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Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL

Wow, what a year! Beginning the term last September with optimism and enthusiasm has helped the college successfully chart a course through a challenging national and local landscape. The removal of "bubbles" and the return of practical lessons and co-curricular activities meant the year has been rich and rewarding for us all.

The students, staff and governors made the college proud through the Ofsted and Diocesan inspections that took place in October and November respectively. It was a blessing to be able to celebrate the Advent service together with our students and families in December and the New Year brought retreats to Kintbury. The production of High School Musical, the unbelievable uptake of Duke of Edinburgh Award, and the ongoing success of our sports teams have been other highlights of the year. I have recently been so proud of our Houses as they have all raised money, collected donations and given their time in other ways to support local, national and international charities.

Enrichment Week has been a fantastic last big event of the year. Students have either been on work experience, on trips, or in school doing a mixture of sports, drama, dance, computing, cooking, poetry, conservation, science and enterprise. We look forward to celebrating exam success with the Year 11 and Year 13 students in August.

May I wish you all a wonderful summer, enjoy time with family and friends, and I look forward to working with you all again in September.

God bless,

Rob King
Principal



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2022

22nd July
INSET DAY

18th August
A Level Results Day
8.30am—11.30am

25th August
GCSE Results Day
9.00am—11.00am

Sixth Form
Enrolment

1st September
INSET DAY
Pre-ordered
uniform
collection day
9.15am—3.00pm

2nd September
INSET DAY
Pre-ordered
uniform
collection day
9.15am—3.00pm

5th September
Pupils return
to college

PRAYER FOR THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

At the end of this school year we give thanks to God:
For all the teaching and learning that has taken place in our school, both in and out of the classroom,
For the talents and gifts that have been shared and the challenges that have been faced;
For the respect and care that has been given.
For the faith that has been lived in our daily struggles,
For the hope that has lifted our hearts on the dark days
And for the love that has kept us going.
We give thanks for the community that we are, and we ask you Lord
Bless us all, pupils and staff
Bless our families as we take our holidays.
Pour out your love on us that we may return renewed and refreshed to continue our journey together.
Amen

STAFFING

As we approach the end of the year, we have 6 staff who are leaving us for pastures new.

Mrs A Louwers, Learning Support Assistant
Retirement

Mrs P Allenby, Modern Foreign Languages Primary Outreach
Moving to a new school

Mrs R Gibbs, Mathematics Teacher
Moving to a new school

Miss Z Way, Geography Teacher
Travelling

Miss E Lockstone, Science Teacher
End of Maternity Cover

Mr J Barlow, Mathematics Teacher
Moving to a new school

Our sincere thanks for the service of all staff leaving, and our good wishes go with them, particularly **Alison Louwers** who has served St. Bede's for 27 years. Alison has been a compassionate, caring and skilled Learning Support Assistant and colleague and will be sorely missed.

In the next newsletter we look forward to sharing with you the names of the new staff who will be joining us.



Alison Louwers

FROM THE KITCHEN TO THE BAR

Ex-pupil, qualified and successful chef and restaurant owner, **Liam Chinn** has moved from his life in the kitchen to The Bar.

Liam achieved a first class degree in Law, followed by a named scholarship from Grays Inn of Court to study for The Bar. He also won a residential scholarship and has been living on the campus of Grays Inn while studying.

He passed the Bar exams and he was called to the Bar on Tuesday 19th July. He has also secured pupillage and starts work as a barrister in October. Liam is currently waiting for the results of his Masters degree in Law. We are always happy to hear about our ex-pupils. We are very proud of you Liam!



CAMBRIDGE CHEMISTRY CHALLENGE

This term some Year 12 chemistry students have been taking part in the 'Cambridge Chemistry Challenge'. This is an Olympiad style competition which is specifically tailored for the Year 12 curriculum – providing an extra challenge to our most able students. This competition aims to stretch and challenge students interested in chemistry, taking them significantly beyond the syllabus and encourages them to think about the subject in the way they would at university.

When the students first encountered a past paper, the questions were very difficult and initially they all felt very daunted by the prospect of taking part. However, with a lot of hard work and preparation I'm happy to say that this year's cohort achieved the best results ever from St Bede's!

Overall 7 students received a certificate – including one student in the top 10% and one student in the top 1% nationally! We are incredibly proud of their hard work and effort that led to the achievements of all those who took part.



BASKETBALL SUCCESS

Congratulations to Year 9 student **Zabriel Demillo**, who following trials, has been selected to play for the under 16s **Bristol Flyers Basketball Team**.

