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OXFORD UNIVERSITY SUMMER SCHOOL

Congratulations to Areté students **Molly Cummings, Finley Norton** and **Shanaz Sharonsenthil** who have been accepted on the Oxford University's Spring/Summer school UNIQ programme. The students will fully embrace student life at the university, attend lectures and seminars and receive expert advice on the Oxford application and interview process. Molly has chosen to study Biochemistry, Finley has received a place on the Mathematics programme and Shanaz will focus on Law.

Congratulations also to **Britney Kadji** who has received an invitation to Oxford University's UNIQ digital programme. The digital programme offers information and guidance on the university admissions process, and provides a realistic view of Oxford student life. Britney will liaise with student ambassadors, who will answer her questions and offer support.

A wonderful achievement, well done.



REFLECTION 9th March - Commemoration of St Frances of Rome

At the age of 11, Frances knew that God wanted her to become a nun. However, this was not what her father wanted, who forced her to marry a good and noble man. Frances found that her new life was much harder and collapsed from the strain, laying close to death for a few months.

Frances had a vision of St Alexis, a young man who had ran away to beg instead of marrying as his family wished. He spoke to Frances saying "You will live to glorify His name" and her recovery was immediate. After a flood brought disease and famine to Rome, Frances gave orders that no one asking for alms should be turned away, and she went out to the poor with corn, oil and clothing. After her husbands death, Frances became the superior of the lay order of women she had founded, achieving her dream of becoming a nun.

Reflection: "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

Prayer: Lord, help us to remember that when things aren't going right or the way we planned, that you have a greater plan for us that we do not yet understand. May your guidance help us to make the right decisions in our lives. Amen.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11th March

Week of
Year 13 Exams

Year 9
Vaccinations

12th March

Official Opening and
Blessing of
Galileo and
The Chapel

College Production of
Grease

13th March

College Production of
Grease

14th March

College Production of
Grease

17th March

Silver DoE Training
9.30am—3.00pm at St.
Bede's

19th March

Areté
Iceland trip depart

21st March

Year 7 Parents' Evening
4.30pm—7.30pm

23rd March

Areté
Iceland trip return

GCSE SCIENCE REVISION GUIDES

The deadline for ordering GCSE Science Revision guides from St. Bede's is Friday, 15th March.

Order forms are available from the Science prep room.

NATIONAL MATHS CHALLENGE

On Thursday 7th February, twenty nine Year 10 mathematicians sat the Intermediate Maths Challenge paper. The top 40% of the students entered nationally receive either a Bronze, Silver or Gold certificate. Congratulations to:

GOLD AWARD

Kristine Matute

SILVER AWARD

Olivia Morgan, Jessica Ball, Anna Harris, Aniya Tharakan and Louie Francisco

BRONZE AWARD

Christina Augustine, James Moss, Ciara Rae, Elizabeth Phillips-White and Luke Cheskin

Kristine who was awarded the "Best in school" will now take part in the next round of the competition. Good luck!

SKI TRIP TO AMADÉ, AUSTRIA

43 pupils and 6 staff travelled to Amadé in Austria during the February holiday. The snow was fantastic and the fine weather allowed for some incredible views of the Alps. Throughout the week, all pupils improved their technique and could ski from the top to the bottom of the mountain. As well as skiing, pupils also participated in curling, Austrian dance and were treated to a thermal spa.



Congratulations to the following pupils who received awards:

Erin Taylor

Sheila Mazeli

Rubin Halder

Kian O'Connor

Daisy Sweeney

Millie Watkins

Mia Bradshaw

Beginner 1 Most Improved

Beginner 2 Most Improved

Intermediate Most Improved

Advanced Most Improved

Most Resilient

Joint Queen of the Mountain

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The group were fantastic and we are sure they will remember the trip for many years to come.

PASTEUR OF THE TERM

Congratulations to **Eden Shepherd** who has been awarded Pasteur of Term 3.

Eden is friendly, helpful and constantly strives to do his best; a great ambassador for Pasteur.

Well done Eden.



PASTEUR PANCAKES

Congratulations to Pasteur house who prepared pancakes with numerous delicious toppings to sell during break time last Thursday and Friday.

