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Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM MR KING, PRINCIPAL

After a fantastic first two weeks of term, I wanted to start by thanking all the students, staff and families for their support, warmth and engagement. As we move towards a more normal way of school life, with collective worship, house assemblies, shared lunchtimes and new co-curricular activities, it is fantastic to see the smiles on the faces of the members of our community.



Our new Year 7s have made an excellent start, and it was lovely to see so many of their families at last night's welcome mass and information evening. The students have already shown a wide range of gifts, skills and virtues and I know this year group is going to be an absolute credit to the college.

We have also welcomed our largest cohort into the Year 12 of our Areté sixth form. It is hugely pleasing to see increasing numbers of students choosing St Bede's for their post-16 study. The students have begun the year with enthusiasm and, with the support of their teachers, will manage the transition from KS4 to KS5 well.

The focus of the first fortnight has been the college's culture and developing an understanding of The St. Bede's Way. A more detailed document will be finalised over the next few weeks, but I wanted to share the three agreed simple messages for all members of our college family: Work Hard. Be Kind. Do the Right Thing. We believe if we concentrate on doing these things on a daily basis the college will thrive and each student will become the best version of themselves.

God bless,

Robert King
Principal

SENIOR PREFECT TEAM 2021—2022

Congratulations to the following Year 11 pupils who, following interview, were selected as Senior Prefects within the college.

Head Boy—**Sebastiano Noto**
Head Girl—**Alanna O'Reilly**
Deputy Head Boy—**Jasper Lett-Charnock**
Deputy Head Girl—**Carys Wilson**
Assistant Head Boy—**Hugo Sukenik**
Assistant Head Girl—**Esosa Omoruyi**



Sebastiano
Head Boy

Alanna
Head Girl

Thank you for allowing us to print your photograph

REFLECTION

The feast day of St Matthew is celebrated on September 21

Matthew was an apostle who was also called Levi, or Matthew the Levite. He was probably born in Galilee and worked as a tax collector at Capernaum when Christ called him to follow him.

Matthew was the author of the first Gospel, written between 60 and 90.

Matthew preached in Jerusalem and then went to Ethiopia, where he was martyred in Persia (modern Iran) or in Ethiopia. Matthew provides a telling portrait of Christ in his Gospel, including his genealogy, ministry, Passion, and Resurrection. The entire work is designed to provide a true recognition of Christ as the Messiah.

Reflection: Matthew 9:9-13

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Prayer:

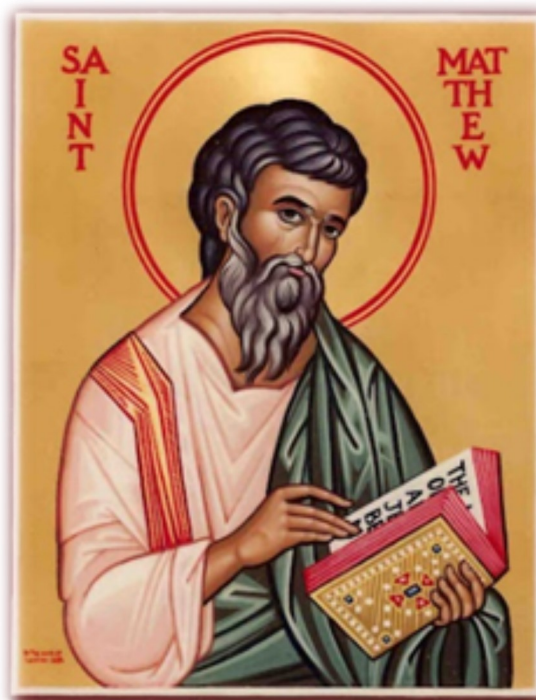
God of Mercy

You chose a tax collector, Saint Matthew, to share the dignity of the apostles.

O Glorious St. Matthew through the grace of God Our Father you gave us the Holy Gospel, which brings us joy and life.

Inspired by your example, I ask for your assistance in all my needs. Help me to follow Christ and remain faithful to His service.

