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REFLECTION— St Camillus de Lellis - 14th July

St. Camillus de Lellis fought for the Venetians against the Turks then devoted himself to caring for the sick, and became director of St. Giacomo Hospital in Rome. He founded his own congregation, the Ministers of the Sick (the Camellians), dedicated to the care of the sick. He was canonised in 1746, was declared patron of the sick by Pope Leo XIII, and patron of nurses and nursing groups by Pope Pius XI.



Prayer: St. Camillus, even as you spent your life in service to the poor and the sick, your heart and mind were firmly centered in the words of Jesus: "Blessed are the merciful for mercy will be theirs." You saw in the many poor and sick you cared for the truth that God never abandons his people even in their most difficult trials. This we ask through Christ, our Lord.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

This week over 80 pupils from year 9, 10 and 12 completed their Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions. The first of the expeditions was to the Forest of Dean where the year 10 and 12 pupils completed their **Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award**. All pupils showed great improvements from their practice expedition and coped well in the heat.



The second expedition was to the Mendips where 30 year 9 pupils completed their **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition**. Again, pupils coped remarkably well in the sweltering temperatures on Monday and showed great skill in map reading and camp craft.

The third expedition was also to the Mendips where a further 30 year 9 pupils completed their **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition**. Whilst the temperatures were slightly cooler at the end of the week, the pupils still overcame the challenges of the expedition with great maturity.

Thank you to Mrs Pascoe, Mrs Shaddick, Mr Shaddick, Miss Chinn and Mr Barley who supported the pupils throughout and huge congratulations to all who completed their expeditions this week.

Miss Bassett and Mr Sutton, Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinators

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

13th July 2018

Duke of Edinburgh

Bronze (2) Expedition Return

13th July 2018

Year 7

French Activity Trip Return

14th July 2018

Year 8 & 9

Barcelona Trip Return

16th July 2018

HE Residential trip

at Trinity Hall, Cambridge

17th July 2018

Sports Day

Arrangements

included in newsletter

18th July 2018

Last Day of Term for Pupils

Pupils finish at 1.55pm

19th July 2018

INSET DAY

16th August 2018

A Level Results Day

23rd August 2018

GCSE Results Day

CARDIFF UNIVERSITY VISIT

On Friday 6th July, Year 12 visited Cardiff University to explore what life is like as an undergraduate.

During the day, pupils attended lectures and workshops, visited student accommodation and explored Cardiff city centre.

The day was a great success, enjoyed by all.

ANTHOLOGY

Last week St Bede's celebrated the launch of our very own book. A group of twenty year 10 pupils have worked hard with professional writer, Caleb Parkin. The launch was a fantastic evening which included several readings from the anthology and a beautifully moving performance from *Dance Company*. **First Story** Head of Programmes, Nicki Shore, commented that she was blown away by our pupils' creativity. We are very proud of the work they have produced. Well done.



CARNEGIE COMPETITION

On Monday 2nd July a group of year 9 pupils took part in the annual **Carnegie competition** at the Redgrave Theatre.

Pupils performed a powerful scene from Marcus Sedgwick's Carnegie nominated book *Saint Death* and competed against other schools from Bristol. The judge, esteemed author Melvin Burgess who won the Carnegie Medal for his 1996 novel *Junk*, awarded 1st place to St Bede's praising their representation of the scene.

After their performance, one of the inter-school competitors said: *"It was the best book performance I have seen so far in all these years the Carnegie competition has been running"*.

Well done to **Amy Koikkara, Isobel Clothier, Leila Karass, Daisy Sweeney, Grace Ridewood, Joe Lewis, Maximilian Banocorsi and Patrick Chandler**.



LITERACY AND NUMERACY DAY

On Tuesday 3rd July and Monday 9th July, Key Stage 3 pupils were off timetable participating in our annual Literacy and Numeracy days.

Pupils took part in workshops which included Spelling Bees, Poetry Slam, STEM activities, treasure hunt and a whole year quiz. Congratulations to our Poetry Slam winners:

Martyna Grabiec Year 7, **Fabien Noble** Year 8 and **Matin Nassiri** Year 9



HOLOCAUST VISIT

Year 9 pupils were privileged to hear the testimony of Janine Webber, a Holocaust Survivor last week.

Janine was born in Lwow, Poland (now Lviv, Ukraine) in 1932. From 1939, Lwow was occupied by Russian forces, until 1941 when the German army occupied the town. Persecution of the Jews of Lwow started very quickly after the German occupation, and Janine and her family had to leave their apartment and all of their belongings and move outside the town. They were allocated one room in a house for the whole family to live in. Janine's parents dug a hole under the wardrobe, which three people could fit into. After spending time moving and hiding, Janine managed to obtain false papers. Six months after the end of the war she was still afraid to admit to being Jewish and fearful of antisemitism in Poland so she moved to Paris. In 1956, Janine came to the UK to improve her English, where she met and married her husband. They had two sons and two grandsons. Today, Janine still lives in London and regularly shares her testimony with schools.



