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OPEN EVENING

The College had an amazing turnout to the Open Evening yesterday. The hall was packed to capacity for yet another lovely evening.

In the Main Hall, Mr Maher gave an address emphasising the distinctive nature of the College; one that has a unique culture and climate, where children experience an excellent education and one that is grounded in tradition and faith. He said whilst there are many very good schools around, there is none like St. Bede's.

Parents and their children had the opportunity of visiting all areas of the College, including our Areté Sixth Form block, to see work in the range of subjects offered. They were very complimentary about the environment, the overall level of resourcing and the articulate and engaging students.

Those who helped on the evening were thanked by Mr Maher and they each received a small reward for giving of their time in this generous manner. A number of visitors were overwhelmed with the pride the children had for their school, their enthusiasm and their confidence.

A reminder about applications:

Supplementary Information forms for prospective Year 7 pupils should arrive in College by **31st October 2018**. Parents must also have submitted the Common Application Form to their local authority by that date.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3rd October 2018

Nikesh Shukla
Author visit

4th October 2018

Year 9 Battlefields
Trip Depart

6th October 2018

Year 9 Battlefields
Trip Return

11th October 2018

Sixth Form University
and Apprenticeship
event

11th October 2018

Dry Slope Skiing—
Session 1

15th October 2018

Start of Wellbeing
fortnight

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YOUNG ENTERPRISE COMPANY PROGRAMME

Year 10 Business Studies students have had the opportunity to apply for this year's **Young Enterprise Company Programme**. The candidates went through a rigorous business-like process of entering an application letter, attending an interview, and having a personal debrief. We had a record-breaking 27 students enter for the 15 places in the team. The process gave all applicants a taste of what it is like to enter the working world by applying for and interviewing for a job! All applicants showcased their varied skills, ideas and passion for business, and therefore all should be very proud of themselves.

After this tough process, we have selected our team of 15 students. Congratulations to; **Alex Heale, Steven Wood, Szymon Czepulkowski, Boden Osborn-Clark, Bethel Okorocha, Lucki Berondo, Phoebe Cremin, Jeff Subin, Maria Nithyanandam, Luke Cheskin, Catherine Yeo, Maximilian Bonacorsi, Angela Varghese, Anna Serle and Madison Gears.**

The team will now create and run their own business for a year, and compete with other schools in the West of England. The pupils attended their first event at the Business School of UWE on Wednesday. We wish you all the best of luck, and will keep you up to date with their events and progress!



REFLECTION—26th September - Feast of Saints Cosmas and Damian

Saints Cosmas and Damian were twins born to Christian parents in Arabia, in the third century. They lived in the region around the border between modern day Turkey and Syria. They were physicians who were renowned for their skill as well as their charitable services.

In AD 287, they were captured and ordered to deny their faith in Christ. They refused and underwent a series of tortures, that resulted in their deaths.

Reflection: The news about Him spread throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all who were ill...and He healed them.

Prayer: On the Feast day of Saints Cosmas and Damian, we pray especially for those who work in medical professions. We pray that they may be inspired by the work of Saints Cosmas and Damian and follow in their footsteps as they continue to heal and look after those who need it.



St. Bede's Catholic College successful in securing SSAT Leadership Legacy Project Place

We were delighted to hear this week that **Dr Beattie**, Head of Chemistry at St. Bede's has been accepted onto the **Leadership Legacy Project** by SSAT, the Schools, Students and Teachers network. The Leadership Legacy Project recognises teachers in their first 2-4 years of teaching who show the potential to become outstanding school leaders. This opportunity will allow Dr Beattie to engage with some of the best leaders nationally and internationally and to examine leadership in other sectors.



SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to year 9 pupil **Sean Simmons** who was awarded a silver medal in the 50 metre backstroke at the **Welsh National Championships** during the summer holidays. Sean will now compete for Gloucestershire in the National County Championships in Sheffield on Saturday, 6th October. Sean, congratulations and we wish you the very best of luck.

Any pupils who enjoy swimming and who are interested in representing St. Bede's in the swimming team, should provide Miss Chennells with your swimming times over 50 metres, preferred stroke and date of birth. Information must be received by Wednesday 3rd October.

VACANCIES

Governors at St. Bede's Catholic College would like to appoint a **School Meals Supervisory Assistant (SMSA)**. The hours of work are 1.10 to 2.10pm Monday to Friday, term time only. The hourly rate for the post is £8.00 and SMSA's are paid for a total of 7.5 hours per week.

The College also has a vacancy for an all year round **Cleaner**. This will be a permanent contract of 20 hours per week for which the hours of work are 2.30pm to 6.30pm Monday to Friday. The hourly rate is £8.00.

For further information and an application form, please see our website <http://www.stbedescc.org/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=12>

LEGO DONATIONS

Do you have any unwanted LEGO lurking in your cupboard? The SEN department would like to expand its Lego resources. If anyone has any old sets or random assortments please could you consider donating it to St. Bede's? It doesn't matter how little or how much there is - anything will be hugely appreciated! Thank you.



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

SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

Coming soon...St. Bede's Catholic College Wellness Fortnight

Our young people and staff will be participating in a range of activities to boost their 'wellness' during the fortnight commencing 15th October 2018. Excellent learning will continue as normal but lessons and assemblies will encompass the themes of Spiritual, Emotional, Mental and Physical wellness.

A reminder:

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

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

Many thanks for the positive response we have already received for this event. If you have not returned your invitation slip please do so or simply, bring it along on the evening.

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