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Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM MR MAHER, PRINCIPAL

Preparations for the partial reopening of the College are nearly complete. Governors and professional associations met last week to approve the risk assessment that has been completed and this is available via the College website should you wish to see it. I met with all staff in their faculties over the last week to ensure that everyone is reassured by the measures that have been put in place.

Students in Year 10 and 12 will return in their allocated 'bubbles' on the scheduled days for a limited period each week from Monday 15th June. Further details will be sent next week indicating which day students should attend and reminding them of the need to maintain social distancing.

Teachers will continue to set work for students in Years 7, 8 and 9 and as teachers will be in College more, arrangements are being made for face to face contact with their tutees via Google Meets.

Students have worked extremely hard and have been well supported by parents and carers. I acknowledge that this has not been easy but wish to express my sincere gratitude for all the hard work that you have been doing.

Let us hope that this is the start of a return to life as it was before the coronavirus.

With prayers and every blessing,

J. G. Maher

Principal



REFLECTION – 5 June – St Boniface

This week we celebrate the feast of St Boniface

St Boniface who was born and lived in Crediton before travelling around Europe, was born in the 7th Century and was killed by a mob aged around 80 in what is now the Netherlands.

St Boniface chose his name - meaning good fate - but was born Wynfrith. He entered the monastery in Exeter before becoming a missionary in northern Europe, named as Apostle to the Germans. He not only brought the Christian faith but Roman Christian civilization to this portion of Europe.

In some circles, St Boniface is credited with inventing the Christmas tree, after allegedly chopping down an oak tree that German pagans were worshipping.

The myth says he then either planted a fir tree in its place or one spontaneously grew.

Reflection: “In her voyage across the ocean of this world, the Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship but to keep her on her course.” — Saint Boniface, The Letters of St. Boniface

Prayer: Prayer of St Boniface

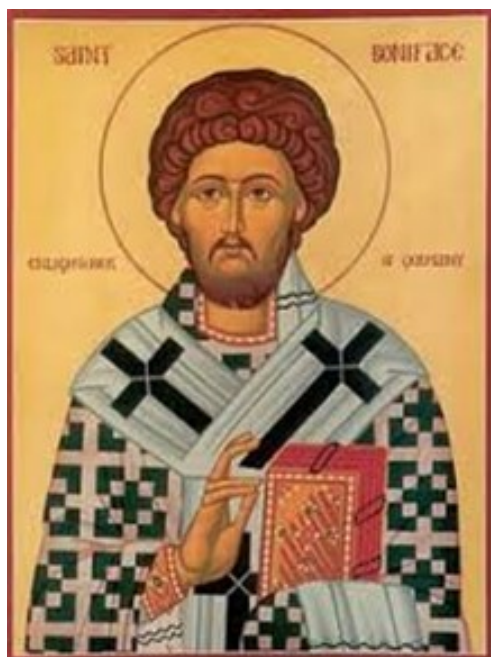
Eternal God, the refuge and help of all your children,
we praise you for all you have given us, for all you have done for us,
for all that you are to us.

In our weakness, you are strength,
in our darkness, you are light,
in our sorrow, you are comfort and peace.

We cannot number your blessings,
we cannot declare your love:

For all your blessings we bless you.

May we live as in your presence, and love the things that you love,
and serve you in our daily lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



MESSAGES OF SUPPORT

All students and Parents

Thank you to all our students for their excellent efforts in their online work. Thank you also to all the parents and carers that have supported their child's learning so well. We now begin Term 6 knowing that unfortunately we will not see Years 7, 8 and 9 students in college until at least September. I want you to know that we appreciate all your efforts, but also that we know that sometimes the work is hard or family circumstances make keeping up with the work a challenge. All we ask is that you do your best! Know that your teachers are available to help - just send them an email and they will get back to you. Alongside your work, as some of the lockdown rules are eased, do take the opportunity to go outside, exercise and just have some fun. We wish you all well and look forward to seeing you as soon as is possible! Best wishes, Mr King, Vice Principal

Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13

Please find below links to video messages created by Miss Kirkbright for Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 students:

Year 11 Areté applicants: <https://www.loom.com/share/0057fa5dc4f44899a37ab1168fe19b78>

Year 12: <https://www.loom.com/share/8f1a8f9e73d947f6bf0d2309e0d1b7bd>

Year 13: <https://www.loom.com/share/3df35afed2184fb99165a296415f4c58>

Bell Burnell House

A warm hello to all Bell Burnell families. I trust that you had a relaxing holiday and are fresh to start a new term. This is the term that we traditionally welcome year 7 into the House and unfortunately say goodbye to year 11. This is always an emotional time and perhaps even more so, now that we cannot all be together. Therefore, I want to thank year 11 for being a fantastic year group. I have really enjoyed watching you grow and mature into young adults. I would also like to express my gratitude to so many of you who have represented Bell Burnell House in various events, including those who have helped raise thousands of pounds for our charities. I would also like to formally thank our outgoing House Captains, **Angela** and **Lucki** for all of their hard work in promoting Bell Burnell House over the last couple of years. You have both been fantastic! I sincerely hope that many of you will return to St. Bede's 6th form. However, if you have other plans, please keep in touch. I truly hope that you will look back at your time in our House and College with very fond memories. I therefore wish you the very best of luck to you for the future.

