

# St. Bede's Catholic College

## Specialist Science and Sports College



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## Newsletter

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### MESSAGE FROM MR MAHER, PRINCIPAL

As we continue to come out of lockdown it is timely to re-enforce routines and the high standards we expect of all our students here at St Bede's Catholic College.

Year 11 and 13 students celebrated their last day at St. Bede's today and we wish them all well. Those returning for the sixth form will have work to complete at home prior to the Areté induction days on the 23rd and 24th June.

When students in years 7 – 10 return on Monday 7th June, all students are expected to be in correct uniform including the designated school skirt or trouser for the girls. No straight skirts will be allowed as we have received all orders from the uniform supplier and distributed the correct uniform to all who have requested it. Please contact Mrs Mason in the uniform shop should you need to purchase uniform or have not received your completed order to date.

Blazers should be worn at all times including travelling to and from college. Jewellery is limited to a wristwatch and a single stud earring in each ear. Nose piercings are not permitted in accordance with the uniform policy. Shoes should be low heeled, black leather style which can be polished. Trainers and basketball shoes are not acceptable. Mobile telephones should be switched off and carried in bags and should not be out for any reason during the college day – 'on site – out of sight'.

Year 8 students will move into the Humanities block and Year 9 will move onto the top floor of the A block. This will enable Science practical lessons to resume which students have been looking forward to all year.

Schools were asked to be flexible and more understanding regarding uniform during the periods of lockdown. However, as we work towards the 21st June our high expectations have returned and we are grateful to all parents for your support in this matter.

With prayers and all good wishes,

Mr J. G. Maher  
Principal

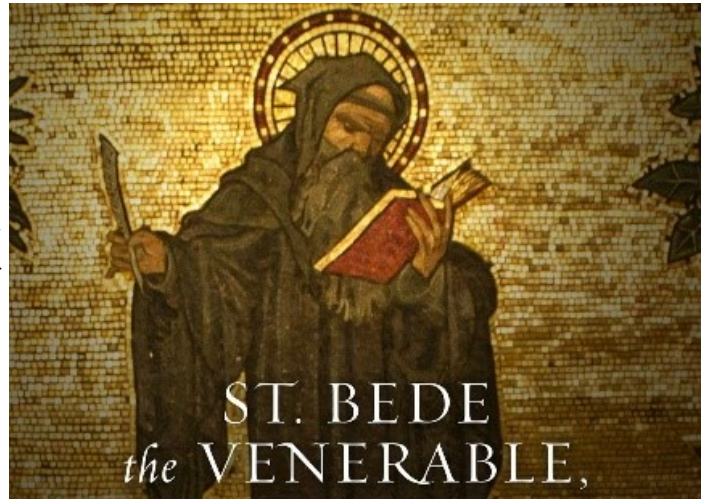


## REFLECTION – St. Bede

This week we have celebrated  
the feast of St. Bede

**The Venerable Bede, or Saint Bede**, was an English monk who lived in a monastery in Northumberland. He is best known for writing the *Ecclesiastical History of the English*.

He was born in 673 and taken to a monastery at 7 years old. Bede learned Latin, Greek and Hebrew and became one of the most learned men in England, although he never left the country.



St. Bede, is widely regarded as the greatest of all the Anglo-Saxon scholars and is one of the few saints honoured as such even during his lifetime. His writings were filled with such faith and learning that even while he was still alive, a Church council ordered them to be read publicly in the churches.

The Venerable Bede died in 735. Even on the day of his death, he was busy dictating a translation of the Gospel of St. John. When finished, he lay upon the floor of his cell singing, "Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost" He was buried in Jarrow, although his remains were later moved to Durham Cathedral, where his tomb can be seen today.

The Church declared him to be 'venerable' in 836. He was made a saint in 1899, as well as a Doctor of the Church, the only English man to hold that title.

**Reflection:** He wrote of himself:

*"I have devoted my energies to the study of the scriptures, observing monastic discipline, and singing the daily services in church; study, teaching, and writing have always been my delight."*

**Prayer:**

*"It has ever been my delight to learn, to teach and to write."*

## YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to year 7 pupil **Evan Watt** who has won the Intermediate (age 11-13) category in both the Local and District heats of the Rotary Young Photographer competition for his photograph entitled 'Wild Rain.'

A fantastic achievement.

We wish Evan good luck in the National Heats.



## PRIZE GIVING

We were delighted this week to present the 25th Annual Prize Giving albeit a little differently again this year.

