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Newsletter

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CORONAVIRUS (COVID -19)

We will continue to monitor the situation regarding Coronavirus (COVID -19) and update Parents and Carers with advice and guidance from the Department for Education and Public Health England. If circumstances change and a school closure becomes necessary we will inform all parents via email, on our website and our twitter account.

Please do ensure your contact details are up to date on the SIMS parent app and provide a current email address for work to be sent to pupils should this be necessary.

School educational visits to America, Berlin, Rome and Barcelona are still planned to go ahead. Should advice be given from central Government not to travel, then insurance will be initiated to cover costs.

We would also ask our families who are planning to travel over the Easter holiday to take advice from Public Health England should they be travelling in an affected area and self isolate on their return, if this is advised. Please contact the college to advise us if this is the case.

REFLECTION – 7th March Ss Perpetua & Felicity

This week we celebrate the memorial of Ss Perpetua & Felicity

Both St. Perpetua and St. Felicity were martyred during a time of great persecution. They were put to death in the year 202 in the games which made public spectacles of those who refused to renounce their faith.



St. Perpetua was a well educated noblewoman living in Carthage, North Africa. Her mother was a Christian but her father was a pagan. Her father tried unsuccessfully to convince her to renounce her faith. Perpetua was 22 when she was arrested and imprisoned. She kept a diary of her sufferings and the nature of the torture she endured. She continued to care for her child in spite of the torture she was forced to endure.

St. Felicity was a pregnant slave girl who was imprisoned at the same time as Perpetua. She was also tortured and condemned to die. Several days before the games began she gave birth to a baby girl. The baby girl was secretly taken away to be raised by Christians.

Reflection: "When my father in his affection for me was trying to turn me from my purpose by arguments and thus weaken my faith, I said to him, 'Do you see this vessel—waterpot or whatever it may be? Can it be called by any other name than what it is?' 'No,' he replied. 'So also I cannot call myself by any other name than what I am—a Christian.'" St Perpetua

Prayer: Prayer to Ss Perpetua & Felicity

Lord God, grant that I may love and serve You as faithfully as Your martyrs Saints Perpetua and Felicity, so that I may someday join them to praise You in Heaven.

Pray that I may also choose to be as steadfast in my own faith against the influences of the world as they were, no matter what it may cost me. Amen

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10th—12th March

7.00pm

College Production
The Addams Family

16th March

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

17th March

6th Form CAFOD
Young Leaders'
Session

18th March

Year 11 and Year 13
College
Photographs

19th March

Routes into
Languages
Competition

19th March

Year 9
Parents' Evening
4.30pm—7.30pm



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LEPRA

Year 7 recently learnt about UK charity Lepra, and the work that they do supporting people affected by leprosy, a disease that still affects millions of vulnerable people across the world. Pupils discovered the ways in which the disease can affect people's hands, eyes and feet with serious consequences, but also that it can be treated with the right help.



As part of working to be well rounded global citizens, students have developed their own exciting fundraising plans and will be taking on a range of challenges to help raise funds for more early diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation for those affected by the disease to rebuild their lives.

For more information on Year 7s charitable involvement, you can keep up to date at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/StBedesCC or find out more about the vital work they are supporting at www.lepra.org.uk

COUNTY JUNIOR CHAMPION

Congratulations to year 10 pupil **Sean Simmons** who has recently achieved great success in the **Swimming County Junior and All County Championships**.

Sean was delighted to receive a number of Gold medals and trophies and the prestige title of **Junior County Champion** in more than one discipline. A wonderful achievement Sean, well done.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Yesterday we celebrated World Book Day. All pupils were given a free book voucher to be exchanged in various bookshops, there were numerous fun and interesting challenges in place for the pupils to participate in around the college including an opportunity to snoop on some teachers' own bookcases and match the Shelfie to the Selfie!



TREE PLANTING

On Thursday 4th March, we welcomed the 'One Tree Per Child' scheme coordinated by Bristol City Council.

Our Eco Club alongside, Year 8 and 9 science classes were invited to plant trees around our school site. The 'One Tree Per Child' scheme plants trees in schools, parks and open spaces. All the trees, tools and equipment they use are sponsored and the project has planted 57,000 trees to enhance the environment.



Pupils planted 386 woodland whips along the stream and 7 specimen trees – 3 silver birch in the central green area and 4 rowan on the entrance way verge.

We are very excited to be part of this project as this is a great opportunity for our pupils to learn about our local ecosystems and ways that we can all work towards limiting global warming.

INTERMEDIATE MATHS CHALLENGE

On Thursday 6th February, seventy five Year 9,10 and 11 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

Allen Trinidad, Liam Stables, Eden Shepherd, Nat Fernandes, Jess Ball, Christina Augustine and Peter Nicks.

