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ARETÉ SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

On Wednesday, we opened our doors to prospective sixth formers who wanted to gain an insight into what life is like at the Areté Sixth Form at St. Bede's Catholic College. Over 320 guests, pupils and parents came to visit the college.

Miss Kirkbright, Director of Sixth Form, hosted a question and answer session with students, who gave an honest and frank insight into why they chose St. Bede's, and their opinions on what is offered to them here, both academically and beyond.

In his speech Mr Maher, Principal, said: 'Areté was relatively new a few years ago, however, as a result of the commitment of a hardworking and dedicated staff, results here stand up to scrutiny against the very best in Bristol. There is no glass ceiling in Areté. We want our young people to go out into the world confident in who they are and truly living up to the name and being the very best that they can be.'

The deadline for internal applicants is **4th January 2018** and application forms can be obtained from the sixth form reception. Any internal candidate that secures the required grades is guaranteed a place.

It is clear from the turn out on the evening that Areté will be full to capacity in September 2018 and will go from strength to strength if the large numbers of our current year 11 stay with us for A levels. Any enquiries can be emailed to sixthform@stbedesc.org.

With only 100 places available for September 2018 it is important that applications are received on time, but also that pupils work hard this year to secure the exam results to meet the entry requirements of 5 A*-B/grade 5 GCSEs with minimum of grade 5 in both English and Mathematics.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14th November
Year 10

Parents Evening
4.30pm—7.30pm

16th November
Dry Slope Skiing
3.30pm—7.00pm

Year 12
Future Quest
Parents Event
UWE

23rd November
Year 12
Certificate Evening
6.30pm—8.30pm

26th November
Youth Sunday

PROM 2018 Year 11

A polite reminder to all Year 11 parents that the payment of £26.00 for Prom is due by Friday, 24th November 2017.



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ON TWITTER!

Our twitter account is updated daily in order to celebrate the skills, talents and successes of our students at St. Bede's.

Please follow us:

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REFLECTION— St Martin of Tours - 11th November

Although Martin's parents were pagans, at the age of 10, Martin chose to become a Christian, answering the call of God.

As a young soldier, he encountered a beggar who was unclothed and freezing. Martin removed his cloak and cut it in half with his sword and dressed the beggar. This is the most common image associated with St Martin.

Martin established a monastery and worked to bring people to faith in Jesus Christ. In 371, Martin was ordained Bishop, even though he did not want this role. He later retreated to an Abbey where he lived as a monk with his disciples.

He is the patron saint of the poor, soldiers and conscientious objectors.

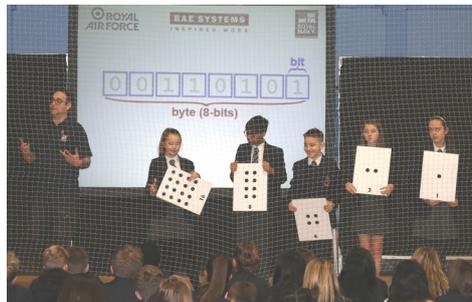
Prayer: St. Martin, may your virtues and charity be with us always. Please protect our loved ones from all that is evil. Amen.

Reflection: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'



BAE SYSTEMS, RAF & ROYAL NAVY EDUCATION PROGRAMME 2017

We were delighted to welcome the BAE Systems, RAF and Royal Navy Education Roadshow to college last week. The Roadshow was devised in response to the Government's acknowledgement that there is already a shortfall of 'home grown' scientists and engineers to meet the needs of the country. Their aim was to hopefully increase the numbers that take STEM subjects and ultimately increase the pool of talent in years to come. The team demonstrated exciting new technologies such as drones and Virtual Reality headsets and explained their uses in military settings and linked them to what students are learning in the classroom. They certainly captured the attention and interest of our Year 8 pupils.



RFU GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY SUCCESS

Eleven of our Year 10 pupils were invited to trial for RFU Gloucestershire Under 15's recently following their outstanding performances during school and club rugby.

After a series of intensive trials, involving 90 pupils, we are delighted that **Leah Habberfield, Mia Palmer and Freya Sawyer** were selected.

A great achievement, well done.



JULIAN TRUST CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

The Julian Trust is a charity in Bristol that runs a night shelter all year for homeless people to stay and for them to have a hot meal. As it gets closer to Christmas, the night shelter opens 24/7 to ensure that everyone in Bristol is able to have a warm and happy Christmas.

