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Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM MR KING, PRINCIPAL

Lent has proven a wonderful season for the college. The students have committed whole-heartedly to their charity work, raising money for Ukraine and beyond.

The increased opportunities to pray and reflect have been well received and our visiting priests were impressed with the respectful approach our students took to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It was wonderful to hear of the success of our KS4 retreats to Kintbury.

The creative arts have flourished this term through High School Musical, the Spring Art Exhibition and Concert and the KS5 Art trip to Cornwall. The engagement across all co-curricular activities continues to grow, especially in PE and the college sports teams go from strength to strength.

Thank you to all our students and staff for their hard work this term, it really is noticed and appreciated. Everyone deserves a well earned rest over the next fortnight, though I know Year 11 and 13 will have to work hard to manage the balance between rest and revision!

I wish you and your families a joyful and peaceful Easter and I look forward to working with you all again next term.

God bless,

Rob King
Principal

May you find the renewal of hope, health, love and the spirit of God this Easter.

We wish all our families and parishes a Happy Easter.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

7th April 2022
END OF TERM 4

25th April 2022
START OF TERM 5

27th April 2022
Year 11 Silver
Duke of Edinburgh
Practice Expedition
leave

28th April 2022
Confirmation Mass
with
Bishop Declan Lang

29th April 2022
Year 11 Silver
Duke of Edinburgh
Practice Expedition
return

Year 12 Exams start

2nd May 2022
BANK HOLIDAY

5th May 2022
6.30pm
Prize Giving

REFLECTION 25th March



HOLY WEEK

What is Holy Week?

Holy Week recounts the final days of Jesus' life including his death, burial, and resurrection.

What is Palm Sunday?

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday – a celebration of Jesus fulfilling the prophecy from Zechariah with his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We celebrate Christ as king on Palm Sunday.

What is Maundy Thursday?

Maundy Thursday honours the Last Supper, when Jesus established the Lord's Supper and also washed the feet of his disciples as a symbol of him being a servant to all. It is also the beginning of the Triduum.

What is Good Friday?

Good Friday is marked by sombre reflections on the death of Christ. When we meditate on what Jesus did for us, we are reminded of Jesus' suffering and how powerful our sin is. Jesus took on our sin and experienced the ultimate separation from God so that we will never have to experience that.

What is Easter Sunday?

Holy Week leads up to the celebration of Jesus' triumph over death on Easter Sunday. The Resurrection gives us hope that one day we will also have eternal life with God!

Reflection: "Holy Week is a privileged time when we are called to draw near to Jesus: friendship with him is shown in times of difficulty." ~ Pope Francis

Prayer: Give me grace and mercy as I try and fail, guidance when I'm not sure which way to go, and wisdom to trust you in all things. For your love brings light and life to all who seek it. May I seek you evermore as I walk with you through this Holy Week and beyond. Amen.

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 "**Work Hard. Be kind. Do the right thing.**"

Congratulations to **Ellie** who has shown considerable kindness and support to others' over recent months.

Ellie, your kindness exemplifies our St Bede's Way principles.

We are proud of you.



Thank you for allowing us to print your photograph

TRAVEL TRIP

On Wednesday 30th March, eight students from year 10 went on an exciting trip to Bristol Temple Meads train station where they learnt how to plan and make a train journey, bought tickets and worked out how to board the correct train. They then travelled by train to Weston seafront for lunch and navigated their way back again. A great day out, enjoyed by all!



CASHLESS CATERING

As you will be aware, we will be implementing Cashless Catering from 1 July 2022. In preparation for this, an email was sent to all parents/carers of Year 7-10 and Year 12 students, on 31 March 2022, asking for permission to collect student biometric fingerprints. If you didn't receive this letter, please contact Mrs Cheshire on m.cheshire@stbcc.org. We will start to collect fingerprints after Easter of those students we have authorisation for.

Further information will be sent out in due course about how to put money on your children's cashless accounts, how to look at their eating habits, what to do if you need limits set on daily expenditure etc. We will also be issuing an App, that will enable students to see their balances, and in the new academic year enable early ordering of cold food for collection at break time.

CREATIVE TIES

Several of our students have been awarded Arts ties this term. This is not only for their recognised exceptional talent in the arts - art, drama and/or music, but also to reward them for supporting the Creative Arts Faculty from Year 7 until now. This includes being part of the College choir, roles in the College productions, producing exceptional art work and being part of the College band.