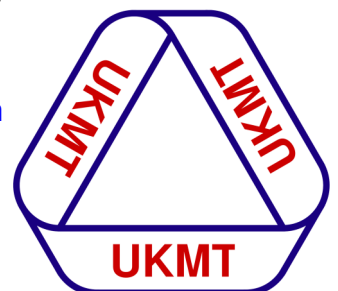
SILVER AWARD

Mara Lancaster, Felix Anil, Grace Cousins, Adorna Jaimon, Ewan McNamara, Lizzie Phillips-White, Ciara Rae, Olivia Morgan, Kristine Matute, Sachin Joseph, Isobel Clothier, Luke Cheskin, Alice Forsythe, Eve Papworth, Nathan Wong, Hattie Lane and Jasper Lett-Charnock.

BRONZE AWARD

Kacper Nowacki, Chris Mathew, Dona Jiju, Samantha Joseph, Tilly Carr, Riya Sajin, Olivia Delahunt, Hannah Orrow, Erin O'Callaghan, James Hartley, Shayni Wickramaratne, Toni Matitu, Aleena Aditya, Leo John, Emily Moss, Gloria Gromico, Esosa Omoruyi, Finn Durkan, Leon Vas and Maja Kliczka.

Nine students, including **Eden Shepherd** who was **Best in School**, will now take part in the next round of the competition later on in March designed for the top 3% of entries. Good luck!



CROWN COURT AND BBC BRISTOL VISIT

On Tuesday 25th February, year 12 Law and English Language students visited Bristol Crown Court. They participated in a tour of the building, sat in the gallery to observe a case and took part in a Q&A session with a Judge about his career and routes into Law.

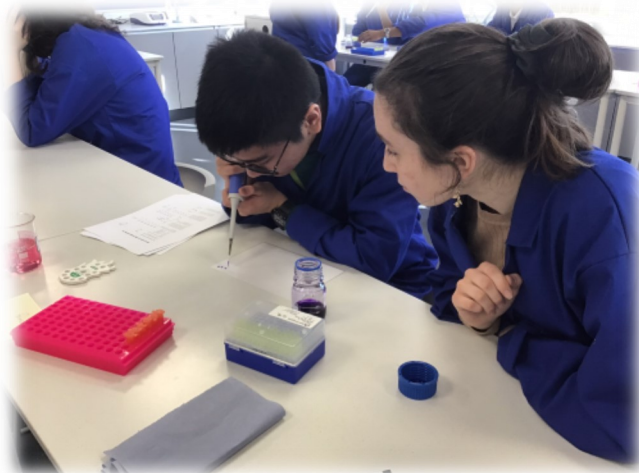
In the afternoon, English Language students visited BBC Bristol where they had a tour of the studios, including Points West.



BIOSCIENCES WORKSHOP

On Thursday 27th February, A Level Biology students attended a Biosciences workshop at the University Centre Weston (UCW). The students had the opportunity to develop their micropipetting, DNA restriction digest and gel electrophoresis techniques. These are all required in the process of creating a DNA profile (genetic fingerprint) that is used in forensic science.

The students were in awe of the equipment and laboratories at UCW and really valued the opportunity to see these techniques in action for themselves. All the students felt inspired by the day and we thank all the team at UCW for welcoming us and sharing their facilities.



SIXTH FORM PROM

Year 13 Prom will be held this year on Friday 3rd July at the Bristol Hotel, Harbourside.

Year 13 students wishing to attend must pay £32 as soon as possible to the Finance Department.

COLLEGE PHOTOGRAPHS

Year 11 and Year 13 Individual and group photographs will take place on Wednesday 18th March at 9.00am.

NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK

To celebrate National Careers Week we invited Polly Barnes from My Future, My Choice to St. Bede's to deliver inspiring careers assemblies to our young people in years 7-11. The events this week provided pupils a glimpse of the future. A big thank you to Polly.

CANDLE BLESSING

As part of our Diocese Year of Communion we were presented with a special candle by Bishop Declan at the recent Education Mass. All tutor groups now use a replica candle as a focal point during morning prayer, and to coincide with Candlemas, Fr Cosmas blessed the candles during the weekly mass.



MEET THE PROFESSIONALS

The event, held on Friday 6th March, proved to be a great success. 180 year 11 pupils were given the opportunity to 'Meet the Professionals' and to gain an insight into the world of work and the opportunities on offer.

Professionals agreed to give up their time to talk to our young people on Apprenticeships, Law, Healthcare and the NHS, Science, Civil Engineering, Chemical Engineering and Finance.

Thank you to the professionals who supported our event.

REVISION GUIDES

We are now taking orders for Revision Guides and workbooks for the GCSE and A level Science courses.

Pupils wishing to purchase the guide, should collect a form from their science teacher. They will be able to advise which are the best to buy. Please remember – the order forms and payment must be returned to the Finance Office.

Last date for orders is **Friday 13th March** for delivery before Easter. All the guides are also available directly from www.cgpbooks.co.uk



SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT HEADLICE

We have received reports of pupils needing treatment for headlice. This can be very distressing for some children and it is important that all parents and carers are vigilant in checking their children's hair.

It is the responsibility of all parents and carers to check their children's hair daily and if any eggs or lice are found they can be eliminated by using a choice of treatments. The quickest and most cost effective method to try first is by wet combing with a special comb bought from a pharmacy or online. If live lice are found ALL family members must be treated. However, clothing, bedding and towels do not need to be washed as lice do not survive away from the hosts head. All long hair should be tied up at all times. It is not necessary to contact your GP and your child can still attend school.

