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BRAVE THE SHAVE

A huge congratulations to year 8 pupils **Antonio Scarpati, Thomas Norman, Preston Hastings, Alfie Norton, Laurence Dockerty** and **Head of Bell Burnell House Mr Johnson** who agreed to 'Brave the Shave' on Wednesday to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. The pupils have received tremendous support from their peers, staff and the St. Bede's community. At present they have raised in excess of **£1,400.00!** We are so proud of you!

Thank you to Vincenzo Mercato and Luigi Armato, our wonderful parent barbers, who gave up their time to cut the hair.

It is not too late to donate and any donation would be gratefully received.

<https://bravetheshave.macmillan.org.uk/shavers/team-stbedes>



REFLECTION— 4th April Commemoration of St Isidore

Growing up, Isidore was put under pressure by his elder brother Leander, who was frustrated by Isidore's inability to learn as fast as he wanted. After running away, Isidore noticed water dripping on a rock and whilst the drops had no force, over time, the drops had worn holes in the rock, and he realised that if he kept working at his studies, his small efforts would eventually pay off.

He embraced education and made it his life's work, promoting the establishment of a seminary in every diocese of Spain. He ensured that all branches of knowledge, including the arts and medicine, were taught in the seminaries. One of his last acts before his death was to give all his possessions to the poor.

Reflection: "If a person wants to be always in God's company, they must pray regularly and read regularly. When we pray, we talk to God; when we read, God talks to us."

Saint Isidore of Seville

Prayer: Lord, we pray for all of those who work in schools, who encourage and inspire young people to love learning. We pray that the Church may continue to learn from St Isidore's teachings. Amen.



May you find the renewal of hope, health, love and the spirit of God this Easter.

We wish all our families and parishes a Happy Easter.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5th April
INSET DAY

LAST DAY OF TERM 4

8th April

Year 11 & Year 13
Krakow trip depart

11th April

Year 11 & Year 13
Krakow trip return

24th April

START OF TERM 5
Week B

26th April

Year 10
Duke of Edinburgh
Silver (1) Expedition
depart

28th April

Year 10
Duke of Edinburgh
Silver (1) Expedition
return

29th April

Fortnight of Year 9 and
Year 12 Exams

29th April

Meeting for Parents of
pupils going to Rome
6.00pm Lecture Theatre

30th April

Junior Maths Challenge

2nd May

ANNUAL PRIZE GIVING
6.30pm

3rd May

Year 10
Duke of Edinburgh
Silver (1) Expedition
depart

5th May

Year 10
Duke of Edinburgh
Silver (1) Expedition
return

ROUTES INTO LANGUAGES

On Tuesday 26th March, St. Bede's was represented by six pupils from years 8 and 10 in the annual Languages Speaking Competition at Bath Royal High School.

There were 15 schools participating from the south west region and the competition was fierce as always. Congratulations to **Leila Karass, Maria Nithyanandam, Alice Forsythe, Bella Forster, Josephine Woodcock** and **Sam Granados** who prepared so well and put their heart and soul into their delivery. A special mention to **Sam who was awarded the runner up prize** in his category of Near-Native Speaker, talking about his family.

Mr Dunn said: 'Such experiences are incredibly important for our pupils because they teach a passion for languages as well as resolute character when getting up in front of an audience. It was wonderful to celebrate the diversity and fun of other languages and to get a glimpse of the amazing opportunities that learning them offers.'

The pupils were presented with a small gift from Mr Maher and the Languages department on Monday for their efforts. Well done.



GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to year 12 student **Isabel Payne** who has qualified to represent St. Bede's in the **South West Schools Golf Championships** at Broadstone in Dorset.

In the recent Avon Schools competition Isabel finished third and played under her handicap.

Well done Isabel and Good Luck!

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ARETÉ ICELAND TRIP

On Tuesday 19th March, year 12 and 13 students went on a five day trip to Iceland. Year 13 student **Ethan Osborn-Clarke** tells us about his experience:

The Iceland trip by far exceeded my high expectations. The trip, for both geographers and non-geographers, was a perfect opportunity to experience real world geoscience and a chance to put learning into context.

