

# St. Bede's Catholic College

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## Newsletter

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### MESSAGE FROM MR KING, PRINCIPAL

Pentecost was a wonderful start to this term as we considered the power of the Holy Spirit in guiding our lives. We celebrated the birth of the Church and thought about how the gift of many languages to the disciples highlighted the need for our community to be unified in our diversity.

I am in awe of the students as they continue through this exam season with fortitude and good humour. They have embodied the "Work Hard" element of the St Bede's Way, committing to be the best they can be in order to transform the world for God's glory. Our students continue to exemplify their kindness through ongoing charity and chaplaincy work.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to thank the staff team, led by Dr Walsh, that continue to give their time and energy to make the Duke of Edinburgh scheme such a success this year. We have 220 students involved, the most we have ever had, and I would encourage younger students to take up these opportunities when they move into the upper school.

God bless,

Rob King  
Principal



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**17th June 2022**  
**6.00pm—9.00pm**  
**Descartes &  
Pasteur Family Quiz**

**20th June 2022**  
**Year 10 Exams start**

**21st June 2022**  
**5.30pm**  
**Year 7 Activity trip**  
**Parents' Information Evening**

**23rd June 2022**  
**4.00pm—7.00pm**

**30th June 2022**  
**Year 6**  
**Transition Day**  
**and Parents' Information Evening**

**30th June 2022**  
**Year 11 Prom**

## PRAYER LIST

This week we invite our college community to pray for: The Maher family.

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

<https://forms.gle/qq5Te9HiCgtPgKMU7>

## REFLECTION

### 22 June – St Thomas More & St John Fisher

This week, we celebrate the feast of St Thomas More and St John Fisher.

Saint John Fisher (c. 19 October 1469 – 22 June 1535) was an English Roman Catholic Bishop, Cardinal and Martyr. He was executed in the

Tower of London by order of King Henry VIII during the English Reformation for refusing to accept him as Head of the Church of England.

John Fisher was canonized a Saint in 1935. By his example of learning, holiness, faith, loyalty and courage, by his service to God and others, John Fisher's life and death were truly a witness to our faith.

Saint Thomas More (7 February 1478 – 6 July 1535), was an English writer, lawyer, and statesman. He held many important jobs including Speaker of the House of Commons, Lord Chancellor and advisor to the King Henry VIII.

Like John Fisher, More was at odds with the King When he left the Roman Catholic Church because the Pope would not give him a divorce from his first wife, he started The Church of England. More was a devout Catholic, so he did not accept the King as head of the Church. Because of this, he was arrested and executed for treason.

**Reflection:** "Don't worry about me no matter what happens in this world. Nothing can happen to me that God doesn't want. And all that He wants, no matter how bad it may appear to us, is really for the best." St Thomas More "A good man is not a perfect man but a good man honest, faithful and unhesitatingly responsive to the voice of God in his life." St John Fisher

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus,  
We thank you for the courage of Saints John Fisher and Thomas More.  
We ask you to help us to be like them by speaking out against things that are wrong and by staying loyal to you. Amen.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER AT ST. BEDE'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE?

With the current year 11 and year 13 leaving St. Bede's, we have a number of volunteering roles available for parents or carers to help at our evening events.

We have a particular need for helpers on the evening of 30th June which is our Year 6 Transition Evening.

If you would like to volunteer, please email [contact@stbcc.org](mailto:contact@stbcc.org) FAO Mrs Johnson





## 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.**"

This week our spotlight highlights year 10 pupil George who recently completed the Ten Tors challenge. George during this venture, decided to raise money for Dementia UK and St. Peters Hospice and raised an incredible **£700!** An amazing effort George, Bell Burnell House is very proud of you.

**George, your hard work and kindness exemplifies our St Bede's Way principles. Well done.**

George, thank you for allowing us to print your photograph



## ST. BEDE'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE CELEBRATES ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY

As part of our celebrations to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of St. Bede's Catholic College, the whole college recently had their photograph taken. Families were sent a unique code via email last week to view and order the photograph.

For free delivery please order by Wednesday 22nd June. If you wish to receive further information please visit [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk) or contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3)

## BELL BURNELL CHARITY PRESENTATION

Bell Burnell House very proudly presented a cheque for **£4103.00** to St. Peter's Hospice in their assembly this week. This followed the success of their "Round the World in 8 Days" event.