We are so proud of them and thank them very much for everything they do.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A COLLEGE GOVERNOR?

We are seeking to recruit two new Foundation Governors to join our governing body. Anyone can apply, particularly those with experience of finance or sites and buildings, as these skills are needed by the governing body. Full Governing Body meetings and committee meetings are both held 3 times a year, during the day.

St Bede's has a superb reputation locally, within the Diocese and nationally. We are recognised by the Diocese as an Outstanding Catholic school and hold the Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND) Inclusion award that recognises our high-quality education for students in SEND. In addition, we hold a Beacon status for Holocaust Education, the Geography Quality Mark and an award from the Incorporated Society of Musicians. The College has also recently been awarded the Leading Parent Partnership award in recognition of our work with parents and re-accredited as Investor in People. Please apply by completing the application form: <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/form-2> or contact Claire Walker, Clerk to Governors, via c.walker@stbcc.org or 0117 377 2216 for further information.

YEAR 9 DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE DAY HIKE

On Wednesday 23rd and 30th March around 110 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh students took part in an 8km training hike.

Walking in their teams they had to navigate the route while being remotely supervised. The 3 hour walk took them from Easter Compton back to school. Thankfully the rain held off and all teams did well with only a few getting lost! Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expeditions will be heading out in June.



YEAR 10 AND 11 DUKE OF EDINBURGH SILVER TRAINING DAY

On Saturday 26th March and 2nd April around 100 Silver Duke of Edinburgh students took part in an intensive training day. It included learning about navigation, equipment, first aid, tent pitching and cooking.

Students had a great day and are now ready for their practice expeditions happening in April and May, leading to their assessed expeditions in July.



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FREE ACTIVITIES DURING EASTER BREAK

Your Holiday Hub returns to offer families free, fun activities over the Easter break. The Your Holiday Hub (YHH) programme returns this spring to offer families another school holiday programme of fun activities.

YHH is a free, school holiday programme for school-age young people who receive benefits-related free school meals (FSM). Sessions include a variety of fun activities, including sports, music, arts and crafts, and other great opportunities to learn and develop skills like making friends and trying new activities.

In Bristol, 49 organisations and providers have received funding to host over 400 four-hour inclusive sessions across the city, from the 11–22 April. Every activity includes a healthy and nutritious meal. Encouraging children and young people to learn more about healthy eating is also part of the programme.

Eligible young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) or an education, health and care plan are welcome at YHH, please contact the organisation or session you would like to attend to discuss your child's individual needs. Families of children or young people who do not get benefits-related FSM can find holiday activities by area on our Family Information Service website - <https://live.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Bristol/Synergy/>.

Find out more about the Your Holiday Programme, including the YHH nearest you at the Bristol City Council website here: <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/people-communities/find-a-holiday-activity>. Bristol City Council is working with local schools, voluntary and community organisations, including Feeding Bristol, Playful Bristol, the Children's Kitchen and Bristol's Association for Neighbourhood Daycare deliver the government's Holiday Activities and Food programme (Your Holiday Hub). The free places are funded by the Department for Education.

THE EDIT—A DIGITAL STORYTELLING CHALLENGE

Our Year 9 ICT students are presently planning and creating video news reports on Climate Change issues using resources provided by Adobe and Sky as part of "The Edit" project. The



National Schools Partnership has described The Edit as "an outstanding, student-led project that actively engages young people in real-world topics and gives them skills for the future".

On the morning of Monday 28 March, thirty Year 9 students were withdrawn from their normal timetabled lessons to allow them to begin filming, recording voice overs and editing Sky footage for their news reports. The students were selected from our pool of 150 Year 9 ICT students for the high quality of their planning. During this event, we were joined by Faye Poole, an Education Strategist from We Are Futures, the education and branding consultancy working with the Adobe-Sky partnership.

Faye arranged for the participating students and teachers to receive Sky merchandise bags and even helped out with some of the filming and allowed herself to be interviewed by some of our students. Faye was impressed with our staff and students saying that they were "all hard working, polite and a credit to themselves and the school." Faye has also persuaded Sky to give St Bede's an extended deadline to allow our students time to submit their news report for a competition co-sponsored by Sky and Adobe.

