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Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM MR KING, PRINCIPAL

I am pleased to be able to formally announce the next exciting step in the journey of our Areté sixth form. As you know, St Bede's moved from seven form entry (180 students) to eight form entry (207 students) in September 2018, at the request of Bristol City Council.

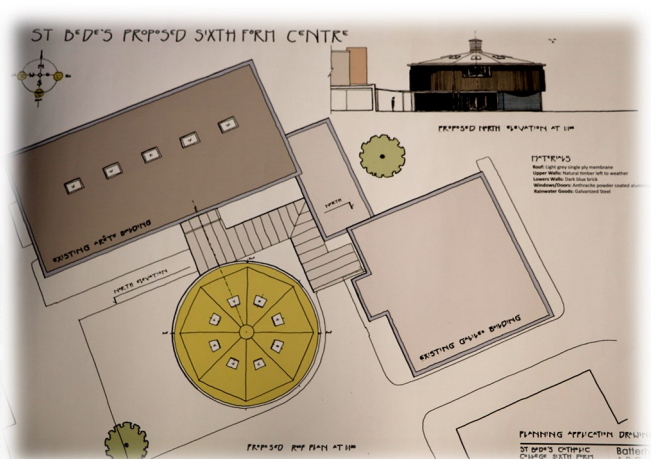
This change was designed to help ease the pressure that was building in the city on secondary school places. This means the college's first bigger cohort will be finishing Year 11 in the summer of 2023. Our current sixth form buildings will therefore not be big enough to take the larger cohort in September 2023 and the further growth expected in September 2024. The governors have agreed to construct a new building beside our current sixth form building to increase capacity with a summer of 2023 deadline.

We believe that the physical environment has a direct impact on the quality of education. St Bede's has always prided itself on building and maintaining high quality buildings, classrooms and other educational workspaces and this project is no different. The new building will provide an inspirational space in which students and future students can aspire to greatness, whilst also providing the quality practical space to excel.

I include some diagrams below to give you a flavour of what is planned.

God bless,

Rob King
Principal



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2022

5th July

Areté Taster Day

8th July

Year 13 Prom

11th July

Year 10 & 12
Work Experience

13th -15th July

Year 7-9
off timetable for
Enrichment
Activities

21st July

End of Term 6
for students

22nd July

INSET DAY

REFLECTION 6 July – St Maria Goretti

This week, we celebrate the feast of St Maria Goretti



Maria had been born into a Catholic family in 1890. Her family was very poor, but her family's love for God never wavered. Every day Maria's mother and brothers and sisters went out into the fields to work. Maria stayed behind and took care of all the household responsibilities including taking care of the youngest child, Teresa.

When she was 12, a young man she knew, Alessandro, snuck up on her and began to attack her.

"No, no you mustn't! What you are doing is a sin!" screamed Maria.

Alessandro stabbed her many times. A couple of days later she died from those wounds. Before she died, she forgave her attacker and promised to pray for him. She said: "I forgive Alessandro Serenelli...and I want him with me in heaven forever."

After Alessandro attacked Maria, he was captured and sent to prison for thirty years. At first he wasn't sorry for his sin. Then one day he had a dream. In the dream, he was sitting in a garden with Maria and she gave him a bunch of lilies. When he took them, the flowers burned his hands. Upon awakening, Alessandro was a changed man, sorry for his sins.

On June 24, 1950 Maria Goretti was declared a saint by Pope Pius XII.

Reflection: "He loves, He hopes, He waits. Our Lord prefers to wait Himself for the sinner for years rather than keep us waiting an instant." Maria Goretti

Prayer: Heroic and angelic Saint Maria Goretti, we kneel before you to honour your persevering fortitude and to beg your gracious aid. Teach us a deep love for the precepts of our Holy Church; help us to see in them the very voice of our Father in Heaven. Amen

PRAYER LIST

This week we invite our college community to pray for: Donna S, Matthew A

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

<https://forms.gle/qq5Te9HiCgtPgKMU7>

GOOD BYE TO YEAR 11

On Tuesday, our Year 11's celebrated their last day in college uniform, at a special Presentation Assembly. Each pupil was presented with a small gift and were treated to a 'trip down memory lane' as we shared photographs of their time at the college.