I will now include the year 7 pupils and parents in my weekly newsletter and challenges. I hope that this will help the year 7 pupils feel welcomed into the House, especially as this term would normally include many of the key charity and sporting events, which help bond the House together.

Thank you to the pupils who regularly take part in the weekly challenges. I hope that even more of you will join in this term. This week will follow the same format but I would really like you to think about others and show your appreciation to those who are close to you.

I will finish by praising many of you for the quality of the work that you are producing for your teachers (a big thank you to the parents for supporting this). Remember if you are struggling please contact your teachers or myself. Take care, Mr Johnson

Descartes House

A big hello to all Descartes pupils and families. Welcome back to Term 6. I hope you all had a great half term and managed to enjoy some of the sunshine and made the most of some of the restrictions that have been lifted. I am enjoying reading what some of you have been up to on SMHW and the emails you are sending. Keep it up! As you start beginning to access your school work again, remember it does not all have to be completed in one day, structure your time and think about your mental health and well-being. Little and often. Thank you year 9 to those of you that have sent me your Assistant House Captain Applications. It's going to be a tough one, you are all so good! In the meantime stay safe and if you need anything or fancy a chat, I am at the end of an email. Ms Johnston

Pasteur House

Hello Pasteur,

Here we are at Term Six. I would, firstly, like to 'Welcome Year 7', as you join the main body of the House and we prepare for your transition into Year 8. There are, I'm sure, more unusual and exciting times ahead. I know Mrs Carmichael will miss you, however, I am really looking forward to getting to know you all better! Whilst we may not be together physically, I continue to be impressed by the unity, strength and sense of community that you have all shown in Pasteur House as we say a fond farewell to our amazing Year 11s.

As always, you all continue to step up in so many ways; for example, I have received a plethora of kind actions carried out in Mental Health Awareness Week; some of the photos capturing a number of those actions can be found in the Pasteur Newsletter on our Google drive. I am so proud of you.

You should be aware that your kind comments and support to me throughout the year, including during the Lockdown, has done so much to promote my own positive mental health too! So a big Thank you to you all who regularly make my day with your emails of support and politeness, from your photos of your gorgeous pets, to your kind comments about Norman, to messages of appreciation and to super (creative and academic) work that reflects your dedication and motivation....and for your fantastic sense of humour as you make me smile daily. You constantly remind me Pasteur, that we are 'in this together.'

Continue to stay safe and keep in touch with each other, as we continue to support your individual learning journeys in such unprecedented times. You are awesome and I cannot wait to see you all again. Ms Sharp and Norman

