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ST. BEDE'S HAS JOINED THE NATIONAL HIGH-PERFORMING SCHOOLS NETWORK

We are delighted to have been recognised for our level of performance and have joined Leading Edge, a national network of exclusively high-performing secondary and special schools. Leading Edge supports schools working in partnership to raise achievement, develop innovative practice and share practical strategies within and beyond the network.

Run by the Schools, Students and Teachers network (SSAT), Leading Edge is made up of schools who have demonstrated statistically significant levels of progress and that their students perform above the national average.

SSAT's Chief Executive Sue Williamson said: 'We are delighted to welcome St. Bede's Catholic College to our Leading Edge network. It is a credit to the hard work of all of their staff and students that they have been recognised as high-performing and we look forward to working with them.'

Mr Maher added: 'It is our ambition to remain a great place of learning and to continue to ensure that students receive a quality education. To be recognised by SSAT in the Leading Edge Network of schools is testament to the commitment, dedication and hard work of everyone involved here at St. Bede's.'



REFLECTION 20th May - Memorial of St Bernadine of Siena

In 1400, a plague raged through the city of Siena and killed many people, including those who were needed to look after the sick. Bernadine wanted to help and brought with him to the hospital, many other young people to look after the sick. At the end of the plague, Bernadine became ill from exhaustion. After he recovered, he spent his time praying and studying to find out what God wanted from him, he then joined the Franciscans and was later ordained a priest. After 12 years, he began preaching and travelled across Italy, focusing on the mercy of Jesus and the love of Mary.



Reflection: "And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"

Prayer: Dear Lord, as we remember St Bernadine of Siena, we pray for all those who care for the sick. We pray for all doctors, nurses and all those who work in hospitals, but we also pray for those who care for their own loved ones. May they all be strengthened by your love and feel the support of those around them during difficult times. Amen.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

21st May 2019

Year 10 Oxford University trip

23rd May 2019

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Expedition Depart

24th May 2019

Feast of St. Bede and commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers

24th May 2019

END OF TERM 5

27th May 2019

Rome Trip Depart

30th May 2019

Rome Trip Return

3rd June 2019

**START OF TERM 6
Week A**

6th June 2019

Year 9
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Group 1 Expedition Depart

7th June 2019

Year 9
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Group 1 Expedition Return

13th June 2019

Year 9
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Group 2 Expedition Depart

14th June 2019

Year 9
Duke of Edinburgh Group 2 Expedition Return

NATIONAL FINALS SUCCESS

Congratulations to year 7 pupil **Emily Harkin** who travelled to Nottingham for the National Finals of the Tang Soo Do (Karate) competition.

With fierce competition, Emily was delighted to come first place in Sparring for her age group and belt category. She has now qualified for the **World Finals in the USA in 2020** as part of the GB team. Amazing! Well done.

Thank you to Emily and Mrs Harkin for allowing us permission to print your photograph.



BRISTOL HE+ PROJECT AWARD

Congratulations to Year 12 student **Isabelle Delahunt** whose academic poster entitled: "Is Solitary Confinement a Form of Torture?" was awarded first place in the Social Sciences category.

HE+ is a year-long collaborative project between the University of Cambridge and state schools which allows sixth form students to participate in masterclasses led by academics and receive guidance on creating their own academic research posters.

The overall goal of the project is to encourage and prepare more academically-able students to make competitive applications to top universities, including the University of Cambridge.

Isabelle, this is a wonderful achievement. Well done!

TALENT IN 9BJC

Congratulations to year 9 pupils, **Sean Simmons** and **Liam Stables** who were awarded medals this weekend for their achievements in their own extra curricular events.

Sean, who is a talented swimmer, came second in the South West for his 50m fly and Liam took part, with his scout group, in the 10 Tors event, walking 35 miles over Dartmoor.

Well done to you both.

Thank you to Sean and Liam for allowing us permission to print your photograph.



THE LEARNING CITY PARTNERSHIP SURVEY

The Learning City Partnership Post 16 Task and Finish Group at Bristol City Council is a group made up of principals, head teachers and Bristol City Council staff who are going to be writing a new strategy for Bristol's Post 16 students.

In short, they will be improving the way Post 16 options are accessed by providing better communication and information to young people and their parents and carers. The hope being that this will encourage more young people to stay in education and training to best develop their skills to enable more choices and possibilities when choosing future careers and life choices.

