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Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM MR KING, PRINCIPAL

I find myself writing again to show my appreciation to families, students and staff for your support and prayers, this time through our second inspection of the year. The diocesan Section 48 inspection report is due to be published next week, so I cannot yet share the formal outcome, but I wanted to share some of the positive feedback on our students.

Inspectors said "the students are able to articulate why they feel it is important to be a part of a Catholic school" and "understand Catholic social teaching". Students are "respectful and reverent" in the Liturgy of the Word and in other prayer opportunities. Throughout, they felt students were "powerful representatives of the college".

A huge thank you to our families, parishes and feeder primary schools - we at St Bede's only build on the excellent work you have done with these children in their formative years. I am pleased we are able to continue their spiritual journey and bring them into a closer relationship with Christ.

God bless,

Robert King
Principal

ARMISTICE DAY

Thank you to pupils, staff and families who contributed to our beautiful art installation of poppies to commemorate Armistice Day.



REFLECTION – 24 November

St. Andrew Dung-Lac & companions

St. Andrew Dung was a priest and martyr of Vietnam.

St. Andrew Dung represents the 117 martyrs of Vietnam; 97 of the martyrs were Vietnamese and 21 were foreign missionaries. They were martyred during a period of persecution between 1625 and 1886.

St. Andrew was born in 1795 to a poor pagan family in North Vietnam. He moved to Hanoi when he was twelve. He was educated by a Christian and after three years was baptized. He became a catechist and continued to study theology.

In 1823, he was ordained a priest.

He was imprisoned under Emperor Minh Mang. His congregation made donations to free him. He changed his name to Andrew Lac to avoid persecution and changed locations. He was arrested a second time along with Father Peter Thi another Vietnamese Priest. Again his freedom was bought. They were soon arrested a third time and beheaded after being brutally tortured.

The 117 martyrs were beatified by Pope John Paul II. The memorial celebrates all the Vietnamese Martyrs of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries.

The feast day of St. Andrew Dung and companions is celebrated on November 24.

Reflection: "Pray that we will go about our daily work, solely out of love for Jesus and in dedication to His service."

St Andrew Dung-Luc

Prayer:

O God, source and origin of all fatherhood, who kept the Martyrs Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and his companions faith to the Cross of your Son, even to the shedding of their blood, grant through their intercession, that, spreading your love among our brothers and sisters, we may be your children both in name and in truth.

Amen.



NEW FEATURE COMING SOON: CURRICULUM CORNER

Starting with our next newsletter, our new feature "**Curriculum Corner**" will give further insight into the learning that is happening in different areas of our school curriculum.

The curriculum at St. Bede's is designed to nurture every child towards reaching their full potential, giving them the knowledge, skills and confidence to embrace the world in which we live. Our aim is to deliver excellence in learning and teaching and an expectation that all learners will be actively engaged in their own learning. This equitable curriculum focuses on the child as learner, and allows breadth and depth of learning, offering challenge and enjoyment while allowing all pupils to access learning from their current position and aspiring to move them forward.

Although you can find information about our curriculum at: [Curriculum at St. Bede's](#) this new feature will give more details about what and how pupils are learning in each subject area.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday

25th November

Dry Ski Session
3.45pm—7.00pm

Sunday

28th November

Beginning of Advent

Monday

29th November

Year 11
Mock Examinations
begin

Tuesday

30th November

Year 12
Science and
Psychology
Conference

Thursday

2nd December

Dry Ski Session
3.45pm—7.00pm

Thursday

2nd December

Year 8
Parents' Evening
4.30pm—7.30pm

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St Bede's Way Spotlight: Be kind.

The St. Bede's Way Spotlight identifies someone who stands out as exemplifying one of our three St Bede's Way principles of "Work Hard. Be kind. Do the right thing."

