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Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM MR MAHER, PRINCIPAL

I hope that you and your families remain safe and well.

When I look back over the academic year I'm sure we would all agree that this has been challenging for us all. I pay tribute to all the hard work you have completed over recent months and acknowledge that some of you have not always found this easy.

The beating heart of a school is its students supported by a committed and conscientious team of adults. We want our students to stand out from the crowd in their future lives as interesting well-rounded individuals who will possess skills and values to make the most of a fast-paced future world, and above all who will make a positive difference in the world and to the lives of others.

I wish all students in Years 11 and 13 every success as they move on to pastures new and very much look forward to welcoming everyone else back in September. Life and routines will be different from what we have experienced in the past but we can be confident that the lessons learned will enable us all to move forward positively and with a renewed vigour to ensure that we make the most of every opportunity that comes our way.

You will find the logistical plans for the full opening of St Bede's Catholic College from September 2020 at the end of this newsletter.

Enjoy your summer, stay safe. I and all the staff at St Bede's look forward to seeing you again very soon.

With prayers and every blessing,

J. G. Maher
Principal



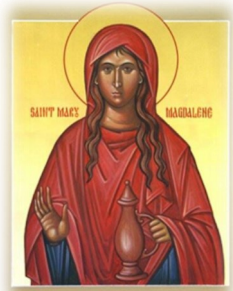
REFLECTION— 22nd July The Feast of St Mary Magdalene

St. Mary Magdalene is one of the greatest saints of the Bible and a legendary example of God's mercy and grace. The precise dates of her birth and death are unknown, but it is known that she was present with Christ during his public ministry, death and resurrection. She is mentioned at least a dozen times in the Gospels.

The Gospels agree that Mary was originally a great sinner. Jesus cast seven demons out of her when he met her. After this, she told several women she associated with and these women also became followers.

During Jesus' ministry, it is believed that Mary Magdalene followed him, part of a semi-permanent entourage who served Jesus and his Disciples.

Mary likely watched the crucifixion from a distance along with the other women who followed Christ during His ministry. Mary was present when Christ rose from the dead, visiting his tomb to anoint his body only to find the stone rolled away and Christ, very much alive, sitting at the place they laid Him. She was the first witness to His resurrection.



Reflection: "The story of Mary of Magdalene reminds us all of a fundamental truth... A disciple of Christ is one who, in the experience of human weakness, has had the humility to ask for his help, has been healed by him and has set out following closely after him, becoming a witness of the power of his merciful love that is stronger than sin and death." Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Prayer: Prayer from the Feast of St Mary Magdalene

O God, whose Only Begotten Son entrusted Mary Magdalene before all others with announcing the great joy of the Resurrection, grant, we pray, that through her intercession and example we may proclaim the living Christ and come to see him reigning in your glory. Amen

ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXAM RESULTS DAYS

Please do come into college to collect your A Level and GCSE results in August. However, to comply with social distancing you will need to collect your results at the allocated times.

We ask that you wear a facemask whilst queuing for/collecting your results and use hand sanitiser as you enter the college.

Thursday 13th August - A Level Results

8.30am - 8.50am : Surnames A - H
8.50am - 9.10am : Surnames I - O
9.10am - 9.30am : Surnames P - Z
9.30am - 9.50am : Year 12

Thursday 20th August – GCSE Results

9.00am - 9.20am : Surnames A - C
9.20am - 9.40am : Surnames D - H
9.40am - 10.00am : Surnames J - M
10.00am - 10.20am : Surnames N - R
10.20am - 10.40am : Surnames S - Z
11.00am - 11.20am : Year 9 and 10

Please note results will only be emailed if you previously requested this option. Also, unless you previously submitted a request for somebody to collect results on your behalf you must collect them yourself. Any uncollected results will be posted home.

We look forward to seeing you in August.

PRIZE GIVING

We are delighted to present the 24th Annual prize giving albeit a little differently this year. The virtual presentation will be available to view from 2pm on 17th June 2020.



LINK: <https://youtu.be/gjd3MqAcCyQ>

In his video link Mr Maher said: "As the Principal of a Catholic College I believe passionately that we should measure what we value. Values are core traits and qualities that represent an individual's beliefs and guiding principles which form the very foundation of who we are. Values which are taught from a very young age and learnt from family and friends, the community and through education.... To all of the students being recognised in Prize Giving this year, accept the challenges that life brings you with courage and remember with kindness those who have supported you along the way. Always remember that what we are is God's gift to us – what we become is our gift to God."



