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Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL

College restarted last week with a mood of hope and optimism. This year has so much potential for the students to thrive, both spiritually, academically and socially. Students have spent time considering the St Bede's Way and which areas they want to commit to doing better. As a college, we have also reflected on the service and wisdom of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth. The Queen's own words are wholly consistent with our view on developing character: "The teachings of Christ and my own accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life."



I want to take this opportunity to again commend our Year 11 and Year 13 from last year for their outstanding exam results. It was an absolute pleasure to celebrate with them and their families in August and I am sure they will go on to further success in their next steps. A big thank you to the teachers and support staff that helped prepare them so well.

Finally, I want to welcome our 207 new Year 7 students and 128 new Year 12 students. The Year 7s have been brimming with enthusiasm and desire to succeed from the first minute last Monday, and I'm sure they will be a credit to the college in their time with us. The new Year 12 group is the biggest we have ever taken and we are pleased that the ongoing quality provision in Areté means even more students are trusting us with their A Level study. The new building work will begin in January, giving us even more space for students to join us in September 2023.

Attendance

A gentle reminder at the beginning of term of the importance of college attendance. As you know, the college's core mission is to ensure that each child is challenged and given every opportunity to flourish. Any absence affects the pattern of a child's schooling and regular absence may seriously affect their learning. As an illustration, the progress data below highlights the impact of absence on last year's Year 11 outcomes:

Students that attended above 90% achieved half a grade higher across their subjects than the average student. Once attendance fell below 80%, students achieved more than two grades lower than the average student.

We know some absence is unavoidable due to illness, but we ask for your continued support in maximising your child's attendance across the year and encouragement to catch-up work they miss when not in school.

Attendance	Progress
>95%	0.68
>90%	0.56
<90%	0.02
<80%	-2.33

REFLECTION – 13 SEPTEMBER ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM



Saint John Chrysostom was a bishop and Doctor of the Church. **His feast day of is celebrated on September 13.** He was an Early Church Father who was best known for his preaching and public speaking.

Reflection: “No matter how just your words may be, you ruin everything when you speak with anger.” Saint John Chrysostom

Prayer: Lord, we give thanks for St John Chrysostom, we thank you for his ability to open the scriptures up for us. We pray that our lives incorporate the gospel in all that we do. Amen

REMEMBERING HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Queen Elizabeth II served as Monarch for 70 years and is rightly mourned after her passing. It is important for us to pay tribute to her for her service to our country, the commonwealth and the world as our Queen but also as a dedicated wife, mother and grandmother and great-grandmother.

Her Majesty had a very strong faith that guided her throughout her reign.

"For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, whose birth we celebrate today, is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. A role model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance and healing. Christ's example has taught me to seek to respect and value all people, of whatever faith or none." (Christmas message, 2014)

May she Rest in Peace.

Prayer

God of love,

We thank you for the life of her Majesty the Queen, for her humble service to our nation, and her faith in you.

We remember the great character and resilience she showed, through the many tough times of her reign, through Covid-19, troubles in Ireland, the aftermath of WWII, And so many more.

Let us also recall the times she made us smile, with her love of Corgi's and all things horse racing, willingness to humour herself with the Bond parachute jump at the 2012 Olympics, and the Paddington sketch for her jubilee.

Be close to all of us who mourn, that we may we find comfort and hope in your love, And in a special way be with King Charles and all the family, as they balance their own grief with the duty to public service.

Amen.

**Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace. Amen.**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2022

19th September
BANK HOLIDAY

21st September
DoE Expedition
depart

23rd September
DoE Expedition
return

26th September
Year 7 Retreat Day

26th September
European day of
Languages

ADMISSIONS 2023

If you wish to
apply for a **Year 7
place for
September 2023**,
the

Supplementary
Information Forms
should arrive in
College by **31st
October 2022**.

Parents must also
have submitted
the Common
Application Form
to their Local
Authority by **31st
October 2022**.

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WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

Welcome to the new staff joining us at St. Bede's Catholic College this year:

Miss H Cox	Science Teacher
Ms K Dyer	History Teacher
Mr J Everitt	Academic Mentor
Mr E Jones	Cover Supervisor
Mrs V King	Cover Supervisor
Mr S Spurrell	IT Senior Network Manager
Miss I Wilkinson	Learning Support Assistant
Ms E Williams	Modern Foreign Languages Outreach Teacher
Mrs C Ng	Finance Assistant
Miss J Young	Mathematics Teacher

GREAT START FOR YEAR 7

Year 7 all deserve a good rest this weekend after a very busy and exciting first two weeks. I am impressed with how quickly they have settled into St. Bede's and extremely proud of the way they have embraced every new challenge, of which there have been more than usual. Each day I am greeted by smiling faces and immaculate uniforms and I have had nothing but praise from their teachers and tutors.