Many of the pupils will of course, be returning in September for life in our Sixth Form. We wish each and everyone the success they so deserve.



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 12 student **Seamus** who was selected to represent the Republic of Ireland in the 1500m in Paris recently.

Seamus said: *I was very proud to be selected to run for Ireland at an international meeting in Paris on 19th June. I competed in the 1500 metres and finished a close second in a time of 3:55. It was a hot day but thankfully not as hot as the 38° the day before! A great experience and I'm hoping for more in the future.*

Seamus, thank you for allowing us to print your photograph

Seamus, your hard work exemplifies our St Bede's Way principles. We are very proud of you! Well done.



RELIGIOUS FORMATION TASTER DAY

On Thursday 16 June, a group of year 10 students went on an Rf trip to Cambridge.

We attended lectures and had a tour of one of the colleges, which gave us invaluable insight into University life. The lectures we listened to were very interesting, in particular the one about whether war is justified. This lecture provoked deep thought and encouraged discussion on the origin and arguments for wars. I thought this was an extremely relevant topic bearing in mind what is happening in Ukraine.

We also had a tour of one of the colleges which was beautiful and even had a rooftop gym. At the end of the day a Cambridge student talked to us and explained the process of applying to the university which encouraged a lot of us to think about university options for the future.

Morella, Year 10



YEAR 11 STUDENTS

Please can all year 11 and students return any CGP Revision guides or other textbooks 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.

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Please follow our twitter account

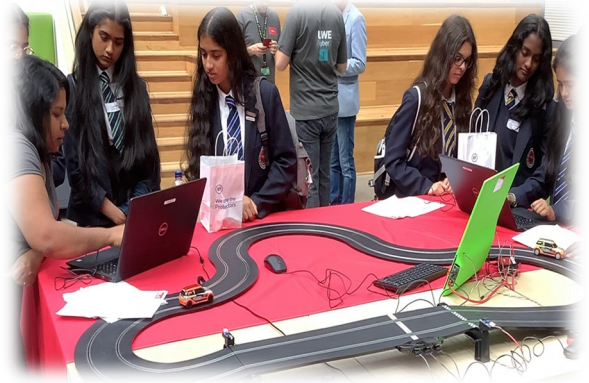
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CYBER TASTER DAY

On Monday 27 June, thirteen of our Year 9 students attended the Cyber Taster Day hosted by the University of the West of England in its high tech School of Engineering Building.

A total of 21 schools from the south west of England participated in the event and all participating students got the opportunity to attend a range of cyber security workshops run by local and national employers and educators.



Being taught how to exploit server weaknesses to improve Scalextric performances!

St Bede's students' workshops covered cyber topics such as hacking (both ethical and criminal), encryption, coding, digital forensics, wiretapping and data phishing delivered by cyber specialists from companies including BAE Systems, BT Security, PwC, JP Morgan and Hargreaves Lansdown. Our students also attended a presentation on Cyber Ethics delivered by the South West Regional Cyber Crime Unit and Mr Bogle has decided on a late career change after attending a teachers' workshop on careers in the cyber security sector which highlighted the eye-watering salaries available in this rapidly growing and under staffed industry.



St Bede's students participating in Leonardo's

When asked for feedback on their trip, the students used terms such as 'stunning', 'unbelievable' and 'brilliant' with Annette Siby stating that it was a "once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to try some amazing workshops staffed by friendly experts who also gave us great goody bags to take away too". This was the first time UWE were able to host a live Cyber Taster Day in three years following the Covid restrictions and the organisers should take credit for arranging such a high class event for our aspiring students.



St Bede's students proudly displaying some of the employers' rewards for their activities.

ECO CLUB

During the last couple of months, Eco-club has made good progress and in particular with our efforts to get the ground ready in our garden. The students have shown real commitment in establishing the garden which started as a bare patch which they have now composted and planted with flowers and vegetables including spinach, radishes, sunflowers and nasturtiums.



With some great support from Ms Sanders, the seeds were planted in smaller pots to begin with, to allow the students to nurture them ready for transferring to the main garden.

We have also planted potatoes in pots which are growing successfully as we speak. This planting exercise helps the students to understand the importance of biodiversity and also how growing your own food locally can have a positive impact on the environment. Once the plants are fully grown, the students will be able to take them home to enjoy. We are now looking ahead to plan activities for the Autumn in the new academic year.