We are very grateful to our Guest Speaker **Jonty Messer**, Journalist and ITV Newsreader who kindly prepared his address to be included in the virtual presentation.

Almost 250 pupils have received awards for high achievement, excellent attitude and public spirit within the community. A huge number of children received nominations from staff and a scrupulous effort to be fair, resulted in the final list. We hope that pupils deserving of an award, but who did not receive one this year, will be recognised at Prize Giving celebrations in future years.

Congratulations to all who have been awarded prizes which we will ensure are physically presented at the start of the next academic year. Alongside the video presentation, a copy of the Prize giving programme, listing all award winners is available on the college website www.stbedesccl.org

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

13th August

A Level Results Day

20th August

GCSE Results Day

1st September
INSET DAY

2nd September
INSET DAY

3rd September

Pupils return to
College

STAFFING

As we approach the end of the year, we have 10 staff who are leaving us for pastures new.

- **Ms H Klapperich Mueller**, Library Assistant—Moving to a new school
- **Mr S O'Connor**, Science Teacher—End of fixed term contract
- **Miss E Hignell**, Science Technician—Starting University
- **Mr R Seymour**, Science Teacher—End of fixed term contract
- **Ms R Pugh**, DT Technician—Starting PGCE in September
- **Mrs L Davies**, SMSA
- **Dr R Beattie**, Head of Chemistry—Promotion to Head of Science
- **Mrs K Warmesley**, Senior Science Technician—Further Study at University
- **Mrs N Beasley**, Cover Supervisor—Change of Career
- **Mr D Williams**, ICT Teacher—Retirement
- **Mr L Dunn**, MFL Teacher—Change of Career

Our sincere thanks for the service of all staff leaving. A special mention to **Mr Williams** and **Mr Dunn** who have both provided 18 years service to St. Bede's. We will all miss your presence at the college and wish you both well in the future.

In the next newsletter we look forward to sharing with you the names of the new staff who will be joining us.

MESSAGES TO STUDENTS

Dear Year 13 students,

We are excited to be able to welcome you back to the college to collect your results. Mrs Charters is co-ordinating the day and will send you details of exactly when to come to the college.

UCAS Information

From 6am on Thursday 13th August, you will be able to log on to UCAS track to check the status of your application. Mostly, students know whether they have secured a university place before they collect their results.

Mr Sutton will be available to support you if you have not secured a university place. It is important that you bring your UCAS log in details with you so that we can help you. Please check you know these details in advance.

UCAS have some excellent preparatory advice on their website and we recommend you visit <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/results-confirmation-and-clearing/ucas-undergraduate-results> before 13th August so that you understand the possible options available to you.

Sadly, I will not be able to attend the A Level results day. Please know that I will be thinking of you and hoping you are happy with your results.

Best wishes for a wonderful day and a fantastic summer.

Miss Kirkbright

Dear Year 11 Areté Sixth Form applicants,

I hope you are enjoying the Virtual Taster Day resources on the '6th form' area of our website. I can see that many of you have viewed the videos and hear from your teachers that lots of you have completed the transition work already. Well done for motivating yourself after such a long time away from study. The skill to work independently is vital for successful A Level study and developing these skills now will help you in September.

I hope you have time to rest and recuperate over the summer holidays. Please make sure you have completed all the transition work for the subjects you wish to study. This will be collected by teachers in the first lesson in September.

The information about enrolment has been sent out to you and we look forward to welcoming you properly to Areté in September.

Best wishes for a lovely summer break.

Miss Kirkbright

Dear Year 12,

Congratulations – you have made it through the first year of A Level study and in such challenging circumstances. Well done for working hard at such an unusual time. You should give yourself credit for how well you have developed your independent learning skills. This will stand you in good stead for university study after Year 13.

Have a break over the summer to rest and recuperate, but make sure you complete your personal statements and are fully up-to-date with work by the time we come back.

We are so looking forward to welcoming you back into the Sixth Form in September.

Best wishes for a lovely summer break.

Miss Kirkbright

Descartes House

Can I extend a final warm hello to all Descartes pupils and parents in our final newsletter of this academic year.

I hope you have all enjoyed the sun being back out? This is not the way I envisaged the last week of this academic year to be, however I wanted to express how proud I am of you all! You have come such a long way in your achievements, resilience and determination. You have demonstrated maturity and a real strength of character on your own journeys in such unprecedented times. As we strive to find our 'new normal', remember you are not on your own on this journey.

