

# St. Bede's Catholic College

*Specialist Science and Sports College*

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## BLESSING OF GALILEO AND CHAPEL

We were honoured on Tuesday, 12th March to welcome Bishop Declan Lang to St. Bede's Catholic College to officially open and bless Galileo our new Science and Sixth Form Study Centre.

We are very proud of our specialist Science status at St. Bede's, and Galileo, which boasts four new state of the art science laboratories, two classrooms and a Sixth Form study centre, is a welcome addition to the college and will support our ever increasing sixth form, Areté.

Bishop Declan also blessed our new chapel which has been relocated to the heart of the college. He told us how appropriate it seemed to open the new science building and chapel on the same day based on the idea that faith and reason are not in conflict, but complement one another. This sacred space and Galileo will be used and appreciated by everyone at the college, now and in the years to come.



## REFLECTION—23rd March - Saint Turibius of Mongrovejo (1538-1606)

Turibius was a lay professor of law and was unexpectedly appointed as archbishop of Lima and Principal Judge in the court of Inquisition at Granada. Both of these were unusual positions for a layperson to hold and Turibius pleaded his incapacity. In 1581, after receiving ordination, he arrived in Lima and carried out his first visitation which took 7 years. He worked hard to aid the poor and defend the rights of the Indian people who were suffering severely under Spanish occupation. He founded schools, churches, hospitals, and the first seminary in the New World.

**Reflection:** "On this rock, I will build my church"

**Prayer:** Lord, through Turibius' work, your church continued to grow and spread. During this season of Lent, may we continue to grow in faith and holiness, spreading light to those who need it. Amen.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### 23rd March

Iceland  
trip return

### 24th March

Year 10 Kintbury  
trip return

### 25th March

Year 11 Drama  
Practical Rehearsal  
5.45pm—7.00pm

### 26th March

Year 11, 12 and 13  
Individual and Year  
Group Photographs

### 26th March

Meet the Professionals  
event for year 11 and  
Areté students

### 27th March

GCSE Drama  
Practical Examination

### 27th March

6.00pm  
Primary Choir Event

### 28th March

Year 9 Parents' Evening  
4.30pm—7.30pm

### 1st April

Week of Year 10 & 11  
Exams in English, Maths  
and Science

### 3rd April

Primary Dance  
Showcase  
6.30pm

### 5th April

INSET DAY  
END OF TERM 4

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## GREASE

Last week over 100 students from year 7-13 took part in the college production of Grease! The cast, crew and band worked immensely hard to produce three polished performances to a sell out audience. The reaction was phenomenal and the students should be incredibly proud, all that hard work and commitment was worth it in the end. The talent displayed was fantastic, from the leads to the chorus, the backstage crew and the band, every single person contributed to making the show such a great success. The commitment and enthusiasm the students have for performing arts was obvious from their huge smiles, what a thoroughly enjoyable show. We are already looking forward to next year!



## BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

British Science Week is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths. We have celebrated with a variety of activities running at lunchtimes including; Fire Writing, the infamous burning bridge of death, a whizz-bang chemistry show and a periodic table themed treasure hunt.

Thank you to all the teachers involved and our amazing science technicians who work so hard (often behind the scenes) for all their energy and hard work to make Science Week at St. Bede's an exciting celebration of Science.

Congratulations to year 7 pupils **Olivia Manning, Esa Vincent** and **Yin Lin** who were the winners of our treasure hunt.



## PRESENTATION OF MONSTRANCE

During our Descartes House Mass on Tuesday, 19th March Father Leo from Downside presented the Monstrance to Mr Maher and St. Bede's. All pupils and staff were invited to take part in Eucharistic Adoration. It was an opportunity for pupils to contemplate the mystery of Christ before them as they all sat quietly for reflective prayer.

From next Friday, there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in our new chapel and this will take place at the start of morning registration.



## SIMS PARENT APP REMINDER

We are delighted to have launched the SIMS Parent App this term (see newsletter from 15th February) and are pleased with the early parental uptake. A reminder that this is an easy way to access information about your child and their progress at St. Bede's. It also allows the update of contact details.



All future student reports will be accessed through the App, so if you have not done so already, please follow the links in the email you have been sent and register. The App can be accessed through a PC desktop too, if that is more helpful. The App is helping us use technology to make accessing information easier for parents, as well as saving the environment by reducing the amount of printing we are doing as a college.

Thank you all for your support in the introduction of the App.

Mr R King, Vice Principal

## BASKETBALL SUCCESS

Congratulations to year 10 pupil **Jason Soodeen** who has been selected for the England Basketball Talent Programme. Jason will begin the programme after Easter at the National Performance Centre in Manchester. Good luck!



## MEDICINE OFFER

Congratulations to Areté student **Emily Hignell** who has received an offer to read Medicine at the University of Exeter.

We wish all of our year 13 students the best of luck as they await for offers from their chosen universities and prepare for their A Level examinations.



## BRAVE THE SHAVE

Well done to Mr Johnson and year 8 pupils **Alfie Norton, Tommy Norman, Preston Hastings, Laurence Dockerty** and **Antonio Scarpati** who would like to help Macmillan Cancer Support continue their amazing work by shaving their heads to raise money for this very worthy charity.

Several of them have had first-hand experience of how Macmillan supports families, and therefore understand the invaluable impact their work has. Others have had experience of how cancer can devastate families and just want to help future families, so that they can be offered valuable support and guidance at such a

difficult time. Although Mr Johnson has less hair to lose .... he would like to keep what he has! The pupils are very 'brave' in supporting this charity event and ANY donations would be gratefully received.