Amen



ADMISSIONS 2022

If you wish to apply for a **Year 7 place for September 2022**, the Supplementary Information Form should arrive in College by **31st October 2021**.

Parents must also have submitted the Common Application Form to their Local Authority by 31st October 2021.

OUTSTANDING SUCCESS GCSE AND A LEVEL STUDENTS AT ST BEDE'S

GCSE Results—2021

Congratulations to GCSE students 2020-2021 who achieved outstanding results during the challenging times we faced over the past eighteen months.

Grade 9-7: 50% Grade 9-4: 94%

Average Grade: 6

Notable results were achieved by the following students:

Natalie Carr: Ten grade 9s

Toni Matitu: Ten grade 9s

Olivia Delahunt: Nine grade 9s and one grade 8

Samantha Biju Joseph: Eight grade 9s and two grade 8s

Laurie Fleming: Seven grade 9s and three grade 8s

Eden Shepherd: Eight grade 9s and two grade 7s

Adorna Jaimon: Six grade 9s and four grade 8s

Riya Sajan: Five grade 9s and five grade 8s

Arppan Enchackal: Five grade 9s, four grade 8s and one grade 7

A Level Results—2021

Fantastic results from our A Level students 2020-2021

A*-A 48% A*-B 73% A*-C 91% A*-E 100%

Average Grade B+

Notable results included the following students:

Joseph Whitfield: Grades A*, A*, A*, A* and will be going to the University of York to read Theoretical Physics

Joss Carr: Grades A*, A*, A*, A* and will be going to the University of Oxford to read Geography

Matthew Wood: Grades A*, A*, A*, A* and will be going to the University of Sheffield to read General Engineering

Lilly Potter: Grades A*, A*, A* and will be going to the University of Bath to read Psychology

Jeffymol Joseph: Grades A*, A*, A* and will be going to Cardiff University to read Medicine

Abishek Aditya: Grades A*, A*, A* and will be going to the University of Bristol to read Aerospace Engineering

Elizabeth White Chair of Governors said 'many congratulations to everyone for another series of outstanding results. This is the culmination of years of hard work and is well deserved in the face of the challenges experienced by students over the past eighteen months. We wish everyone well as they move on to university, college or work next year'.

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

Welcome to the new staff joining us at St. Bede's Catholic College this year:

- **Mr J Barlow** — Mathematics Teacher
- **Miss N Brooks** — Economics and Humanities Teacher
- **Mr J Hibbs** — Music Teacher
- **Mrs D Leach** — Geography Teacher
- **Miss E Lockstone** — Science Teacher
- **Mrs V Mundy** — Learning Support Assistant
- **Mrs T Priest** — Head of Geography
- **Mr H Shellard** — Music Teacher
- **Mrs C Sherman** — Assistant Principal and Computer Science/ICT Teacher
- **Mr M Silver** — Science Teacher
- **Mrs M Smith** — Vice Principal and Science Teacher
- **Mr S Wagstaff** — English Teacher
- **Mrs D Weynberg** — Mathematics Teacher

A FANTASTIC START FOR YEAR 7—A message from Mrs Carmichael

Year 7 all deserve a good rest this weekend after a very busy and exciting first couple of weeks with us here. We are impressed with how quickly they have settled into St Bede's and extremely proud of the way they have embraced every new challenge. Each day we are greeted by smiling faces and immaculate uniforms and we have received lots of praise from their teachers and tutors.

Year 7 have the retreat day to look forward to on the 27th September where they will be enjoying lots of different activities and will not be following their timetabled lessons. This is always a really enjoyable time of year.

Well done year 7, keep up the good work and remember, Work Hard. Be Kind. Do the Right thing.

INSTRUMENT AND SINGING LESSONS

Instrument and singing lessons start on Monday 20th September. Please can all pupils who have signed up for music lessons check the timetables, which are displayed on the music department notice board outside C29.

