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CERTIFICATE EVENING

On Tuesday, 13th November we welcomed last year's Year 11 pupils and their parents to a celebration at college to receive their GCSE Certificates.

Presentations were made on behalf of Governors, Heads of House and staff following a service of prayers, readings and hymns. The **Bell Burnell** House awards went to **Jonathan Groves** and **Amelia Villiers-Prosser**, **Descartes** awards to **Jack Lomas** and **Jade Hutchinson** and the **Pasteur** awards were presented to **Sebastian Hudd** and **Gabriela Dyba**.

Mr King, Vice Principal presented **Mateusz Smagacz** and **Rhiannon Price-Lewis** with Outstanding Progress awards and the awards for the Highest Achievers were presented by Mr O'Rourke, Vice Principal to **Finley Norton** and **Janina Parry**.

The Certificate Evening is always a highlight of the College's year, giving us a chance to acknowledge hard work and celebrate success with students and families. Those attending enjoyed catching-up with friends and acquaintances, some of whom they had not seen since July.



REFLECTION—16th November - St Edmund of Abingdon

From a young age, Edmund was taught to practice acts of penance such as fasting. Whilst studying at Oxford, the Child Christ appeared to him whilst he was walking alone, and from this he began to sign his forehead every night with the words 'Jesus of Nazareth'. Whilst he practiced severe ascetic behaviours, he was kind and gentle towards others.



Prayer: Lord, with the example of Saint Edmund, may we do our best to avoid temptations and sins. May we strive to be like him in our daily lives by being kind to all those around us, regardless of any differences. Amen.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

19th November

Healthy Body, Healthy Mind Wellness Evening
6.30pm—7.30pm

20th November

ESU Speaking Competition

22nd November

Year 10
Parents Evening
4.30pm—7.30pm

26th November

Ski Parents Evening
6.00pm—7.00pm

29th November

Year 8 Parents Evening
4.30pm—7.30pm

30th November

Commissioning of Chaplaincy Teams at Clifton Cathedral

2nd December

Beginning of Advent

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LOST PROPERTY

We currently have 30 coats and 5 blazers in lost property.

If your child has mislaid any items, please ask them to come to reception.

ARETÉ OPEN EVENING

On Wednesday, we opened our doors to prospective sixth formers who wanted to gain an insight into what life is like at the Areté Sixth Form at St. Bede's Catholic College. Over 330 guests, pupils and parents came to visit the college including our new Sixth Form extension and Science building due to open in January 2019.

Miss Kirkbright, Director of Sixth Form, hosted a question and answer session with students, who gave an honest and frank insight into why they chose St. Bede's, and their opinions on what is offered to them here, both academically and beyond.

In his speech Mr King, Vice-Principal, said: 'Areté was relatively new a few years ago, however, as a result of the commitment of a hardworking and dedicated staff, results here stand up to scrutiny against the very best in Bristol. There is no glass ceiling in Areté. We want our young people to go out into the world confident in who they are and truly living up to the name and being the very best that they can be.'

The deadline for internal applicants is 9th January 2019 and application forms can be obtained from the sixth form reception or from our website. Any internal candidate that secures the required grades is guaranteed a place.

It is clear from the turn out on the evening that Areté will again be at full capacity in September 2019. We look forward to welcoming our new cohort. Any enquiries can be emailed to sixthform@stbedescc.org.

With only 100 places available for September 2019 it is important that applications are received on time, but also that pupils work hard this year to secure the exam results to meet the entry requirements of 5 grade 5 GCSEs with minimum of grade 5 in both English and Mathematics.

MATHS OLYMPIAD

On Tuesday 2nd October, **Ciara Stables** in year 12, took part in the Maths Olympiad for Girls.

This competition is used to select members of a team to represent the UK in international maths competitions. The top 25% of competitors qualify for a 'distinction'.

Ciara did extremely well; she was just one mark short of getting a distinction in this prestigious competition. Well done!

