

# St. Bede's Catholic College

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### **Phenomenal success for the 'determined, valiant and brilliant' GCSE students at St Bede's**

Staff and Governors celebrated excellent achievements again this year. Students at all levels secured grades matching their highest expectations and in many cases, exceeding their targets.

#### **Headline Figures include:**

76% achieved Grade 4+ in both **English and Mathematics**

6% of all grades were Grade 9

19% of all grades were at 8+

32% of all grades were at 7+

51% of all grades were at 6+

69% of all grades were at 5+

83% of all grades were at 4+

Best average grade in College this year was awarded to **Janina Parry** who achieved **seven Grade 9s, four Grade 8s and an A\*** at an average of 8.63. **Theresa Herron** also achieved **seven Grade 9s**, **Ciara Marsh** and **Finley Norton** both achieved **six Grade 9s**, and **Rebekah Yousef** achieved **five Grade 9s**.

19 students achieved ten Grades 9-7 including **Renji Babu, Bethany Bacasnot, Isabelle Delahunt, Gabrielle Forster, Ewan Gordon, Michael Gowie, Theresa Herron, Oliwia Kowalska, Olivia Makulec, Ciara Marsh, Josephine Morgan, Finley Norton, Janina Parry, Isabel Payne, Ciara Stables, Shanaz Sharonsenthil, Hannah Szantho, Amelia Villiers-Prosser and Ethan Woolley**

Father McAndrew, Chair of Governors said 'the students and teachers have to be commended for these exceptional results'.

Garry Maher, Principal, said 'I am delighted for the students. Their hard work, great teaching and overwhelming support from parents have resulted in them achieving excellent grades again this year. There is much to celebrate and we will ensure that St Bede's continues to go from strength to strength in the years to come'.

### **A Level Results in Areté 2018**

A Level provision in Areté is well established and St Bede's continues to be amongst the best in the city. Some 68 students completed their study with us and they are now celebrating the following successes.

A* - C	72%	A* - E	98%
2A* - E	96%	1A* - B	69%

Average Grade C+

84% of the students are planning to go on to higher education and of these 32% have confirmed places at prestigious Russell Group institutions.

We are delighted to report some outstanding individual performances. Students achieved grades that surpassed their expectations but not those of their teachers. We celebrated all grades whether they were A\* or E; whatever the grades we are confident they reflected ability and effort made.

97.5% of those who studied the academically challenging EPQ achieved a grade C with 66% achieving A\*-B.

Students Achieving straight A\*/ A grades were:

**Ashwin Tomy**, with **AAA**, **Katie Whiffield**, who achieved **AAAA** and **Arnold Gomes**, with **A\*AA**.

Garry Maher, Principal, said 'We all want what is best for the students at Areté and our ambition has always been to enable young people to achieve success, relative to ability. Results this year are a testament to the commitment and hard work of the students and their teachers.'

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**18th September**

**Year 7 Retreat Day**

**27th September**

**OPEN EVENING**

**6.30PM**

### **FIRST AID NOTICE**

Many of our new pupils have inhalers and/or Epipens. It is advisable that parents provide the college with a spare. Inhalers will be kept in Reception for pupil use and Epipens are kept in the medical room.

### **SPORTS FIXTURES**

All sports fixtures will be in place, once confirmed, on the fixture calendar which can be accessed on our website [www.stbedescc.org](http://www.stbedescc.org)

These will be updated regularly, so please do check.

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

It is my great pleasure to welcome to our community all families who are new to the college. Year 7 have settled in well and have already developed their routine around the college. Following the outstanding results at both GCSE and A Level in the summer, students in years 10 and 11 have returned at the start of term with determination to be equally successful in their studies next year. It was inspiring to welcome over one hundred students back into Areté, looking smart and professional, and all fully committed to continue their success in the Sixth Form. Internal work on the development of Areté was completed over the holidays and work on the new building, which includes 4 science labs, 2 classrooms and a 6th form study room is ongoing. We can't wait for students to be able to use these new facilities in the coming months. I look forward to meeting with many of you during the coming year and to sharing the continued success of the students at the college. It promises to be another exciting year!