Almost 250 pupils received awards for high achievement and excellent attitude. 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 our Special Award winners: **Sean McConologue** (Catherine Hughes Award for Community), **Kalina Emilian** (Sixth Form Areté Award), Isabel Romero (St John Paul II Prize), **Tian Shu Shao** (Year 13 Award voted by Year 13 pupils), **Natalie Carr** and **Rubin Halder** (Science Award) **Isobel Patel** and **Sean Simmons** (Sport Award), **Aleena Thomas** (Year 11 Award voted by Year 11 pupils), **Laurie Fleming** and **Quinn Stables** (Vice Principals' Award) and **Benjamin Edmonds** and **Mia Bradshaw** (Principal's Awards)

Our grateful thanks also to our Guest Speaker Kevin Owen, Journalist and Newsreader who kindly prepared his address to be included in the Prize Giving presentation. Kevin Owen is a television and radio news anchor, reporter and presenter and has worked in UK regional and network broadcasting for more than thirty years.

Congratulations to all who have been awarded prizes. A copy of the Prize Giving programme, listing all award winners is available on the college website [www.stbedesc.org](http://www.stbedesc.org)



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## JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

In April, 86 Year 7 mathematicians sat the Junior Maths Challenge paper. The top 40% of the students entered nationally receive either a Bronze, Silver or Gold certificate. Congratulations to:

### GOLD AWARD

**Evan Watt** and **Owen Caherty**

### SILVER AWARD

**Jas Makulec, Joe Lux, Sara Sukenikova, Milo Whitehouse, Adona Aditya, Brendan Ford, Joshua Aby, Adam Boczarski, Jacob Szulc, Tereska Parry, Zofia Jurgielewicz, Natalia Kosieradzka and Helina Mulavarikkal**

### BRONZE AWARD

**Benjamin Anthony, Abram Joshy, Niamh Allen, Finbar Lazard, Dominik Matusniak, Paulo Matitu, Loui Cummings, Lena Emilian, Rosie Harris, Samuel Joseph, Nia Manoj, Evan Mathew, Maja Ozga, Chinomso Ebinaso, Rhys Greenaway, Aaron Thomas, Lorenzo Rosa and Jamie Tran**

Congratulations to **Evan Watt** who was awarded the "Best in school." Evan will be joined by Owen in the next round of the competition. Good luck!



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## LATERAL FLOW TEST KITS

Any parents wishing to order Lateral Flow Tests, particularly those of year 11 and year 13 who will no longer receive them from college, can obtain them from:

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

## FOOD DEPARTMENT

Please could parents check their SCOPAY accounts for any outstanding payments to the Food Department.

At the start of the next academic year, students will be encouraged to bring in their own apron to help with hygiene and safety.

Students can purchase their own or buy from the school shop available on SCOPAY at a cost of £3.60

## **SURVEY REQUEST FROM DARREN JONES, MP**

Darren Jones, Member of Parliament for Bristol North West would like to understand parents' concerns around the drop-off/pick-up time at a number of schools across Bristol North West.

He has put together a short survey for parents which can be accessed here:

[www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/w2school](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/w2school)

Mr Jones will use this feedback to speak to Bristol City Council in line with their School Streets proposals.

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

We would love to win £5000 of book tokens for the library. Parents, friends and staff of St Bede's can enter us in a free Prize Draw. The more entries, the better our chance of winning!

<https://bit.ly/2SjJ9Nu>



**WIN £5,000**

of National Book Tokens for your school library

## **MESSAGE FROM MRS CARMICHAEL, HEAD OF YEAR 7**

Dear Parents / Carers of year 7

It was a pleasure to see so many of the year 7's receiving awards in Monday's prize giving assembly and I was really proud of all the hard work that the year group has done this year. It was lovely to have the opportunity to all get together and share the celebrations. Well done everyone.

Unfortunately it has come to my attention that there is a WhatsApp group that many of the year 7 students are a part of and that this group has unfortunately, become a forum for unpleasantness to and about others.

I would urge you to take the time to talk to your child and if they are a member of this group, to look through it with them. Please encourage your child to remove themselves from this group as I do not feel it is being used appropriately by the students. I know that there have been some hurtful comments made on the chat from students who I am certain, would never dream of making similar comments in person.

We do our best to guide students in how to use social media and online forums safely, and really appreciate everything you do at home to support us with this so thank you in advance for taking the time to do this.

I spoke to the year group on Tuesday morning about the general behaviour of the year group and reminded them about our expectations that all students should demonstrate our Christian values around school. I hope that we can start the new term afresh and with a renewed conviction to be supportive and kind to one another. I wish everyone a restful half term break and look forward to welcoming you all back for one last term this year!