If you check your child's hair every 2 days and use the wet comb method they should remain free from lice

For further information and how to treat head lice and eggs please use the NHS link <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

INTER-HOUSE BASKETBALL COMPETITION

Congratulations to all pupils who participated in the Inter House Basketball event. The results are as follows:

Girls	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1st	DESCARTES	DESCARTES	BELL BURNELL	PASTEUR	DESCARTES
2nd	BELL BURNELL	PASTEUR	DESCARTES	DESCARTES	BELL BURNELL
3rd	PASTEUR	SEACOLE	PASTEUR	BELL BURNELL	PASTEUR
4th	SEACOLE	BELL BURNELL			

Boys	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1st	SEACOLE	DESCARTES	BELL BURNELL	PASTEUR	BELL BURNELL
2nd	DESCARTES	SEACOLE	DESCARTES	DESCARTES	DESCARTES
3rd	BELL BURNELL	BELL BURNELL	PASTEUR	BELL BURNELL	PASTEUR
4th	PASTEUR	PASTEUR			

Four House Cup Total Team Scores after five events

	PASTEUR	DESCARTES	BELL BURNELL	SEACOLE
Cross Country	48	72	67	48
Spelling Bee	79	83	75	51
Bake Off	31	23	53	35
Boys Basketball	26	37	37	30
Girls Basketball	31	39	30	26
TOTAL	215	254	262	190

Rugby and Mathematics competitions are due to take place later this term.



RUGBY AT ST. BEDE'S

Traditionally this time of year sees the 15 a side version of the school's game start to die down and rugby 7s season start. This year has been slightly different for one of our school teams who have managed to extend their school season just that little bit longer.

We were delighted to receive an invite for our all-conquering year 9 team to take part in the **South West Regional Festival of Rugby** as the representatives for the wider Bristol area. They would be competing against the best non-selective schools from Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, Wiltshire and Dorset. We have only been invited in to this tournament once before in 2015 and that excellent St. Bede's team were really pushed to their limits so we expected nothing less this time around.



Undefeated all season the boys turned up with confidence and attacked the first game with a great attitude, eventually running out winners against a talented Hardenhuish side. The second game would end up essentially being a final against a fast and aggressive team from Queen Elizabeth School, Wimborne. St. Bede's started the game in fantastic fashion, scoring a couple of early tries and smothering the 'QE' attackers at every opportunity. Unfortunately, a raft of penalties in quick succession allowed the opposition some much needed territory and possession and they were able to level the game at two tries a piece. Fortunately, the St. Bede's players showed the composure and determination that has defined their season and were able to come up with the winning score.

St. Bede's went in to the final game against Launceston School knowing that if they won that then the tournament was theirs. A brief break in the torrential rain that had blighted the rest of the tournament allowed them to play the kind of rugby they love and they ran in three fantastic tries to open up a good lead early. It was a lead they never looked like losing and although Launceston scored a well-deserved consolation try, **St. Bede's were crowned champions of the South West of England.**

An amazing achievement built on the work of about 30 boys from their year group, not just the 21 that were lucky enough to be there on the day.

HOUSE T SHIRTS

Last year we introduced a House T shirt which can be worn when pupils participate in inter house events or charity events, and they proved to be very popular.

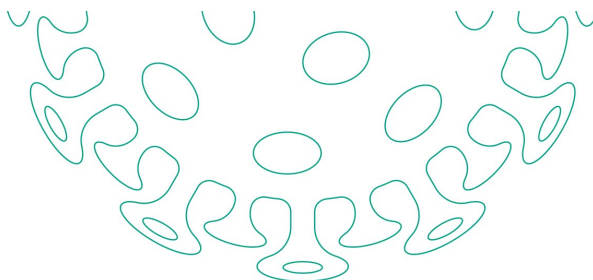
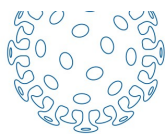
If you would like your child to purchase a T shirt in your child's House colours, containing a printed House logo, they will cost £5. Please complete the letter which will come home on Monday 9th March and return it with the money to the finance office. The T shirts need to be ordered by Monday 30th March.



Pupils and staff have been reminded that it is all our responsibility to carry out good hand hygiene to help eliminate germs. Posters have been placed around the college site and in toilet areas, tissues are available in all classrooms and offices and hand sanitisers in reception areas and IT rooms.



Public Health
England



Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it
with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it
by washing
your hands with
soap & water or
hand sanitiser

You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks
& sport
activities



Before
cooking
& eating



On arrival at
any childcare
or educational
setting



After using
the toilet



Before
leaving
home



Try not to touch your
eyes, nose, and mouth
with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come
into contact with your mouth
such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items
such as bedding, dishes,
pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19. Parents can visit **NHS.UK** to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Iran, specific lockdown areas in northern Italy, special care zones in South Korea or Hubei province China (returned in the past 14 days) should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days.

See **NHS.UK** for advice on coronavirus.

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately

