

# St. Bede's Catholic College

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## Newsletter

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### MESSAGE FROM MR MAHER, PRINCIPAL

Following the government's announcement earlier this week, face coverings in classrooms and in communal areas of the college will be optional for students and staff from Monday 17th May.

Students travelling on school or public buses will still have to wear a face covering for the duration of their journey.

Please re-enforce road safety with your children, particularly at the peak times of arrival in the morning and at the end of the day when traffic is particularly busy on the Long Cross.

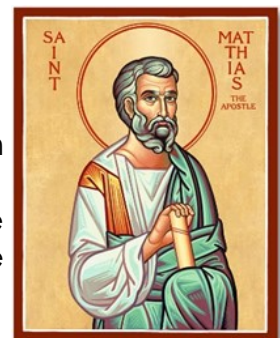
Year 11 and 13 have their final assessments in college and we wish them all the very best next week. With prayers, J. G. Maher, Principal

### REFLECTION – 14 May – St Matthias

This week we celebrate the feast of St Matthias

Saint Matthias is the disciple who, in the Acts of the Apostles, was chosen to replace Judas Iscariot after Judas betrayed Jesus.

Acts tells us that Matthias accompanied Jesus and the Apostles from the time of the Lord's Baptism to his Ascension and that, when it became time to replace Judas, the Apostles cast lots and Matthias was chosen.



What was the holiness of Matthias? Obviously, he was suited for apostleship by the experience of being with Jesus from his baptism to his ascension. He must also have been suited personally, or he would not have been nominated for so great a responsibility. We also know that the holiness of Matthias was his readily receiving the relationship with the Father offered him by Jesus and completed by the Holy Spirit. If the apostles are the foundations of our faith by their witness, they must also be reminders, if only implicitly, that holiness is entirely a matter of God's giving, and it is offered to all, in the everyday circumstances of life.

**Reflection:** "they were capable of becoming apostles on being chosen by Him who foresees even ultimate issues. Matthias, accordingly, who was not chosen along with them, on showing himself worthy of becoming an apostle, is substituted for Judas."

**Prayer:** Prayer for the intercession of St Matthias

Father, you called Saint Matthias to share in the mission of the apostles.

By the help of his prayers may we receive with joy the love you share with us and be counted among those you have chosen.

Pray that we may become worthy witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus in the way we live the eternal life we have right now. Amen.

## MUSIC SUCCESS

During lockdown **Morella Wallis**, year 9 was rewarded for all of her hard work by achieving her Grade 4 Guitar Exam with a Distinction.

Well done Morella!

Thank you Morella for allowing us to use your photograph.



## FINANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

### Direct Debit Payments for Year 11 and Year 13 leavers

This is a polite reminder that parents/carers of students in Year 11 and 13 are contracted to continue paying the transport payments until the 31 August 2021. The cost of transport is calculated based on the payments being spread over 12 months in order to make it affordable. Therefore any direct debits cancelled before the end of the contract/agreement of 31 August will be invoiced directly. If payments are discontinued this could affect our ability to provide this service in the future.

### Year 7, 8 and Year 9 parents who are not registered for online payments

Please be advised that if you are not already registered for online payments, you will be receiving a letter through the post, enabling you to do so. Please note the college is now cashless and we therefore no longer accept cash or cheques, except for school meals or charity donations. All uniform, stationery, revision guide purchases and trips are to be paid online. Please register at your earliest convenience, if you have siblings in other years, these will be linked on your behalf.

## LIBRARY NEWS

All students should have received an email reminder of their overdue library books this week. All Year 11s and 13s should make sure their books are returned before they leave us. Other years need to return them as soon as possible. If anyone has any difficulty returning their books please contact Mrs Hayman on [librarydesk@stbcc.org](mailto:librarydesk@stbcc.org).



Good luck to our Year 8 pupils participating in the National Reading Champions Quiz on Tuesday 18th May.

## QUEEN'S AWARD FOR ENTERPRISE

Congratulations to past pupil **Nicholas Crook** who has won the prestigious Queen's Award for Enterprise. A fantastic achievement, well done Nicholas.

We are always delighted to hear from St. Bede's Alumni. If you would like to share any news, please do email: [contact@stbcc.org](mailto:contact@stbcc.org)

## PE REMINDER

Please could you ensure all PE kit is labelled clearly to avoid any confusion.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**25th May 2021**

Feast of St. Bede

**28th May 2021**

Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers

Year 11 and Year 13

Last day at College



## VACANCIES

Governors at St. Bede's Catholic College would like to appoint a **Healthcare Assistant**, 37 Hours per week, over 5 days Term time only (38 weeks a year) to join the existing team to provide medical support and practical access to the curriculum for a student in the 11-16 age range. The ideal candidate will have healthcare experience, but full training for working with the student will be provided.

The annual salary for this post is £16,364 – £18,067, depending on experience. This post is fixed term until 31st August 2022, in the first instance – it's continuation is dependent on the continuation of funding.

Further details are available on our website:

<https://bit.ly/33zJkqr>

## SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

### Staying safe on foot and bike

Look out for yourself and your friends when on foot or bicycle.



Choose the safest routes you can (which are often nicer anyway), like quieter, slower roads, with pavements if you're walking or cycle paths if you're going by bike.

It's easy to get distracted by your phone or by friends, but you need to be alert to traffic. Put your phone away and take your earphones out when crossing the road. Don't trust that drivers will spot you. Anything you can do to protect yourself is a good thing.

### Young people accepting lifts from others

#### Advice for Parents and Carers

✓ Talk to your son or daughter about the dangers of accepting lifts from others driving cars or motorbikes. Young drivers, young males in particular, are the highest risk group of drivers due to their age and inexperience: this means they are particularly likely to take risks and less able to cope with hazards.

✓ It's safest to avoid lifts altogether with young drivers, or at least don't get a lift with someone you don't trust completely to drive under speed limits, completely sober, and focused on the road.

✓ Agree with your son or daughter that you will always pick them up if they are stuck and need you to, even if it's late at night. Make sure they're always able to get hold of you if they need to, and tell them they can call you any time, day or night. It might be an inconvenience, but better safe than sorry. If you don't drive, give your son or daughter emergency numbers and tell them you have cash in the house to pay for it in case they get stranded without a lift and need to get home.

For further information: [www.brake.org.uk](http://www.brake.org.uk)

