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

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.

St 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 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. Amen.

YEAR 11 PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY

Today, our Year 11's celebrated their last day in college uniform at our Presentation Assembly. 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. At the end of the presentation, pupils collected their hoodies and leavers book and had an opportunity to sign school shirts. This evening, the Year 11 Prom will take place which is always a wonderful occasion.

Many of the pupils will of course, be returning in September for life in our Sixth Form. We wish each and every one the success they deserve.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

29th June 2018

Feast of St Peter and St Paul

Year 11 Leavers Day & Prom

2nd July 2018

Bell Burnell Charity Day

3rd July 2018

Key Stage 3 Literacy Day

4th July 2018

Year 10 Economics Trip

5th July 2018

Post 19 Preparation Day

Year 6 Transition Day

New Parents evening for
pupils joining Year 7 in
September 2018

6th July 2018

Duke of Edinburgh Silver (2)
Expedition Depart

Year 12 visit to Cardiff
University

Year 13 Leavers Dinner

8th July 2018

Duke of Edinburgh Silver (2)
Expedition Return

9th July 2018

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze
(1) Expedition Depart

Key Stage 3 Numeracy Day

10th July 2018

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze
(1) Expedition Return

12th July 2018

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze
(2) Expedition Depart

13th July 2018

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze
(2) Expedition Return

SIXTH FORM TASTER DAY

Yesterday our prospective Areté students joined us for the Sixth Form Taster Day. Students had the chance to sample the subjects they will study in September and began forming friendships with the other Areté students.

A big highlight of the day was Mr Luke's team building activity in the afternoon. Whilst very hot, it was a lot of fun!

We look forward to welcoming our lively new cohort in September.



YEAR 8 United Nations Day

On Tuesday 19th June, year 8 Geographers spent the day at Bristol University participating in a simulation UN resolution conference. Our pupils were teamed up with Geographers from other schools in Bristol to investigate the issues of climate change and discuss potential UN resolutions. Mr Maher was pleased to receive an email from the university this week: *'All of the students behaved impeccably, and the contributions to the final General Assembly debate showed a mature grasp of the issues being discussed. Their conduct would have put many experienced UN diplomats to shame!'*

All pupils enjoyed the day which culminated in a tour of facilities at the university.



WHOLE SCHOOL SURVEY

Our parent survey has been sent home today electronically. If you have not received the survey, please do inform us of your email address.

It is an online survey which should take no more than 10 minutes to complete.

The deadline for responses is Friday, 6th July 2018. Many thanks in advance.

YEAR 5 VISITS

Over the last few weeks we have welcomed 300 year 5 pupils from our partner primary schools to experience a morning at St. Bede's. Pupils participated in a wide variety of lessons and thoroughly enjoyed the day.

We look forward to meeting many of them again, with their parents, at our **Open Evening on Thursday, 27th September 2018.**

DESCARTES AND PASTEUR CHARITY DAY

On Wednesday 27th June, Descartes and Pasteur joined forces to embrace a physical challenge and 'virtually' row across the Atlantic and climb Mount Everest respectively.

Whilst Descartes didn't quite make it across, pupils were able to row as far as 256,863 metres, which is the length of the River Avon twice!

Pasteur managed to get up the Mountain and back down again! Both houses raised **£1000.00** between them—great fun, great team work for great charities #teamstbedes!

All money raised for our College charities; **Teenage Cancer Trust, Stroke Association** and **Lawrence Weston Community Farm.**



St Bede's Catholic College Term and Holiday Dates 2018-2019

- Term 1:** Monday 3rd September 2018 to Friday 26th October 2018
Term 2: Monday 5th November 2018 to Friday 21st December 2018
Term 3: Monday 7th January 2019 to Friday 15th February 2019
Term 4: Monday 25th February 2019 to Friday 5th April 2019
Term 5: Wednesday 24th April 2019 to Friday 24th May 2019
Term 6: Monday 3rd June 2019 to Wednesday 24th July 2019

The school year is 195 days and includes five in-service days used for staff training

In-service Days 2018—2019

Monday 3rd September 2018
Monday 5th November 2018
Friday 15th February 2019
Friday 5th April 2019
Wednesday 24th July 2019

VACANCIES

We are currently advertising the following position:

SMSA School Meals Supervisory Assistant

7.5 hours per week, term time only—£8.00 per hour

DANCE SUCCESS

Congratulations to *Dance Company* and *Dance Club* who participated in the **Virtuoso Dance Festival** on Sunday 24th June. In their first competition against Dance Schools rather than secondary schools, they all performed exceptionally well. We are delighted that *Dance Company* came 2nd in the contemporary section and *Dance Club* came 3rd in the open/street/commercial section. A special mention and congratulations to year 10 pupil **Niamh Bailey** who was awarded an individual award for her dancing. Well done!