Spaces are still available please see Mr Lewis, Mr Hibbs or Mr Shellard for a letter. A copy is also available on the college website: <https://bit.ly/2VPquLI>

Please return the reply slip to Reception as soon as possible. If there are any issues, students are welcome to see Mr Lewis (room C32)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday
20th September
Instrument and Voice lessons start

Monday
27th September
Year 7
Retreat Day
(Pupils off timetable)

Wednesday
6th October
Year 12 University Search,
Ashton Gate

Thursday
7th October
Main College Open Evening

WATER BOTTLES

We encourage all students to continue to bring in water bottles as our water fountains are still not in use.

GRADUATION SUCCESS

We were delighted to hear of the following success of our former pupils. Congratulations!

Congratulations!



- ♦ **George Curnock** (2010—2017)
Masters degree in Computer Science—Distinction
Birmingham University
George has recently accepted a role at Hewlett Packard as a Software Engineer
- ♦ **Ellie Nicholas** (2010– 2015)
First Class Honours degree in Criminology and Psychology
Swansea University
Ellie will study for a MSc in Forensic Psychology at Royal Holloway University later this month.
- ♦ **Joe White** (2010-2015)
Masters degree in Chemistry—Distinction
Imperial College, London
Joe will commence Teacher training at University College London later this month.

We always look forward to hearing the success of our past pupils, please do share your news with us via contact@stbcc.org

GCSE LANGUAGE EXAMS

Any pupils in years 9 - 13 wishing to be entered for GCSE in a language other than French or Spanish this academic year should email Mrs Owen. We do not offer instruction in other languages, but are happy to enter pupils for them.

Similarly, additional GCSE entries for French and Spanish can be made, through emailing Mrs Owen. This would be for pupils from years 9 - 13 who are fluent in French or Spanish, and who are not part of the teaching groups for GCSE.

Any queries should be addressed to Mrs Owen

NHS COVID-19 GUIDANCE DO I NEED TO SELF ISOLATE?

Please find below useful information outlining the new guidance on self-isolation.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

IRISH NATIONAL JUNIOR CHAMPION

Congratulations to year 12 student **Seamus Robinson** who was crowned **Irish Under 17 National Champion** in the 1500m with a time of 4 mins and 01 seconds and was awarded 2nd place in the 800m at the Irish Under 17 National Championships in August.

Seamus, we are so proud of you and wish you every success in your next race!



ST BEDE'S SUPPORT FOR WORLD COMMUNITY GRID

World Community Grid is an initiative of IBM Corporate Citizenship which donates its technology and talent to address some of the world's most pressing social and environmental issues and helps in the research of cancer, TB, Covid 19, sustainable water, clean energy and many others.

Their research partners have completed the equivalent of hundreds of thousands of years of research in less than a decade and there are currently over 800,000 members worldwide running World Community Grid on over 7.5 million devices.

As an example, in 2014 the research team behind the Help Fight Childhood Cancer project published a paper on their discovery of seven promising drug candidates to treat neuroblastoma, one of the most common and dangerous forms of childhood cancer. This work consists of 9 million virtual chemistry experiments, each of which would take hours to perform on a single computer, totalling over **8,000** years of computer time. World Community Grid is performing these computations in parallel and the project is expected to be completed in two years or less.

By installing a client and downloading small pieces of data, World Community Grid utilises your PC to process and send back the data while it is idle. As soon as your computer is in use again, the processing stops. There is no impact on your PC's performance and you'd never know the client was running.

Rather than recycling our old servers, St Bede's have been using them to support World Community Grid. Since 2016, St Bede's have run the equivalent of 105 years' worth of data processing and are currently part of the Open Pandemics, Africa Rainfall, Help Stop TB, Mapping Cancer markers and Smash Childhood Cancer projects.

ST. BEDE'S CHESS SOCIETY

The St. Bede's Chess Society is open for players of all abilities with regular instruction sessions and competitions. Chess training will take place in Room A12 on Monday Week B at lunchtime.

For further information please speak to Mr Barlow.