As we look forward to September, year 7, I look forward to welcoming you into the house system, year 8, 9 and 10 I look forward to supporting you on your journeys through option choices, the start of exam courses and your exam year. Whatever September looks like, we will still be a house and share a house community in some capacity!

Year 11, can I take this opportunity to thank you for all your hard work and contributions to the house. I look forward to seeing you on results day. If you are staying with us, I am sure I will see you around, and wish you the best of luck on the next step up. If you are leaving us, I wish you the very best of luck on the rest of your education journey. It has been a pleasure to work with you all.

I wish you all a fantastic summer. Take some time out to recharge your batteries and stay safe.

Ms Johnston

Seacole House

Hello everyone I'm writing this with a mixture of emotions, happy term is at an end and sad that I haven't been able to wish you all the best for the summer in person.

I have been very impressed with the work that I have seen from many of you and the positive comments that I have received from your tutors and teachers. The second and final week of the photo challenge is coming to an end and well done to all of you who have taken part in the challenge. All the entries for week 1 will get a certificate by email and a Seacole badge in September. The themes for week 2 are a book cover, something circular, a flag, a vegetable and a celebration. Winners for week 2 will be posted on Show My Homework next week.

Enjoy the summer break and I look forward to seeing you all in September. Mrs Turri

Hi Year 7,

I just wanted to wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer break. You are a bright and talented year group and I have really enjoyed getting to know you this year. It is sad that we could not end the year properly together as we would normally have done, but well done to each of you for making such a positive, enthusiastic start to your time at St Bede's.

Best of luck to each of you in year 8 and I look forward to seeing you in September.

Wishing you all the very best, Mrs Carmichael

Dear all Bell Burnell pupils and families,

It's hard to believe that we have now been separated for four months. I would like to express how proud I am of you all for coping with this extended period away from College. On the whole you have all coped with it incredibly well and demonstrated fantastic resilience. At times all of us have struggled and that is when we needed to turn to our friends and families for support. I hope that my newsletter and weekly challenges have helped keep you entertained and given you the knowledge that as a House, someone is always available to listen and guide you.

I obviously need to give you an update on our Land's End to John O'Groats challenge! By the end of last week our team had virtually travelled an incredible **1563.5km**. This meant that we had made it to John O'Groats and set off back to Bristol! This is an amazing total and CONGRATULATIONS to the 61 members of the group who made it possible. I was hoping that we would be back in Bristol in time for the summer holiday. Obviously, Bell Burnell House has surpassed my expectations once again. We have covered a further 903.8km this week, which means we have just gone past Bristol! So STOP we have made it home! I hope that you all enjoyed the challenge.

I do not want you to worry about September but instead have a lovely summer. I look forward to welcoming the Year 7 properly into our House but it is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to Year 11. I wish you all the very best for the future but hopefully I will see many of you back in our 6th form. I want to leave you with a few challenges keep active and healthy, stay in touch with each other and if you do have outstanding work, make every attempt to complete it before we return. Stay safe, Mr Johnson



Hello once again to my dear Pasteur Pupils and wonderful families,

To say it is strange to be writing this end of year message to you in this way, after eighteen years at St Bede's, is an understatement. I can't thank you enough for the maturity, resilience and support shown throughout this pandemic. As I expressed to our Year 11 parents, in a recent email, Maya Angelo said, "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made me feel". This is so true as I really feel that we have been on this journey together; I've been so impressed with the honesty, sense of independence, integrity and wonderful humour that you have demonstrated in abundance. You really are very special.

Whilst nervous, I am also excited about what the future holds for Pasteur House and St Bede's as we embark on 'the new normal'. We will find more ways to become innovative and pioneers of learning, I'm sure. I'm also excited about leading the house with House Captains, **Isobel Patel** and **Louis De Pedro**, by my side (with the interviews for Vice-House Captains happening very soon in the new academic year); we will have new Prefects and Tutor Reps to continue leading us in our excellent legacy. Bring it on!

I know that Mr Dunn will share our sentiments as eighteen years ago, we started our teaching career together at St Bede's. On behalf of 10PLD and Pasteur House, 'Thank you' for being such an amazing and loved Tutor, Teacher, colleague and friend; you will be missed so much.

Thank you also to Mr O'Connor for looking after 9PRS so well whilst Mrs Shaddick was on maternity leave. Good wishes for your future to you both from Pasteur House.

So, please all enjoy a relaxing and safe holiday together.
With warmest wishes, Ms Sharp (and Norman) #anythingispossible



Matters of the Mind

See, Hear, Respond


Barnardos

The See, Hear, Respond Partnership is a new service funded by the Department for Education. The See, Hear, Respond Partnership will quickly identify and support children, young people and families who are struggling to cope with the impacts of coronavirus.

Parents or carers can call this free number and Barnardo's project workers will listen, understand your situation and help you to make a plan.

0800 157 7015 Monday – Friday 9am – 9pm and Saturday and Sunday 10am – 6pm

We're living in extraordinary times right now, and it can sometimes feel or be overwhelming. There is an exhaustive amount of information available about Coronavirus, and it can be hard to know where to start. Barnardos have created a central place for families to explore, to find information, resources & tools. The Hub contains practical advice on how to talk to children about the pandemic, tips on managing anxiety and much, much more...

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/support-hub>

SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

Summer break: Safeguarding - Children's Social Services Contacts

If you have a concern about the well-being of a child or young person – here are the contacts for our three local authorities.

		
Contact First Response 0117 9036444	Contact Access Response Team (ART) 01454 866000 Monday to Thursday 9.00 – 5.00, 4.30 on Friday 01454 615165 out of hours and at weekends	North Somerset Safeguarding Children Board (NSSCB) 01275 888808



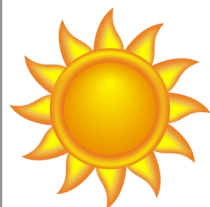
If a child is at immediate risk of harm – Call 999

Safeguarding is everyone's business

NOTE: Emotional Well-Being Contacts:

Please visit our college website: <https://tinyurl.com/y4ojfwf>

Summer Activities



Please find a range of events and activities, Information and Support for Families, Parents/Carers and Young People in the Bristol Area.

<https://bit.ly/2WG1gwD>

The Feeding Bristol Healthy Holidays Campaign

The Feeding Bristol Healthy Holidays campaign encourages children across Bristol to use their holiday time and the free school meals voucher if they are eligible, to cook simple fresh meals from scratch. The programme gives ideas for dishes, links to recipes for inspiration and provides a shopping list! Please click here for further information:

<https://www.feedingbristol.org/thechildrenskitchen>

St Bede's Catholic College Term and Holiday Dates 2020-2021

Term 1: Tuesday 1st September 2020 to Friday 23rd October 2020
Term 2: Monday 2nd November 2020 to Friday 18th December 2020
Term 3: Monday 4th January 2021 to Friday 12th February 2021
Term 4: Monday 22nd February 2021 to Thursday 1st April 2021
Term 5: Monday 19th April 2021 to Friday 28th May 2021
Term 6: Monday 7th June 2021 to Wednesday 21st July 2021

Inset on:

Tuesday 1st September 2020
Wednesday 2nd September 2020
Friday 23rd October 2020
Friday 12th February 2021
Thursday 1st April 2021
Wednesday 21st July 2021

The school year is 195 days and includes six in-service days used for staff training

Please note: The first day for ALL year groups is Thursday 3rd September 2020

TRIPS

We are in the process of obtaining the refunds for both the Barcelona and Rome trips.

With regard to the Rome trip, we have filed a claim with our own insurance company. As soon as we are notified by them that the claim is being paid we will be reimbursing all parents/carers. Please be assured that as soon as we have the insurance pay out we will be reimbursing you.

With regard to the Barcelona trip, we have been given a credit note for part of the refund which we will need to re-negotiate with the company. If they refuse to pay out this will be another claim we will have to put into our insurance company. Please note when we obtain the refund we will request bank details and will reimburse you directly into your account. Apologies for the delays these have been unavoidable as we try to negotiate to get your money back.

INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL LESSONS

To parents and carers of pupils who received instrumental and vocal lessons before the college closed to most students in March.

It is hoped that instrumental and vocal lessons will resume in the new academic year, either in person or online. All pupils who formerly received instrumental and vocal tuition will be included on the new timetables. If your child would like to stop receiving instrumental or vocal tuition, please send an email to Mr Lewis (j.lewis@stbcc.org) by Friday 4th September.

A new direct debit system will be introduced for the 2020-2021 academic year and the Finance Department will be in touch with further details. Please note that no payments will be taken until a decision has been made to resume instrumental or vocal tuition.