ENRICHMENT WEEK REMINDER

As you are aware, Enrichment week will take place from 10th to 13th July. Please could we ask that all consent forms are returned. If we do not receive them we will not be able to allow the pupil to participate in any activities offsite with their year group.

Information letters and relevant forms are on the college website, should any parent think that they may not have completed one.

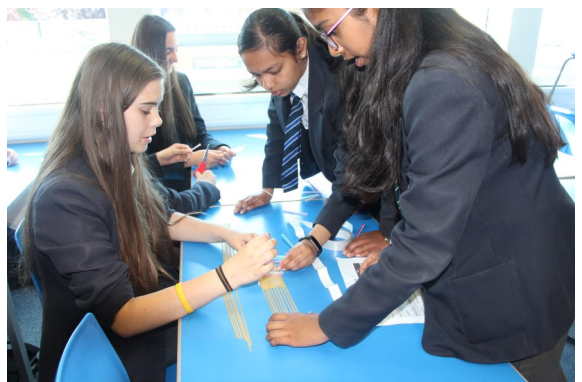
IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS
SPORTS DAY – Tuesday 17th July 2018
Track events will begin at approximately 1.30pm

- As there is no shade on the field, please ensure that your son/daughter comes to college well equipped with sun block, a hat, sunglasses and plenty of water to drink—no glass bottles please
- All pupils must come to college in the morning in full PE kit, as there will be activities for them to participate in during the day
- Parents who wish to attend are very welcome. If you do intend to come and spectate, please let us know in advance so that seating arrangements can be made. In the interests of Health and Safety do not bring dogs onto the premises or fields.
- Please ensure that your child brings books for Week B lessons, periods 1 and 2 if in Years 7 and 9 and periods 3 and 4 if in Years 8 and 10

If the weather is wet, books will be required for all lessons. Thank you.

ST. BEDE'S CELEBRATE WOMEN IN ENGINEERING DAY

Last Friday, 22 year 9 and 4 year 8 girls took part in a day aimed at encouraging more females to take up careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). The day was run by Ceri Parkin, a senior engineer at Zodiac Aerospace. The students received a talk on what being an engineer is really like and discussed the misconceptions many people have about the career. They then took part in 2 design and build activities highlighting everyday problems some engineers have to solve. Well done to all of the girls for their opinions, thoughts and design ideas throughout the day.



LIBRARY NEWS What to read after Diary of A Wimpy Kid?

Some students who enjoyed reading Jeff Kinney's *Diary of A Wimpy Kid* in their younger years are not sure what to read next and as a result stop reading for pleasure. Like Jeff Kinney, authors such as Lemony Snicket, Cressida Cowell and Robert Muchamore have written long series which enable readers to enter a whole new world and would be a perfect next step for Wimpy Kid fans.

Other books such as *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* is filled with clever 'handwritten' notes from characters and fabulous descriptions of magical creatures. Wimpy Kid fans will enjoy the wonderful illustrations. Still in diary format but much more thrilling is Gabrielle Lord's *365 Conspiracy Series*. These are just a few ideas - for more suggestions there is a new display in the library which students can choose from and which is proving very popular.

Please note that the Library will be closed during Enrichment week. Pupils are encouraged to visit the library to choose their summer reading before then.

SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

Sun safety

NHS Advice for adults and children on sunscreen and sun safety in the UK and abroad.

Sunburn doesn't just happen on holiday – you can burn in the UK, even when it's cloudy. There's no safe or healthy way to get a tan. A tan doesn't protect your skin from the sun's harmful effects. Aim to strike a balance between protecting yourself from the sun and getting enough vitamin D from sunlight. Sunburn increases your risk of skin cancer.



Sun safety tips

- spend time in the shade when the sun is strongest. In the UK, this is between 11am and 3pm, March to October
- make sure you never burn
- take extra care with children

Wear Sun-Screen

- Don't rely on sunscreen alone to protect yourself from the sun - cover up with suitable clothing.

When buying sunscreen, the label should have:

- a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15 to protect against UVB
- at least four-star UVA protection
- Make sure the sunscreen is not past its expiry date. Most sunscreens have a shelf life of two to three years.