They would like young people (pre-16 years) to complete the following survey to assist them with this: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/NERAK/>

Comments will influence the improvements being made and personal experiences which enables your opinions will help to shape the Bristol Post 16 Strategy.

RAINBOW RUN

For the last 5 years we have had a great affiliation with the Bristol Rainbow Run, and always large numbers running. Unfortunately, for the first year, Mr Johnson is unable to attend but he would love to see the tradition continue. Families and friends can run together and he would gratefully receive any finishing pictures. This year the event will take place at the North Somerset Showground, on 8th June. All the information can be found on their web page <https://www.chsw.org.uk/event/rainbow-run-bristol-2019>.



CAFOD YOUNG VOLUNTEERS AWARDS CEREMONY

Throughout the last year, a group of year 10 pupils have been working alongside Clifton Diocese and CAFOD on their CAFOD Young Volunteer Programme.

This week the students were invited to Clifton Pavillion to reflect on their hard work and achievements, such as raising awareness and money for CAFOD through cake sales and other events.



Certificates were presented to pupils by David Murray, managing director of the charity Article 25, who spoke to pupils about what its like to work for a charity and how each individual can make a difference on the world.

YEAR 11 ATTENDANCE

It is the expectation that all Year 11 pupils attend college every day until 11th June. In lessons, teachers have prepared key revision activities for their upcoming exams.

Year 11 pupils who are **not in** college will be marked as **unauthorised** and this will show on their record.

GCSE & A LEVEL REVISION SESSIONS—MAY HALF TERM

We will be offering a number of revision sessions over the May half term break for GCSE and A Level students.

Sessions will take place from 10.00am—2.00pm, unless indicated:

- **Saturday 18th May (9.30am—1.00pm)**
Year 11 Geography Mr Osborne
- **Tuesday 28th May**
Year 11 Psychology Mr Poole
Year 11 Business Studies Miss Hancock **(12.00pm—3.00pm)**
- **Wednesday 29th May**
Year 11 English Mr McNamara
- **Thursday 30th May**
Year 11 Music Mr Lewis
- **Friday 31st May**
Year 13 Music Mr Lewis
- **Saturday 1st June (1.30pm—4.30pm)**
Year 11 History Mrs Lewis and Mr Gibbs
- **Sunday 2nd June**
Year 11 Geography Mr Osborne



PARISH NEWS

FRANCISCAN PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, CLEVEDON Invitation Mass with Explanation

On Sunday 19th May, the Parish of The Immaculate Conception in Clevedon will be celebrating a Special Invitation Mass. All are welcome; perhaps consider inviting someone you know.

SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

Please be advised that we have been notified of a suspected case of mumps but are awaiting confirmation of diagnosis. If confirmed, the pupil will remain absent from college until it is no longer contagious.

Mumps is most recognisable by the painful swellings at the side of the face under the ears (the parotid glands). Other symptoms of mumps include headaches, joint pain and a high temperature, which may develop a few days before the swelling of the parotid glands. The risk is particularly high for those children not protected by immunisation or by a previous infection with mumps. Therefore may we take the opportunity to offer a reminder to ensure that your child is up to date with their MMR immunisation.

Please see the link below for additional medical information, signs and symptoms:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/mumps>

If your child shows any of the symptoms above or if you have any further concerns, we advise that you contact your own GP as soon as possible. In addition, please communicate any formal diagnosis to our college reception on 0117 3772200 or by emailing contact@stbcc.org.

PILGRIMAGE TO GLASTONBURY

The Clifton Diocese Pilgrimage to Glastonbury will take place on Sunday, 14th July. Further details can be found:

<https://cliftondiocese.com/event/glastonbury-pilgrimage-2/>

GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE

Sunday 14 July 2019

THE ROSARY PROCESSION

starting in the Abbey grounds at 2.15pm, walking through Glastonbury Town Centre, returning to the Abbey via the Magdeline Street Gate

MARY
OUR LADY OF GLASTONBURY

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2019 Programme

ST MARY'S CHURCH

11.30am Rosary

12noon Exposition and Adoration

3.00pm Benediction

12noon - 3.00pm GLASTONBURY ABBEY

Sacrament of Reconciliation and Healing Prayer

2.15pm ROSARY PROCESSION from the Abbey grounds

3.30pm MASS in the Abbey grounds celebrated by Bishop Declan Lang

for more information: glastonburyshrine.co.uk

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LUNCHES

We have had a number of pupils, bringing a £10 or £20 note to college to purchase a meal from the canteen. Unfortunately we do not have the facility to provide a large amount of change to the pupils.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

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