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YOUNG ENTERPRISE WINNERS

Congratulations to our Young Enterprise Team "Affoldables" who were awarded the prize of overall **Best Team** and **Best Trade Stand** at St Nicholas Market last weekend scooping two of the four awards given on that day.

Year 10 pupils competed against fierce competition from 12 other schools and were commended on their professionalism and politeness.



Congratulations to: **Lucki Berondo, Alex Heale, Steven Wood, Boden Osborn-Clark, Bethel Okorochoa, Phoebe Cremin, Jeff Subin, Maria Nithyanandam, Luke Cheskin, Catherine Yeo, Maximilian Bonacorsi, Angela Varghese, Anna Serle** and **Madison Gears**.

The next round of the competition will take place at The Mall, Cribbs Causeway in February. Good luck!

REFLECTION — Memorial of Saint Lucy - 13th December

There is little known about the history of Lucy, except for the fact that she lived during the early fourth century, a time where Christians were persecuted. Her mother tried to arrange a marriage for her but after praying at the tomb of Saint Agatha, Lucy was told that her mother's illness would be cured through faith, persuading her mother to give the dowry money to the poor and stop the marriage.

Legends say that Lucy's eyes were removed by guards, whilst some say that she removed them herself to discourage a persistent admirer. The name Lucy can mean 'light' and she is the patron saint of the blind. She is often pictured with a golden plate holding her eyes and often holds a palm branch, a symbol of victory over evil.



Prayer: Lord, Lucy did not hide her light but let it shine for the whole world. May our lives be illuminated by Christ, giving us the courage to share our faith with those around us. Amen.

Reflection: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

17th December

HPV Vaccinations for Year 8 & 9 Girls

19th December

Christmas Lunch

20th December

Advent Service
6.30pm

21st December END OF TERM 2

Pupils will finish at
2.00pm

7th January START OF TERM 3

Week B

7th January

Year 13
Mock Examinations begin

15th January

Cafod Young Leaders Event

MEDICATION

As the cold weather sets in pupils who suffer with asthma may need to use their ventolin inhalers more regularly in school.

Please ensure your child comes to school carrying their inhaler in their bag or blazer pocket, and ensure it is full and not expired.

ADVENT SERVICE

St. Bede's Catholic College warmly invite our families and parishes to our Advent Service in the Main Hall on Thursday 20th December at 6.30pm.



BRISTOL UNIVERSITY LAW CLINIC WORKSHOP WITH ARETÉ A LEVEL LAW STUDENTS

Students studying A Level Law were involved in mooting last week. Undergraduate students from Bristol University's Law Clinic came to St. Bede's to conduct a mock trial. Year 12 and 13 argued their case with confidence.

A great experience. It seems we have some future barristers in our Sixth Form!



CAROLS AT CABOT CIRCUS

On Tuesday evening, pupils, past pupils and staff performed Christmas Carols at Cabot Circus to raise money for **Save the Children** charity. Both the Choir and the Band were brilliant and it was a wonderful occasion. Well done to all who participated.



BOOK HAMPERS Food for the Mind?

As part of our literacy strategy yesterday, we presented our 'Book hampers.'

Seventeen lucky families were selected and each received a book hamper to enjoy over the Christmas holidays— Food for the mind?



BOOK REVIEW

Year 10 book club have recently read 'The Choice' by Edith Eger.

This book is based on the experience of Edith Eger in Auschwitz and how she adapted to life afterwards. The author writes about the physical and psychological problems she faced after surviving Auschwitz. The story gives the reader a different perspective of the Holocaust and her writing style immerses the reader in this powerful real life genre. A great read—highly recommended!

Anna Harris, Amy Koikkara, Maximilian Bonacorsi, Oliver Cima and Patrick Chandler

MUSIC

EXAMINATION

Congratulations to year 8 pupil **Gianfranco Gordon** who received a merit in his recent grade 3 piano exam.

Excellent work!

CHAPLAINCY COMMISSIONING

On Friday 30th November, members of the St Bede's Chaplaincy Team joined 900 other Chaplaincy members at Clifton Cathedral to be commissioned by Canon Bosco.

Pupils promised to be a people of prayer, which is especially important as the Diocese focuses on prayer this year.



STAFF WELLBEING

As we continue to promote positive wellbeing at St. Bede's Catholic College, staff have been participating in an after school Christmas craft club. A lovely way to relax.



PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB CALENDAR

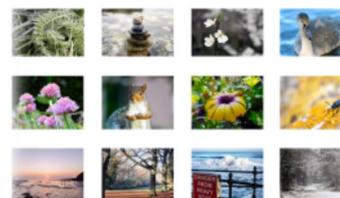
We are pleased to announce our first ever St. Bede's calendar.

Year 7 and the photography club have worked very hard to select photographs they have taken for a stunning calendar.

The calendar costs £5.00 and proceeds will be split between our college charities. We are taking orders at break time and delivery is expected by the end of next week. Just in time for Christmas.



St Bede's Calendar 2019



All photographs in this calendar were taken by members of the St Bede's Photography Club

CHRISTMAS JUMPER AND HAT DAY

On Friday, 21st December pupils and staff are invited to wear Festive jumpers and hats to raise money for our college charities: **Rays of Sunshine, St Peters Hospice** and **Water Aid**. We ask all pupils and staff to donate a minimum of 50p.



MURDER MYSTERY IN THE LIBRARY

Over the last three weeks pupils have been playing detective in order to solve a 'murder' which occurred in the library. Each week, a series of clues were released to help solve the mystery.

It was discovered that the victim was Miss Cumiskey, the murder weapon was a scythe and that the crime was committed by Mr Slocombe (Please rest assured that this is not based on a true story!)

Over 100 children took part, using library resources to solve the clues. Well done to all who participated.



MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGE GCSE EXAMINATIONS

All pupils who wish to be entered for GCSE in a language other than French or Spanish should see Mrs Owen in order to collect a letter before the end of term.

STAFF VACANCY

Governors at St. Bede's Catholic College wish to appoint a **School Meals Supervisory Assistant (SMSA)**.

The post is 7.5 hours per week and £8.00 per hour (this will increase to £9.00 in April 2019)

For further information, please see the vacancy section of our website www.stbedesc.org

SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

Digital Safeguarding is an important factor to consider at this time of year. As Christmas draws near, many children may be looking forward to receiving new electronic devices or games, so we feel that this is an appropriate time to highlight some straight-forward online safety tips to help parents/carers make safer choices and support their children online.



Top Tips

- Continue to take an active interest in your child's online life and engage in the digital world with them.
- Remind children that they can tell an adult if something happens online that makes them feel scared, worried or uncomfortable, without being told off or punished.
- Agree as a family, how the internet and technology will be used in your home; encourage children to use the online safety messages they learn in school and adapt these into your own family rules.
- Discuss online boundaries too; if your child loves to socialise online, talk to them about what is and isn't appropriate to share with their friends online.
- Always check the PEGI age rating and descriptors on games before buying them for your child and carefully consider whether the content is appropriate for them.
- Remember to role-model positive behaviour online; consider asking your child's permission before posting photos of them on social media this Christmas and empower them to have control over their 'digital reputation'.

Further information can be found here:

<http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/have-a-conversation>