We were fortunate to participate in a number of unique experiences including a glacier walk, visiting multiple black sand beaches and visiting geo-thermally heated swimming pools.

The enriching trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all and our memories from this experience will last for very a long time.



GABBLERS SUCCESS

Over the last six months, Areté student **Shanaz Sharonsenthil** has represented St. Bede's at the **2019 Gabblers Speaking Competition**.

Last week saw the Grand Final of the competition with 20 speeches delivered by Sixth Form students from schools across Bristol. The event, held at the Bristol Hotel, was a great success with staff, family and Areté students in attendance to support Shanaz. Her speech, entitled 'Wise Cracks' which focussed on gender stereotypes and feminism was both thought-provoking and highly relevant.

Taking the four speeches Shanaz has performed into account over the last year, she was announced as the winner of the competition and presented the prestigious **Gabbler of the Year 2019 Award**.

Congratulations to Shanaz for this fantastic achievement!



CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD SUCCESS!

Congratulations to year 13 Chemistry students **Kundai Vurayayi** and **Matthew Latino** who both achieved silver certificates of achievement in the **Royal Society Of Chemistry's Olympiad competition**.

Run annually, the Olympiad is an opportunity for high achieving final year A-level chemistry students to compete against the best. The written test they undertook, assessed a deep understanding of chemical knowledge in contexts that are well beyond the A-level course, some of which would be seen in the first or second year of undergraduate studies.

A silver certificate for both Matthew and Kundai is a fantastic result given that only the top 30% of students who enter, reach this prestigious threshold. Well done!



DANCE WORKSHOP IN CLEVEDON

A Dance Workshop for children will be held on Sunday 7th April at 2.30pm in Greyfriars Hall, Church of the Immaculate Conception, Clevedon.

Rosemary Carrington, a parishioner and an experienced dance teacher, will be running a free Dance Workshop for children of all ages. Parents are welcome to come and watch and encourage their children. Refreshments will be available.

STAFF VACANCIES

Governors at St. Bede's Catholic College wish to appoint the following:

School Meals Supervisory Assistant (SMSA)

The post is 7.5 hours per week and £9.00 per hour

Cleaner This will be a permanent contract of 16 hours per week for which the hours of work are 3.00pm to 6.15pm Monday to Thursday and 3.00pm – 6.00pm on Friday. The hourly rate is £9.00

MEET THE PROFESSIONALS

The event, held on Tuesday 26th March, proved to be a great success. 179 year 11 pupils were given the opportunity to 'Meet the Professionals' and to gain an insight into the world of work and the opportunities on offer. Professionals agreed to give up their time to talk to our young people on Apprenticeships, Law, Healthcare and the NHS, Science, Engineering, HR Business Management and Finance. Thank you to parents, governors and our community who offered their time.



FOOTBALL NEWS

Girls Football

Our year 11 girls played their last match in the Under 16's football league last week, narrowly missing out on the finals. Winning 2 games and losing 2 games, the team finished 3rd out of 8 teams in Bristol. We witnessed some excellent football and the girls should feel very proud of their achievement.

The Under 14's girls lost in the semi-finals to a very good Bedminster Down team. Winning 4 out of 4 games and winning their group, they made the quarter-finals. They showed great resilience and teamwork to come from 1-0 down to beat Fairfield to make the semi-final where they lost in an excellent game.

With some new players joining the team, it was great to see how far they have come and we are hopeful the team will go from strength to strength.

Well done to everyone who represented St. Bede's in the Bristol Schools League this year.

Boys Football

We were pleased to have year 7, year 9 and year 10 representing St. Bede's in the semi-finals. The year 7 boys narrowly lost to Ashton Park in extra time after the game had finished 1-1. Year 9 boys also narrowly lost to Ashton Park with one goal being the decider. Good luck to year 10 who will represent St. Bede's in the finals after a convincing win over St. Bernadette's finishing 6-0.



EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION PRESENTATIONS

At the end of last term, thirty six year 13 students took part in EPQ presentations. The students were tasked with delivering a 10 minute presentation on their individual research project as well as answering live questions from the audience, which is part of the qualification's formal requirements. It was a fantastic day, with everyone full of praise and positivity for all the students.



As an EPQ requires the student to identify and design their own project, adopt a strategic approach to its management and work independently, it is an ideal vehicle for curriculum enrichment and academic extension and is warmly welcomed by universities because it provides evidence of a student's capacity for independent learning and the development of the very skills they will need to succeed at university. Current Year 12 students will be receiving more detailed information about the opportunity to study for this qualification next term.

CREATIVE WRITING WITH FIRST STORY

On Friday 29th March, a group of year 10 pupils visited Bristol University to participate in a creative writing workshop as part of the First Story project.

First Story is an organisation that runs weekly creative writing workshops in schools.

Our pupils have participated in this project throughout the year with the guidance of author Sanjida Kay and have produced their own anthology of writing.

Congratulations to year 10 pupil **Phoebe Cremin** who has been offered a place on this year's First Story Creative Writing Summer Residential, in recognition of her outstanding commitment to the First Story programme.

Places for this year's residential were highly competitive but they were very impressed by the commitment and passion demonstrated in Phoebe's application. Phoebe will be joining 15 other young writers from First Story schools across the UK for a fantastic week of creative writing workshops and one-to-one tutorials with acclaimed writers. Congratulations Phoebe!



UNIVERSITY TRIPS

Year 12 visited the UCAS Fair at UWE to start looking at what different universities can offer. This was a chance to talk to staff and students from a wide range of universities and find out what courses are available. Students found out about entry requirements, course content and made plans to visit the university during the numerous open days that were advertised.

Some year 12 students also attended an Oxbridge seminar. This was an opportunity to ask questions and get a feel for the process. Students are supported by the 6th Form team if they do decide to apply.

Later in the summer term, Year 12 will also have the opportunity to attend Cardiff University open day as well as a university day at Bath Spa University. They will be able to find out what university is like, meet students and staff, have a taster of the learning and courses on offer and experience the campus environment. More details to follow.

SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

A message from our local Foodbank Manager:

Bristol North West Foodbank will be Closed over Easter

Friday 19th April – Henbury Outlet

Monday 22nd April – Avonmouth Outlet



BRONZE IN TAEKWONDO

Congratulations to **Adelaya Bishop** in year 7 who was awarded a bronze medal in a taekwondo competition in Worcester recently.

Adelaya who trains twice a week has been competing for three years. Well done!



EASTER HOLIDAY GCSE & A LEVEL REVISION SESSIONS

We will be offering a number of revision sessions over the Easter break for GCSE and A Level students. All sessions will take place from 10.00am—2.00pm, unless indicated.

	Year 11	Year 13
Monday 8th April	Design Technology Mr Crockett	Chemistry Dr Beattie
	Psychology Ms Hector * Lecture Theatre	Religious Studies Dr Marra
Tuesday 9th April	Art Mrs Cannon	Psychology Ms Hector
	Religious Formation set 4 Mr Sutton	
Wednesday 10th April	Physics Mrs Shaddick	
Thursday 11th April	English Mr McNamara	Law Mrs Lindsay
Friday 12th April	Religious Formation —set 3,5 and 6 Mr McCarthy	
Monday 15th April	French Ms Sanders	Economics Mr King
	Spanish Mr Dunn	
	Religious Formation —set 3,5 and 6 Mr McCarthy	
Tuesday 16th April	French Ms Sanders	Art Mrs McCauley
	Art Mrs Holister	
	Physics Mrs Shaddick	
	Religious Formation —set 7 Mr Toffolo *10.00am—1.00pm	
Wednesday 17th April	Religious Formation —set 1 and 2 Mr Toffolo *10.00am—1.00pm	