NATIONAL ARCHERY COMPETITION

Congratulations to year 7 pupil **William Hardy** who took part in the **Junior National Archery Championships** last weekend securing a new personal best!

In very hot conditions and in his first competition in the under 14's group, Will finished 13th.

A great achievement William, well done!



DANCE NATIONAL FINALS

Dance company went to the **Secondary Schools' Dance National Finals** in Cheltenham on Monday 2nd July, having won the **South West regionals** and therefore progressing to the next round. It was a fantastic day filled full of many different styles of dance. The girls had a brilliant time performing on a huge stage and with a large audience, and enjoyed watching the other schools. The standard was extremely high and although the girls danced spectacularly, we found out at the end of the day that they hadn't been placed in the top three. We have been delighted with the success of our Dance teams this academic year and cannot wait to see what next year may bring!

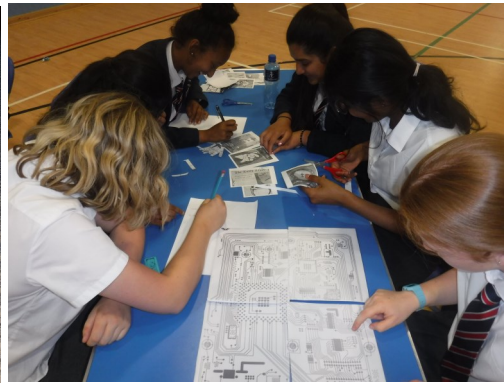


BELL BURNELL CHARITY DAY

On Monday 2nd July, both staff and pupils had fun wearing brightly coloured footwear for our 'Happy Feet' event which raised money for our college charities.

Bell Burnell pupils also participated in an 'Escape room' event which saw teams attempt to get out of a 'lost mummy tomb!' Two teams from each year progressed to the final and although the 'rebel revolt' game proved to be more difficult, the year 9 team **Charlotte Clemence, Olivia Morgan, Rennitta Regy, Aleena Roy, Angela Varghese** and **Amy Parkin** escaped in the fastest time. Congratulations!

Bell Burnell were pleased to have raised **over £400** for our college charities; **The Teenage Charity Trust, The Stroke Association** and **Lawrence Weston Community Farm**.



YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAY

On Thursday 5th July we welcomed our biggest ever group of excited year 6 pupils for their transition day. Pupils enjoyed taster lessons and meeting their tutors. The day ended with Mass, thank you to Fr Eugene Campbell from Holy Family for joining us.

Parents were welcomed to the school in the evening and had the opportunity to meet the tutors and staff who will be supporting their children in September.



GRADUATION SUCCESS

We were delighted this week to hear of the recent success of our former pupils, congratulations to:

Junal Barboza (2007-2012) who graduated with a **2:1 BA (Hons) in Architecture** from Northumbria University



Joseph Magner (2008-2013) who graduated with a **2:1 BA (Hons) in Theology** from Chester University.

We are always pleased to hear of the achievements of our former pupils, please do contact us at contact@stbedesc.org

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.

Service in Memory of Alison Fishlock RIP

We were saddened recently to hear of the passing of Alison Fishlock, ex-deputy head of St. Mary's. A service will be held in her memory at Holy Family Church on Tuesday 11th September at 7.00pm. All welcome. May she rest in peace.

PARENTS/CARERS NEEDED!

My name is Mark Souter and I am studying for a MSc Education and Neuroscience at the University of Bristol. My research is titled "Parental attitudes to education and cognitive enhancement", and comprises an anonymous online survey. I wish to recruit parents/carers of school age children to complete the survey, which takes 10-15 minutes. To take part, please follow the link below and enter the password.

<https://gsoe.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/education-and-ce>
Password attitudes010618

Thank you
M. Souter PhD

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

BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

Bristol City Council are currently inviting comment on the 20mph speed limits in Bristol to assess how well it is working in communities across the city. The purpose of this online consultation is to gather comments from residents and road users on what is working and what may need localised adjustments in order to ensure that the speed limits are working as efficiently as possible. The online consultation is live for over 10 weeks from Wednesday 20th June to Friday 31st August 2018. www.bristol.gov.uk/20mphreview

Paper copies along with information and maps are available in each local library in Bristol, and also in City Hall, for those unable to participate online.

