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Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM MR KING, PRINCIPAL

I'd like to start by thanking our families, students and staff for their great efforts and support through this week's Ofsted inspection. We hope to be able to share the final report with you soon.

On Thursday evening we ran a comprehensive briefing event to update families on Relationships, Sex and Health Education, our PSHCE programme and how to support young people with E-Safety. For those of you unable to attend, please see the link below to the information from these events on our website:

[Presentations](#)

There have been adjustments to the Covid-19 guidance, particularly around symptoms, testing and isolating. UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) have been made aware of some areas reporting positive Lateral Flow test results with subsequent negative PCR tests and are currently looking into the cause.

Whilst the UKHSA investigation is under-way, we advise that if a student or staff member has been in close contact with a positive case (such as a household member) or has displayed Covid-19 symptoms and has tested positive on an LFD (but subsequently tested negative on a PCR), they are treated as potentially infectious. We recommend they isolate and remain out of the setting for 10 days. Please bear this change in mind when assessing your child going forward

God bless,

Robert King
Principal



REFLECTION

15 October - St Teresa of Avila

The Feast day of St Teresa of Ávila is celebrated on 15 October.

Spanish nun St. Teresa of Ávila was one of the great religious women of the Roman Catholic Church. She is also known as St. Teresa of Jesus. She began a reform movement in the Carmelite order.

The Carmelite Reform restored the simplicity and contemplative character of early Carmelite life.

St. Teresa was canonized, in 1622. In 1970 Pope Paul VI elevated her to doctor of the church, a saint whose religious writings have special authority. She was the first woman to be so honoured.

Reflection: "Christ has no body now, but yours. No hands, no feet on earth, but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ looks compassion into the world. Yours are the feet with which Christ walks to do good. Yours are the hands with which Christ blesses the world." St Teresa of Ávila

Prayer: Prayer of Saint Teresa of Ávila

Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away:
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things
Whoever has God lacks nothing;
God alone suffices.



VINEY HILL RETREAT

On Friday 8th October, we went on a retreat to Viney Hill.

Each day started with a spiritual reflection and we participated in lots of adventurous activities like abseiling, rock-climbing and crate stacking which were really fun.

We also spent time reflecting on the time we have spent at St. Bede's so far and the journey we are going to be taking.

It was a busy weekend but we had lots of fun!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Wednesday
20th October**

**From 4.30pm
Re-scheduled Year 7
Consultation Evening
(Online)**

**Thursday
21st October**

**POST 16
OPEN EVENING
6.30pm—8.30pm**

Friday

**22nd October
'Wear it Pink' Day
END OF TERM 1**

Monday

**1st November
START OF TERM 2
INSET DAY**

Tuesday

**2nd November
Year 12 & 13
Classroom Exams**

Thursday

**4th November
Sixth Form
Kintbury Retreat
Depart**

Thursday

**4th November
Dry Ski Sessions
3.45pm—7.00pm**

LABELLING UNIFORM

Please could you ensure PE kits and coats are labelled to enable us to get lost items returned as quickly as possible.

Thank you

SIXTH FORM SENIOR STUDENTS

Congratulations to year 13 students **Elizabeth** and **Lucki** who have been elected as Senior Sixth Form Students and year 12 students **Arppan** and **Albert** who were elected as Deputy Senior Students. We look forward to sharing with you the good work they have pledged to do within Areté.



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MUSIC EXAM SUCCESS

Congratulations to **Morella** who achieved a Distinction in her recent Grade 5 Guitar examination scoring 97/100! Morella has also been invited to join the National Youth Guitar Ensemble Wales at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. Well done!



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COVID 19 TESTING AND VACCINES

A joint letter to parents of secondary school and college students in England on Covid-19 testing and vaccines from the Secretaries of State for Education and for Health and Social Care can be viewed https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2021/10/11/a-joint-letter-to-parents-of-secondary-school-and-college-students-in-england-on-covid-19-testing-and-vaccines-from-the-secretaries-of-state-for-education-and-for-health-and-social-care/?utm_source=11%20October%252

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/>

CYBERFIRST GIRLS DEVELOPMENT DAY SATURDAY 30 OCTOBER 2021 AT UWE



Run by the **National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC)**, this is a fantastic opportunity for **girls in Years 8 and 9** to discover cyber! It's a **free one-day event** being held at the University of the West of England (UWE), however **places are limited to 50**. Book now to avoid disappointment.

