

# St. Bede's Catholic College

## Specialist Science and Sports College



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## Newsletter

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### ST. BEDE'S WELCOME FATHER AUGUSTO

On Monday, 10th February we were delighted to welcome to St. Bede's Father Augusto Zampini Davies.

Father Augusto is an Argentine priest from the Diocese of San Isidro, Buenos Aires and is currently working as Director of Development and Faith at the Dicastery for Integral Human Development of the Vatican.

He spoke with our year 10 pupils about Laudato Si' and care for our common home. One of the key messages within his presentation was that we must all work together to care for creation and the planet. He said that the smallest change can make the biggest difference.

We felt extremely privileged to host Father Augusto during his short stay in the UK. A wonderful and inspirational morning for our pupils.



A recording of the presentation can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2vApJIE>

### REFLECTION – 14 February St Valentine

**This week we celebrate St Valentine's Day**

There are many theories on how Valentine's Day began, but one begins in Rome in the year 268. Emperor Claudius II wanted a team of young men to fight in his armies. He found that when young men are in love, they tended to be more cautious. To insure large numbers of soldiers for his armies, Claudius outlawed marriage for those young men.

However, Young men and women still fell in love and wanted to become couples in the eyes of the church. A brave priest named Valentine thought the law was unjust. Putting his life in danger, Valentine performed marriage ceremonies in secret and hidden from the eyes of authorities. Still, word of Valentine's secret ceremonies made its way back to Claudius. The priest was found and put to death.



**Reflection:** "As I have loved you, love one another" John 13:34

**Prayer:** Prayer to St Valentine

O St Valentine, lover of Christ and of the Church, we ask your intercession that we may learn how to love God above all things, and to selflessly love one another. Amen

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**14th February 2020**

END OF TERM 3

**24th February 2020**

**START OF TERM 4**

**Week B**

**2nd March 2020**

Year 13  
Classroom Exams

**5th March 2020**

World Book Day

**6th March 2020**

Meet  
the Professionals  
Careers Event for  
Year 11

**9th, 10th, 11th March**

College Production  
The Addams Family



## PARKING

Please note, following consultation the Highways Agency have now placed double yellow lines outside of the college on the Long Cross.

With parking spaces outside of the college limited, we ask parents and carers to be mindful of our neighbours when dropping off or collecting children from college.

## ONLINE SAFETY: 'THINK BEFORE YOU TYPE!'

On Friday 31st January Pasteur pupils, **Oliver, Kouni, Darcy** and **Miguel**, led by Vice-House Captains **Louis** and **Isobel**, visited St Bonaventure's Catholic Primary School to present information, advice and shared experiences regarding the positives and negatives of Social Media to two Year Six classes. All pupils enjoyed the presentation followed by a Question and Answer session.

Mr Harrison from St Bonaventure's told us that the pupils appreciated having "online safety messages come from older children". It certainly made us reflect on our personal technology too! An important reminder to make us all 'Think before you Type'.

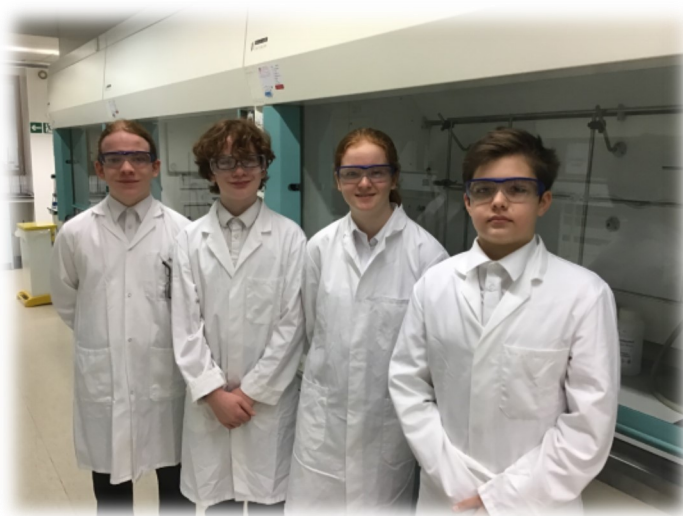


## ROYAL SOCIETY OF CHEMISTRY COMPETITION

Recently **David-Phillip, Olivia, Peter** and **Edward**, participated in the Royal Society Of Chemistry's 'Top of the Bench' competition. This national competition is for 14 –16 year old pupils and the South West regional heats involved a whole day of challenging tasks at the University of Bristol's School of Chemistry.