I would like to introduce the new tutors: **Ms Aquilera, Miss Brooks, Mr Crockett, Ms Dyer, Miss Milton, Miss O'Brien, Mr Silver and Miss Young**. They really are a fantastic team and are getting to know the tutor groups very well already. A big thank you to each of them for their hard work in helping year 7 settle in.

I am looking forward to getting to know the year group and seeing what they are made of. Well done year 7 for taking everything in your stride. A fantastic start to St Bede's!

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 students **Henry** and **Will**. Henry and Will were recently selected to represent Bristol Bears Rugby team. A successful debut for both students with a 33-15 win against opponents the Rhondda Valley.



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

Henry and Will thank you for allowing us to print your photograph

GCSE AND A LEVEL SUCCESS AT ST BEDE'S

GCSE Results

All those that are part of the St Bede's Catholic College community are delighted to celebrate the successes of Year 11 students this year.

91% of students achieved a 4 or higher in English and Maths and 35% achieved a 7 or higher in English and Maths. The Attainment 8 score was 6.1.

The top achievers include:

Nivya Stephen: Ten grade 9s

Hugo Sukenik: Ten grade 9s

Maja Kliczka: Nine grade 9s and one grade 8

Scarlett Parker: Nine grade 9s and one grade 8

Emily Moss: Eight grade 9s and two grade 8s

Nathan Wong: Eight grade 9s, one grade 8 and one grade 7 and a grade A in Additional Maths

Mathilde Brown: Seven grade 9s and four grade 8s

Leon Vas: Seven grade 9s and three grade 8s

Rob King, Principal, said: "This fantastic group of students has lived through a hugely challenging two and half years. Despite the uncertainty, they have worked hard and risen to the challenges in a way that is so impressive. These children have grown in all aspects of their life, but today is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate their academic successes. Although we have many great performances at the top end, with large numbers of grades 8 and 9, we want to recognise all the huge achievements from students that have been dealing with very difficult circumstances. These students have earned the grades that will allow them to take their next steps in life. The students are a credit to themselves, their families and the college and we know they are going to make important contributions to our society in the future".

A Level Results

A' Level provision in **Areté** is well established and St Bede's continues to be amongst the best in the city.

95 students completed their study with us and they are now celebrating the following successes.

A* - C	77%	A* - E	99%
A* - B	53%	2 A* - E	99%
A* - A	27%	1 A* - B	72%
Average Grade	B-		

A special congratulations go to our top achieving students, including:

Isaac Dean with 3 A*s, studying History at University College, University of Oxford.

Lucy Sharman with 3 A*s, studying Fine Art at University of Gloucestershire.

James Moss with 3 A*s, studying Theoretical Physics at University of Manchester.

Olivia Morgan with 3 A*s, studying Medicine at University of Southampton.

Christine Matute with 2A*s and 1 A, studying Medicine at Kings College, London.

Marysia Parry with A*AA, studying Fine Art.

Leo John with A*AA, studying Business Accounting at University of Manchester.

Neha Jegison with A*AA, studying Medicine at Kings College, London.

Anna Harris with A*AA, studying Music at University of Bristol.

Floyd Veigas with 3As, studying Medicine at University of Bristol.

Jane Morris, Chair of Governors, said: "Well done to everyone, students and staff, in this most challenging of years. We wish each and every student success in their next steps".

SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

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/3eSQJtJ>

COST OF LIVING SUPPORT

The rising cost of living is impacting people across Bristol in different ways. To help support people most impacted, including those who have not faced financial challenge before, the council has created a cost of living support hub on their website. It provides advice and guidance on topics including housing, help with fuel bills, benefits and financial help, employment and skills, mental health and wellbeing, and provides links to useful websites and community organisations.

Visit the council website for help on cost of living support.

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/residents/people-and-communities/cost-of-living-support>

Further Advice and Support for Families in Bristol can be found [here](#)

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL DVDS

High School Musical DVDs are now available to purchase via scopay.

We have a number of copies in reception which have been purchased but not collected.

If you have ordered one, please ask your child to come to reception.

Thank you



WHOLE COLLEGE PHOTO

You may recall in June, to commemorate our 60th year, we had a whole college photograph taken.

If you ordered a photograph and have not yet received your image, please do send your child to reception to collect.

Thank you

COLLECTION OF UNIFORM

We have a number of uniform orders waiting for collection.

If you have not yet collected your recent order, please ask your child to come to reception at break or lunchtime.

Thank you



CONCUSSION AWARENESS

It is highly recommended that all parents / carers complete the following online training in order to fully understand concussion and how they can support a child with suspected concussion.

<https://www.englandrugby.com/participation/playing/headcase>

Although this link directs you to the RFU website, the PE Department would follow this protocol if we suspected a student was suffering from concussion whilst participating in ANY sport. We would also recommend that the training is completed alongside your child, so that they also gain an understanding.