AUTHOR VISIT

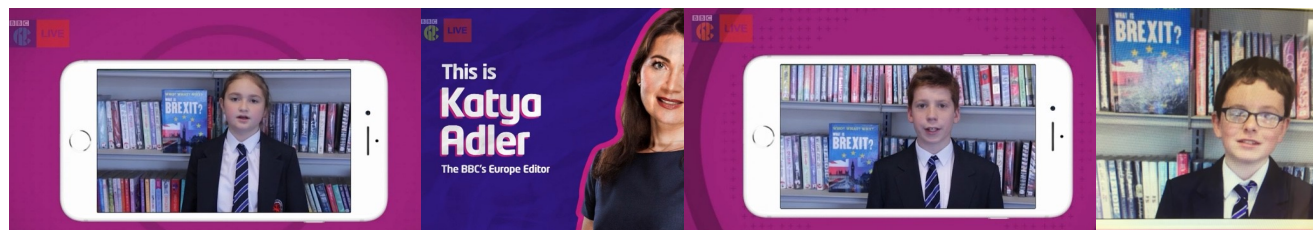
On Thursday 8th November we welcomed writer **Nikesh Shukla** to St Bede's. Nikesh gave year 11 students a fascinating insight into his life experience and how he has used these experiences to develop his writing.

Junior Toukam in year 11, said: *'Nikesh's advice to write about what you believe in and use your own real experiences in your writing has really inspired me to write and has given me lots of ideas about how to create characters'*.

YEAR 7 PUPILS FEATURE ON CBBC NEWSROUND

We were delighted to be approached by CBBC Newsround before half term asking our pupils to participate in a feature they were preparing on Brexit and how it affects our young people.

Congratulations to year 7 pupils **Thomas Harman**, **Emma Sturch** and **Ben Godfrey** who posed questions to Katya Adler, the BBC European Editor. They were wonderful ambassadors for the college and were pleased to feature in the Newsround episode on the 29th October. Although the episode is no longer available the news feature is available to view on the BBC website: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/45989578>



ADVICE AND SUPPORT

Supportive Parents provide information and support for families of children with Special Educational Needs (SEND) across Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire and hold regular support group meetings.

For more information visit: <http://www.supportiveparents.org.uk/support-groups/>

TAEKWONDO SUCCESS

Congratulations to year 8 pupil **Nathan Wong** who passed his **Taekwondo Black Belt** grading exam on the 21st October and is now a 1st degree Black Belt.

He also took part in the **TAGB British National Taekwondo Championship 2018** on the 4th November at the Arena Birmingham and was pleased to win Bronze in the Boys Black Belt Sparring category. Well done Nathan.

BIN IT! ROADSHOW

Today we welcomed the team from the 'Bin it!' roadshow to speak with our year 7 and 8 pupils as part of our PSHCE education, about the impact of littering on our surroundings.

Pupils enjoyed an informative and entertaining presentation.



VACANCIES

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.

For further information on the positions available and an application form, please visit: <http://www.stbedescc.org/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=12>

ELEVATE EDUCATION PRESENTATION

We were delighted to welcome Megan from Elevate Education on 6th November to work with our GCSE and A Level students in preparation for their forthcoming GCSE and A Level examinations. Megan offered wonderful advice and ways to time manage, set goals and increase motivation when revising.

Later that day, parents were invited to an evening seminar where Megan offered examples of ways to encourage, motivate and support children during the exam period. A very useful and informative evening, thank you to Megan and Elevate.

This is the first of a number of seminars which will be offered to our Year 11 and A Level students this academic year.

ST BEDE'S COMMUNITY SPORTS

The St. Bede's Community Sports team have had a busy start to the academic year working with our local primary schools.

The **Primary Schools Football League** has been extended to 8 weeks of league play due to the demand. In week one of the Premiership and Championship Division, we were delighted that **157 children participated**.

The new **Netball League** also got off to a great start. In week one of the competition, **12 primary school teams and 95 children** participated in the hope of being awarded the title of 2018 Primary Netball League champions.

The popular **Cross Country Event** saw **313 finishers** (118 in year 3 and 4 and 194 in year 5 and 6). Congratulations to **Elmlea Primary** who were our trophy winners this year.

Eighty year 5 and 6 pupils will represent North Bristol in the County Finals at Ashton Park school on November 24th. Good luck to all involved.

Congratulations to **St Bonaventure's RC Primary** who won the **year 3 and 4 Football Tournament** recently and to **Westbury on Trym CoE Primary** who were awarded runners-up.

Finally, thank you to the **21 St Bede's pupils who are Sports Leaders** working towards their **Youth Sport Award**. They are being supported by Bristol Rovers Community team and their BTEC students, with 50 hours volunteered already, they are assisting with the community sports primary school competitions. Well done.