**Mr J. G Maher**

## **WELCOME TO NEW STAFF**

New staff joining us this year include:

**Ms P Allenby—Modern Foreign Languages**

**Miss C Bentley—Geography**

**Miss Z Brock—Science**

**Miss M Calwell—Science**

**Mrs M Cheshire—Business Manager**

**Mrs S Gouveia De Castro—Learning Support Assistant**

**Miss C Hayre—Science**

**Mrs B Jones—English**

**Dr A Marra—Religious Formation**

**Mr D Marshall—Science**

**Miss D Saban—Religious Formation**

**Mr C Shaddick—Design Technology**

**Mr L Tulodzeicki—Mathematics**

**Mr M Ward—Mathematics**

We hope that each new member of staff will be happy at St Bede's and will play their part in helping the College develop the very best of our practice so that St Bede's remains a great place of learning, one that is built to last.

## **REFLECTION— 19th September - Memorial of St Januarius**

As Bishop of Naples, St Januarius hid his fellow Christians during a time of persecution, until he too was caught whilst visiting a friend in prison. He was condemned to be thrown to wild bears but it is said that they refused to eat him.

St Januarius is well known for the alleged miracle of the annual liquefaction of his blood, which is believed to have been saved by a woman just after he died. Thousands of people assemble to witness this event 3 times a year and the blood also liquefies at other times such as papal visits.

**Reflection:** "Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also."

**Prayer:** God our Father, we pray that we may continue to honour the memory of St Januarius who died for his faith. May we be inspired by his courage and not deny our faith in front of other people. Amen.



## GREAT START FOR YEAR 7

Year 7 all deserve a good rest this weekend after a very busy and exciting two weeks. I am impressed with how quickly they have settled into St Bede's. Each day I am greeted by smiling faces and hear glowing reports about each class, from their new tutors and teachers.

I would like to introduce the new tutors: **Mrs Pascoe, Mr Lewis, Mr Barley, Mrs Jones, Miss Brock, Miss Hayre, Miss Saban, Miss Calwell and Mr Shaddick.**

I am looking forward to the year 7 Retreat day next Tuesday and introducing the Year 10 mentors who will be working closely with each tutor group supporting our new pupils. Well done and keep up the good work!

**Mrs T Turri, Head of Year 7**

## ARETE SIXTH FORM

100 students joined the Areté Sixth Form and entered Year 12 last week, excited to embark upon their Post-16 studies. With every space in Year 12 filled, Areté's brand new common room is a welcome addition to the college site and a bustling place to be.

Our students have fully embraced the new business dress code and look wonderful in their suits. Some have even been mistaken for teachers!

Lessons are already well underway and our new Year 12 students are very much part of Areté. We are proud of how well our students have adapted to Post-16 education and wish them well over the next two years.



## CATENIAN NATIONAL FINALS IN MANCHESTER

Following her success in the Regional Catenian Speaking Contest at the end of the last academic year, year 11 pupil **Catriona Davies** travelled to Manchester last weekend to participate in the National Finals. Catriona was the youngest competitor in the final and her speech entitled 'Should Christian Refugees be treated differently to others' certainly captivated the audience. Her efforts and maturity awarded her a top 5 place! Catriona, we are so proud of you and cannot wait for next years competition!



## OPEN EVENING 27th SEPTEMBER 2018

**We welcome all Year 5 and 6 pupils and their parents to St Bede's Catholic College**  
**Open Evening on Thursday, 27th September at 6.30pm**



### WORLD CHAMPION

Congratulations to year 8 pupil **Nathan Wong** who competed in the Taekwondo International World Championships in July.

Over 2000 competitors from 22 countries, including Australia, USA, Canada and Nepal, took part in the two day event, which was held at the Arena Birmingham.

Nathan competed in two events, Sparring and Patterns, in the Red belt boys 11-14 year old category. In Sparring he lost his match at the quarter final stage, narrowly missing out on a Bronze medal. However, Nathan managed to get through the second round of his Patterns performance, beating 30 other boys to win Gold and take the title of World Champion! Nathan, well done!



### MUSIC LESSONS

Peripatetic music lessons start next week. The timetables are displayed on the noticeboard outside C29. If any pupils wish to have instrumental or voice lessons, please collect a letter from the Music Department.



### ADMISSIONS 2019

If you wish to apply for a Year 7 place for September 2019 Supplementary Information Forms should arrive in College by **31st October 2018**.