MEDICATION

Please could we request that pupils with asthma/allergies returning in September should carry an inhaler/epipen with them at all times. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Knowles j.knowles@stbcc.org

PASTEUR COMPLETE HOUSE CUP DOUBLE

Congratulations to Pasteur House who have been crowned House Cup champions in both categories this year.

The House cup is awarded to the House that wins the most merits across the whole college. Each month we total the merits of each tutor group and award points across each year group.

The House Cup is across the 5 year groups and was extremely close this year and after a tie was decided by 1st place finishes within a year group which Pasteur won by 3 to 2.

Totals were:-

1st Pasteur 55pts - 1st Place finishes in Years 7, 9 & 11

2nd Bell Burnell 55pts - 1st place finishes in Years 8 & 10

3rd Descartes 34pts

The Four House Cup is across just years 7 & 8 and final totals were:-

1st Pasteur 22pts

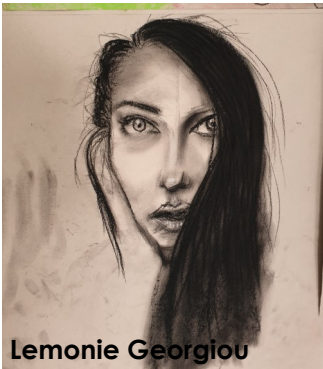
2nd Bell Burnell 21pts

3rd Descartes 17pts

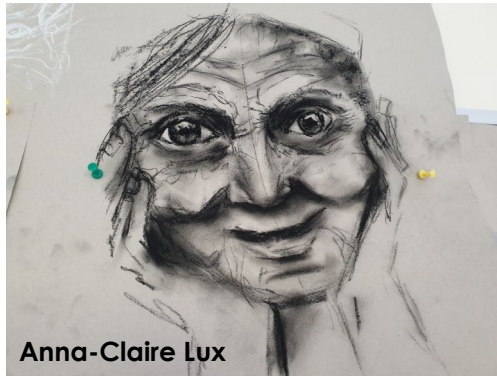
4th Seacole 13pts

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT

Wonderful work from our Year 12 Art A Level students. Please do visit our Celebrate Achievement page on our website <https://bit.ly/2WpjbaB>



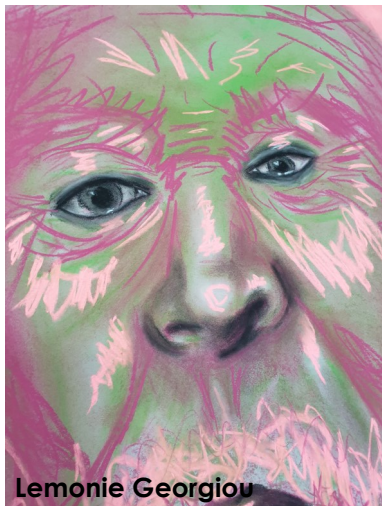
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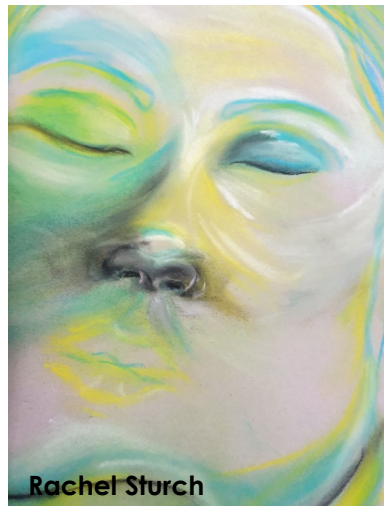
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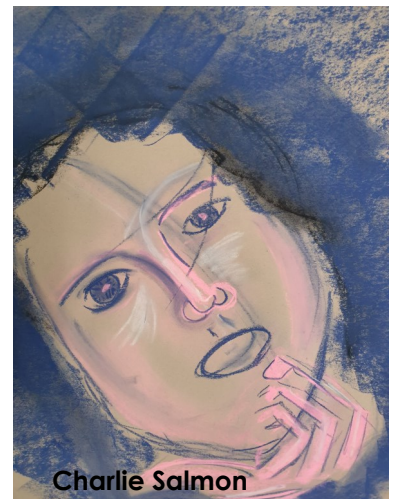
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Lemonie Georgiou



Rachel Sturch



Charlie Salmon

LIBRARY NEWS

For the latest Library Newsletter please click the following link:

<https://bit.ly/2ZvVijB>



UNIFORM

Many of you will be waiting for uniform orders to be fulfilled in readiness for September.