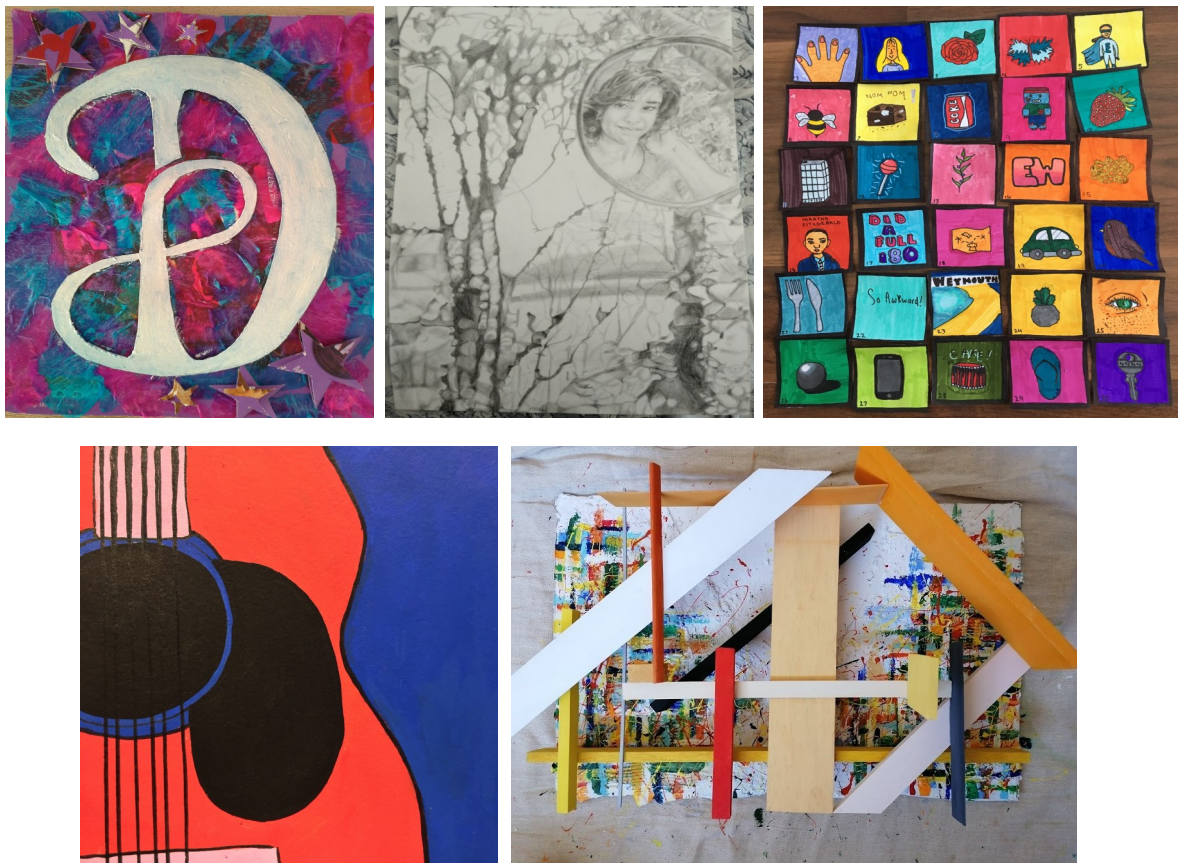
PS: Please look forward to another virtual assembly later in the term! The last one is now on our website.

Seacole House

Hello again, here we are in Term 6 and I hope you and your families are all well. I am really missing seeing you each day and catching up with your news, we will have a lot to catch up on when we do return to school. After the half term break I hope you have settled back into your home working routine, if you need help or have any questions please get in touch with me or your tutor. Last term I asked you to send me your best work from Term 5, entries were small so this challenge is continuing this term. From the entries last term and teacher recommendations I would like to congratulate the following students **Pawel Sowa, Lucy Warren, Lillian Rodriguez** and **Taz Vasquez-Mudada**. Virtual certificates are on the way to you. Mrs Turri

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT

Lockdown has been a strange, and often anxious time for us all, yet, as always our wonderful pupils have stepped up to produce fantastic work across all year groups and subjects. We invite you to take some time to look through some of the high-quality academic and creative pieces that we are able to showcase and celebrate on our website: [Celebrating Achievement](#) Everyone's efforts, talents and skills are truly valued at St Bede's. Please do check our website regularly as we continue to add work for all subjects.



Excellent examples of Art work which has continued to be completed at home. Further work can be viewed on our website.

LIBRARY NEWS

In preparation for Empathy Day on June 9, the library is celebrating with a collection of books in the Virtual Library for the #ReadforEmpathy campaign. Please explore these titles highlighting diverse voices, including books by LGBTQ+ authors, and works by the authors selected for the 2020 Empathy Book Collection. Other ways to participate in Empathy Day can be found in this family activity pack or by joining in the live events on June 9th, which are described in the event schedule. Scientists say that we can train our brain with stories, as the more we empathise with characters, the more we can understand other people's feelings. Join us in participating and share what you make as part of the celebration!



We are delighted to share another fantastic Library Newsletter this week as we celebrate Garden Wildlife Awareness Week and Empathy Day. Please do take a look, it is crammed full of fantastic reading resources. [Library Newsletter June](#)

EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION (EPQ)

Launch to Year 12 students: 1st June 2020 (via Show My Homework)

The EPQ is a level 3 qualification (A Level) standard that is offered at St Bede's Catholic College. Grades are awarded, A*-E and it is worth half an A Level. It is an excellent platform on which to build further academic achievement as you will learn key skills that you will need at university such as independent researching skills and producing an academic piece of writing. It will also give you a range of valuable skills that are sought after in the workplace, such as time management, research, presentation skills and more importantly the ability to work to a plan. It also gives you another dimension to your UCAS personal statement and something particular to you, to discuss at an interview.