The students enjoyed the event too with Annette S saying it was "a once in a lifetime opportunity" and Amblin R stating "I loved the chance to shine". Hopefully, one of our teams will be the winning entrants for the competition and a huge "thank you" goes out to Mrs Hicks for persuading Faye to work with St Bede's, to Mrs Priest for giving up her free time to be interviewed by our students and to Mr Britton for volunteering his time to be our in-house camera operator.



Leroy Bogle, ICT Department.

HISTORY TRIP TO BERLIN APRIL 2023

The History department is organising a trip to Berlin for History GCSE and A Level pupils who will be in year 11 and year 13 in 2023. GCSE students and A Level students have been given a letter about the trip. It can be found on the school website: <https://bit.ly/3udLSsr>

If you would like your child to participate in this enrichment activity, please complete the forms and return them to Mrs Lewis. The deposit of £150 needs to be paid on Scopay by Monday 25th April.

CREATIVE ARTS NEWS

On Wednesday 30th March, over 40 students went to see the Welsh National Opera perform Mozart's Don Giovanni at the Bristol Hippodrome. The trip was a very rewarding and enjoyable experience for all.

It was wonderful to see Mozart's famous opera, full of beautiful music and exciting drama, being brought alive by such a talented cast of singers and a full-size orchestra.



Well done to all students who took part in this year's Art Exhibition and Spring Concert, which was held in college on Tuesday 5th April. The Art Exhibition looked fantastic and our artists should be very proud of the work that they have produced. The College Band, Junior Choir and Senior choir performed a number of pieces to an extremely high standard and the drama and music soloists were truly outstanding. It was a pleasure to listen to and watch such amazing performances. Thank you to all families who attended the Art Exhibition and Spring Concert and for supporting our wonderfully talented students.

Congratulations to the following students who received wonderful results in their music examinations:

- ♦ **Anna Harris** - grade 8 Clarinet
- ♦ **Chinomso Ebinaso** - grade 2 Piano
- ♦ **Christopher Nicks** - grade 2 Piano
- ♦ **Annie Harkin** - grade 2 Musical Theatre
- ♦ **Melissa Davies** - grade 3 Musical Theatre
- ♦ **Sophia Rooney** - grade 3 Musical Theatre
- ♦ **Mariam Shrimpling** - grade 3 Musical Theatre
- ♦ **Lily Eckersley** - grade 4 Musical Theatre
- ♦ **Pia Hucker** - grade 4 Musical Theatre
- ♦ **Mollie Montanaro** - grade 4 Musical Theatre
- ♦ **Kouni Villanova** - grade 4 Musical Theatre
- ♦ **Emily Moss** - grade 6 Musical Theatre
- ♦ **Megan Mounter** - grade 6 Musical Theatre

LIBRARY NEWS

Those of you who are taking part in the 4 Book Challenge need to have your four books from four different genres finished and your review submitted to the library database by the end of the first week of next term. If you have forgotten how to log on, come to the library and ask Mrs Nicks or Mrs Hayman to remind you.



After ten million Ukrainians have had to leave their homes, we are asking students to raise money for the United Nations Refugee Agency by getting sponsored to read as much they can over the Easter holidays and beyond.

You could ask for donations from friends and family per page, chapter, or book read; by hours spent reading; or simply for a flat donation to support your involvement. All sponsors can donate directly on the project's JustGiving page.

See the letter home, or come to the Library for more information.

If you are looking for an additional challenge over the Easter Holidays we are encouraging pupils to take part in a sponsored read to raise funds for refugees around the world organised by the School Library Association. More information can be found here: [Sunflower Challenge](#)

Choose your own level of challenge, but remember that your sponsors will want to see that you are challenging yourself with what you are aiming to achieve!

Reading Resolutions - Mrs Hayman's new author for March was Katya Balen. This beautiful novel is about a girl who is brought up off the grid is lyrical about nature, but also what can be found in the city around us when a family upheaval means she has to leave her beloved forest. It is shortlisted for this year's Carnegie Award. Click on the cover to see the first 30 pages.

"What about your non-fiction?" I hear you cry! Reader, I did not manage to read any non-fiction this month! But reading October October has inspired me to pick up **Mudlark** by **Lara Maiklam** which has been sat on my shelf at home for too long.