Unfortunately, due to Covid 19, supply chains have been slow and we have not had the deliveries in for some items. We are expecting a big order over the summer and will be open from 24th August for parents to pick up outstanding items. Please note we will update the website and send out an email to all households with any updates for uniform issues week ending 21st August.

BIO BAKES COMPETITION

Love Biology, like baking? Would you like to enter a biology themed baking competition?

The winner of this year's competition will win a Kitchen Aid food mixer and a commemorative baking spoon! All the details about how to enter (& some examples) are on the website: <https://www.physoc.org/supporting-you/public-engagement/biobakes/>.

You can also participate in the St. Bede's competition - email your photos to Mrs Powers (h.powers@stbcc.org)

Not keen on baking - you can always buy a ready made cake and just decorate it! The deadline is the 31st July - so you have a little while to plan and create your entry.

Good luck!

KOOTH ONLINE WELLBEING SERVICE

Kooth is an online wellbeing community for young people.

They have provided an informative video aimed at 11-18 year olds which highlights their services. This is available to view on our website:

<https://bit.ly/2Oqop1q>

SIMS PARENT APP

Please could we ask parents/carers to check that their contact details are correct on the SIMS Parent App. This will ensure all information is accessible to parents at the beginning of the new academic year.

RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES

<https://youngminds.org.uk/media/3916/wellbeing-bingo.pdf>

SPECIAL DIET REQUEST FORM

If your child has a special diet and has a lunch from the college canteen, it is imperative that we receive a **Special Diet Request Form** so that Chartwell's, our kitchen provider, are aware. Please note that a photo of your child must accompany the form. The form is available on our website and can be downloaded here: <https://bit.ly/2C3KRek>

CAREERS INFORMATION

Please find below a link to a guide for parents and carers with ideas about what their teenage children (14-16) might want to do over the summer holidays to help them develop their personality, build confidence, prepare for September and start thinking about their next steps. <https://bit.ly/391u07E>

VIRTUAL SPORTS WEEK

Congratulations to all of you who have taken part in the alternative sports day this week. There have been some outstanding achievements and commitment displayed across all events. It has been lovely to see you all taking part with a big smile and getting the rest of your family involved. I hope there weren't too many broken eggs!

	Year 7/8	Year 9/10	Staff	Relatives
Bell Burnell	1st	1st	1st	1st
Descartes	4th	3rd	3rd	4th
Pasteur	2nd	2nd	2nd	2nd
Seacole	3rd		4th	3rd

Year 7	Rohan Joseph	Millie Griffiths
Year 8	Cameron Duckett	Amelia Cygan
Year 9	Jasper Lett-Charnock	Maryfrances Pat-Odoeme
Year 10	Angelo Capasso	Charlotte Batt
Siblings	Oscar Johnson	Maria Batt
Parents/Carers	Mr Doano	Miss Stawicka
Staff	Mr Johnson	Miss Chennells

The top scorers for each event in each year group can be found on SMHW along with your photos.

Well done. Have a lovely summer and keep safe and active.

Parents and Students

Logistical plans for full opening of St Bede's Catholic College from September 2020

We are looking forward to the full opening of St Bede's in September and the opportunity to see students and staff after an enforced period of time away from each other. The logistical plans below have been devised to allow this return to be as safe as possible for students and staff, as well as to give excellent learning opportunities for all students. We know that the situation is different for every student, both academically and emotionally, and support plans are being formulated in anticipation of their return.

Travel to college

- The preference will be for students to travel to college on foot, by bicycle or by car.
- Where the use of college buses is necessary, students will be required to clean their hands using the provided hand sanitiser when they board and wear a face covering for the entire journey. The face covering must be the students' own and a link to government advice on suitable face coverings can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering>
- Please ensure that children arrive in time for the transport to college in the mornings so that the services can keep to schedule as much as possible. If for any reason the transport does not arrive on time, please instruct your child to wait at the stop. If a vehicle has a breakdown, a replacement will arrive in due course. The updated routes including times and stops can be found on the college website, along with further information about travelling during COVID-19 restrictions - Key Information - Transport.
- Students will be required to sit in year group order, with Post 16 students at the back, working forward to Year 7s at the front. Buses will disembark one at a time to avoid students congregating outside of the college.
- Students using public transport must follow the government guidance for using these services: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers#public-transport>
- Sixth Form students must arrive at college by 8.45am for the daily tutorial period. They must stay on the college site until the end of their timetabled lessons. Students must stay on site until at least the end of period 3 (12.20pm). From 12.20pm onwards students may leave the college site at the end of their timetabled lessons, i.e. 12.20pm if they have no period 4,5 or 6 lesson, 2.20pm if they have no period 5 or 6 lesson, 3.15pm if they have no period 6 lesson and at 4.15pm if they have a period 6 lesson. Trips to the local shops are not permitted. Students must stay on the college site until the end of their timetabled lessons. There will be no re-admittance to the college site if students leave part-way through the day.