Sophie, from St. Peter's Hospice, spoke to Bell Burnell House and described where the money would be spent and was hugely appreciative of all of the student's efforts.

**Well done Bell Burnell!!**



## INTERNATIONAL FIXTURE

Good luck to year 12 student **Seamus Robinson** who has been selected to run for the Republic of Ireland in the 1500m at an Under 18 international fixture in Paris this weekend.

Seamus, will earn his very first vest competing against athletes from Spain, France, Netherlands, Belgium and Switzerland. Good luck!



## EVERYONE'S A WINNER

At the end of March, thirty of St Bede's Year 9 ICT students participated in The Edit competition, which required entrants to produce a news report on a chosen topic (Climate Change) as a short video clip. The competition was co-sponsored by Sky and Adobe and open to 8-18 year olds in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland.



Three of our competitors, Juvel, Lucas and Kevin (pictured alongside Mr Bogle) participated as Team Vitality and achieved an incredible feat by winning the runners-up prize for the Secondary category! The Sky and Adobe judges commented that their video was "Very professional looking from the start - felt like a real news report. Good scripting and presenting skills with strong graphics to help tell a convincing story."

Besides receiving Sky-Adobe merchandise on the morning of the competition, Team Vitality have also won the prize of an all-expenses-paid trip to Sky Academy Studios in July where they will get the opportunity to film in an industry standard environment. Sky have also awarded Mr Bogle a 12-month Now TV subscription pass "to enjoy as a thank you for all your hard work and dedication". So, everyone's a winner!



## CASHLESS CATERING

You will be aware that we will be using cashless catering in July. Please keep an eye on your email account for a message through SIMS telling you how to add money to your child's SCOPAY account for their lunches, if they need to purchase a meal, as no cash will be taken by the kitchen once this begins.

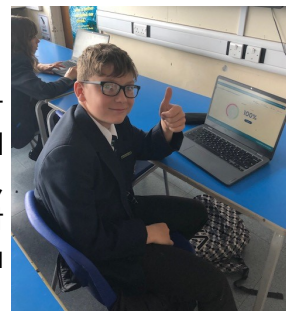
There will be an app that you will be able to download to your device, which students can also download, so that their balance can be checked to ensure they have enough money for that day. More information on that will be issued later. There will be an opportunity to put limits on the amount children can spend per day if you wish to do so. Instructions on how to let us know will be sent with the email about adding money to SCOPAY.

We are currently collecting fingerprints, where we have authorisation to do so, and will be issuing PIN numbers via student's college email addresses to those that we do not have authorisation for w/b 27 June 2022. We are giving students letters for signature if they ask for one, so apologies if you have already responded.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs Cheshire, the Business Manager, on 0117 3773132 or by email on [m.cheshire@stbcc.org](mailto:m.cheshire@stbcc.org)

## BEDROCK AT ST BEDE'S

The English Faculty is thrilled to have launched a literacy improvement tool called Bedrock Learning which improves literacy skills and cultural capital within the context of reading fiction and non-fiction texts. Year 7, 8 and 9 have been introduced to their personal accounts in the last couple of weeks and are now receiving one Bedrock homework task a week. Keep your eye on Class Charts for reminders!



As pupils progress through their personalized Bedrock curriculum, they will study hundreds of higher level words that they will need for success in school and for life beyond. Bedrock ensures that pupils are being challenged at the correct level for them and that all can make good progress on their vocabulary and grammar. Some of our classes have been getting competitive in scoring points as there are prizes to be won by podium point scorers!



Parents and guardians can see their child's knowledge organiser, and can receive weekly progress reports on their child's progress via email when you create your Bedrock account. Information on how to do this will be circulated soon.

Special mention must go to **Max** in Year 7 for his superb scores on Bedrock and for his enormous help in supporting other pupils as they adjust to using the platform. Well done Max!

The school's adoption of this challenging vocabulary curriculum forms one part of our whole school commitment to language acquisition and vocabulary growth for all students.