Cllr Mhairi Threlfall, Cabinet Member for Transport and Connectivity, said:

"Evidence shows that slower speeds reduce the number and severity of collisions on our roads and the 20mph monitoring report has shown that, on average, speeds on more than 100 surveyed roads have significantly reduced since 20mph limits were introduced. We're keen to build on this research which is where the reviews come in to take on board feedback from residents. Please make sure you have your say during the consultation process."

Full press release: http://news.bristol.gov.uk/bristol_20mph_review_launches

SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE TRANSPORT NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF PROVIDER

From September 2018, all South Gloucestershire home to college transport for children at St. Bede's will be provided in partnership with Eurocoaches. Eurocoaches is part of Eurotaxi Ltd that operates out of Dean Road in Yate www.eurocoaches.com
All communication and arrangements regarding home to college transport will continue to be handled by our college reception.

Although there are no initial changes to routes, stops or timetables, these are subject to change. If a change is planned, prior notification will be provided through a letter home and via our college website.

ENGINEER LEADERS AWARD

Year 7 pupil **Isabelle Van Lienden-Symes** received her award last week following her recent prize in the South West Region Secondary Engineer Leaders Award 2017-2018; for her design 'Sonic Belt Collar'.

Approximately 2700 pupils from across the region entered the competition where they had the chance to meet an engineer, interview them about their role and then design an invention that would improve the lives of somebody in their family, wider community or elsewhere in the world.

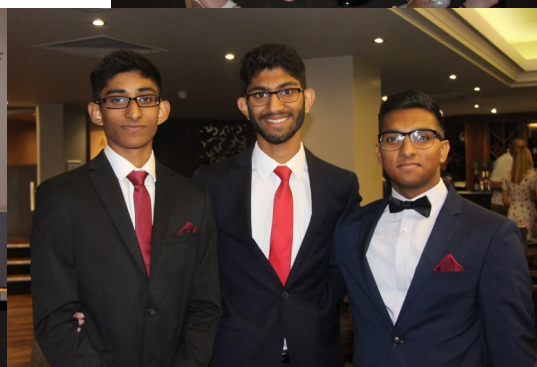


Isabelle is one of just two students in the South West to be awarded this prize for their age category. Well done.

SAYING GOODBYE TO YEAR 13

On the evening of Friday 6th July, Areté students and staff gathered at The Hilton Double Tree Hotel, Bristol for the Year 13 Leavers' Dinner. The evening, a formal three course dinner, was enjoyed by staff and students alike who took the opportunity to celebrate the two years they have spent working together. We are delighted that virtually all students have offers from their preferred university, many at prestigious Russell Group providers, and will be shortly starting the next chapter of their lives.

Best of luck for the next adventure, Year 13!



ROBLOX WARNING

We have received notification from a national agency that internet pornographers have infiltrated a children's gaming site called Roblox. The imagery that children can be exposed to is sexually violent and extremely disturbing. We would encourage you to block this site on all electronic devices to avoid your child being exposed to such imagery.



Roblox is designed to be an accessible site for children. But whilst the games are aimed at 8-18 year olds, there are no age restrictions for users. This means both adults and young people can play and communicate with each other on the platform.

For more information on this issue please access this link : [https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/roblox-guide-parents'](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/roblox-guide-parents)

SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

Top Sea safety tips:

- Visit the beach and look for yourself what the potential dangers are before going into the sea
- Supervision is the key to preventing serious accidents
- Always ask for local advice, for example from lifeguards before entering the water
- Inflatable dinghies or lilos are a well-known hazard – there have been drownings as people on inflatables are blown out to sea and get into trouble. Do not use them in open water
- If you get stuck in quicksand or mud do not stand up. Lie down, spread your weight, shout for help and move slowly in a breaststroke action towards the shore
- Do not enter fast flowing water
- Be aware of underwater hazards
- Get out of the water as soon as you start to feel cold
- Always wear a life jacket when you are on the water (e.g boats and kayaks)



Be aware of Rip Currents: water typically flowing from the shoreline back out to sea. They are commonly formed by a build up of water on the beach caused by wave and tidal motion, but can also form where an estuary runs into the sea

How to escape a rip current:

- Call for help
- If you have a buoyant aid (like a surfboard or inflatable), keep hold of it
- Do not swim against the current
- Swim parallel to the shore – this makes sure that you are swimming out of and not back into the rip current
- Once out of the rip current, swim towards the shore, being careful to avoid being drawn back in by feeder currents

Tides

In the UK, tides are relatively regular and predictable, yet despite this fact every year a number of people are caught out by rapidly rising water and end up being trapped in isolated bays. If you intend to venture across any beach or bank affected by tidal water make sure you know when the incoming tide is expected and know where all the exits are.

IF YOU SEE SOMEONE IN DIFFICULTY, THESE SIMPLE STEPS MAY SAVE A LIFE:



SHOUT



REACH



THROW