Mrs Carmichael, Head of Year 7

## AN HOUR WELL SPENT WITH THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND

On 13th May, Sam Woods, the Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, gave a personal account of his career, and advice for those about to embark on working life, in an engaging presentation to St. Bede's Sixth Form.

Giving his story from leaving university with a degree in English and History, and working in many sectors, from selling whiskey to business consultancy, Sam described how he has had to adapt to new working environments, even taking a tutor to improve his skills in calculus, required in a finance role. He explained how he managed the stresses and strains of his job, organising time and other commitments and how he enjoyed working in the public sector, finding great satisfaction in the sense of 'doing the right thing' that a job in the civil service can provide. Comparing public sector with private sector working, he summarised the main differences as he saw it, something that students found valuable in directing their own career choices.

Advising those setting out on any career, he emphasised the importance of achieving the best grades you can, and investing time and effort in putting together your CV; whilst the content has to be relevant, the appearance, layout and presentation must be attractive, and he encouraged including an aspect that reveals something of your character as important.

Sixth form students had an impressive array of questions for the Deputy Governor, leading to a lively session towards the end of the presentation, covering many topical issues such as inflation, interest rates, Brexit and economic recovery Post-Covid. The session was a valuable opportunity to learn from the experience of such a quality speaker, appreciated by students.

## NUT FREE SCHOOL

A polite reminder that we are a **nut free school**.

Please do not send your child in with any product that contains nuts – we have a number of pupils at St. Bede's with severe allergies and proximity to or contact with them is potentially life threatening for those children. Thank you.



## TERM DATES 2021-2022

**Term 1:** Thursday 2nd September 2021 to Friday 22nd October 2021

**Term 2:** Monday 1st November 2021 to Friday 17th December 2021

**Term 3:** Tuesday 4th January 2022 to Friday 18th February 2022

**Term 4:** Monday 28th February 2022 to Friday 8th April 2022

**Term 5:** Monday 25th April 2022 to Friday 27th May 2022

**Term 6:** Monday 6th June 2022 to Friday 22nd July 2022

## IN-SERVICE DAYS

Thursday 2nd September 2021

Friday 3rd September 2021

Monday 1st November 2021

Friday 18th February 2022

Friday 22nd July 2022

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**28th May 2021**

End of Term 5

**7th June 2021**

Start of Term 6  
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**23rd June 2021**

Areté Taster Day 1

**24th June 2021**

Areté Taster Day 2

**24th June 2021**

Year 7  
Parents' Evening  
4.30pm—7.30pm



## SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

When you are experiencing a mental health problem, supportive and reliable information can change your life. That's what MIND offer. They empower people to understand their condition and the choices available to them through:

- An Infoline which offers callers confidential help for the price of a local call
- A Legal Line which provides information on mental health related law to the public, service users, family members/carers, mental health professionals and mental health advocates
- An award-winning publications and website, now certified by the Information Standard.

For more information about MIND – please visit their web-site: [www.mind.org.uk](http://www.mind.org.uk)



## 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>

## FINANCE INFORMATION

Thank you to parents/carers who have now signed up to use the online payment system, SCOPAY, your co-operation is greatly appreciated. If there are any parents/carers that still need to sign up, but do not have the link code for their child(ren) please contact [finance@stbcc.org](mailto:finance@stbcc.org), giving the name of your child (ren).

## Test & Trace Support Payments

### **£500 grants available for eligible workers**

#### **Have you been asked to self-isolate? Or has your child been sent home from school to self-isolate?**

You can apply for a £500 grant if you have lost income due to self-isolating. You must be in employment or self-employment and unable to work from home.

You can now also apply for the grant if you are caring for a child who is self-isolating.

To be eligible for a Test and Trace Support Payment you must either:

- have been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the COVID-19 app
- be looking after a child under 16 years of age who usually attends an educational or childcare setting but is self-isolating on or after 8 March 2021
- be looking after someone under 26 years of age with an Education, Health and Care

Plan (EHCP) who usually attends an educational setting but is self-isolating on or after 8 March 2021

You must also be receiving one of the following: Universal Credit, Working Tax Credit, income-based Employment and Support Allowance, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income Support, Housing Benefit and/or Pension Credit.

If you don't receive one of the benefits, you may qualify for a discretionary payment. The Department of Health and Social Care have made extra funds available monthly to support our discretionary decisions allowing us to include more citizens.

You have 42 days from when your self-isolation began to apply, should you apply outside of that your claim can still be considered, but please include any reasons or circumstances that led to a late application

Find out more about Test and Trace Support Payments LINK: [HERE](#)

If you have any queries please contact our team via email: [testandtracepayment@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:testandtracepayment@bristol.gov.uk)