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Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM MR KING, PRINCIPAL

On Sunday, Her Majesty The Queen became the first British monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee. Seventy years of serving her country is a hugely impressive feat and is to be commended. She has obviously seen much change over this period yet she has remained resolute and dedicated to her role as Head of State.



Her servant leadership is wholly in line with the Gospel values and supports our Work Hard message here at St. Bede's. We continue to talk about the reasons for working hard; to make the most of our God-given potential and then use these gifts and talents for the common good. The Queen is a great example of all of this.

Next week is the second round of COVID-19 vaccinations for students whose parents have given permission. This measure supports our continued work on mitigating the risks of the pandemic and I again thank the students, staff and families again for their support in keeping cases relatively low across the college.

Best wishes for a restful half-term next week and God bless,

Rob King
Principal

ST. BEDE'S AWARDED THE SENDIA AWARD



SEND Inclusion Award

Over the last two years, we have been working towards completing the SENDIA Award, to assess, evaluate and build on the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities provision within the College.

We are pleased to let you know that we have passed the award. Our verification officer said: 'There is an inclusive ethos within the College, recognised by stakeholders' and 'pupils value the resources and their overall support.'

Thank you to all of those involved who worked on this venture and all staff for their brilliant inclusive ethos. We are so proud of our SEN team for all of their hard work to achieve this excellent accreditation.

REFLECTION

On Monday we celebrate St Valentine's Day

There are many theories on how Valentine's Day began, but one begins in Rome in the year 268. Emperor Claudius II wanted a team of young men to fight in his armies. He found that when young men are in love, they tended to be more cautious.

To ensure large numbers of soldiers for his armies, Claudius outlawed marriage for those young men. However, young men and women still fell in love and wanted to become couples in the eyes of the church.

A brave priest named Valentine thought the law was unjust.

Putting his life in danger, Valentine performed marriage ceremonies, doing so in secret and hidden from the eyes of authorities.

Still, word of Valentine's secret ceremonies made its way back to Claudius. The priest was found and put to death.

Reflection: "As I have loved you, love one another" John 13:34

Prayer: Prayer to St Valentine

O St Valentine, lover of Christ and of the Church, we ask your intercession that we may learn how to love God above all things, and to selflessly love one another. Amen





As part of our celebration of Valentine's Day, and to raise money for the Diocese Schools Project, the Year 10 Young Volunteer group have been selling personalised Valentine's roses in College.

The money raised will go towards providing 23 schools in Uganda financial support towards their clean running water projects. Other fundraising plans are underway for the rest of the year!

St Bede's Way Spotlight: Work hard, Be kind and Do the right thing

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

Congratulations to **Mrs Knowles**, our Student Support Officer and First Aid Coordinator, who works tirelessly in pupil support and in the medical room to keep our most vulnerable children safe.

Mrs Knowles, your hard work and kindness exemplifies our St Bede's Way principles. Thank you for all you do.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

15th/16th February
Covid Vaccinations

16th February
Year 12 & 13
Wellbeing and
Careers Day

16th February
5.30pm—6.30pm
Year 9
Duke of Edinburgh
Parents' Information
Evening

16th February
7.00pm—8.00pm
Year 11
Duke of Edinburgh
Parents' Information
Evening

17th February
4.00pm—7.00pm
Year 11
Parents' Evening

18th February
INSET DAY
END OF TERM 3



PRAYER LIST

This week we invite our college community to pray for:

Maddie O, Matthew A and Susan H

We welcome your suggestions for people to pray for in our next newsletter. Please follow the link below:

<https://forms.gle/qq5Te9HiCgtPgKMU7>



ECO CLUB

Our Eco Club has been launched to engage pupils with fun and rewarding activities that help them to learn about the environment and how we can care for it. Since the launch, our numbers have grown, with pupils ranging from year 7 up to year



12. We have made eco-friendly bird feeders, eco-friendly Christmas decorations and planted sweet pea and chive seeds.

This week, we were lucky enough to take delivery of 3 fruit trees that were awarded to the School as part of the Queen's Green Canopy Initiative, to mark Her Majesty's platinum jubilee. The trees, an apple, a pear and a damson, arrived on Monday and Mr Haskins and Mr Reed kindly dug the holes ready for them to be planted. With great enthusiasm, members of the Eco Club planted the trees on Tuesday, with the help of Ms Sanders. The pupils are really looking forward to caring for these trees and watching them grow, and hopefully, in years to come, pupils will be able to enjoy the fruits of their labour!

With so many active members, we are looking forward to our plans for the coming months, including planting and maintaining our Eco-Club Garden, looking at ways that we can recycle and renew, and



increasing the bio-diversity around the school through increasing plant types and encouraging insects, birds and other wildlife.