A wonderful achievement, well done!



MUSIC EXAM SUCCESS

Well done to Year 12 student **Louis De Pedro**, for attaining a **Distinction** in his **Grade 8 Drum Kit exam**.

Louis worked incredibly hard to prepare for the exam and it is clear that the many hours of practice and preparation paid off.

We are very proud of you, Louis!



MURAL INSTALLATION

Last week, during Enrichment week, the mural artist Sophie Rae worked with the art department and Year 12 art students on a commission to paint the concrete panels of the outdoor stage.

Earlier in the year Sophie worked with students from all year groups to design the piece in conjunction with her own style of art.

Elements of the Catholic life of the college coupled with the simplified shapes and colours which represents Sophie's style, can clearly be seen. A beautiful and inspiring outcome adorns that prominent area of the college for all to see.



RESULTS DAY AND SIXTH FORM ENROLMENT

A Level Results Day — Thursday 18th August

From 8.15am on Thursday 18th August, students will be able to log on to UCAS track to check the status of their application.

Year 13 results will be available to collect from Lecture Theatre from 8.30am to 11.00am

GCSE Results Day — Thursday 25th August

GCSE Results can be collected from the college between 9.00am—11.00am

Sixth Form Enrolment and confirmation of your place within the Sixth Form will happen on **Thursday 25th August 2022**, once you have collected your GCSE results.

Where students have met the entry requirements for the Sixth Form and the subjects they have selected to study, there will be an online form to complete from home. Entry requirements can be found under the Sixth Form tab on our website. Enrolment will close at 4pm on Friday 26th August 2022. Please ensure you have enrolled by this deadline in order to secure your place. Late applications to enrol will only be accepted subject to the availability of places and we are expecting to be oversubscribed this year so encourage you to enrol early. Course places are subject to spaces in the class being available, as well as entry requirements. Please enrol early to avoid disappointment.

For students who have not met the Areté entry requirements for the subjects they would like to study, there will be a slip in the results envelope asking you to stay on the College site for further discussion in E5 (the computer suite)

LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to **Joseph** who won our Murder in the Library completion, following clues in the library catalogue to reveal Mr McNamara as the culprit, and to **Isabelle, Annabel, Christopher, Livia** and **Alicja** who were our top library borrowers this term.

Mrs Nicks and Mrs Hayman thank everyone for their reading recommendations for the summer. We hope everyone has a lovely holiday and look forward to seeing you all in September and discussing all the books we've all read!



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 7 pupil **Ruth**. Ruth, who belongs to STOMP dance club, has been dancing for two years and was recently successful in a number of dance competitions.



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

Ruth, thank you for allowing us to print your photograph

BLAISE MUSEUM

Blaise Museum is excited to launch a programme of free, family-friendly summer fun that will run throughout the school holidays.

There's some amazing archaeology for the national Festival of Archaeology with Kings Weston Roman Villa opening on the 27 July and Bristol's Brilliant Archaeology, a fun-packed archaeology festival, returning on the 30 July. Craft workshops, storytelling and other activities take place on Wednesdays in August with themes including butterflies, mini-beasts, toys, games and giants! For a full list, visit <https://www.bristolmuseums.org.uk/blog/events/family-events-at-blaise-this-summer/>

BEDE'S BABY BUNDLE 4 U

On Friday 15th July, we saw £100s worth of baby products start their journey to Ukraine, thanks to the pupils and families of Pasteur and Descartes House and the staff of St Bede's.

The pupils helped representatives of the local charity 'From Bristol with Love for Ukraine' pack up boxes full of much needed nappies, baby milk, wet wipes, sudocrem and nappy sacks. They were due to leave for Ukraine 19th July.



It was so poignant seeing our donations on their way to help and support the families in Ukraine. The whole collaboration of Pasteur and Descartes, to make a difference through the charity events, including the Family Quiz and Journey to U has been an incredibly moving experience, raising a huge amount of funds too!

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Ms Johnston and Ms Sharp

COLLECTION OF UNIFORM

Although the previously published dates have now passed, in order to support families with the **collection of uniform**, the college reception will be open from 9.00am to 3.00pm on **Thursday 1st September** and **Friday 2nd September**. All uniform orders should be made via SCOPAY prior to these dates.

SKY ACADEMY STUDIOS, LONDON

As the reward for three of our Year 9 students winning the runners up spot for The Edit competition, one of the competition's sponsors, Sky, provided an all expenses paid trip to Sky Academy Studios in West London on Friday 15 July.

