will be held in March 2026. All students in years 7-13 are welcome to join the company. Rehearsals will be held after school (3:30pm-5:00pm) on Tuesdays, starting on Tuesday 16th September. Interested students should join the Google Classroom (using the code comovnqb) for more information.

Visit to see Mamma Mia! at the Bristol Hippodrome

The music and drama departments have organised a visit to the Bristol Hippodrome to see a performance of Mamma Mia! The Musical on Thursday 13th November. The cost is £32.35, including a ticket for the performance and return coach travel. If you would like your child to attend this trip, please click the following link to complete the reply slip on Google Forms: <https://forms.gle/Gv9hXQS9hxCkFdWn6>

St Bede's Catholic College Term Dates 2025-2026

- Term 1 – 1st September 2025 to 24th October 2025
- Term 2 – 3rd November 2025 to 19th December 2025
- Term 3 – 5th January 2026 to 13th February 2026
- Term 4 – 23rd February 2026 – 2nd April 2026
- Term 5 – 20th April 2026 – 22nd May 2026
- Term 6 – 1st June 2026 – 21st July 2026

Inset Days

Friday 24th October 2025, Thursday 2nd April 2026, Monday 20th July 2026 and Tuesday 21st July 2026

The Governors have also agreed to support the college's improvement agenda by retaining the early finish in-service training (INSET) in 2025/2026. College will finish at 2:15pm on the following days for in-service training:

Tuesday 23rd September 2025, Monday 15th December 2025, Wednesday 14th January 2026, Thursday 5th February 2026 and Tuesday 10th March 2026

ST BEDE'S CURRICULUM – ROOTED IN FAITH, INSPIRING EVERY CHILD

At St Bede's we are committed to helping every child flourish in the light of Christ. Our curriculum is designed to nurture the whole person — spiritually, academically and socially — so that each student can grow in their God-given gifts. Guided by Gospel values and Catholic Social Teaching, we encourage students to aim high, serve others, and live out their faith in action.

Years 7 & 8 - Building strong foundations

All students follow a broad and balanced curriculum including:

Core subjects: English, Mathematics, Science, Religious Education, PSHCE

Languages: French or Spanish

Humanities: History, Geography

Creative & Practical subjects: Art, Drama, Music, Textiles, Design Technology, Food Technology, Computer Science, ICT, Physical Education (PE)

Students are welcomed into either French or Spanish bands, both balanced to reflect our inclusive ethos.

Lessons are taught in mixed groups for all subjects, showing that every child has equal dignity and the ability to succeed. Creative and practical subjects are taught in smaller groups so students can explore their talents fully. PSHCE is taught by specialist teachers who help students connect learning to Gospel values and the St Bede's Way.

Year 9 - Building personal pathways

Students begin to shape their learning journey, choosing from creative and practical subjects while continuing with a wide core curriculum. All study:

Core subjects: English, Mathematics, Science, Religious Education, PSHCE, PE

Humanities: History, Geography

Languages: French or Spanish

In addition, pupils choose four subjects from:

Creative & Practical subjects: Drama, Music, Art, Textiles, Design Technology, Food Preparation, Computer Science, ICT. Maths and Science are linked and children are grouped by prior attainment in preparation for their GCSE pathways. All other subjects are taught in mixed-ability groups to foster collaboration. Options are chosen according to interest, reflecting our belief that each child has unique, God-given gifts to share.

Years 10 & 11 - Deepening Knowledge and Skills

All students take:

Core subjects: English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Religious Education, Science (Double or Triple Award in Biology, Chemistry, Physics), PSHCE, PE

In addition, students choose three option subjects from:

Humanities: History, Geography

Languages: French, Spanish

Creative & Practical subjects: Art & Design, Textiles, Drama, Music, 3D Design, Design Technology, Engineering, Food Preparation and Nutrition, Computer Science, iMedia

Other subjects: Business Studies, Psychology, Health & Social Care, Physical Education (GCSE), SWEET

This usually amounts to ten GCSEs, with pathways adapted to support and challenge every learner.

Sixth Form (Years 12 & 13) - Preparing for the Future

Our KS5 programme offers a wide range of subjects, alongside a strong formation in faith. All students study Theology and take part in an extensive enrichment curriculum.

Subjects available include:

Mathematics & Sciences: Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Maths Studies, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science

Humanities & Social Sciences: History, Geography, Politics, Law, Economics, Sociology, Psychology, Religious Studies

Languages: French, Spanish, English Language, English Literature

Creative & Practical subjects: PE, Duke of Edinburgh, Science Club, Art, Drama, Music, Games, Chaplaincy, Access to Bristol, Study Skills, Forest School, Dance, Debating, Lego, Robotics, Knitting, Youth Action, 3D Modelling, Dungeons and Dragons. In addition, students benefit from directed study (6–8 hours per fortnight), daily tutorial sessions, and community opportunities to prepare students to be responsible, faith-filled leaders in the world.