Each tutor group (in years 8-13) has been asked to work together to create a Christmas Hamper to donate to the Julian Trust. Each child has been asked to bring in one item to put in their box, such as tinned fruit, custard, etc. Boxes will be in their tutor base.

Thanks in advance for all of your help!

CAN YOU HELP?

The Friends of St Francis RC Primary in Nailsea have been chosen for the public vote in Tesco's blue token initiative (Bags of Help).

Voting will take place in the Nailsea Superstore and Portishead Express Store from now until Monday 1st January 2018. The project with the highest number of votes will receive up to £4,000, the second placed project up to £2,000 and the third placed project £1,000.

If you shop in either of these stores, St Francis would be so grateful for your support. Please make your blue token count!

WIZARD OF OZ

The Performing Arts team are delighted to introduce the cast of the Wizard of Oz. We were so impressed with the talent shown in the auditions which once again made selecting our cast a very difficult job. Well done to all who auditioned.

Rehearsals will begin next Wednesday and we can't wait to get started!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - SHOEBOX APPEAL

This year, we are collecting shoeboxes filled with small gifts for Operation Christmas Child. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to show God's love to children around the world and to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

Shoeboxes can include items such as; small toys, school supplies, hygiene items, hats, gloves, etc.

The deadline for shoeboxes is **Monday 13th November** and they should be taken to the RF office.

The suggested donation to go with the shoebox is £5 to cover the costs of transport etc.



For information about what can go into your shoebox, please visit the OCC website:
<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>

SHARP SHOTZ

On Friday 3rd November Year 9 ICT students took part in the *Sharp Shotz* workshop day. *Sharp Shotz*, a project coordinated by the University of the West of England, aims to challenge young people to improve the world around them through film and animation. The activities focussed on the theme of flourishing and the factors that sometimes prevent young people from doing so.

Students were inspired by motivational speaker Cameron Parker who shared his difficult childhood experiences and explained the challenges he faced on his journey to becoming a successful public speaker.

Throughout the day students worked with Philosophers from the University of Bristol to explore what flourishing meant to them. Students looked at expressing opinions and emotions with drama group Unique Voice and gained an insight into the fantastic work done by Off the Record, a Bristol-based mental health support organisation for young people aged between 11 and 25.

The project continues in lessons throughout this term and, in groups, the students will develop a proposal for a film or animation that either inspires other young people to flourish or highlight one of the many factors that prevent young people from flourishing. Some fantastic work has already been done with themes such as bullying, body image, peer pressure and poverty being suggested by students.

The project will culminate in 2 successful teams being chosen to spend two days at UWE working with media industry professionals and film/animation students to produce their proposed project.



ARMISTICE DAY

We were delighted that so many of our pupils wore their service uniforms today in memory of those who died fighting for their country.

During assembly each member of our college community were respectfully upstanding in silence to mark the occasion. The generosity of our pupils during this time, has been outstanding with money being raised for the Poppy Appeal.

The pupils who are part of the Army Cadets, Sea Cadets, Air Training Core, Scouts, Senior Leaders and Guides wore their uniforms with pride throughout the day.



SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

A warning to parents about an anonymous App

Sarahah is an anonymous messaging service originally developed for a very good reason. Employers were looking for a way to allow their employees to give feedback, knowing they would be anonymous so could speak freely.

The app was then released for personal use, so that friends and non-friends alike could tell each other what they truly thought of one another, anonymously. The concern is that the person receiving the comments has no way to know who posted the message and has absolutely no way to respond. The recipient is the only one who can see the messages unless they decide to share them.

When someone is about to send a comment to another person, the form does ask the commenter to say something constructive. However, it has come to our attention that since the UK launch, some people have used the App to make abusive comments.



FATHER KEVIN HENNESSEY

Our College Chaplain Father Kevin Hennessey will be inducted by Mgr. Liam Slattery, VG as the new Parish Priest of Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Weston-super-Mare on 15th November 2017 at 7.00pm.

Parishioners of Corpus Christi invite you to join in the celebration.
RSVP to Louise Kolbeinsen wsm.corpuschristi@parish.cliftondiocese.com
01934 621929



Murder In The Library

There has been a murder in the library!

Are you good enough to solve the mystery?

*Visit the Library at lunchtime on the
15th, 22nd and 29th November
to collect the clues!*

Come prepared to be shocked!



(Winners will be notified via the tutor group on the 7th of December)