Parents must also have submitted the Common Application Form to their Local Authority by 31st October 2018.

### GRADUATION SUCCESS

We were delighted last week to hear of the following success of one of our former pupils.

Congratulations to:

**Wesley Long**  
(2006-2011)

**First Class Honours**  
**in Mathematics**

**University of West of England**

We love to hear of the successes of our past pupils, please do let us know.



### COLLEGE PRODUCTION 2019

The Performing Arts team at St Bede's are delighted to announce that this year's school production will be Grease.



Auditions are already well underway with students displaying amazing talents in singing, acting and dancing. Selecting our cast this year will be a very difficult job!

Rehearsals will begin on **Wednesday 19th September** and we will announce the cast list and give out rehearsal schedules and scripts on this day, we can't wait to get started!



### Follow us on Twitter!

In order to celebrate the skills, talents and successes of our students at St. Bede's, we have a Twitter account. Please follow us: [@STB\\_Bristol](https://twitter.com/STB_Bristol)

## **TERM DATES FOR 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

Inset on:

**Monday 3rd September 2018**

**Monday 5th November 2018**

**Friday 15th February 2019**

**Friday 5th April 2019**

**Wednesday 24th July 2019**

### **MANDARIN LESSONS**

Key Stage 3 pupils who may be interested in Chinese (Mandarin) lessons are invited to attend two taster classes on Wednesday 19th and Wednesday 26th September from 1.15 to 1.30 in A3.

Any queries, please speak to Mrs Owen.

### **COLLEGE UNIFORM AND PE KITS**

As we start a new academic year may we remind parents to ensure all college uniform and PE kits are named. Thank you.

### **POLITE REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS**

As we start the academic year we would like to remind all parents to park with due care and consideration for the local community, particularly on Lawrence Weston Road. Parents are requested to avoid parking in the bus bays and at adjoining junctions or in front of driveways at the beginning and end of the day. The children have been reminded this week about the importance of using the designated crossing points on the Long Cross and Lawrence Weston Road.

May we also remind parents that all visitors to the college should enter via Main Reception to sign in and not the Sports Entrance. Thank you.

### **MUSIC DEPARTMENT CO-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE**

Our co-curricular timetable has nearly been finalised for the forthcoming year and these will be available in tutor bases and on our website soon. In the meantime, our Music department are already in full flow. Please find below the activities available at lunch and after school:

**Monday lunch**

**Tuesday lunch**

**Tuesday after school**

**Wednesday lunch**

**Wednesday after school**

**Thursday lunch**

**Thursday after school**

**Friday lunch**

**Grease**

**Junior Choir**

**GCSE and A Level Music coursework/revision sessions**

**Senior Choir**

**Grease (chorus/cast rehearsals)**

**College Band**

**Pit band for pupils playing in Grease**

**Glee Club**

## SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

As part of our 'Well-ness' fortnight we are pleased to present a fantastic opportunity to explore...

# What is going on in the teenage brain ?

An experienced, professional team invite you to consider some ideas as to what you can do to support a young person through this exciting but sometimes confusing stage of development.

### At times, being a parent or carer can be challenging

We are delighted that the Educational Psychology and the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) will present a fascinating insight into some key issues for young people and the adults who care for them, such as;

Physiological changes  
The struggle for independence and identity  
Setting limits and boundaries  
Communication and listening  
Peer influence



**Please join us here at the college Main Hall on Tuesday 16th October 6pm – 8pm**

In order to ensure that we provide appropriate seating for this Wellness Evening Event, please return the slip that has been sent home with your child, contact the college reception or complete the slip below. Returns please as soon as possible and by Friday 21st September.

A number of activities will be provided for our young people at the college as part of our co-curricular offer. Therefore this event is aimed at all parents and carers. When parking in the local area, please remain considerate to the access requirements of local residents.

Guest Speakers: **Emma Balfour** Educational Psychologist and **Stuart Melvin** Primary Mental Health Specialist CAMHS

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I/we shall be attending the 'Wellness Evening' event on Tuesday 16th October 2018 at 6pm.

Please enter the number of seats required

Name of Child at St. Bede's :

Year group :

Please indicate if you wish to reserve special access seating at the front of the main hall

Y/N

Please note that the special access ramp is situated at the front entrance to the college

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE COLLEGE RECEPTION BY 21/09/18