## 'JOURNEY TO U'

This week **Pasteur** and **Descartes** launched our main charity event: 'Journey to U'. 182 pupils from both houses have collectively 'travelled' over 500 miles on our journey to Ukraine in order to raise funds, as well as awareness, for our House charities; Unicef (for children of Ukraine) and LWOOSA (Lawrence Weston and Shirehampton Out of School Activities).

It has been great fun to see pupils clocking up miles for walking to school, walking their dogs, cycling, running (and much more); as well as achieving bonus miles for handing their in phones voluntarily, reading extra chapters, being creative and of course through 'The St Bede's Way: Work Hard, Be Kind and Do the Right Thing'.

There was a real buzz when we made it to Paris as it unlocked a free period for 50 + plus of our pupils to have a game of handball or boccia for their efforts! With more exciting activities to come. Please look out for the sponsor forms as our next destination is Poland!





## DUKE OF EDINBURGH UPDATE

We have received word from the Duke of Edinburgh award that participants from St Bede's Catholic College dedicated **1274 hours** to volunteering between April 2021 and March 2022, with a social value of **£5885.88!** What an incredible achievement - all Duke of Edinburgh participants should be very proud of the impact of their volunteering!

Our year 12 Gold Duke of Edinburgh teams did amazingly well during really tough conditions in the Brecon Beacons just before half term. Two days of torrential rain and poor visibility, but on the final day the sun came out and the students dried out as shown in the photo!

Good luck to all 220 students (across Bronze, Silver and Gold) completing their assessed expedition this term.



## PARENT SURVEY 2022

As you know we ask for your views on our work in a number of key areas, annually. The feedback we receive is then used in future planning.

We have made many changes in our practice as a result of consultation with you over the years.

I hope the anonymous survey is clear and easy to use and I would be grateful if you could complete and submit your responses by 27th June 2022.

The link to the survey is: <https://forms.gle/HgbHkbY868KHQZpc6>

We have always welcomed your views on our work and I am grateful to you for all your kind and generous support.

## YEAR 11 STUDENTS

Please can all year 11 students return any CGP Revision guides, they' have borrowed, to their English teachers. Thank you.

## POLITE REMINDER

Please could you ensure that all pupils who suffer from hayfever take their antihistamine before college. Thank you.

## VACANCY: FOUNDATION GOVERNOR

We are seeking to recruit a new Foundation Governor to join our governing body. Anyone can apply, particularly those with experience of finance, diversity or inclusion. Full Governing Body meetings and committee meetings are both held 3 times a year, during the day.

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](mailto:c.walker@stbcc.org) or 0117 377 2216 for further information.

## FAMILY QUIZ TONIGHT!

There are still a few tickets available for our Speed Quiz this evening, Friday 17th June. There are a range of teams, including staff, pupils and families all teaming up together or competing against each other for a couple of hours of fun, competition and entertainment hosted by **Pasteur** and **Descartes** and our amazing Quiz Master, Mr Colebourne. All funds raised will go to our House Charities. Thank you for your support!



**Pasteur & Descartes  
Family Quiz  
17<sup>th</sup> June 2022**  
Venue: St Bede's Catholic College  
Doors open @ 6pm (6.30pm start)



£6 Adult  
£3  
Under  
Sixteen

**Family Fun. Raffle. Prizes. Entertainment. Quiz**

Raising funds for our House Charities:  
*Unicef and LWOOSA (Lawrence Weston and  
Shirehampton Out of School Activities)*

#teamwork

**LWOOSA**

## VACANCY SCHOOL MEALS SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT (SMSA)

St Bede's Catholic College has a vacancy for a 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 £9.90. All posts at St Bede's are subject to a 6 month probationary period.

The successful candidate will be required to undergo a Disclosure and Barring Service Check before starting work.

A job description and application form can be downloaded from the web-site [www.stbedescc.org](http://www.stbedescc.org) or a hard copy can be posted to you.

Closing date for applications is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Claire Walker on 0117 3772200 or email [c.walker@stbcc.org](mailto:c.walker@stbcc.org).

Also, a foundation governor with experience in finance or diversity and inclusion.

## SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

We would like to 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 about the importance of using the designated crossing points on the Long Cross and Lawrence Weston Road.

### Calling all Library Books!

The Library will be shut 13<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> July for stocktaking. **ALL** books will be due back by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July. We hope to complete the stocktake by the week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> July, allowing Years 7-10 and 12 to borrow over the summer.