THE GREAT ST BEDE'S BAKE OFF

On Monday 12th November, pupils participated in The Great St. Bede's Bake-Off. We received nearly 100 entries to the competition as pupils vied to win points for their respective houses in this leg of the Inter-House competition. Well done to all who participated, the bakes were truly amazing.

Congratulations to our winners:

Year 7	1st	Matilda Francis	Pasteur
	2nd	Ronnie Walker	Bell Burnell
	3rd	Siminta Maurutyte	Seacole
	4th	Thomas Harman	Descartes
Year 8	1st	Samuel Granados Villanueva	Descartes
	2nd	Peter Nicks	Bell Burnell
	3rd	Edward Nicks	Pasteur
Year 9	1st	Isobel Patel	Pasteur
	2nd	Emilijus Urbanavicius	Descartes
	3rd	Katie McKenzie-Ward	Bell Burnell
Year 10 and 11	1st	Amy Taylor	Descartes
	2nd	Elizabeth Phillips-White	Pasteur
	3rd	Olivia Bamford	Bell Burnell



ACHIEVEMENT POINTS

In recognition of excellent effort, achievement and behaviour, pupils are awarded achievement points. These are then calculated at the end of the year to go towards the Inter-House cup. We are pleased to announce Term One totals.

Congratulations to the following tutor groups:

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1st	7BJP	8BSCM	9BJC	10DADA	11BMHA
2nd	7SDJS	8DOP	9BCL	10DEB	11BNS
3rd	7PCBA	8DEH	9BSGI	10PCCH	11PGM

SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

Staying safe on foot and bike

Look out for yourself and your friends when out on foot and bike. Choose the safest routes you can (which are often nicer anyway), like quieter, slower roads, with pavements if you're walking or cycle paths if you're going by bike.



It's easy to get distracted by your phone or by friends, but you need to be alert to traffic. Put your phone away and take your earphones out when crossing the road. Don't trust that drivers will spot you and be able to stop in time – many drivers go too fast and don't pay enough attention, so anything you can do to protect yourself is a good thing.

Young people accepting lifts from others

Advice for Parents and Carers

✓ Talk to your son or daughter about the dangers of accepting lifts from others driving cars or motorbikes. Young drivers, young males in particular, are the highest risk group of drivers due to their age and inexperience: this means they are particularly likely to take risks and less able to cope with hazards.



✓ It's safest to avoid lifts altogether with young drivers, or at least don't get a lift with someone you don't trust completely to drive under speed limits, completely sober, and focused on the road.

✓ Agree with your son or daughter that you will always pick them up if they are stuck and need you to, even if it's late at night. Make sure they're always able to get hold of you if they need to, and tell them they can call you any time, day or night. It might be an inconvenience, but better safe than sorry. If you don't drive, give your son or daughter emergency numbers and tell them you have cash in the house to pay for it in case they get stranded without a lift and need to get home.

For further information: www.brake.org.uk

An Important note about Seat Belts

The rule is, if the vehicle is fitted with seatbelts, it is the responsibility of the passengers to use them.

Please remind your son or daughter to wear the belt and remain seated at all times when travelling to and from college.



Continuing from our Wellness Fortnight we are pleased to present the second in the series of evening events. A seminar for parents/ carers and young people on...

Healthy body, Healthy mind

At times, being a teenager can be challenging

We know that being a parent or carer can sometimes be challenging. Teenagers also face challenges of their own. We invite you to consider some key strategies in order to help support a young person throughout their learning journey at St. Bede's, with special emphasis on coping with GCSE examinations. The key topics to be discussed will include:

- The importance of sleep
- Use of practical revision techniques
- Re-engaging the reluctant learner
- Spotting the signs of stress (e.g. Self-harm and eating disorders)



**Please join us here at the college Main Hall on
Monday 19th November 6.30pm-8.00pm**

In order to ensure that we provide appropriate seating for this wellness event, please return the slip that has been sent home with your child or contact the college reception.

PARKING

When parking in the local area, please remain considerate to the access requirements of local residents.

Please note that parking for this event has been arranged and is available at the Lawrence Weston Social Club, Lawrence Weston Road BS11 0ST

Please note : Parking is **not** available via the sports entrance - this is reserved for community sports events.

I/we shall be attending the '**Wellness Evening**' event on Monday 19th November 2018 at 6.30pm.

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.
To reserve a parking space, please contact the college to make individual arrangements.

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE COLLEGE RECEPTION