Our pupils were put through their paces having to undertake a test of their factual **c h e m i c a l** knowledge, as well as two practical chemical problems requiring expert investigative skill and team work.

Whilst there was no win for St Bede's on this occasion, the day stretched our pupils and they thoroughly enjoyed the challenge.



## CHARITY DONATION TO RAYS OF SUNSHINE

Head Boy **Lance** and Head Girl **Amy**, presented Joshua Dickinson from the charity 'Rays of Sunshine' (one of our college charities last year) a **cheque for £1250.00** in Pasteur Assembly.

Josh explained how the charity brightens up the lives of seriously ill children, aged three to eighteen, by granting wishes and organising large scale events. It is super to see our fundraising going to causes so that we can make a difference to the lives of others.



Lance and Amy, thank you for allowing us to print your photograph

## COUNTY RUGBY TEAM SELECTION

Congratulations to year 10 pupil **Julia** who has been selected for the Gloucestershire County Rugby Team. Julia, who has only played for North Bristol RFC for a few months was thrilled to be selected for the Under 15 Girls County Development programme at Gloucestershire RFC.

Julia told us: "I first started playing rugby here at St. Bede's. I have always associated rugby with being a typical male sport and never thought I would find myself playing it, let alone playing for the county. I believe that trying new things, out of your comfort zone, can lead to great success."



Julia, thank you for allowing us to print your photograph

## FLYING START REGIONAL FINALS

Design and Technology pupils attended the **Flying Start Competition Regional Finals** at Aerospace, Bristol on Monday 10th February.

Prior to the Regional Finals, the teams had to build a glider to a budget and create a poster about their design process and the physics of flight. Each team presented their glider and poster to a judging panel of professional engineers. Then the gliders took part in a 'fly-off' where teams scored more points if their glider went straight and far, finishing with a quiz about flight and engineering. In total, 36 teams entered. Our three teams performed brilliantly and gained **first, second** and **sixth place**.

We are now off to the **National Finals** which will be held in March at the Fleet Air Arm Museum in Yeovilton.





## BRISTOL SCHOOLS RUGBY

Congratulations to year 11 pupils **James** and **Isaac** who represented **Bristol Schools** Under 16's against Somerset Schools on Sunday 2nd February.

A great team effort with excellent performances from both boys culminated in a win for Bristol 49—15. Well done!



James and Isaac thank you for allowing us to print your photograph

## WONDERFUL COMMUNITY SPIRIT

We were delighted to receive reports last week of the exceptional kindness towards the community from two of our pupils.

Year 11 pupil **Luca** and Areté student **Lily** were walking in Weston-super-Mare when an elderly lady in distress approached to tell them her husband had taken a fall and sustained a head and leg injury.

Luca and Lily calmed the lady and called an ambulance, carrying out instructions given to them by the operator. They managed to staunch some bleeding and kept the gentleman alert whilst waiting for an ambulance.

When the elderly couple's daughter arrived at the property she was so grateful. Luca and Lily we are so proud of you. Well done.

## STAFF VACANCIES

Governors would like to appoint the following support staff:

- **Invigilator** to 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.
- **School Meals Supervisory Assistant.** The hours of work are 1.10pm to 2.10 pm 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.

For further information on all of the vacancies and an application form please visit our vacancies page on our website: <https://bit.ly/2FWegoQ> or contact Mrs Walker at [c.walker@stbcc.org](mailto:c.walker@stbcc.org) on 0117 377 2200

## ROSES FOR CHARITY

Well done to our Year 10 CAFOD Young Volunteers who raised **£139.00** for HCPT.

This week, pupils have been able to purchase red roses to send anonymously this Valentine's Day. The CAFOD team have bought, wrapped and labelled almost 100 roses which were delivered to surprised recipients in tutor period this morning.



## CANONISATION OF ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

On Wednesday 5th February, the Diocesan Schools that make up the Newman Partnership, went to Clifton Cathedral to celebrate the Canonisation of St John Henry Newman. At the Mass, Bishop Declan told those present that John Henry's motto was "Heart speaks to Heart"

St. Bede's choir and orchestra were asked to perform during the Mass and once again, they were fantastic. Well done to all involved.



## PARLIAMENT TRIP

On Tuesday 11th February, Mrs Lindsay and Miss Davies accompanied 30 Sixth Form students on a visit to the Houses of Parliament and Imperial War Museum.