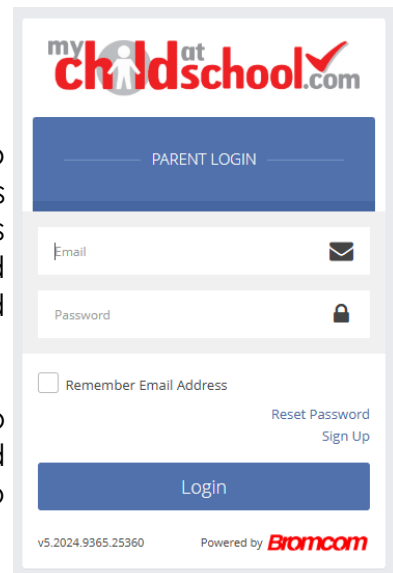
Faith in Action

Educational visits, fieldwork, and visiting speakers enrich classroom learning and allow students to experience the world through the lens of Catholic Social Teaching. Our extra-curricular life is vibrant and inclusive, nurturing community, service, and joy. At St Bede's, the curriculum is more than a timetable of subjects — it is our way of helping every young person grow into who God is calling them to be. We aim for all our students to leave with excellence in learning, strength in character, and faith in their hearts.

PARENT ACCOUNTS

We are pleased that all of our online systems are now in one app for parents called My Child At School (or MCAS for short). This includes online payments and absence reporting, as well as information such as attendance statistics, homework tasks and behaviour/reward events. Parents can delete any of our old systems as they will no longer work.

If you have not yet accessed MCAS, please head to www.mychildatschool.com and click on the Reset Password button. Follow the instructions on screen to generate an email to your inbox, which will contain a link to set your password.



Should you have any issues with accessing MCAS, please contact the College via contact@stbcc.org where a member of the IT Team will get back to you as soon as possible.

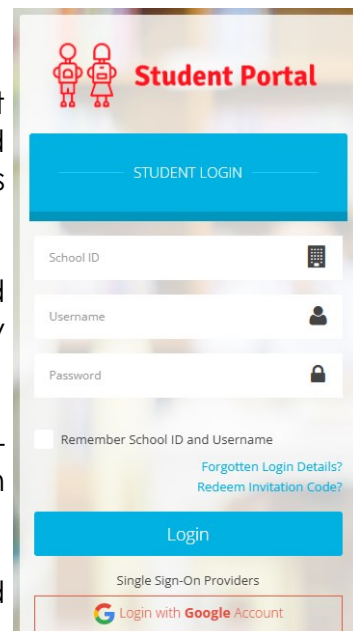
STUDENTS ACCOUNTS

Students have their own portal with which they access important information such as their homework tasks, timetable and behaviour/reward events. This is called the Student Portal and is accessed via www.bromcomvle.com.

To login, students should click on 'Login with Google Account' and then enter their College email address and email password. They do not need to use any codes.

Please note that the Student Portal is for students to access - parent/carer email addresses will not work. The information contained in the Student Portal mirrors that displayed in MCAS.

If students have any issues accessing the Student Portal, they should speak to their tutor or visit the IT Office in E13 during break or lunch.



FLU VACCINATIONS

Sirona will once again be offering Flu Vaccinations at the college for Years 7 to 11—as a nasal spray vaccine. If your child or a family member has a compromised immunity or your child is allergic to egg, you are welcome to choose the injectable option for your child if you still want them to receive the vaccine.

Please complete the below consent form at your earliest convenience:

<https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2025/consent?v=4>

Please be aware that the deadline to complete the consent form link is 24th November and will not be able to request the vaccine after this date.

LIBRARY NEWS

We hope everyone had a fantastic summer of reading! Mrs Nicks and Mrs Hayman enjoyed reading all the recommendations we received from our new Year 7s on transition day. We would like to show you a picture of them all, but they've nearly all been borrowed again. Your recommendations have become our recommendations to other people!

Our Year 7s have really hit the ground running. As of Thursday morning, 105 of the year group have already borrowed 258 books between them! We look forward to that shooting up as more classes come in for their Library Inductions.



Congratulations to **Antonio** and **Rachel** who won our Year 7 Summer Bingo Challenge

Thank you to all our pupil librarians for their help so far this term.

Don't forget to return your overdue books to the Library! There are 130 books outstanding from last year!

A reminder of our opening times. We are open from:

8.30am – 4.15pm Monday to Thursday and 8.30am until 3.00pm on Friday

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Greenway
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New Players
WELCOME
No Experience
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TRAINING

Thursdays 6.00-7.00pm

Sunday 10.00-11.00am

ALL AGE GROUPS

FROM U7'S TO 13'S



TOTS
age 4-6
training
Sundays 10-11am

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St. Bede's Catholic College



Work Hard. Be Kind. Do the Right Thing.

**We warmly welcome prospective
Year 5 and 6 pupils and their families to our**

OPEN EVENING

**On Thursday 2nd October 2025
From 6.00pm—8.00pm**

Principal's Presentation

Enjoy a College tour

Meet our Staff and Students