Pasteur raised a wonderful **£157.00** for our college charities; Water Aid, St Peter's Hospice and Rays of Sunshine. Well done.

TABLE TENNIS SUCCESS

Congratulations to year 10 pupil **Louis Price** who took the single and doubles title in the world's oldest Table Tennis competition, held in Bristol last weekend.

Louis, who is ranked number one in England played Kai Moosman from Germany in an epic singles final winning 3-1. In the doubles tournament, Louis and his partner Daniel Moses were delighted with the win.

A great achievement Louis, well done.



STAFF VACANCIES

Governors at St. Bede's Catholic College wish to appoint the following:

- **School Meals Supervisory Assistant (SMSA)** The post is 7.5 hours per week and £9.00 per hour
- **Cleaner** This will be a permanent contract of 16 hours per week for which the hours of work are 3.00pm to 6.15pm Monday to Thursday and 3.00pm – 6.00pm on Friday. The hourly rate is £9.00

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

POLITE REMINDER

As you are aware the road at the main entrance to the college is exceptionally busy at the beginning and the end of the college day.

In the interest of safety for our pupils and staff, please could we remind parents to be mindful when dropping off and collecting their children.

HAND HYGIENE

We have had a small number of sickness bugs in college which can be unpleasant for all. Please could we remind our children of the importance of hand hygiene after using the bathroom, sneezing and before eating or food preparation. Thank you.

SHAMAS UPDATE

Some of you will remember St Bede's hosting a touring party from the Kenyan charity the '**Shamas Foundation**' in 2015. The Shamas Foundation are based in Nairobi and their purpose is to use the sport of rugby to offer some of the poorest people in the city an opportunity to gain life skills and a good education.



We were extremely fortunate to get to meet twenty of the boys on the programme when they were selected for the charity's tour to the UK, many of them being hosted by the wonderful families of our students.

As a legacy of the tour, St Bede's have committed to funding two of the boy's school fees for the duration of their secondary education. Isaac and Felix were selected by Shamas as appropriate recipients of the sponsorship and are now entering their penultimate year of school.

Charity director Edoardo De Paoli had this to say in a recent update:

"Isaac and Felix are performing well on and off the rugby pitch. Especially Isaac who is developing into a great utility back. His school coach is confident he will become National Team material once he finishes high school."

It is fantastic to see the link between St Bede's and the boys still so strong and the monies raised by the various House initiatives and other fundraising going directly to such a good cause.

RUGBY NEWS

The College rugby teams have been extremely busy over the past two terms. We have had teams representing the school at all age groups both boys and girls.

There have also been a few firsts for St Bede's after Areté was able to field a First XV proper, who played and won their first game against St Bernadette's.

We were also represented by an under 18s girls team for the first time. That age group also encompasses our year 11 so it wasn't strictly an Areté team but they represented the College with aplomb, travelling up to Sir Thomas Rich's in Gloucester and running out worthy winners.

Other teams have also been playing consistently and with great quality. The Year 8 boys enjoyed an A and B fixture against Katharine Lady Berkeley School. The 'A' team just missed out against a talented KLB side while the 'B' team regained some pride for St Bede's with a well fought win.

Along with the slightly warmer February has come the start of Schools 7s season. All age groups have been competing against some of the best schools in the area and have acquitted themselves well. The year 10 boys did particularly well in winning the Plate competition at their tournament, only losing to the two cup finalists on the day.



CAFOD YOUNG VOLUNTEERS

Congratulations to our year 10 CAFOD Young Volunteers who organised a cake sale on Tuesday to raise money for CAFOD.

The cakes sold out within minutes and the volunteers were pleased to have raised **£126.84** Well done.



MATILDA FRANCIS IRISH DANCING

Congratulations to year 7 pupil **Matilda Francis** who competed in the **2019 All Ireland Irish Dancing Championships** in Killarney on the 18th February. Matilda, who has been dancing for a number of years, trains 5 times per week in Gloucester.

It was a successful competition for Matilda, who was awarded 11th place out of 200 competitors in one dance and 67th overall.

Matilda now looks forward to competing in the World Championships in North Carolina in America in April. Well done Matilda!