SPORTS NEWS

The senior cricket team played their final hard ball cricket game last week.

Having very narrowly beaten Redland Green school on the last ball of the game, they took on Ashton Park. With some excellent bowling and fielding we managed to keep their score to only 45 after 12 overs. St. Bede's reached this target with 4 overs remaining and were crowned Bristol champions! Many congratulations to all the team.



VACANCY: FOUNDATION GOVERNOR

St Bede's has a strong governing body that challenges and supports the Principal to bring about their strategic vision for the college. It is a highly effective group that has recently guided us safely through our recent Ofsted and Diocesan inspections. We currently have one Foundation Governor vacancy. Any practising Catholics can apply. Those with experience of diversity and inclusion, or finance would be particularly welcome. Full Governing body and committee meetings are both held three times a year during the day (specific times and days can be arranged around governors' needs) Further details on the role of a Foundation Governor can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3OPmgt6>

Please apply by completing the application form <https://schools.cliftdiocese.com/form-2> and contact Claire Walker, Clerk to Governors via c.walker@stbcc.org or telephone 0117 377 2216 for further information.

JOURNEY TO U: BEDE'S BABY BUNDLE 4 U

Pasteur and Descartes are over half way on our virtual journey to Ukraine. We are clocking up those miles, through various activities and raising awareness for the children and families of Ukraine. As well as sponsorship and our lovely prayer doves, the pupils are also collecting baby items such as nappies, nappy-sacks, baby-wipes, baby cream etc. to send over.

Thank you for your amazing support for our wonderful House Charities; UNICEF and LWOOSA. Help us to share the love. #workhardbekinddotherrightthing

If you have any other items such as canned food, first aid equipment or personal hygiene items that you wish to donate, we would happily receive them by Monday 11th July and will forward to 'From Bristol with Love for Ukraine' who have already dispatched 3000 boxes of food, medical aid, personal hygiene item and new/ tagged clothes.



IRISH DANCING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to year 10 pupil Matilda who took part in **The Three Nations Irish Dancing Championships** on 17th June. Matilda was awarded 10th place across England, Wales and Scotland in the under 15s category - a fantastic achievement.

Matilda is now preparing for the **British Nationals** in July and **World Qualifiers** in November.

We look forward to hearing about her progress and wish her every success in her upcoming competitions.

SWIMMING SUCCESS

Congratulations to year 8 pupil **Annie** who achieved first place for her age group in the **GB National fin swimming competition** held at The University of Bath, for both 50m mono fin and 50m bi-fin races.



Annie also received second place for the girls 4x100m bi-fin relay. Well done Annie!

Annie, thank you for allowing us to print your photograph

DESCARTES AND PASTEUR FAMILY QUIZ

Our family quiz was back with gusto and is becoming an exciting annual event. It was lovely to have families, pupils and staff join together to have an evening of fun competition and laughter whilst raising funds for our wonderful House Charities; UNICEF and LWOOSA. Raising almost £1000.

Thank you all for your wonderful support, on so many levels, to make the evening such a special and successful event. A special thank you, also, to our amazing quiz master, Mr Colebourne, for his excellent speed quizzing skills....all on the hottest day of the year!



NATIONAL CAREERS SERVICE

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Service

With exams coming to an end, students in year 11 and 13 will be preparing to take their next steps into further education, higher education or apprenticeships – which can be confusing and feel a bit daunting.

Throughout the summer, National Careers Service will be running a series of webinars for parents and carers of young people who are expecting their exam results this August. Parents will be able to learn more about how to support their children with advice about choices and careers, including useful information sources, advice for results day and a Q&A with a panel of experts. The webinars schedule is now available.

<https://bit.ly/3Osj05X>

A Level results day – Thursday 18th August 2022

GCSE results day – Thursday 25th August 2022



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
2. Go to the 'Sign Up' tab
3. Click 'Leaving or Former Student'
4. Type in St Bede's Catholic College



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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

A big thank you to **Salvatores Barber shop** on Coldharbour Road, Redland for sponsoring one of our football shirts, ready for next season.

If any other parents would like to support the PE department in replacing some of their team kit, please contact Mr Johnson via on d.johnson@stbcc.org.