Congratulations to **Freya Gallagher** in Year 9 who has raised a significant amount of money for a charity close to her heart. Freya explains in more detail:

*On the 29th of October I climbed **Mount Snowdonia in Wales** to raise money for an eating disorder charity called Seed. Seed are helping someone close to me at the moment.*

*It took my Dad and I five hours to complete. There were 50-60 mph winds on the way up. There were two groups before us that were coming back down after only making it three quarters of the way up. Both groups advised us not to go any further and not to attempt to get to the top because the weather was that bad and dangerous. We decided since we had already gone so far we had to get to the top. The wind got so bad we were struggling to walk straight and we couldn't even hear each other. But, **we did it** and **I am so proud of what we have both accomplished**. We have raised an amazing **£1500** and we are so thankful for every donation received.*

Freya your kindness and compassion for others, exemplifies one of our three St Bede's Way principles. We are so proud of you.



Freya, thank you for allowing us to print your photograph

PARENT GOVERNOR

Congratulations to **Mrs Rebecca Lemin** who has been elected as a Parent Governor of the college and will serve until 21st October 2025.

YOUNG CARERS COVID AWARD



We were delighted to be nominated to receive The Children's Society's and Carers Trust **'Young Carers Covid Award'** for our commitment and support of Young Carers at our college during the Coronavirus pandemic.

A Young Carer is anyone under the age of 18 who provides care for another family member, parent or sibling, be this practical or emotional that would normally be expected of an adult. Care can include anything from helping with household chores, cooking, medical assistance, organising and supporting siblings and emotional support. Most Young Carers do not identify as carers at first as they are caring for someone they love.

At St Bede's we are committed to supporting Young Carers' wellbeing to ensure they receive all opportunities available.

If you wish to talk about your child in this role please do contact either their Tutor, Head of House or our Young Carers contacts listed here: [Young Carers Contacts at St. Bede's](#) [Additional information](#) is also available via: <https://www.carerssupportcentre.org.uk/young-carers/> Tel: 0117 958 9980 or Email: youngc@carerssupportcentre.org.uk

MOCK COP26: CLIMATE CHANGE NEGOTIATIONS



On 11 November a group of nine Sixth Form students took part in an UNFCCC COP26 School Negotiation Exercise at Bristol University. The event was designed to emulate the negotiations underway in Glasgow where world leaders and global organisations are trying to agree policies and procedures to reduce global carbon emissions.

Representing two bodies, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, our students held a strong negotiating position and presented their ideas and proposals in a professional and competent manner.

The event ended with a vote from the floor on the resolutions faced by those attending COP26 in Glasgow, and a closing address from Deputy Mayor Asher Craig underlining the importance of young leaders to call for, and implement, the changes necessary to achieve the carbon emission targets necessary to protect our environment.

FILM MUSIC LECTURE

Year 12 and 13 Music A Level cohort attended an interactive lecture on film music held at Redmaid's High School lead by Dr Jonathan Godsall from Royal Holloway University earlier this week.

Throughout the afternoon, the students looked closely at the music of composers Bernard Herrman and Hans Zimmer, spotting the similarities and differences between older and more contemporary approaches to composition for film. This was a great opportunity for these students to get a sample of a university-style lecture, as well as learn more about film music in preparation for their exams. We hope that this experience has made the students looking to go to university excited about higher education.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

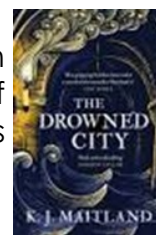
Mrs Nicks' and Mrs Hayman's reading reviews

Mrs Hayman is journeying around the country by book

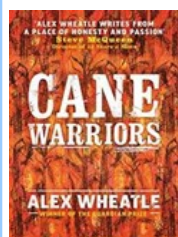


Set in Wales and written in 1967. I felt that the creepiness of the story was added to by its setting in a time that feels so long ago now. It is dated but an interesting reminder of how much the world has changed. Three teenagers find themselves replaying a lethal love triangle from Welsh myth.

Bristol, a city in turmoil after the Great Flood of 1606 set within a country in religious turmoil and beset by fear of witches. Vivid descriptions of the horror of the great wave that raced up the Bristol Channel destroying villages and lives as it went. Mrs Hayman's own book.