Thank you to everyone who has got involved so far. If you would like to learn more or join in, please contact Mrs Priest in D9.

CURRICULUM CORNER:

Modern Foreign Languages

Key Stage 3

Key Stage 3 pupils have been learning from the new NCELP scheme of study. The focus is on phonics, grammar and vocabulary. Please find below tips to improve learning:

All the sites below are free to our pupils and accessible on mobile phones.

Language gym—lots of excellent interactive games and so useful for verb practice.

Lyrics Training - an excellent site to listen to songs.

Quizlet a great tool for learning and practising pronunciation.

Duolingo this is a nice thing to do on the way to school, if you've got a long bus journey.

"If you talk to a man in a language he understands, it goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart"

Nelson Mandela



Key Stage 4

Key Stage 4 pupils have been working hard on their GCSE topics. Year 10 have been enjoying translation games.

Year 11 have nearly finished the course, and after the challenge of the mock exams, are now preparing for their speaking tests in earnest. Pupils are able to sign up for speaking practice sessions with their teacher.

Sixth Form

Areté pupils are learning about cultural aspects of the French or Hispanic world.

Year 12 have been studying French heritage sites and Year 12 Spanish pupils have been studying aspects of pop culture.

The year 13 pupils are busy preparing their speaking presentations for the final exam. We wish them luck with the research.

Japanese club

Japanese Club is open to all pupils and is held each Tuesday lunchtime.

Any pupils who wish to express interest, should speak to Mrs Shiga.



CHELTENHAM CYBERFIRST FINALS

After qualifying for the regional finals of the CyberFirst Girls Competition the St. Bede's Team travelled to Cheltenham last weekend to compete in the final round of the national competition.

To get to the finals was an incredible achievement for our Year 8 team, particularly as half of the twelve qualifying teams were from selective schools including 4 or 5 grammar schools.



One of the selective schools, Pate's Grammar School, produced the winning team who each received a laptop and an invitation to an event being hosted in London.

St. Bede's team, aka "The Fantastic Four" were presented with gift bags and a certificate as runners up from Alex Chalk QC, a serving MP and the present Government's Solicitor General.

Congratulations to **Martyna, Leona, Niamh and Leona** on this amazing feat and for the fantastic manner in which they approached this competition and represented St Bede's school. St Bede's would also like to thank the girls' parents, Mr Bogle and Miss Mitchell for supporting and providing this great opportunity for our students.

INTER HOUSE COMPETITION

The inter house competition is well underway and we are delighted to share the results with you thus far. Congratulations to **Bell Burnell** who are leading the competition at the moment.

With the Rugby, Great British Bake Off, Art and Mini-Tennis still to come amongst others' it is set to be an exciting competition!

	Pasteur	Descartes	Bell Burnell	Seacole
Cross Country	138	150	151	158
Spelling Bee				
Football (Boys)	57	57	74	67
Football (Girls)				
Netball	65	74	65	56
Rugby				
TOTALS	260	281	290	281



ST. IVES

Last weekend, 14 A 'Level Art students with staff travelled to St. Ives in Cornwall for a 3 day art residency. Whilst there, they visited the Tate Gallery and the Barbara Hepworth museum as well as the beautiful town and galleries.

The students worked with the artist Greg Humphries, who instructed them on the theme of 'Simplification to Abstraction' and guided them through the Galleries with this theme in mind. He also taught them techniques whilst sketching around in the town, including seascapes in charcoal and drawing abstract art in the sand. The students worked in their sketchbooks all weekend. The aim is for them to take their studies back into the studio and develop them into exciting artwork over the coming weeks.



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK: ASK TWICE

This week Pasteur House and Vice House Captains, Seb, Jenny, Miguel and Amarachi, joined by Cameron, Melissa and Joshwin delivered a powerful assembly for Pasteur House to raise awareness for Children's Mental Health Week.

They started off with the 'number 3' as according to a recent study, three pupils in every class are potentially diagnosed with some sort of mental health issue or anxiety.

The assembly was informative and sensitively delivered; it included some role-play that shared the importance of 'asking twice'- Consolidating their message with: "Next time you're with someone you care about: Ask twice. And take time to listen to the answer..".

The assembly was well received with pupils throughout the day checking in with each other and staff, not just once, but twice and taking the timeto listen.



INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES OF YEAR 9 AND YEAR 11 STUDENTS

Although we value all our students and hope they are all able to stay with us at St. Bede's until the end of Year 13, it is our responsibility to inform students and their families of alternatives. Please click below if you would be interested in finding out more about attending Bristol Technology and Engineering Academy next year, either in [Year 10 or in Year 12.](#)

LIBRARY NEWS

February may be a short month but there is lots going on in the library.