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CHARITY RAFFLE

Congratulations to Mrs Harman's Sixth Form Tutor Group who organised a raffle to raise money for our college charities; St Peter's Hospice, Water Aid and Rays of Sunshine.

6PJH were delighted to have raised a profit of **£31.50** and **Leo John**, year 10 was delighted to have won the £25 first prize!

YEAR 9 VACCINATIONS—MONDAY 11TH MARCH 2019

The Year 9 Vaccinations are scheduled for the whole of year 9 on Monday, 11th March. The vaccinations are for Meningococcal ACWY, Diptheria/Polio and Tetanus. The children taking part in Grease dress rehearsals and the rugby event during the morning will be slotted in to receive their vaccinations. Please ensure consent forms have been completed, signed and returned.

YEAR 7 TRIP TO FRANCE

One space has become available for the year 7 activity trip to France in July. Please contact Miss Chennells for further details.

FLAME 2019

On 2nd March, 20 pupils attended the CYMFed Flame Conference at Wembley arena with 8,000 other young people.

The theme of the conference was 'Significance' and Robert Madu spoke to the young people to remind them that each and every one of them is significant and that they should not compare themselves to anyone else as God has a special plan for them that cannot be compared with anyone else's.

Other guests at the conference included RISE Theatre, singers Tim Hughes and Guvna B and Cardinal Vincent Nicholls who ended the day by leading us in adoration. The day was enjoyed by all who attended and we are looking forward to the next event!

YOUNG ENTERPRISE AT THE MALL, CRIBBS CAUSEWAY

Our Young Enterprise team "Affoldables" will be selling their products at The Mall, Cribbs Causeway on Saturday 9th March. They will be on the top level of the Mall near the food hall. They will be competing against 12 other schools and will be there from 9am until 4pm.

The team will also be competing to get funding from 3 "Dragons" of Bristol Businesses by presenting a pitch and being grilled about their business. Aside from this, all team members will face questioning from trade stand judges and mystery shoppers, as well as trying to promote their brand and make sales! Good luck!



SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

HOME-START BRISTOL –VOLUNTEER PREPARATION COURSE APRIL 2019

Would you like to make a difference?

Home-Start Bristol is recruiting local volunteers to support families who are struggling.

Home-Start Bristol is a charity that supports families that are struggling to cope. Its success depends on constantly recruiting and training new volunteers and the next training course will take place at Windmill Hill City Farm starting in April.

Volunteers are parents or grandparents themselves, who can understand the challenges families may be facing. They are trained, and matched with a family in their area and visit the family once a week for 2-3 hours to offer friendship, a listening ear and practical support.

The next preparation course starts on Thursday 25th April at Windmill Hill City Farm and will run every Thursday 10am-2pm for 9 weeks (with a break for half term).

The course is accredited which means volunteers can opt to do some additional coursework to gain a level 2 qualification.

For more information or an application pack go to www.homestartbristol.org.uk, check out our Facebook page or call the office on 0117 9501170.

WORLD BOOK DAY

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, tutor groups were asked to create a book scene in a box.

Congratulations to:

1st place: **Mrs Holister**'s tutor for Boy in The Striped Pyjamas

2nd place: **Miss Hayre**'s tutor for Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Joint 3rd place: **Mrs Jones**' tutor for The March of the Amazon Spiders and **Mr Maszuchin**'s tutor for Shadow Hunters.

Special commendation to **Ezekiel Do Rozario** 7DZB for Fortunately, the Milk.

There were also book quizzes and activities in the library throughout the day and demonstrations on how to use reading websites.



St. Bede's Catholic College presents Grease NEXT WEEK!

St Bede's Catholic College Presents...

Pink Ladies

**12th
13th
&
14th
March
2019**

7pm start

*For more information see Miss Adams,
Mr Lewis or Mrs Shaddick*

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Ticket Prices

**Adults:
£5**

**Students:
£3.50**

**Family
Ticket:
2 Adults &
2 Children
£15**

GREASE

*Tickets on sale in the Drama Studio at
break and lunch from 4th Feb*

 Grease is presented through special arrangement with and all authorised performance materials are supplied by Theatrical Rights Worldwide (TRW), 122-124 Regent Street, 3rd floor, London W1B 5SA. www.theatricalrights.co.uk