Mrs Nicks is continuing her read through the Bristol Teen Book Award shortlist. The winner is voted for by Bristol teenagers, so get reading and cast your vote!



I found this book, deeply moving, powerful and heart-breaking. Alex Wheatle tells the story of the 1760 uprising against British slavers in Jamaica through the eyes of 14 year old Moa, vividly with real empathy and brutal honesty. Anyone with an interest in history and human rights should borrow this book (Year 8+)

I couldn't put this book down. It grips the reader with a magical, timeless tale set in a fictional Scotland after a catastrophic event, beautifully told from the viewpoint of three protagonists. I enjoyed following Agatha and Jaime on their journey across land and sea to rescue their clan. It is the first book in the new 'Shadow Skye' series and I am looking forward to finding out what happens next in the second book (The Broken Raven). If you like adventure stories full of myth, magic and dark secrets this is the book for you.



Non-Fiction November continues, where we have pitted Science and Humanities against each other. Everyone who reads a book from these subjects and provides a fact from it receives an achievement point, and the Library has promised a cake to the department who generates most points. At the time of writing, Humanities are winning 7-5!

The college Library is open after college until 4.30pm from Monday—Thursday.

SPORTS NEWS

The **year 9 rugby team** played in the **final of the Bristol and Area League** this week. After a hard fought game against Castle School we lost 40:20. We then convincingly beat Oasis Academy Brightstowe 50:15. Castle went on to lift the trophy with St. Bede's in **second place**.

The boys conducted themselves extremely well and will hopefully learn from the experience to further develop their game. They have the next round in the Bristol Schools competition to look forward to.



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Congratulations to the **year 8 netball team** played at their tournament last Wednesday and did very well finishing in third place. They had a tough start against a very strong Redland Green School side who went on to win every match and the tournament.

Well done to all of the girls and particularly **Caisey Kelly, Leona Shibu, Edie Davies** and **Sophie Marriott** who were voted player of the match by opposing teams!

Thank you for allowing us to print your photograph

Congratulations to year 7 pupil **Oliver Hardy** who recently competed for the **South West Team** at the **Men's Artistic National Grades Finals 2021**, which took place at Telford International Centre.

His competition started on the Pommel, followed by Rings, Vault, P Bars, H Bar, PPP (Physical Preparation Program) and finally Floor. Out of a maximum overall score of 70, Oliver scored an overall total of 61.950 which helped enormously to the teams total and final success.



The South West Team finished in the silver medal winning position, as the 2nd best team in the country just behind Yorkshire. Unfortunately, a fall on High bar cost Oliver dearly in the individual all round competition. However, having said that he still managed to finish within the top 20 gymnasts in the country, placing 19th - a great achievement and a fantastic experience on a very big stage. Well done Oliver!

Thank you Oliver for allowing us to print your photograph

CYBERFIRST COMPETITION

The Year 8 CyberFirst Girls Competition is an exciting opportunity designed to help girls between the ages of 12-13 understand what a career in cyber security looks like, why it matters and where it could take them.

It's run by Cyber First and the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) – a part of GCHQ, the Government's security and intelligence service.



Year 8 girls can work with up to three other female students, forming a team that will take on various online challenges over the course of a week. Together the team can progress through the different rounds of the competition, at school or at home, earning badges and unlocking opportunities to explore the world of cyber security as they go.

Then, if their team qualifies for the next round, they'll go on to the grand final as regional or national representatives, where they'll compete against other schools for individual prizes, school equipment and to be crowned champion.

The qualifier round runs from Monday 29 November to Wednesday 8 December. Any Year 8 girls wanting to take part can contact Mr Bogle (l.bogle@stbcc.org) or any other ICT teacher before 29 November to register their team.

For more information, please visit www.ncsc.gov.uk/cyberfirst/girls-competition



VACANCIES

Governors at St. Bede's would like to appoint the following:

Learning Support Assistant

30 Hours per week, over 5 days to start 3rd January 2021. Term time only plus in-service training days. The annual salary for this post is £13,617

Closing date for applications 25th November 2021

Cover Supervisor

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

The closing date for applications will be noon on 25th November 2021

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 £9.50

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 £9.50 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.