Author visit

On Wednesday 9th February, we were delighted to welcome Jenny Pearson, the author of one of this year's popular book buzz titles, to the library.

Jenny gave an exciting and inspiring talk to some of the year 7 English classes, signed copies of her books and added her reading resolutions to the wall. All of Jenny's books are available to borrow from the library.

It's no secret that we love books at St Bede's. Thank you to our DoFE gold volunteers for creating a very popular 'blind date with a book display'.

The 'blind date books' are practically flying off the shelves.



Bristol Teen Book Awards Update Latest new titles for 14+



It's not too late for students to borrow, read and vote for their favourite from the shortlist to win the 2022 Bristol Teen Book Awards.

The Voting deadline has been extended to:
10th March 2022

Coming soon World book day 3rd March 2022

Vouchers will be given out in tutor time next week.



Look out for details of our 'Spring Reading Challenge'

IS MY CHILD TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL?

Please find below a link provided by the NHS which you may find useful.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

NEW BETTER HEALTH CAMPAIGN

The government has recently launched a New Better Health campaign. This includes a new NHS Food Scanner App to help parents improve their children's diet.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-campaign-launched-to-help-parents-improve-childrens-diet>

Free School Meals

Did you know for every pupil registered for free school meals your child's school receives extra funding from the Government?



Is your child eligible for Free School Meals?



- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit with an annual gross income into the household that is no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on-paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

What to do next? Download an application form from our college website: <https://bit.ly/34ILy0F> or contact Mrs Mason on 0117 3772200

VACANCIES

Invigilator

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 8.30 am to 4.30 pm. 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. A job description and application form can be downloaded from the website or a hard copy can be posted out to you. Closing date for the receipt of applications is Friday 25th February 2022. If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Charters on 0117 3772200 or contact@stbcc.org.

SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

On site, out of sight Reminder



Please can we remind you of the college policy on mobile phones. The policy is "on site, out of sight", meaning students can bring mobile phones to college but they must be kept out of sight when in college – either in their bag or in their locker, switched off.

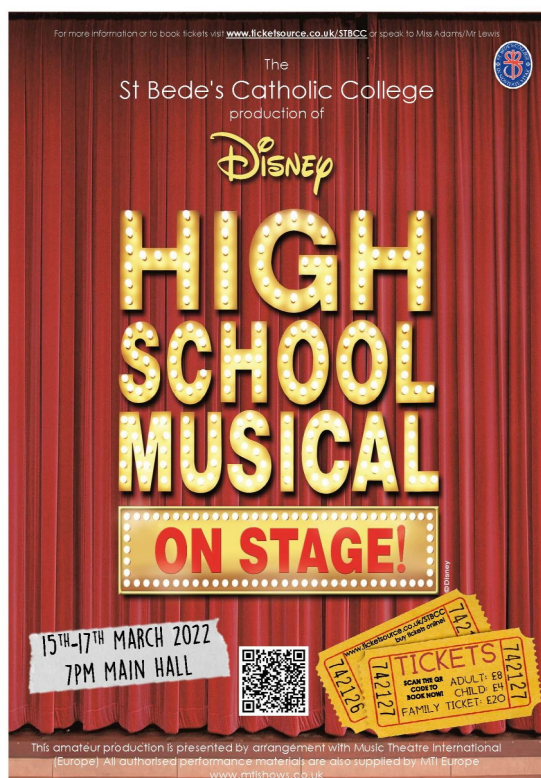
Bringing a mobile phone will be at the student's own risk and the college will not accept responsibility for damage or loss of any such item. A failure to keep mobile phones "out of sight" will result in them being confiscated.

Collection of confiscated items by parents from the college reception can be arranged by appointment.

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

Tickets are now on sale for
High School Musical
For further information:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/STBCC



NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

This week is the 15th annual National Apprenticeship Week and the theme for 2022 is 'Build the Future'

Students have been learning about alternative routes to careers with the week culminating in an inspiring presentation from Junior Saunders from ASK Apprenticeships to our Year 10 and 11 students.



COVID VACCINATION WALK IN CENTRES

The following walk in vaccination centres are available over the half term for children 12-15 years.

The Greenway Centre

Southmead, BS10 5PY

Easton Clifton Family Centre

Bristol, BS5 0SQ

Redcliffe Hill Pharmacy

Redcliffe, BS1 6TB

Vaccination Centre at UWE

Bristol, BS16 1QY