The trip coincided with the final day of St Bede's Enrichment programme and Mr Bogle and Miss Mounter accompanied 32 Year 9 students on a

fantastic opportunity to see the inner workings of a professional production company.



On a very warm day, it was great to see that Sky had booked an executive coach to transport us to London in the comfort and style that set a precedent for the whole trip! On arriving at Sky's sprawling Headquarters, we discovered we had been assigned our own security chaperone to accompany us for the day and on our tour he proudly pointed out the locations of the studios that broadcast Sky's live content.

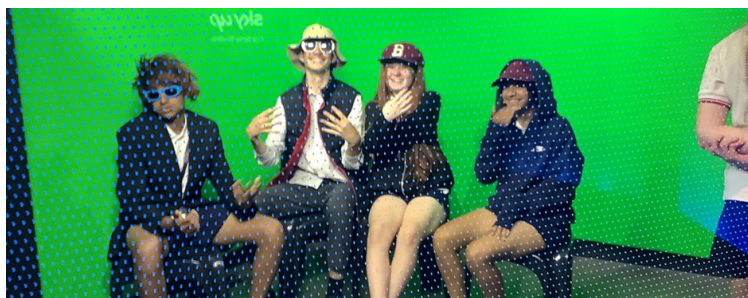
Before we were taken to Sky's innovation centre, our students were visibly excited when the Sky personnel forewarned us that we may see well known people and celebrities on site as they are involved in the production of Sky's media output.

At Sky's innovation centre, we were given a demonstration of Sky's Glass TV which employs 360° Dolby Atmos sound and Quantum Dot technology and then we were shown a mock-up of the green screen pods that are used by Sky Sports presenters on location. Mr Bogle got the opportunity to be superimposed as a special guest on a Super Sunday clip alongside a trio of Sky Sports presenters including Graham Souness and Alex Scott. (You can watch the clip here: <https://skylive.qndr.io/en/view/701fe6d2-94f2-4a13-9137-5923c7613592>).

Our students were then split into four teams and allocated film production roles as actors, directors, video editors, producers and camera operators. Each team had their own purpose built recording studio, access to an adjoining wardrobe and dressing room and a Sky trainer to help them plan, film and edit their own film trailers. Our students clearly had fun making their trailers and gained an invaluable insight into some of the career opportunities available in the visual media industry.

The visit ended with a presentation of the film trailers that our students had created and before leaving, we visited the viewing gallery for Sky News where we could see the presenters and camera operators producing a live news broadcast. The Sky production team were really impressed with our students' enthusiasm and their willingness to engage with the production process and our students really enjoyed the experience of working with high-end technology in an impressive setting.

A great day out!



SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Stuck for ideas of what to do during the summer holidays?

A document outlining a vast array of wonderful activities available in the area for our families, parents/carers and our young people has been provided by the North Bristol Families in Focus team.

The information is available on our website and can be viewed here:

[Services for Young People this summer](#)



Wellbeing support is only a click away: <https://bit.ly/3AXc12f>

HOLIDAY CLUB

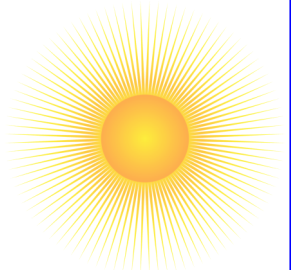
At YHH you can explore a mix of FREE and paid for school holiday clubs and activities across Bristol, for children and young people aged 4-16. Bristol belongs to its children, and this is their holiday hub! To find a club or activity to suit your family search by: <https://bit.ly/3BhEH6z>



SUN SAFETY

NHS Advice for adults and children on sunscreen and sun safety in the UK and abroad.

Sunburn doesn't just happen on holiday – you can burn in the UK, even when it's cloudy. There's no safe or healthy way to get a tan. A tan doesn't protect your skin from the sun's harmful effects. Aim to strike a balance between protecting yourself from the sun and getting enough vitamin D from sunlight. Sunburn increases your risk of skin cancer.



Sun safety tips

- spend time in the shade when the sun is strongest. In the UK, this is between 11am and 3pm, March to October
- make sure you never burn
- take extra care with children

Wear Sun-Screen

- Don't rely on sunscreen alone to protect yourself from the sun - cover up with suitable clothing.
- When buying sunscreen, the label should have: a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15 to protect against UVB at least four-star UVA protection
- Make sure the sunscreen is not past its expiry date. Most sunscreens have a shelf life of two to three years.

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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