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GALILEO SCIENCE BLOCK AND SIXTH FORM STUDY CENTRE

We are delighted that **Galileo**, our new Science and Sixth Form Study Centre will be handed over by Skanska on the 11th January 2019. The new building, which consists of 4 Science labs, 2 teaching rooms and 1 large sixth form study room is a huge asset to our college and our ever growing sixth form.



We look forward to welcoming Bishop Declan Lang in March 2019 for the formal opening and blessing.

Thank you to our neighbours and community for their patience over the past year.



*Wishing all our
families and
parishes
a Happy, Holy
and Peace
filled Christmas*

ADVENT SERVICE AND CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Our Advent service took place yesterday evening.

Pupils presented a wonderful evening of readings, music and prayer. The service, which was attended by hundreds of families, was both prayerful and joyous.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

17th January
Year 9
Curriculum Evening
6.30pm

DESCARTES WINTER BALL

On Friday 14th December, St. Bede's hosted its annual Winter Ball. Pupils and staff worked hard to organise the event led by Descartes House Captains **Matthew Chudley** and **Giulia Ferrazzano**.

Pupils arrived at 7.00pm and enjoyed on arrival a complimentary drink and chocolate. The hall was decorated beautifully and pupils enjoyed a photo booth and disco. It was a wonderful evening, thoroughly enjoyed by all.

A total of **£350.00** was raised and proceeds will be given to our three college charities: **Rays of Sunshine**, **St. Peter's Hospice** and **Water Aid**.



CHINA EXCHANGE PROGRAMME A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR PUPILS

St. Bede's Catholic College is delighted to have been approved by the Education Bureau of China to set up an exchange programme for students.

Mr Maher, Principal, travelled to China in October with other Headteacher colleagues to visit our sister school Guangzhou Middle School Number 5, a specialist Science and Technology school. Opportunities were given to observe lessons including Chinese writing, Chinese Art, Music, English, Science and Technology and also to witness over a thousand students taking part in exercise on the athletics track – an amazing spectacle. There was also an invitation to take part in a formal 'tea' ceremony which is an important aspect of Chinese culture.

St. Bede's are hoping to host students from Guangzhou Middle School Number 5 in the Summer Term with a view to our students visiting there in 2020.

Mr Maher said: *'This is an incredibly exciting opportunity for students to develop friendship between our two proud nations. It also gives us a greater understanding of the culture and an insight into the common bonds that exist in education in China and the United Kingdom.'*



DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Congratulations to our most recent **Bronze** and **Silver** Duke of Edinburgh Award winners who were presented with their certificates and badges on Monday.

A wonderful achievement, well done.



UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

Many of our year 13 students have been working hard on their university applications this term.

Success rates in offers are very high already, and we send our best wishes to those students who have been invited to interview at Oxford and Cambridge universities.

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

JULIAN TRUST HAMPERS

Thank you all for your generosity this Christmas by donating various items for the hampers for the Julian Trust.

Years 7-13 have been busy filling the hampers and have managed to fill **48 hampers** this Christmas.

These hampers will be used to provide hot food for the homeless in Bristol and will be very much appreciated.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FOOD HAMPERS

Ten St Bede's families are enjoying the treats they have received following this year's hamper draw. Thank you to Mrs Derrick, year 12 and year 9 pupils who put them together and decorated them.

Best wishes to all recipients.



POLITE REMINDER

At Christmas we understand that our pupils may receive expensive gifts. As per our college policy, we would like to remind you that valuables must not be brought into school.

ABRSM MUSIC EXAMS

Congratulations to **Ethan Fordham Vizcaino**, year 8, who achieved a merit in his Grade 3 Bass Guitar exam and year 11 pupil **Yanis Preisner** who achieved a Grade 2 in Acoustic Guitar.

Term 3 will commence on
Monday 7th January 2019
Week B

PASTEUR OF THE TERM

This term's Pasteur of the Term is awarded to year 10 pupil **James Hurst** who was nominated by pupils for his charity work in Nepal earlier this year.

James ran activities for the children, helped build a bridge and visited their water tower project and kindergarten in Chilean. He also took a group on a four day trek in the Himalayas!



SPORTS NEWS

ATHLETICS

Congratulations to our year 7 and 8 pupils who competed in the **Sports Hall Athletics Bristol Finals** at Redland Green on Tuesday.

Excellent team work, well done!



CHARITY NETBALL MATCH

Well done to our staff and year 10 pupils who participated in a charity netball match yesterday. The match was a very close game and it could have gone either way! Congratulations to our staff who were victorious on this occasion winning 10-6. Money raised from the event will be forwarded to our college charities. A special mention to **Isobel Clothier** and **Mrs Pascoe** who were awarded Players Player of the match.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