What does the course cover?

On the day, you will be role-playing as cyber security experts working for a fictitious app company, Sirius Cyberworks. Unfortunately, disaster has struck and there has been a serious breach of the company network – a new flagship app has been leaked. Your role is to work through four different parts of the company, uncovering how the leak happened whilst learning new cyber skills along the way. The course content is designed around four modules.

How to apply

Visit the link below and then complete the form linked to the "Reserve your place" button at the bottom of the page.

<https://www.qa.com/training/courses/cyber-security/cyberfirst/cyberfirst-girls-development-days>



PASTEUR HOUSE CAPTAINS

Pasteur House Captains **Sebastiano** and **Jenny** along with Ms Sharp, are delighted to share that following seventeen rigorous interviews with dedicated, motivated and enthusiastic applicants, **Miguel** and **Amarachi** have been appointed as Vice-House Captains of Pasteur House.

We are all very excited about working together to have a full and productive year.



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SOUTH WEST ACROBATIC GYMNASTICS SUCCESS

Congratulations to year 7 pupil **Zuzanna**, who with her trio, recently won first place in the South West Acrobatic gymnastics competition.

Zuzanna, we wish you the very best of luck in the finals next month.

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**.

The Supplementary Information Form is available on our website [here](#):

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

VACANCIES

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)

Invigilators

St Bede's is looking to recruit a number of Invigilators to provide support to the examination process within the College.

Employment is offered on a casual, sessional basis and the hours of work would be between 8.30am to 4.30pm. The main external examinations take place in May/June each year but internal examinations can take place throughout the year. The hourly rate of pay is £9.30 (increasing to £9.50) which includes payment for a proportion of accrued holiday entitlement.

Successful candidates will be required to undergo a Disclosure and Barring Service check before starting work. Closing date for applications: Friday 29th October 2021

For further information please call Mrs C Walker on 0117 377 2200 or email: c.walker@stbcc.org



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!

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCY

St. Bede's Catholic College has a vacancy on the Governing Body for a Foundation Governor. We are particularly interested in anyone who can bring experience in Sites and Buildings or Finance although this is not essential. For further information:

<https://cliftondiocese.com/news/could-you-be-a-school-governor/>

If you would like to express your interest in becoming a Governor please contact Mrs C Walker, Clerk to Governors at c.walker@stbcc.org

YEAR 9 RUGBY SUCCESS

The year 9 rugby team played their first game this week. They obviously missed the opportunity to play last year and had saved all their energy for this game. Playing Ashton Park in the Bristol State School's League, they won 85 - 10. It was a great start to their campaign and even better as this was the very first competitive game for several of the boys. Well done!



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SKI TRIP 2023

The Ski Trip information for 2023 has now been issued. An email has been sent home to families today, alternatively the information is available on our college website:

<https://bit.ly/3j45ysS>

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SCHOOL MEALS INCREASE

From Monday, 1st November College meals will increase from £1.90 to £2.00 for a main meal only.

CAREERS FAIR

We welcomed representatives from colleges, universities and employers to St. Bede's this morning for our annual Careers Fair.

Year 11 pupils and Sixth Form students had the opportunity to discuss the next step in their education and employment. After the event they were offered opportunities to attend interesting talks on Apprenticeships and 'University Life'.



SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

POLITE REMINDER TO FAMILIES

Please could we remind all parents to park with due care and consideration for the local community, particularly on Lawrence Weston Road. Parents are requested to avoid parking in the bus bays and at adjoining junctions or in front of driveways at the beginning and end of the day. The children have been reminded this week about the importance of using the designated crossing points on the Long Cross and Lawrence Weston Road.



**Areté Sixth Form
St. Bede's Catholic College
Open Evening
Thursday 21st October 6.30pm—8.30pm**

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