Entering college

- There will be no access to the college site for students until 8.30am.
- From 8.30am, the only student access to college will be through the main entrance. Students will queue up along the crosses marked on the main driveway, where they will sanitise their hands before entering the college and moving immediately to their designated tutor room.
- The current government advice is that face coverings are not required to be worn in schools during the day.
- Students with disposable face coverings should put them in the bin provided by the entrance in the blue area. Students with multi use face coverings should remove them by the ear straps and put them in a plastic bag for use again later. Students should not remove face coverings by touching their mouth.
- Parents should not attend college without a prior appointment.

Health and safety

- The full college Risk Assessment has been updated and will be available to view on the college website.
- Please ensure that you have updated your contact details on the SIMS Parent App so that we can contact you in an emergency.

Lesson rooming

In accordance with government guidance for students to stay in year group bubbles, each year group will be allocated a section of the college as below and will therefore remain only with students from their own year group throughout the school day:

Year 7 - Lower A block
Year 8 - Upper A block
Year 9 - Science block
Year 10 - Humanities and RF block
Year 11 - Creative block
Year 12 and 13 - Areté and Galileo

In addition, teachers will move to the students' bubble to teach instead of the usual movement of students to teachers' rooms. There will be opportunities for all students to access practical/creative rooms on a rota basis.

Lessons

- Students will be in normal size classes, with all desks facing forward. Teachers will maintain a 2 metre distance from all students wherever possible.
- Students will have their own exercise books provided and will need to bring their own stationery. Teachers will be limiting the use of individual or shared resources.

Break and lunch times

- The timings of the school day have been adjusted as per the attached document. Break and lunchtimes will be staggered, with year groups taking it in turns to have their break/lunch in a designated part of the college in order to remain in year group bubbles. There will be an increased staff presence to make sure that these run as smoothly as possible.
- The canteen will run as usual, including the provision of free school meals for eligible students
- The tables in the main hall will be cleaned between sittings

Behaviour

- Good behaviour, and particularly following instructions from staff, will be even more important than normal to keep everyone in college safe, allow teachers to teach and allow students to learn. Expectations will be very high in this area and we will expect all students to meet them all of the time.
- The updated uniform will be in place for September, details of which are on the college website: Key Information, Uniform. Students must ensure they wear the full uniform every day.
- Social distancing will only work with the full co-operation of all students. Failure to comply with instructions will put students and others at risk and will be dealt with accordingly. The behaviour policy has been amended to reflect Covid-19 and any unacceptable or risky behaviour may result in a fixed term exclusion from college

Leaving college

Both college exits will be used, with years 13, 12, 11, 10 and 9 leaving by the gate by Galileo and years 8 and 7 leaving via the main entrance.

Students will be dismissed at staggered times as below:

15.08 – Post 16
15.10 – Year 11
15.12 – Year 10
15.14 – Year 9
15.16 – Year 8
15.18 – Year 7

It is important that when students are dismissed they move swiftly to leave college and do not congregate. Those students using a school bus should get straight onto the bus to enable others to take their seats in the correct year group order.

- Students travelling home from college by public transport, walking, bicycle or by car should leave the college vicinity immediately. If parents are picking up students by car, please do not park on Lawrence Weston Road

Students using college buses will be required to clean their hands using the provided hand sanitiser when they board and wear a face covering for the entire journey. The face covering must be the students' own and a link to government advice on suitable face coverings can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering>

- Students will be required to sit in year group order, with Post 16 students at the back, working forward to Year 7s at the front.

We at St Bede's know that the return to college is likely to be an anxious time for some students, parents and staff. It is important that all involved feel confident about the measures in place, and so we hope this document helps in that respect.