BREAKTIME FOOD SERVICE

This year we are offering a break time food service. We know a number of students start their day early and we are pleased we can now offer them a hot food option at break.

The menu currently includes items such as bacon baps and sausage rolls, as well as snacks and drinks. We are very happy to adjust to meet the students preferences, so please ask them to see Mr King if they have other ideas. Students that are eligible for free school meals can use some or all of their daily £2.50 at this time, but the daily amount remains the same.



BRISTOL UNIVERSITY STUDY

Are you aged 14-17 and living in England? Would you like a £20 gift voucher?

The University of Bristol are looking for young people to take part in online interviews about consenting to take part in medical research.

If you are interested in taking part, more information and contact form can be found at: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5WGPk3E, or by scanning the QR code.



LIBRARY NEWS

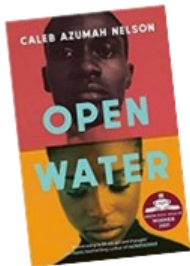
Mrs Hayman and Mrs Nicks have loved seeing returning faces and welcoming all the new Year 7s to the library, and hearing about all the great books everyone has read over the summer. Don't forget to keep coming in and sharing your recommendations



Thank you to everyone who gave us recommendations over the summer – we read as many as we possibly could! These are some of our favourites:

Possibly one of my favourite stories ever. Not so much the story of a brave little rabbit, but a rabbit who is just like many of us – he'd rather let someone else do all the hard work, until it turns out that there is no else left and he has to step up. I loved that it is presented as a story within a story too. Click on the cover to access the first chapter online. Year 7+

This was perfect summer escapism, but I'm sure it would work as the nights draw in. Set on a Caribbean island amongst the outrageously rich, we follow 'Lydia' as she seeks revenge for her mother's death. Year 8+



This book came with a playlist which I found really effective as an aid to immersing myself in the protagonist's world. An amazing debut looking at the lives of two Black twenty-something Londoners. Year 10+



I really enjoyed reading this book over the summer break. A gripping fantastical fun read with great characters, full of twists, Secrets and Magic. Amari is a bright ordinary African American girl thrust into a world she didn't know existed and uncovers amazing hidden talents while trying to find her brother. Click on the cover to see the first few pages. Year 7+



We're beginning to think we might need a bigger jar for all the reading that's been caught going on. Keep reading everyone

BADMINTON SUCCESS

Congratulations to year 11 student **Sharlene** who has had her most successful summer to date at competing in Badminton England tournaments. Sharlene has spent most of her weekends travelling to play at tournaments in Milton Keynes, Witney in Oxfordshire, and Gillingham in Kent. At the SBA U17 Tournament at Witney, she got to the finals in the girls singles and girls doubles events and finished with a silver medal in both. In the Kent U17 Tournament, Sharlene won a bronze medal in the girls doubles event.



Her most successful medal haul was closer to home, from tournaments held at the University of Bristol. In the under-17 category she won gold in the girls doubles event, and a silver in mixed doubles. She found similar success competing above her age group, in the under-19 category, where she won gold at girls doubles and a silver in girls singles event.

As the new tournament season begins, Sharlene will be busy training with the Avon County Junior squad to prepare for the Shires League and she will be competing in both junior and senior tournaments in the coming months.

Well done Sharlene, we look forward to following your progress in the future.

Sharlene, thank you for allowing us to print your photograph

TALK THE TALK

Year 7 had a wonderful day on Wednesday 14th September when we were visited by Talk the Talk who ran workshops for each tutor group. They worked really hard on listening and communication skills and have all hopefully made some new friends.

They spent the other half of their day with their tutor playing team building games and it was brilliant to see them throwing themselves into it with energy. Well done year 7 and a big thank you to the year 7 tutor team and Mrs Walker for running the day so successfully.



VACANCIES

Governors at St. Bede's Catholic College would like to appoint the following:

SCHOOL MEALS SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT (SMSA)

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.

LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT

Governors of St. Bede's wish to appoint a Learning Support Assistant to join the existing team to provide small group and in class support across the 11-16 age range. We are a friendly and welcoming team. The successful candidate will be working with students with special educational needs and disabilities requiring assistance with ongoing academic and personal development.

Experience of working with students with special educational needs is preferable but we can offer training for a committed and enthusiastic applicant.

30 Hours per week, over 5 days

Term time only including in-service training days.

This post is to commence as soon as possible.

Job descriptions and application forms can be downloaded from the website www.stbedescc.org or a hard copy can be posted to you.

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

St. Bede's Catholic College
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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OPEN EVENING

Thursday 6th October 2022

6.30pm - 8.30pm

*A climate where students discover a thirst for knowledge
and a passion for learning.*