Further information is available on the vacancy section of the college website or from Mrs C Walker on 0117 3772200

SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

We would like to draw your attention to the recent increase of cases of children posting inappropriate images, videos and comments of other children and teachers using the social media platform TikTok. This is a national issue and the government has announced today that it is working with TikTok to tackle videos posted by children that insult others.

The Department for Education has said it is "engaging with" TikTok over the videos, some of which are being posted from bogus school accounts or are pretending to be 'fan' pages." It is never acceptable for anyone to harass or intimidate others including pupils and teachers and in some schools, the police have been involved. TES 11/11/21

We will be reminding the young people to avoid posting inappropriate content and if they have ownership of it, to take it down immediately.

Please have a conversation with your child today so that they are aware of the disciplinary consequences of ignoring this advice.

Further information and support for parents and carers can be found here: <https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en/guardians-guide/>



FOSTER CARE - LOOKING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Start a new and rewarding career as a foster carer

You don't need to be married, own a house, or have any specific qualifications. If you can provide a safe and welcoming home, have a caring heart, sense of humour and plenty of energy, you have what it takes to foster.

In return for your time and care, you'll receive:

- dedicated support and regular contact with other foster carers
- a weekly allowance per child and a fee
- training and development opportunities

You can talk with the team and learn more before deciding to foster, and we will support you every step of the way.

Call 0117 353 4200 or visit our website: www.bristol.gov.uk/fostering

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.

Please do speak with your children about purchasing items from the Lidl bakery before college, many of which contain nuts.

<https://www.lidl-ni.co.uk/content/download/10118/105151?version=1>



PERIOD PRODUCTS

We have a huge quantity of free Period products available at the college for all students who need them.

The products can be collected from Mrs Knowles who is based in Pupil Support.



Community Children's
Health Partnership



Sirona School Health Nurse Webinars - December 2021



Keeping Your Child
Happy and Healthy
Thursday 2 December
10—11am



Your Child's Dental
Health
Friday 3 December
10-11am



Healthy Eating
Monday 6 December
10—11am



Continence in Children
and Young People
Tuesday 7 December
1—2pm



Understanding Your
Child's Wellbeing
Wed 8 December
9:30—10:30am



Eating Disorder
Awareness
Thursday 9 December
10—11am



Helping Your Child
With Sleep
Friday 10 December
10—11am

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BE A MUDDY MADNESS HERO FOR ABC!



CHILD,
ADULT
&
WHOLE FAMILY
TICKETS
AVAILABLE!

Get mega muddy & raise money for ABC!

Are you ready for some Muddy Madness all for an amazing cause?

This November, ABC is inviting you to take on a challenge like no other
...**The Mojo Muddy Madness!**

Join us for a family-friendly muddy run and obstacle course featuring mud, fun and mayhem! Take on epic mud slides, dirty ditches, tricky tunnels and sloshy water pits across a 2k or 5k course, all for the amazing cause of supporting refugees and asylum seekers in Bristol and beyond.



A gloriously muddy challenge for the whole family

Set around gorgeous woodland just north of Bristol, Muddy Madness is fun for all ages – the 5k is great for everyone aged 7 and up, and the 2k is brilliant for families with children under 7 (who must have a grown up doing the course with them). Plus once you mud slide across the finish line, every Muddy Madness hero can have a go at two extra activities*, including high ropes, archery or axe throwing! (*age and height restrictions apply)

There are two ways to enter the event to help ABC:

- 1) Buy a ticket as child or enter as a family and 20% of every ticket goes directly to ABC, or
- 2) Sign up to be a **Muddy Madness Fundraiser Hero** and commit to raising sponsorship. Your entry will be half price and all of the sponsorship* you raise will go to ABC!

*Minimum sponsorship commitment is £50 child or £250 as a family

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