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Newsletter

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OPEN EVENING

The hall was packed to capacity for yet another wonderful Open Evening yesterday.

In the Main Hall, Mr Maher gave an address emphasising the distinctive nature of the College; one that has a unique culture and climate, where children experience an excellent education and one that is grounded in tradition and faith. He said whilst there are many very good schools around, there is none like St. Bede's.

Parents and their children had the opportunity of visiting all areas of the College to see work in the range of subjects offered. They were very complimentary about the environment, the overall level of resourcing and the articulate and engaging students.

A number of visitors were overwhelmed with the pride the children had for their school, their enthusiasm and their confidence.



A reminder about applications:

Supplementary Information forms for prospective Year 7 pupils should arrive in College by 31st October 2019. Parents must also have submitted the Common Application Form to their local authority by that date.

REFLECTION – 27 September Memorial of St Vincent de Paul

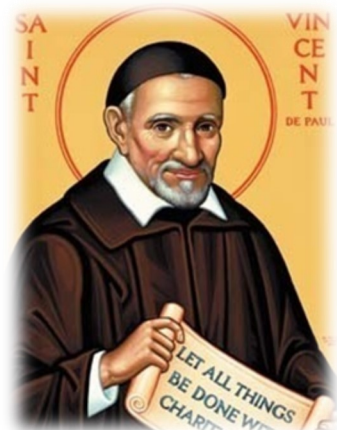
The French priest St. Vincent de Paul (1581-1660) organised works of charity, founded hospitals, and started two Roman Catholic religious' orders.

Vincent was a man of action rather than of theory. The religious spirit he communicated was simple, practical and straightforward. He looked to Christ as his leader and tried to translate the Gospel message into concrete results. He died on 27th September 1660, and was canonized a saint in the Roman Catholic Church in 1737. The religious groups he founded continue to carry on his work to this day.

Reflection: "If God is the centre of your life, no words are necessary. Your mere presence will touch hearts"

Prayer: Noble Saint Vincent de Paul, beloved servant of the poor, may we follow your example and do good works among those whom society has abandoned.

Pray for us to our beloved God that we may commit ourselves selflessly to doing the same charitable acts that you did all your life. Amen



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

27th September 2019

Year 11 Retreat Day

2nd October 2019

Year 12 University and Apprenticeship Event

3rd October 2019

National Poetry Day

10th October 2019

Year 9 Battlefields trip depart

11th October

Careers Fair for Year 11 and Areté Students

12th October

Year 9 Battlefields trip return

For up to date news please join St. Bede's on Twitter



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CO CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

Our co-curricular timetable has now been finalised. Students have been made aware of what is available via their tutor and a copy of the timetable is on our website <https://bit.ly/2l2wSgd>

YEAR 7 PROGRESS

Year 7 have had another busy couple of weeks. They have enjoyed a wonderful retreat day together and have thrown themselves into life at St Bede's with full force. I know that many of the year 7's have already joined some of the co-curricular clubs that are run at our College and would encourage all students to look at the list of clubs and try something new. It is a great opportunity to learn some new skills and make some new friends.

I have been really impressed with the confidence of the students, they haven't been remotely phased by any of the challenges thrown at them, from finding their own way between classes, to getting stuck into their home learning.

As the amount of home learning builds, we ask that you support us at home by helping your child to check their home learning diary and Show My Homework and help them to work out the best way to manage their work.

Wishing everyone a very restful weekend,

Mrs Carmichael
Head of Year 7



COUNTY GOLD MEDALLIST

Congratulations to year 9 pupil **William Hardy** who competed in the **South West Regional Junior Archery** tournament on Saturday 14th September 2019.

The competition last weekend was held in Yeovil. I am a member of the Gloucestershire County Archery team as well as a member of the Cleve Archers Club. I shot in the under 14's boys recurve category. I had some good rounds and managed to get a new PB of 1108, achieving first place in my group and taking gold.

As a team Gloucestershire won the recurve across all age groups and we are now 2019 Champions.

Fantastic William, well done.



Thank you for allowing us to print your photograph William

YEAR 7 RETREAT DAY

Year 7 pupils took part in a retreat day on Wednesday 18th September based on the theme of 'Belonging'.

Each tutor group participated in a number of workshops including meditation and prayer, friends and gifts, talents and team games.

The day was led by our Lay Chaplain, Mr Loud and the Religious Formation staff, Mr Williams and Mrs Cannon.

