

# St. Bede's Catholic College

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## ESU CHURCHILL NATIONAL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION - SUCCESS

Following a successful first round in November, we were delighted to host the **Bristol Final of the ESU Churchill National Speaking competition** last Thursday. Our teams competed against speakers from QEH, Clifton College, Colston's, Cotham and Castle school.

In a close competition the St Bede's Team, alongside Colston's team 2, were selected to go through to the **Regional Final in Taunton** in March. Congratulations to **Daniel McTiernan, Layla Dockerty and Gabrielle Forster**.

In addition **Daniel McTiernan** was awarded **Best Speaker** on the evening with a highly thought provoking speech entitled: "What is legacy?"

It was a fantastic evening showcasing many outstanding individuals and we wish our team well on the 4th March in Taunton.



## REFLECTION—31st January Memorial of St John Bosco

John Bosco was brought up by his mother in extreme poverty. After becoming a priest in 1841, John Bosco went to work with the children of the poor in the city of Turin. He worked tirelessly seeking work for boys who needed it and found lodgings for others. In 1859, he established the Society of St Francis de Sales, a group that was to carry on his charitable work, helping to guide boys in their faith and to keep them out of trouble. The group still exists today and continues to spread John Bosco's hope around the world.

**Reflection:** "Be strong, humble and robust. When the time comes, you will understand everything."

**Prayer:** John Bosco, you became father, teacher, and friend to young people by the great love and personal sacrifice with which you worked for their salvation. Pray for us that we may be inspired by your work and become a friend to young people too. Amen.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**1st February**  
**6th Form Law trip to Parliament**

**5th February**  
**Week of Year 10 and 11 Exams in English, Maths and Science**

**6th February**  
**Steven Camden Performance Poet visit to St. Bede's**

**8th February**  
**Year 11 Parents' Evening 4.30pm—7.30pm**

**9th February**  
**INSET DAY**

**END OF TERM 3**

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Our twitter account is updated regularly so that we can celebrate the skills, talents and successes of our students at St. Bede's.

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**@STB\_Bristol**

## REMINDER UNIFORM

Please do ensure all college uniform, including PE kits, are labelled with your child's name. Thank you.

## ARETÉ WHIP UP DELICIOUS AND AFFORDABLE MEALS

At St. Bede's we are committed to preparing sixth form students for university life and beyond. Year 13 have been participating in a practical cooking workshop as part of the tutorial programme in Areté. The workshop is designed to boost students' confidence and develop their culinary skills and knowledge of cooking in a group. The meals we cover are quick, easy, healthy and affordable. The workshop last week included beef chilli wraps with chunky guacamole!



## CHRISTMAS LECTURES

This week St. Bede's hosted the University of Bristol Christmas Lectures provided by ChemLabs. These lectures are modelled on the Christmas lectures held annually by the Royal Institution in London which are televised during the Christmas period. It is through events like this that St Bede's promotes its science specialism and helps make science more accessible to pupils.

Over two days, six lectures were presented by Tim Harrison and Dr Alison Rivet from the University of Bristol. These lectures focused on the topics of Gases in the Atmosphere and their Interactions. Many of the pupils took part in the experiments, causing loud explosions and rapid effervescing!

**Tom Whelan**, year 8 said *"I found the lecture really interesting as we found out which gases exploded. Alison showed us things that we hadn't been able to see before!"* Comments made by the primary children who also visited us for the Lectures, were ones of awe and amazement.

This was the tenth annual St. Bede's Christmas Lecture series. These events have a truly inspirational effect on the children involved and allow them to see what could be involved in studying Science at A level and university level.





## The Wizard of Oz Rehearsal Schedule

Rehearsals for the upcoming production of The Wizard of Oz are now in full swing. Pupils are working hard to learn the chorus dances and songs. Please find below a copy of the rehearsal schedule up until the end of Term 3.

Week beginning	Monday Lunch Music C32	Tuesday Lunch Drama Studio	Wednesday Lunch Dance Studio	Wednesday 3.30pm— 5.00pm	Thursday 3.30pm— 4.30pm
<b>29th January</b>	If I Only Had a Brain  Scarecrow and Crows	Act 1 Scene 8  Dorothy and Scarecrow	Act 1 Scene 6 Munchkinland  Full Cast (Except Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman, Lion and West Witch)	Act 1 Scene 6 and 7  Full Cast	Act 1 Scene 13 Poppies  Full Cast
<b>5th February</b>	Poppies  Small Chorus	Act 1 Scene 10  Dorothy, Scarecrow, Trees and Tinman	Act 1 Scene 6 Munchkinland  Full Cast (Except Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman, Lion and West Witch)	Act 1 Scene 7  Full Cast	Act 1 Scene 9  Crows, Scarecrow, Dorothy



## SPORT HIGHLIGHT

This week we hear from year 8 pupil **Seamus Robinson** who has recently achieved success in Cross Country running:

*I am a member of Westbury Harriers running club and have represented them at Cross Country for three years. In the track season I run for Yate and District Athletic Club and my main events are 800 and 1500 metres. Last season I was **Avon County Champion** in both events. I'm enjoying the Cross Country season so far, although it has been very muddy at times!*

*I have recently **won the Avon, Wiltshire and Somerset championship** and last weekend came **second in the years 8 & 9 Avon Schools championship**. I train twice a week and there are plenty of races at this time of year. I'm looking forward to the **National Cross Country championships** in February where there will be 750 runners in my race! I am also hoping to get picked to represent the **South West** in the*

**Mini London Marathon** in April (fingers crossed!) Running is good fun and running clubs are always very welcoming to people who would like to try it out.

Seamus, keep up the great work and we wish you the very best of luck in your forthcoming events.



## Year 11 Information Evening Independent Careers Advice and Guidance

We try to ensure that our pupils are fully informed about options open to them for Further and Higher education, so that they make good choices. The programme in place for Independent Careers Advice and Guidance is fairly extensive and varied. We recently held a careers fair to which a number of post 16 and apprenticeship providers were invited.

What we would now like to do is to make available an opportunity for pupils to meet with other professionals from a variety of backgrounds. We have had a great response from parents who are Opticians, Finance Directors, Surgeons, Designers, Engineers and Nurses and they have agreed to attend the evening.

If you would be willing to come to a Year 11 information evening to talk to young people about:

- what you studied at A level
- why you chose your profession
- routes into your profession
- applicable A levels
- universities
- the rewards of working in your profession
- careers prospects

### Calling all Professionals!

**If you would like to offer professional advice to our students we would be delighted to hear from you.**

We would love to hear from you.

The evening for Year 11 is **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018**. The plan is to have a number of people from different professions sitting at tables and the young people can move around and talk with you. If you would like to offer your professional advice on the evening, please contact Mr O'Rourke.

The plan for the evening is as follows;

Professionals arrive at the college between 5.30pm and 6.00pm. Refreshments.

There will be an opportunity to meet other professionals and to set up any materials or props that you wish to share with the students. (Please note that there is no expectation to prepare anything especially for this evening)

### Students and parents arrive 6.00pm

6.00pm - 6.45pm Students will visit tables in the main hall to meet the professionals. They will be encouraged by ushers to move on after about 5 minutes from each table.

6.45pm – 7.30pm Students and parents will take their seats for a session on Exam preparation

If you are interested in being part of the parent group to help out with serving refreshments, please contact Mr O'Rourke Vice Principal on the school email address [contact@stbedescc.org](mailto:contact@stbedescc.org)

## SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

### Three Steps to follow if a Child is Unwell

This week, the children have been reminded about the procedures to follow if they are feeling unwell;



1. The child should inform a member of staff immediately
2. If appropriate, the member of staff will direct the child to reception to be assessed by a trained first-aider
3. If it is deemed necessary, a member of the college administration team will contact home to arrange for the child to be collected

**In order to safeguard our young people, under no circumstances will a child be expected to self-diagnose or contact home themselves to request collection.**

## LIBRARY NEWS

Wondering what to read next?  
Take a look at our top 10 most borrowed library books for this month



1	<b>Wonder</b>	R.J. Palacio
2	<b>The Lost Twin</b> (Concorde Book Award Shortlist 2018)	Sophie Cleverly
3	<b>Tokyo Ghoul Series</b>	Sui Ishida
4	<b>More of Me</b> (Concorde Book Award Shortlist 2018)	Kathryn Evans
5	<b>Time Travelling With A Hamster</b>	Ross Welford
6	<b>The Bone Sparrow</b> (Concorde Book Award Shortlist 2018)	Zana Fraillon
7	<b>Dead House</b>	Anne Cassidy
8	<b>Bad Dad</b>	David Walliams
9	<b>The Fault In Our Stars</b>	John Green
10	<b>Shadow Magic</b> (Concorde Book Award Shortlist 2018)	Joshua Khan

### Library Opening Hours

From Monday to Thursday the library is open to all students until 4.30pm. This is an opportunity for students to choose books to borrow and to study independently in a quiet environment.

## GCSE FRENCH

Revision guides for French GCSE (which includes a CD) are now available for pupils sitting the new GCSE exam in years 10 and 11.

The Revision guides are available from Ms Sanders for a reduced price of £6.50.

## YEAR 7 ACTIVITY TRIP TO FRANCE

There are still a number of places available on the Year 7 Activity trip to France during Enrichment week in July.

If you would like further information, please contact Miss Chennells in the PE Department.

## VACANCIES

We are looking to recruit a number of **Invigilators** to provide support in supervising examinations within the College.

The hourly rate of pay is £9. For further information please contact the college.