YEAR 11 PROM

Yesterday evening year 11 gathered at British Aerospace to celebrate the end of their GCSE exams at the year 11 prom. It was a delightful evening of celebration, with staff and students dining together and enjoying each others company. Many of the students will return to Areté in September to commence their A levels. We wish all of our students well. You have been a wonderful year group.



VACANCIES

Learning Support Assistant

St Bede's is very lucky to have such a strong SEND team and this was recently recognised by our SEND Inclusion Award. As our college grows, so does the need for more colleagues to support this area of our work. If you or someone you know might be interested in joining this dynamic team, please follow the link: <https://www.stbedescc.org/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=12>

A direct personal contact from a member of our college community often leads to more applications, so thank you for your support.

We also have 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 website www.stbedescc.org or a hard copy can be posted to you.

Closing date for applications is Friday 8th July 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Claire Walker on 0117 3772200 or email c.walker@stbcc.org

LIBRARY NEWS

We have been marking Refugee Week in the Library with a display of books telling the stories of refugees around the world.

Manjeet Mann's *The Crossing* won the Costa Book Award last year and is a beautiful verse novel following two teenagers, one in Dover and one journeying from Eritrea in search of a place of safety (Year 10+)



Check out our new Library competition – follow the clues to discover the culprit, and be in with the chance to win!

Mrs Hayman's new author of the month has been Mohammad Khan's *Mark my Words*. This has been a window on a different lifestyle for me, as it has a strong, female, Muslim protagonist bringing down entrenched corruption in her town. (Year 10+). New in the Library as well is Onjali Q Raúf's *Hope on the Horizon* (A Children's Handbook on Empathy, Kindness and Making a Better World)

FAO Year 7 Parents and Carers

Some books in our Library are restricted to Year 8+ because of content and/or language. If you would like your Year 7 child to have access to these over the summer holidays, please email your permission to librarydesk@stbcc.org from the email you have given to the College. They will be able to borrow from 18th July.

Calling all Library Books!!

The Library will be shut 13th-15th July for stocktaking.

ALL books will be due back by **Friday 8th July**. We hope to complete the stocktake by the week beginning 18th 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

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Term and Holiday Dates 2022/2023

Term	From	To
Term 1	Thursday 1 st September 2022	Friday 21 st October 2022
Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September are in-service days. College re-opens to all pupils on Monday 5th September 2022		
Term 2	Monday 31 st October 2022	Friday 16 th December 2022
Term 3	Tuesday 3 rd January 2023	Friday 10 th February 2023
Term 4	Monday 20 th February 2023	Friday 31 st March 2023
Term 5	Monday 17 th April 2023	Friday 26 th May 2023
Term 6	Monday 5 th June 2023	Friday 21 st July 2023

Bank Holiday Monday 1st May 2023

Please note: There are 3 additional in-service days;

Monday 31 October 2022

Friday 10th February 2023

Friday 21st July 2023

The Governors have agreed to support the college's improvement agenda by increasing in-service training (INSET) in 2022/2023.

College will finish at 2:15pm on the following days for in-service training (bus departure will be adjusted accordingly);

Monday 10 October 2022

Thursday 23 February 2023

Monday 7 November 2022

Tuesday 7 March 2023

Friday 9 December 2022

Thursday 25 May 2023

Wednesday 4 January 2023

Friday 16 June 2023

Tuesday 24 January 2023

Wednesday 28 June 2023

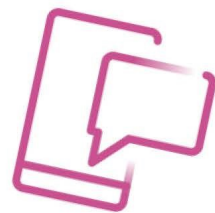
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Practical and informative online sessions from your expert team of local School Health Nurses.

Our webinars last between 30 and 45 minutes, with the opportunity to ask questions throughout. They're suitable for parents and carers of children and young people of all ages.



Topics include:

- Keeping your child happy and healthy
- Healthy eating and physical activity
- Supporting your child's emotional wellbeing
- Eating disorder awareness
- Dental health
- Sleep



Find out more and book your free space:
cchp.nhs.uk/schoolnursewebinars

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Become a volunteer with us to support families with children under 5 who are going through tough times. You'll receive training, build your skills and gain experience of working with families and children. Our next training course starts Tuesday 20th Sept, details below.

Contact us today to find out more.

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