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*Wishing all our  
families and  
parishes  
a Happy, Holy  
and Peace filled  
Christmas*

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Our Advent service took place yesterday evening.

Pupils presented a wonderful evening of readings, music and prayer. The service, which was attended by hundreds of families, was both prayerful and joyous.



## REFLECTION – 17th December - Gaudete Sunday (3rd Sunday of Advent)

Gaudete Sunday comes from the Latin word meaning 'to rejoice', a change in the mood from the previous Sundays of Advent. A pink candle is lit on this day, representing Joy.

The 17th December also makes the 'Great O Antiphons' - 7 brief prayers that are sung on successive evenings until the 23rd December. Each prayer begins by addressing Christ by one of His messianic titles from the Old Testament. The initials of these Latin titles form the word 'Sarcore' which when written backwards spells 'Ero Cras' - meaning 'Tomorrow, I shall come'.

**Prayer:** O Wisdom, O Holy word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care: Come and show your people the way to salvation.

**Reflection:** We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.



## WINTER BALL

On Friday 15th December, St Bede's hosted its first Winter Ball. Pupils and staff worked hard to organise the event led by Descartes House Captains **Gabrielle Forster** and **Shems Preisner**.

Pupils arrived at 7.00pm looking stunning in their dresses and suits and enjoyed on arrival a complimentary drink and chocolate. The hall was decorated beautifully and pupils enjoyed a photo booth and disco. It was a wonderful evening, thoroughly enjoyed by all.



A contribution to the event was provided by Costco and all proceeds raised (£635.00) are to be given to **The Lord Mayor's Charity**.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**3rd January**  
Pupils return to college  
**WEEK A**

**4th January**  
Year 13  
Mock Exams start

**8th January**  
Year 12 Exams

**9th January**  
Year 9  
Curriculum Evening  
6.30pm—8.30pm

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Father Christmas arrives to bring some festive cheer to the morning bus journey!



## JULIAN TRUST HAMPERS



Thank you all for your generosity this Christmas by donating various items for the hampers for the Julian Trust.

Year 8-13 have been busy filling the hampers and have managed to fill around **40 hampers** this Christmas. These hampers will be used to provide hot food for the homeless in Bristol and will be very much appreciated.

## EXCELLENT ATTITUDE

One of our college aims is to 'secure and celebrate achievement.' Mr Maher recently asked teachers to nominate pupils who, in their opinion, deserved some formal recognition for excellent attitude towards their work this year.

Huge numbers were nominated and the top 15+ in each year were put forward. I met them this morning, told them how pleased I was with their excellent approach to their studies and gave them each a small gift as a reward. I have written to their parents today to share the great news.



## BOOK HAMPERS—Food for the Mind?

As part of our literacy strategy this year we presented our 'Book hampers.' Sixteen lucky families were selected and each received a book hamper to enjoy over the Christmas holidays— Food for the mind?





## BASKETBALL



Well done to the Junior basketball team on their excellent game against Fairfield last week.

Keep up the good work!

## CHOIR EVENT



Our college choir were invited to St Anthony's RC Church in Henbury last week to sing at their advent service.

It was a lovely evening and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

## FAREWELL TO MR COLEBOURNE

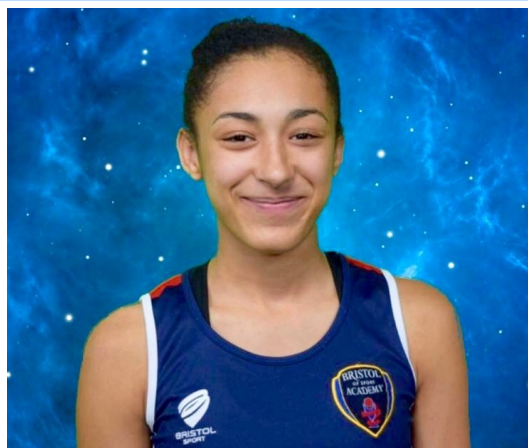
Congratulations to Mr Colebourne on his recent appointment as Head of Sixth Form at St. Katherine's. Mr Colebourne joined us in September 2011 as a newly qualified teacher and has made such a positive and valuable contribution to our college and Areté, as Deputy Director of Sixth Form.

We wish you the very best of luck in your new school and we will miss you.