Welcome to the

2022 FOUR BOOK CHALLENGE

What do I need to do?
Read 4 books, each from a different genre
Come and tell Mrs Nicks or Mrs Hayman each time you finish one
Write a review of one of them on the library database
Complete the Challenge by the beginning of term 5 to be entered into a draw to win a book!!
If you have any questions, come to the library!

And a review!

SAVE THE DATE!

Due to popular demand, the **St. Bede's family Quiz is back!**

This year, Pasteur and Descartes have joined forces to arrange an evening of fun, competition, entertainment and prizes. We will be holding our Speed Quiz Evening on **Friday 17th June 2022** in the college hall.

The details of time, ticket availability and prices etc. will follow - but we do need you to join us. Families of all houses are welcome. Proceeds will go to our House Charities: Unicef (Supporting children in Ukraine) and LWOOSA (Lawrence Weston and Shirehampton Out of School Club)



SAVE THE DATE!

**Pasteur & Descartes
Family Quiz
17th June 2022**
Venue: St Bede's
Further details to follow...



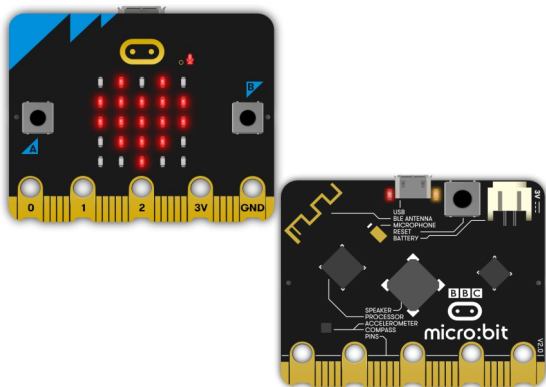
LWOOSA

CURRICULUM CORNER:

Computer Science & ICT

KEY STAGE 3

Year 7 & 8 pupils have been developing their physical computing skills with BBC Microbit computer. In terms 3 and 4 pupils have explored block and text-based coding. They have looked at fundamental programming constructs including variables, conditional statements and loops in a range of scenarios that use the Microbit's LEDs, speaker, compass, accelerometer and digital radio communication.



Year 9 Computer Science pupils have been working on their computational thinking skills, looking at logic gates, Boolean expressions, algorithms, file compression, abstraction and problem decomposition. **Year 9 ICT** pupils have focussed on storyboarding, scripting, filming and editing which neatly led into 'The Edit' digital storytelling challenge—see Mr Bogle's article in this issue for further details.

Year 7 Coding Club

The Year 7 coding club launched at the start of Term 4 and has been a roaring success! Pupils have been experimenting with the BBC Microbits and our fleet of Bit:Bot robots to develop autonomous vehicles that can navigate mazes and avoid collisions using sonar object detection. Next term we'll look at Bluetooth and multi-axis accelerometer control.

KEY STAGE 4

Year 10 Computer Science pupils have spent this term mastering their understanding of computer systems including the Von Neumann CPU architecture, the fetch-decode-execute cycle as well as the role of RAM/ROM and secondary storage devices (hard disk drives and SSDs) in modern computers.

Year 10 iMedia students have been busily completing their 'Creating Digital Graphics' evidence portfolios and are beginning to turn their attention to this summer's 'Pre-production Skill' exam.

Year 11 Computer Science pupils are nearing the end of the taught content for the GCSE; Term 5 will focus mainly on revision, exam technique and lots of practice!

Year 11 iMedia pupils are also nearing the end of their course with some students having already completed the qualification while many make a final effort to improve previous unit and complete their 'Creating a Digital Sound Sequence' portfolios.

KEY STAGE 5

Year 12 Computer Science pupils are currently preparing for their April exams but have spent this term exploring networks, systems architecture and operating systems.

The **Year 13** class are now putting the finishing touches on the development phase of their programming projects while Term 5 will see them focus entirely on preparation for this summer's exams.



FUTURE QUEST

Since January we have been lucky enough to invite colleagues from Future Quest and UWE into the college. Students in years 9,10 and 11 have benefitted from sessions in developing health habits, exploring their character strengths and making choices after year 11 as part of their PSHCE curriculum.