The day came to a fitting end when all Year 7 pupils celebrated Mass led by Father Colin.

One pupil said: *"It helped me feel part of St. Bede's and made me realise that I belong."*



PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS IN AND AROUND ST. BEDE'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Bristol City Council have proposed to make a traffic order, the effect of which would be to introduce prohibition of waiting arrangements around the St. Bede's site.

The consultation runs from Wednesday 17th September to Thursday 10th October. Further information can be found via this link: <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/streets-travel/traffic-regulation-orders-tros>

WE THE CURIOUS—OPEN WEEKEND 12th and 13th October 2019

All students have been given a blue flyer which will allow families to visit **We The Curious** on 12th and 13th October.

The open weekend is for residents of and those attending a school in Lawrence Weston and Avonmouth.

There are a number of spare flyers in reception for students to collect if they didn't get one.

Enjoy your free day out!

SCHOOL MEALS INCREASE

College meals will increase to £2.35 from the start of Term 2.

YEAR 7 PARENTS REMINDER

Any further requests for language preferences must be received no later than 9.30am on Monday 30th September.

ADMISSIONS 2020

If you wish to apply for a Year 7 place for September 2020, the Supplementary Information Forms should arrive in College by **31st October 2019**.

Parents must also have submitted the Common Application Form to their Local Authority by 31st October 2019.

AUTISM SOUTH WEST PARENTS AND CARERS CONFERENCE

Integra schools are holding a conference for parents, carers and professionals for anyone living with or caring for autistic children and young people on Thursday 7th November at BAWA in Filton from 9.30am—2.30pm. For further information please see their website:

<https://cpd.sgsts.org.uk/schools/courses/bookings/default.asp>

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS & DISABILITY FAYRE

Are you a parent or carer of a young child or young person with special educational needs or a disability? A free drop in event, organised by Bristol Parent Carers will be held at The Horsefair Room, John Wesley Chapel Visitor Centre, The Horsefair Bristol BS1 3JE on Tuesday 8th October 2019 from 10.00am—12.00pm.

THE PARENTS' GUIDE TO POST 18 OPTIONS

'The Parents' Guide to' is a range of online resources designed to provide information to parents regarding their child's post 18 choices.

For further information please go to www.payhip.com/theparentsguideto

To receive 15% discount on any product please quote STBEDES15

HARVEST FESTIVAL BARN DANCE AT ST JOSEPH'S RC CHURCH, FISHPONDS

A Harvest Festival Barn Dance will be held at St. Joseph's RC church in Fishponds on Saturday 28th September at 7.00pm. All money raised will go towards the renovation of the church hall.

Please email rowenasutcliffe@hotmail.com for further information.

VACANCIES

Governors at St. Bede's Catholic College would like to appoint:

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 £9.00 and SMSA's are paid for a total of 7.5 hours per week.

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. The position is all year round.

Invigilator

The position of Invigilator will provide support to the examination process within the College. Employment is offered on a casual, sessional basis and the hours of work would be between 8.30am to 4.30pm. The main external examinations take place in May/June each year but internal examinations can take place throughout the year. The hourly rate of pay is £9.00

For further information please click this link to the vacancy section of our website: <https://bit.ly/2E9118S> or contact the college on 0117 377 2200.

EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION LECTURE

Year 13 who are currently involved in the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) enjoyed an extremely engaging and useful lecture from Dr Becki Nash from the University of Southampton earlier this week.

The EPQ is a qualification with UCAS points equivalent to half an A Level. Students must work independently on their own project to produce either a 5,000 word essay or an artefact with an accompanying research report. As well as the benefit of additional UCAS points, the qualification teaches invaluable research, report writing, presentation and project management skills which makes their transition to university much smoother.

With extensive experience in researching her own doctorate, and many years of involvement in the EPQ, Dr Nash was able to give the students lots of guidance and practical tips to help them carry out their own research projects to a high standard. All students agreed it was an informative and enjoyable lecture.

SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

Free School Meals

Did you know for every pupil registered for free school meals your child's school receives extra funding from the Government?



Is your child eligible for Free School Meals?



- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit with an annual gross income into the household that is no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on-paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

What to do next? Either download an application form from our college website <https://bit.ly/2nFj4sP>, collect a paper copy from our college reception or contact Mrs Mason on 0117 3772200

A REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS

Please park with due care and consideration not only for the local community but for the safety of our young people and staff. May we also remind parents when dropping their child off to school to not park across the main junction from Lawrence Weston Road and the Long Cross.