Mr O'Gallagher, Mr Osborne and Mr Colebourne

Congratulations to Miss Hector, who takes up the appointment of Deputy Director of Sixth Form in January 2018.



## PAST PUPIL SUCCESS

Congratulations to past pupil **Olivia Johnson** (2011-2016) who after a series of intensive trials, has been selected for the AoC **National Netball Team**. A wonderful achievement Olivia, well done.

We always love to hear of the success of our past pupils, please do contact us at [contact@stbedesccl.org](mailto:contact@stbedesccl.org)

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FOOD HAMPERS

Ten St Bede's families are enjoying the treats they have received following this year's hamper draw.

Best wishes to all recipients.



## RACK'd! - RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Over the past three weeks, pupils across the whole college have been taking part in a 'Random Acts of Christmas Kindness' campaign for advent. Every tutor group has been carrying out good deeds and spreading some Christmas kindness in order to foster positive relationships both at school and within their local communities. Each week tutor groups have chosen their kindest acts and shared them on the giant present display board at the front of the college. Pupils have donated to charity, phoned their grandparents for a chat, helped out around the house and undertaken many other good deeds too! It has been great to see their positivity in helping others and spreading some Christmas cheer!



## YOUNG ENTERPRISE

Congratulations to our Young Enterprise team Cushy who were placed 4th out of 16 schools in an event held at St. Nicholas market. The team have designed and created wonderful calendars which were also sold at our Advent Service yesterday evening.

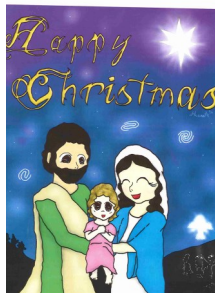
We look forward to hearing of your future success.



## CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Well done to all pupils who entered our Christmas card design competition this year. Mr Maher was delighted to present the winners with a selection of art materials.

Congratulations to our overall winner **Aleena Aditya**, runners up **Verinika Port** and **Arppan Enchakal** and our second runners up **Megan Mounter** and **Isobel Patel**.





## SPORT SPOTLIGHT

This week we hear of the accomplishments of two of our year 7 pupils who have recently achieved success in both Tennis and Archery.

### Luke Hooper—Tennis

I have been playing tennis for a number of years and train at David Lloyd, Westbury several times per week.

I have competed at National and Regional level and I am currently Avon number one for my age group.

Following my recent success in two tournaments, I qualified to play at Wimbledon for an under 14 competition.

Two weeks ago I won a Regional tournament and have a guaranteed place in a National competition in Bolton.

This Easter, I am looking forward to competing in a tennis Europe tournament in Mallorca.



### William Hardy—Archery

I am a member of *Cleve Archers* and train twice a week. I started when I was seven years old and have won many trophies and medals from club tournaments and the County/Regional Championships. My best result to date was 3rd place at both the Indoor and Outdoor National Championships this year.

I shoot left handed using a Recurve bow, the same used in the Olympics. I really enjoy shooting and have met many new

friends. Participating in the sport has also increased my confidence.

Luke and William, we are so proud of your achievements and will look forward to following your success.

We are always interested in hearing of the achievements of our pupils during their free time. Please do share their accomplishments with us via email: [contact@stbedescc.org](mailto:contact@stbedescc.org)



## SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT



Digital Safeguarding is an important factor to consider at this time of year. As Christmas draws near, many children may be looking forward to receiving new electronic devices or games, so we feel that this is an appropriate time to highlight some straight-forward online safety tips to help parents/carers make safer choices and support their children online.

### Top Tips

- Continue to take an active interest in your child's online life and engage in the digital world with them.
- Remind children that they can tell an adult if something happens online that makes them feel scared, worried or uncomfortable, without being told off or punished.
- Agree as a family, how the internet and technology will be used in your home; encourage children to use the online safety messages they learn in school and adapt these into your own family rules.
- Discuss online boundaries too; if your child loves to socialise online, talk to them about what is and isn't appropriate to share with their friends online.
- Always check the PEGI age rating and descriptors on games before buying them for your child and carefully consider whether the content is appropriate for them.
- Remember to role-model positive behaviour online; consider asking your child's permission before posting photos of them on social media this Christmas and empower them to have control over their 'digital reputation'.

Further information can be found here:

<http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/have-a-conversation>

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