St Bede's is also one of the first colleges in Bristol to take part in a new healthcare mentoring program for students aspiring into medical careers. 30 students in year 10 have started the program and have already discovered more about careers in medicine, paramedic science and radiography. The program will continue into year 11 helping students to make decisions about their post-16 education and work experience. We've got more sessions lined up for the summer term including the conclusion of our Rolls Royce mentoring program with year 11 pupils.



SUSTAINABILITY AND COST EFFECTIVE UNIFORM

We are currently investigating the opportunity to sell Pre-Loved uniforms in a bid to offer a sustainable and cost effective service to parents. The opportunity will be launched online and parents will be able to donate any Pre Loved uniform to the school for resale. The site will enable parents to purchase items, that pass inspection, at a greatly reduced price and will reduce the amount of wasted good quality uniforms going to landfill sites.

Please don't send any uniform yet, we will set everything up and email everyone in the new term to launch the opportunity. All donations will need to be washed, unmarked and without rips or tears to the seams or material.

We hope that parents, who need to buy extra uniform towards the end of a school year, will find this a useful option to get their children items they need for the final couple of months, whilst also helping parents who wish to engage in sustainability and recycling, in a cost effective way, the opportunity to do so.

A-LEVEL ENGLISH STUDENTS ENJOY TALK BY CARDIFF UNIVERSITY LECTURER

Last month the English Department was excited to host Dr Pons-Sanz, an English Lecturer from Cardiff University, who delivered a thoroughly engaging and informative talk on the Historical Development of English Vocabulary from Old English and Old Norse right through to Modern English. Both our English Language and English Literature A-Level students learned so much from the talk, such as: the changes in spelling systems; word borrowings from other languages (particularly French and Latin); how new words (neologisms) are continuously formed; and how their meanings change.

Did you know that the Old English form of 'Silly' originally meant happy or blessed, but in the 1700s changed to weak or feeble, and then to foolish and empty-headed? Or that 'meat' used to refer to all food, but then narrowed its meaning to what we know today? Thank you to Dr Pons-Sanz for giving us so much to think about and we look forward to her working with our students again in the future.

PRAYER LIST

This week we invite our college community to pray for: **Rob C,**

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

<https://forms.gle/qa5Te9HiCgtPgKMU7>



SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT



Street Smart ?

Being street smart means knowing how to keep yourself safe when you're alone or with friends. Being street smart helps you to stay safe.

Here are some top tips

Plan ahead. Before you go out, think about how you are going to get home, e.g. Can you travel home with a friend? What time does the last bus or train leave?

Try to use well-lit, busy streets and use the route you know best. Walk down the middle of the pavement if the street is deserted

If you are at all worried, try and stay near a group of people or head to a shop or a garage

Avoid passing stationary cars with their engines running and people sitting in them

Try to keep both hands free and don't walk with your hands in your pockets

Whenever possible, walk facing oncoming traffic to avoid kerb-crawlers

Keep your mind on your surroundings – remember if you are chatting on your mobile phone or wearing earphones, you will not hear potential trouble approaching

Never accept a lift from a stranger or someone you do not know very well

Keep valuables out of sight – especially phone, wallet or purse

If you think you are being followed, trust your instincts and take action. As confidently as you can, cross the road, turning to see who is behind you. If you are still being followed, keep moving. Make for a busy area and tell people what is happening. If necessary, call the police.

Always tell a parent or carer where you are, where you are going and when you will be returning home.

LEPRA FUNDRAISING

Congratulations to Year 7 who have raised a magnificent **£427.15** for Lepra!

Term 5 will commence on Monday 25th April—Week B

A NUMBER OF REMINDERS...

If your child suffers from Asthma and has an inhaler, please remind them to put it on their school bag. We have had to use the emergency spare inhaler during PE now that the pollen is in the air. Thank you

As the weather becomes warmer, please ensure that your child brings a water bottle to college.

We have a number of period products available free of charge for our pupils. Please ask them to see Mrs Knowles or Mrs Wyatt in Student Support.

We are a **NUT FREE** college. Please remind your children not to bring but product into college or buy any products containing nuts from LIDL.

Year 13 Prom

Friday 8th July 2022

The Bristol Hotel – The Harbourside

Hot Fork Buffet

DJ

£29.00 per person

Please make payments through Scopay