The students had a brief tour of the Supreme Court of Justice and then on a guided tour around the Palace of Westminster including watching a live debate in the House of Commons. You may have seen the Commons on TV as this is where the Prime Minister takes part in Question Time each week. They also visited Westminster Hall (which is 1000 years old and also where Guy Fawkes was put on trial).

Students later took part in a workshop on how laws are made and had to follow the protocols that MPs and Peers use when in debates in each house. The MP for Bristol North West, Darren Jones also spoke to our students about life as an MP.

In the afternoon, students visited the Imperial War Museum, which included an exhibition on the Holocaust. This was particularly useful for students studying History, Religious Studies and Law. The trip helped students to consider careers in politics, the civil service and law as well as consider studying at university in London. If you want to find out more about how laws are made, voting or careers in Parliament, visit <http://www.parliament.uk/education/>



## YOUTH SPORT AWARD

The **Youth Sport Award** is a unique award that puts health and wellbeing at the heart of developing young people. Congratulations to Pasteur pupils, **Amy** and **Elizabeth** for achieving their **Bronze** YSA and to **Jessica** and **Sofia** for achieving their **Silver** YSA Certificates. Well deserved!



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH SUCCESS!

A plethora of Pasteur pupils were presented with their **Bronze** and **Silver Duke of Edinburgh Certificates** and badges in Pasteur Assembly last week. Well done to all!



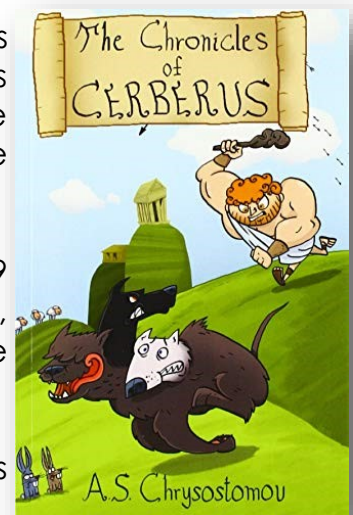
**Pupils will return to college for Term 4  
on Monday, 24th February 2020  
Week B**

## PUBLISHED AUTHOR

Congratulations to year 9 pupil **Sebastian Rezai** who has become a published author. Sebastian started writing stories with his mother Alicia Chrysostomou as a young child. Over the years the stories became more sophisticated and their book 'The Chronicles of Cerberus' was formed.

'The Chronicles of Cerberus' is a children's book targeted at 6-9 year olds and is based on the mythology of Ancient Greece, with the main character Cerberus embarking on an adventure with his friend Sebastian.

The book is available to purchase online through the publishers Mogzilla and in Waterstones. Congratulations.



## INTER HOUSE BASKETBALL

The next round of the inter-house competition is well underway. This week pupils have been participating in inter-house basketball. Staff and pupils have enjoyed an exciting and competitive display of basketball. Well done to all who participated and supported. We will update you with the results in the next newsletter.





## REMINDER MOBILE PHONE POLICY 'ON SITE OUT OF SIGHT'

As you are aware, our college policy on mobile phones, recognises the safeguarding benefits of young people having mobile phones for the journey to and from college. The policy is "on site, out of sight", meaning students can bring mobile phones to college but they must be kept out of sight when in college – either in their bag or in their locker, switched off.

Bringing a mobile phone will be at the student's own risk and the college will not accept responsibility for damage or loss of any such item. A failure to keep mobile phones, in any area of the college including Reception, "out of sight" will result in them being confiscated. Collection of confiscated items by parents from the college reception can be arranged by appointment.

Therefore, under no circumstances should children be phoning or texting home to report any discomfort or illness. Children who are feeling unwell must report to First Aid in the college as directed by a member of college staff.



## SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

**We have received the following advice from the Department for Education**

### Advice for parents/guardians

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus.

There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal.

We recognise that some families or children may be planning to travel to China during the forthcoming half term period. If so, please refer to the FCO's latest travel advice via the link here: <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/china>

### The children have received this advice in college

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of catching the Coronavirus.

Here is what you can do to help prevent the spread of any form of virus;

- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze
- Bin the tissue
- Kill the germs by washing your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel

Please encourage the children to follow these basic hygiene steps.



# THE ADDAMS FAMILY



ST BEDE'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE PRESENTS...

## The Addams Family

A NEW MUSICAL  
COMEDY



Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020

7pm in the Hall

Tickets: Adults £5, Children £3.50, Family Ticket (2 Adults & 2 Children) £15

Tickets on sale in the Drama Studio at Break  
and Lunch from 10<sup>th</sup> February

For more information, speak to Miss Adams or Mr Lewis

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