The EPQ allows you to develop your interests in a particular topic, experience or skill. It is for students who are interested in problem-solving, designing, managing and realising projects. You should enjoy taking responsibility for your own learning showing initiative, creativity, and enterprise. In September, you will be allocated a supervisor who will help guide you through the qualification.

Details on the course and how to register your interest will be on Show My Homework from 1st June 2020. As this is an independent project, students will be expected to start their initial research during Term 6 and the summer holidays. This will ensure you will complete the qualification by February, so the impact on your revision for your A Level exams will be minimal.

Please read the information on SMH carefully and if you have any questions please contact Mrs Gibson (a.gibson@stbcc.org)

FREE SCHOOL MEALS VOUCHERS

All parents/carers who have children that are entitled to free school meals should be able to redeem their vouchers via their email accounts as these are now being issued fortnightly. The emails that allow you to redeem the vouchers have been issued on the 11th May, 21st May and 1st June. If you have not redeemed the vouchers for the earlier two dates, then vouchers have not been ordered for you for the 1st June. Of course, this doesn't mean that you have missed out, please contact Mrs Cheshire via email on m.cheshire@stbcc.org or by phone on 0117 3772214 who will then arrange for them to be re-issued or if you prefer, they can be downloaded at school and posted out to you, at which point an order will be made for the latter date.

If you wish them to be posted, please inform Mrs Cheshire which supermarket you would like them for: Aldi, Asda, M&S Food, McColls (incl RS McColls and Martins) Morrisons, Sainsbury's, Tesco or Waitrose.

THANK A TEACHER

A huge thank you to all of our pupils past and present who took the time to send messages of thanks to our teaching and support staff. They were so appreciated by all. Please find below a few of the messages that were received: Thank you!

Thank you for being a great support to the class during lockdown. I really miss your PE lessons. Most of all, thank you for making me laugh.

I just wanted to thank you for being the best English teacher ever (and I genuinely mean it).

You have always made me feel confident in English which I had never felt before. My weak point had always been in English but this year I didn't feel like that, I was much more confident. I always enjoyed your lessons and will miss them when I go to Yr9. I have also started a creative story sort of thing and I will definitely send it to you once I have finished.

Thank you to all my teachers for helping me learn through this time.

Thank you for working so hard so that we can have an excellent library and all the resources we need to complete our school work.

Usually I would spend much of my time in the library and as this is not the case, I look forward to being allowed back to school so I can go into the library again.

Thank you for being a great LSA.

You treat me well.

You give me comfort.

You make me laugh.

You help me with Maths, doing independent work and helping me with my work.

You encouraged independent thought and thinking and made lessons a joy to be in. One of the reasons I start training in September (past pupil)

Happy national thank a teacher day!

Thank you for inspiring me in all your assemblies and lessons, I remember when you talked about going to Africa in the summer holidays and it inspired me, and you're always so motivational and positive and happy, and that inspires me, and you are a great head of house and public speaker, and that inspires me.

Thank you for always encouraging my writing and motivating me.

Thank you for giving me amazing grades.

Thank you for always listening if I have a piece of writing I want to share.

Thank you for taking the time and effort to plan amazing and interesting lessons that are always fun.

Thank you for being the best teacher ever!



SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

NHS Advice for adults and children on sunscreen and sun safety;



Remember that Sunburn can occur in the UK, even when it is cloudy. There's no safe or healthy way to get a tan. A tan doesn't protect your skin from the sun's harmful effects. Aim to strike a balance between protecting yourself from the sun and getting enough vitamin D from sunlight. Sunburn increases your risk of skin cancer.

Sun safety tips

- spend time in the shade when the sun is strongest. In the UK, this is between 11am and 3pm, March to October. Children should also remember this when they are at the college. There are many shady areas provided so please take shelter.
- make sure you never burn
- children need to take extra care

Wear Sun-Screen

- Don't rely on sunscreen alone to protect yourself from the sun - cover up with suitable clothing.

When buying sunscreen, the label should have:

- a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15 to protect against UVB
- at least four-star UVA protection
- Make sure the sunscreen is not past its expiry date. Most sunscreens have a shelf life of two to three years.

Further advice can be found here :

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/sunscreen-and-sun-safety>



Matters of the Mind

To create a safer world for each other, please do take a moment to encourage your children to read the following document on our website: [The Young Person's Guide to Keeping Children Safe](#). It offers important information to ensure that we, our friends and families keep safe.

QUIZ INFORMATION

We are delighted to present to you Round 4 of our Curriculum Quiz for individuals or family groups to complete. Please submit your 'honest' scores for this round using the link at the end of the quiz by 15th June 2020. The winning team will be notified in the next newsletter. Good luck!