Please take this opportunity to check under beds, behind sofas and anywhere else a book might be lurking so that we can start the new academic year with our shelves bursting with fantastic resources.

Please also check your emails for details of overdue books.

Thank you for your support, Mrs Hayman & Mrs Nicks



### Are you a former Student?

St Bede's Catholic College are looking for former students who can inspire and advise our current pupils. If you are a former student, please sign up to our alumni community by following the simple steps below or scan the QR Code:

1. Go to [www.futurefirst.org.uk](http://www.futurefirst.org.uk)
2. Go to the 'Sign Up' tab
3. Click 'Leaving or Former Student'
4. Type in St Bede's Catholic College





## LIBRARY NEWS

The Library has gone large on the celebrations this month.

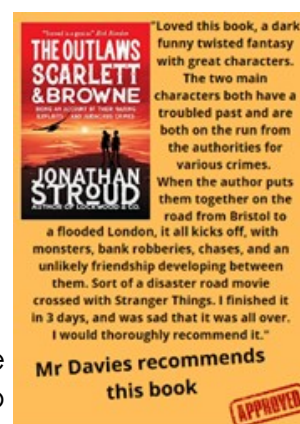
We kicked off with a Jubilee read through the decades, and then launched straight into Pride, followed by Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month. (Our Jubilee display was so large we are showing an edited highlight here!)



### Book recommendations

In a new occasional series, we are highlighting recommendations from other members of staff. This time Mr Davies recommends this start of a new series by Jonathan Stroud. We are all looking forward to the sequel which should be on our shelves in September! Mrs Hayman is grateful to Livia in Year 7 for her recommendation of My Brother's Shadow by Tom Avery for her new author this month. It is a small book which covers some very big topics in a thoughtful way. Click on the title and the picture to link to an extract of both books.

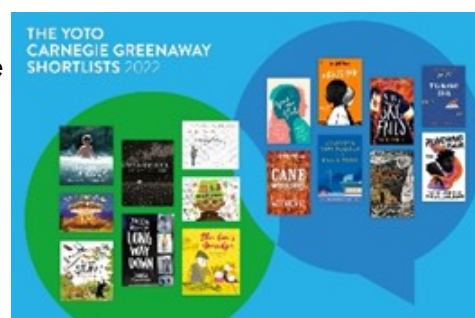
We were very pleased to award our first I Got Caught Reading prize this week for Term 5. There will be another prize this term, so keep reading!



After 3 months of reading, discussing and deciding the Greenaway Shadowing scheme came to a close this week. On Thursday the St Bede's Greenaway Shadowing group enjoyed watching the live awards ceremony. Our top pick for its beautiful 'impressionistic' artwork and relatable subject matter is 'I Talk Like A River' illustrated by Sydney Smith. Honourable mentions go to 'The Wanderer' by Peter Van Den Ende for its incredibly detailed illustration, and 'The Midnight Fair' illustrated by Mariachiara Di Giorgio for its joyful dreamlike pictures. Click on the titles to link to the Carnegie Greenaway website pages for these books

The Greenaway winner was Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds, illustrated by Danica Novgorodoff. The Carnegie winner was October, October by Katya Balen

The winning books and all the shortlisted titles are available to borrow.



## SPONSOR OPPORTUNITY

A few years ago we gave parents, carers and the wider family the opportunity to sponsor our college rugby kit. It proved very successful and we were able to buy four complete kits. This sponsorship scheme allows the PE department to buy better quality team kits but also gives the chance for a company to invest in what may be an affordable advertising opportunity. I have included some examples of the rugby shirts below.

This year we would like to replace several of our football and basketball kits and would like to relaunch the scheme. If you feel your company would be able to sponsor a kit then please contact Mr Johnson on [d.johnson@stbcc.org](mailto:d.johnson@stbcc.org)

After you have provided your logo, and discussed which shirt you would like to sponsor, we will provide you with a design proof for you to approve.

As you may be aware, companies who participate in the scheme would be able to claim tax relief from their donation. The basketball kit is currently priced at £350 and the football kit £400.

If you would like any more information please do not hesitate to contact Mr Johnson.