<https://bravetheshave.macmillan.org.uk/shavers/team-stbedes>

## AMSP MATHS FEST 2019

On Wednesday, 13th March two group of four Year 10 students participated in the Advanced Mathematicians Support Programme's "2019 Maths Fest!" The Maths Fest was a fun, educational and a thought provoking challenge which presented the students with an array of questions and problems, that tested their problem solving and teamwork skills. There were different rounds, such as the relay arithmetic, the team algorithm puzzle round and the quick fire algebra round! At the end of each round, a score for their work was given and at the end of the Maths Fest, awards were given out for the winning group and the group with the best teamwork skills. In fact, one of our St. Bede's groups won the teamwork award, proving that maths isn't just sums and algebra but also problems best solved together!

By Shawn Joseph, Year 10.

## INVITE TO CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

We were delighted this week to hear that Areté student **Shems Preisner** has been invited to participate in a Politics Masterclass at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. A wonderful experience Shems, we hope you gain much from this experience.

## FOOTBALL—BRISTOL SCHOOLS CUP

Congratulations to all the boys football teams who qualified for the quarter finals in the Bristol Schools cup, the only school to have every year through. The quarter finals took place this week and the competition was tough. Year 7 Boys managed a 5-1 win against Orchard, while Year 8 and Year 11 boys lost away to RGS 2-0 and 5-1 respectively. The Year 9 boys made up for those defeats against RGS beating them at home 5-2. It took extra time for the Year 10 boys to defeat Fairfield going through 5-4. Well done to the team that made it through to the semi finals. Games will be played next week, keep an eye out on the fixtures board.

## STAFF SUCCESS

Congratulations to our Library Assistant Mrs Velasquez who recently received her Master of Arts in Translation. As part of her qualification, Mrs Velasquez worked on a project with 'Book Club' pupils from St. Bede's. Well done.



## CATENIAN SPEAKING COMPETITION

On Sunday 17th March, **John Gompels** and **Fortune Onovo** took part in the annual Catonian Public Speaking Competition.

Fortune's speech was on "The effects of Social Media on Conversation" while John tackled the tricky subject of "How does the Catholic Church regain Credibility?" The competition was very tough with five schools and nine competitors performing brilliantly over the afternoon.

We were absolutely delighted that John won the competition and now goes through to the final in Manchester later in the year. Well done to both of you and to all of those that took part in the difficult selection process.



## 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.

## SIXTH FORM BASKETBALL

The sixth form welcomed Cathedral this week for a game of basketball. It was great to see a number of past pupils return to St. Bede's. The game was played in great spirit and saw St Bede's win 47 - 34. Well done to all those who participated.

The St. Bede's  
Catholic College  
**2020-2021 Admissions  
Policy**  
is now available on  
our website.

## CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY OPPORTUNITY

Four Areté students have been awarded places on a residential course for prospective students organised by Christ's College and Kings College Cambridge in April.

The residential is billed as a brilliant introduction to life at Cambridge, and will involve an admissions talk, academic sessions, talks by current undergraduates and social activities.

**Hal Hewlett** will take the History and Politics strand, **Janina Parry** will take Psychological and Behavioural Sciences, and **Carlo Berondo** and **Ewan Gordon** will attend Natural Sciences. Previous students who have attended the course said the experience was transformational, and that it helped them to see they were capable of succeeding at a highly competitive university such as Oxford or Cambridge. We wish these four the best!



## YEAR 7 LEPRO ZUMBA

On Friday, 22nd March Year 7 participated in a Zumba session to raise money for Lepro. The session was led by a Zumba trainer and enjoyed by all.

The music line up was well chosen, and blended perfectly together and made the experience all the more memorable.

We look forward to updating you with the figure raised.





## INSET DAY

**FRIDAY 5TH APRIL 2019**

## SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

Lauren Smith is a past pupil of St. Bede's Catholic College. On 5th April there is a special event in Weston Museum that will include the launch of her new book.

Book Launch



By Lauren Smith  
An Author with Autism

Weston Museum  
Friday 5th April from 5.30-7.30pm  
Refreshments will be provided.

Burlington St. Weston-super-Mare BS23 1DD



## EASTER HOLIDAY GCSE & A LEVEL REVISION SESSIONS

We will be offering a number of revision sessions over the Easter break for GCSE and A Level students. All sessions will take place from 10.00am—2.00pm, unless indicated.

	Year 11	Year 13
<b>Monday 8th April</b>	<b>Design Technology</b> Mr Crockett	<b>Chemistry</b> Dr Beattie
	<b>Psychology</b> Ms Hector	<b>Religious Studies</b> Dr Marra
<b>Tuesday 9th April</b>	<b>Art</b> Mrs Cannon	<b>Art</b> Mrs McCauley
	<b>Religious Formation</b> set 4 Mr Sutton	<b>Psychology</b> Ms Hector
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<b>Thursday 11th April</b>	<b>English</b> Mr McNamara	<b>Law</b> Mrs Lindsay
<b>Friday 12th April</b>	<b>Religious Formation</b> —set 3,5 and 6 Mr McCarthy	
<b>Monday 15th April</b>	<b>French</b> Ms Sanders	<b>Economics</b> Mr King
	<b>Religious Formation</b> —set 3,5 and 6 Mr McCarthy	
<b>Tuesday 16th April</b>	<b>French</b> Ms Sanders	
	<b>Art</b> Mrs Holister	
	<b>Religious Formation</b> —set 7 Mr Toffolo *10.00am—1.00pm	
<b>Wednesday 17th April</b>	<b>Religious Formation</b> —set 1 and 2 Mr Toffolo *10.00am—1.00pm	