Category: ART

- Easy** It you mix Primary colours with Secondary colours, what are these colours more commonly known as?
- Medium** What is an Art 'Movement'?
- Challenging** Give an example of an art movement beginning with C

Category: DRAMA

- Easy** Which German practitioner is known for his Epic Theatre?
- Medium** Which Russian practitioner is known for originating 'method acting'?
- Challenging** Which Total Theatre practitioner was also known for his starring role in a Bond film?

Category: GEOGRAPHY

- Easy** What is the longest river in the UK?
- Medium** Name the only country through which both the Equator and the Tropic of Capricorn pass
- Challenging** What is the capital of Mongolia?

Category: LAW

- Easy** What is an invitation to treat?
- Medium** Are goods displayed in shop windows classed as offers or invitations to treat?
- Challenging** Is an advert an offer or invitation to treat?

Category: MATHS

- Easy** Use the digits 2, 3, 4, 5 (only once) to fill in the missing numbers to make the largest possible 2-digit answer. $\square\square + \square \times \square = \square\square$
- Medium** When the following values are put in ascending order, which is in the middle? A $0.2\dot{0}0\dot{8}$ B 0.2008 C $0.200\dot{8}$ D $0.\dot{2}00\dot{8}$ E $0.200\dot{8}$
- Challenging** Each of the small circles have an area 1.
What is the area of the semi-circle?



Category: MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

- Easy** How would you say 'Good luck!' in French and Spanish?
- Medium** The French say "ça marche" and the Swiss say "ça joue" . Marcher means to walk and also to function and jouer means to play. So after which one of these sentences would it make sense to say " ça marche"/ "ça joue" ?
A Tu étudies la musique?
B Tu aimes le sport?
C Tu veux manger à midi au restaurant?
- Challenging** Which French actor made the same film twice - once in French and once in English

(clue: a hero can be closer than you think)

Category: MUSIC

- Easy** Which type of guitar usually has four strings?
- Medium** What is the most common time signature used in popular music?
- Challenging** What is the name of the style of popular music that is associated with Jamaica?

Category: PHYSICAL EDUCATION—Anagrams Sports Teams

- Easy** Admiral Red
- Medium** Downrange Tinplates
- Challenging** Enchained Mutters

Category: RELIGIOUS FORMATION

- Easy** How many plagues did God send to Pharaoh in the exodus story?
- Medium** When Moses encounters God in the form of a burning bush on Mt Sinai, who does God say he is?
- Challenging** How many commandments were given by God to Moses in the Jewish tradition?

Category: TEXTILES

- Easy** Which fabric is the odd one out and why? Silk, Jute, Hemp or Cotton.
- Medium** Is it possible to recycle clothing? If yes, can you give an example?
- Challenging** True or False. You can only create a straight stitch on a sewing machine?

Category: HISTORY

- Easy** Why is the Colston Hall to change its name in 2020?
- Medium** Name the tobacco magnates who donates large sums of money to Bristol University
- Challenging** Name the famous 20th century English born, American actor who was born in Horfield?

CURRICULUM QUIZ

ROUND 3

ANSWERS

ART	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tertiary 2. An art movement is a period of time when popular art shares similar styles and artists work in similar ways. 3. Cubism / Constructivism / Conceptual art
DRAMA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bertolt Brecht 2. Konstantin Stanislavski 3. Steven Berkoff
GEOGRAPHY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The River Severn 2. Brazil 3. Ulaanbaatar
LAW	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is an invitation by one party for another party to make an offer. 2. Invitations to treat. 3. Usually an invitation to treat, though a highly detailed advert could be classed as an offer, as in <i>Carlill v Carbolic Smoke Ball</i>.
MATHS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. $52 + 3 \times 4 = 64$ or $52 + 4 \times 3 = 64$ 2. C 3. $29/2$ (or 14.5)
MFL	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bonne chance! (French) ¡Buena suerte! (Spanish) 2. C 3. Gerard Depardieu
MUSIC	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bass guitar 2. 4/4 time signature (4 crotchet beats per bar) 3. Reggae
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Real Madrid 2. New England Patriots 3. Manchester United
RELIGIOUS FORMATION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 10 2. "I am who I am" 3. 613 Commandments
TEXTILES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Silk, it's not plant based. 2. Yes, from clothing into accessories like hats, bags, jewellery etc. and clothing into restyled clothing. 3. False
HISTORY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Edward Colston has firm associations with the Slave Trade. 2. Wills 3. Carey Grant (real name=Archibald Leach)

Score

/33

Please click on the link to submit your 'honest' scores: <https://forms.gle/wast94CAtXxEfaRYA>