VACANCIES

Governors at St. Bede's catholic College wish to appoint the following:

Cover Supervisor

31.25 hours per week (08.30 – 15.30, Monday to Friday, 15 minute morning break and 30 minute lunch break), term time only including 5 in-service training days. The annual salary for this post is St Bede's Grade 8, point 12-18 - £15,974 - £17,989

Science Technician

37 hours per week, term time only, annual salary £15,826- £16,794

Library Assistant

20 hours per week, term time only, annual salary £9,078 - £10,023

School Meals Supervisory Assistant

The usual hours of work are 12.15pm – 1.30pm Monday to Friday, term time only. The hourly rate for the post is £9.30 (increasing to £9.50)

Cleaner

The hours of work are 16 hours per week, Mon—Thurs 3.15pm—6.30pm and Friday 3.30pm—6.30pm. The hourly rate for the post is £9.30 (increasing to £9.50)

All posts at St Bede's are subject to a 6 month probationary period.
Please refer to our website for further information:

<https://bit.ly/3kfFonN>

Department for School and Colleges Administrator

Following the retirement of our current administrator the department is looking to recruit a suitable replacement. The post would be suitable for someone looking to work during term time only and between the hours of 9-30am - 2-30pm Monday- Friday. Details of the specific role and person specification can be found on: <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/vacancies>

or on the main diocesan website.

The extended Closing Date is **Tuesday, 28th September at 12 noon.**

APRONS—FOOD LESSONS

All students are now expected to provide their own aprons for Food lessons. This is due to the updated covid procedures.

They should be brought to every Food lesson, along with their ingredients, and then returned home to be washed.

They are available through the school shop on scopay for £3.60.

SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

SIRONA CARE AND HEALTH

Sirona Health Care and Health and School Health nurses have put together a series of free webinars to help support parents, carers and their children with emotional wellbeing, healthy eating and sleep. For further information:

<https://bit.ly/3EkNXpo>

SCHOOL MEALS

Our school meals are freshly prepared daily in the college kitchen and can be purchased for £1.90 or £2.45 including a dessert.

St. Bede's Catholic College Term and Holiday 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 Thursday 7th April 2022

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

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

Inset Days:

Thursday 2nd September 2021, Friday 3rd September 2021,
Monday 1st November 2021, Friday 18th February 2022, Friday 22nd July 2022



St Bede's Community Art Project!

Here at St Bede's we are running clubs and enrichment classes, all working towards one goal!

We want to build an Art installation to commemorate Remembrance Day, remember our veterans and serving/ fallen hero's. To do this we are working with a wide range of materials from felt, fabric and clay to create the symbolic flower, which we all associate with this important event.

The Art department would like to invite our wider community to get involved and here is how...

You could create your own Poppy using a material of your choice. For example, knitted, crochet, Sewn, clay, paper mache, soft sculpture, or painted! You decide! Ask your parents, grand parents, aunties, uncles and any other relative or friends you can think of!!

The more we have, the better our installation will be!

We hope to display both inside and outside for everyone to have the opportunity to see and share in this piece of Art!

Please can we have all poppies brought in to school by Tuesday 19th October.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me
l.mccauley@stbcc.org

We cannot wait to see your creations!

AUTISM FAMILY COURSES

Bristol City Council are running a series of Autism Family Courses for parents or carers of a child with autism living within the Bristol City Council area. If your child is aged between 9 and 18 years and you want to learn ways to support your child, meet other parents and find out what services and benefits you can access please click below for further information: <https://bit.ly/399Hkrt>

YEAR 7 WELCOME MASS

We were delighted to celebrate the welcome mass for year 7 families this week. Our grateful thanks to Father Eugene who also blessed the candles that were created during the Summer School in July.

After Mass parents and carers had the opportunity to meet their child's form tutor.

The whole of year 7 are very much looking forward to a retreat day on Monday 27th September 2021.



Matters of the Mind



WELLBEING WEBINARS

For Bristol parents & carers

**REPLAY SESSIONS**
CLICK ICONS TO WATCH RECORDINGS



 **ANXIETY** **SELF-CARE** **NOTICING**

**ENGAGING, PRACTICAL SESSIONS
WITH TAKEAWAY TECHNIQUES**

- 1 hour sessions presented by an experienced psychologist
- Standalone sessions- watch in any order

To access the webinars please click on the black dots