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Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are very excited about next week's inaugural Culture Week, where we will be celebrating the diversity of our cultural heritages through food, fashion, music, dance and language. Students from the college council have led the organisation, but students from all year groups have volunteered to take part across all the activities. We look forward to sharing photos in the next newsletter.

We pray:

Dear Lord,

Your Word reveals to us that in Your kingdom there is an immeasurable amount of people from every nation, from all tribes and people; and from all languages. This diverse multitude are all worshipers of You who stand before the throne and before the lamb clothed in white robes crying out that salvation belongs to You. In heaven, there is diversity and inclusion, so let this be our mind-set here on earth too.

Amen.

God bless, Rob King

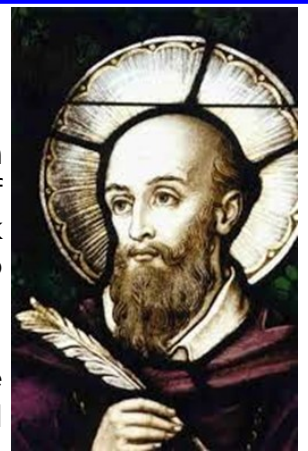
REFLECTION - ST FRANCIS DE SALES

We celebrate the memorial of St Francis de Sales on 24 January

Francis was born at the de Sales castle called Chateau of Thorens in Savoy, France. By the age of twenty-four, Francis was a Doctor of Law. In his heart, Francis was listening to a call that kept coming back like an echo. It seemed to be an invitation from the Lord telling him to "Leave all and follow Me."

Francis became a priest on December 18, 1593. Francis explained the teachings of the Catholic faith in very simple and clear language. And his gentle way with everyone, slowly brought many back to the Roman Catholic Church. Francis became the bishop of Geneva, Switzerland. He travelled and preached, working with children whenever he could.

Francis died in 1622. He was beatified in 1661 by Pope Alexander VII, who then canonized him four years later. He was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius IX in 1877.



Reflection: Have patience with all things, but chiefly have patience with yourself. Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections, but instantly set about remedying them—every day begin the task anew.—Francis de Sales

Prayer: Prayer of St Francis

My God, I give you this day. I offer you, now, all of the good that I shall do and I promise to accept, for love of you, all of the difficulty that I shall meet. Help me to conduct myself during this day in a manner pleasing to you. Amen.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2023

30th January
Culture Week

1st February
Industrial
Action Day
College open for
Year 7, 12 and 13
students only

2nd February
Gold
Duke of
Edinburgh trip

6th February
National
Apprenticeship
week

10th February
INSET DAY
Ski trip 1 and 2
depart

20th February
START OF TERM 4
WEEK A



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THE IMPORTANCE OF APPLIED LEARNING IN SCHOOLS

On Wednesday 25th January, **Aleena Thomas** (Year 13), **Chris Mathew** (Year 13) and Mrs Hicks represented English schools at a roundtable discussion about Applied Learning, in Parliament.

St Bede's has been a long term advocate of Young Enterprise (YE) and many of our students have participated in YE Company Programme over the years. In the programme students face a real life simulation of running their own business for a year, and competing with other YE businesses in our area. YE is a powerful example of Applied Learning, where students exemplify their studies in wider contexts.



Young Enterprise has partnered with The Entrepreneurs Network, a think tank, and the secretariat of the All-party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Entrepreneurship, to produce the report 'What Applied Learning Really Looks Like'. Aleena, Chris and I were selected to explain to MPs, businesses, and charities how impactful applied learning can be in schools.

This roundtable discussion explored the challenges of implementing applied learning more widely, so that all young people can benefit, along with the ways that policymakers can support it being scaled-up. Both Chris and Aleena spoke confidently about their experiences in front of Seema Malhotra MP (Shadow Business Secretary), Anna Firth MP (Parliamentary Education Committee), Justine Greening (Ex- Secretary of State for Education), Sharon Davies (CEO of YE), and many other CEOs and representatives of businesses, government and charities involved in the report. I was also grateful to be able to discuss Applied Learning from a teacher's perspective, as well as wider educational topics.

We look forward to following the progress of the report as it is released to the Parliamentary Education Committee for further discussion this week. Overall we left London feeling very proud to not only represent St Bede's, but all schools, in such powerful and important discussions!
Mrs Hicks



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 the spotlight falls on our **Year 10 Netball team.**

On Thursday 19th January, St Bede's (North Bristol Champions) hosted the Year 10 **Netball Bristol Schools Finals.**

The team played a round robin tournament against St Bernadette (South Bristol Champions) and Bristol Cathedral School (Central Champions) to see who would finish as overall Bristol Schools champions. The girls played some fantastic netball with some phenomenal shooting and overcame the challenge from two quite physical teams.

The girls beat St Bernadette 18-0 and Bristol Cathedral School 11-5 to become Bristol Schools Champions. This will be their 3rd time winning this title!

Congratulations to a talented squad, your hard work exemplifies our St Bede's Way principles. We are proud of you.



ENGLISH SPEAKING UNION COMPETITION

On Monday evening we were delighted to attend the Bristol Final of the ESU Speaking and Listening competition at Collegiate. After a hotly contested Zoom heat in December it was fantastic to get back to in-person competition once again. Our Year 10 team of Romily, Mya and Livia were superb and represented the college with a wonderful sense of fair-play and huge intelligence.

All three were very highly commended by the judges and, although they lost out to Collegiate and Hayesfield, they have promised to be back to have another go next year. Well done.



Thank you for allowing us to print your photograph

BASKETBALL SUCCESS

The senior and junior boys basketball competition is well underway and the North Bristol league have just been completed.

After playing Bristol Cathedral, Redland Green School, Fairfield, Orchard and Cotham the juniors only lost to Fairfield but still progress to the semi finals having finished second in their league.

The seniors won all of their games and therefore progress as North Bristol Champions. We will be told who we are playing in the semi finals next week. Well done.



GCSE SUCCESS

This morning Mr King had the pleasure of presenting GCSE certificates to students who sat their Modern Foreign Language GCSE early. All students obtained fantastic results, with some sitting their GCSE in year 8! Congratulations, we are so proud of you!



STRIKE DAY

I wrote to all families on Wednesday with information regarding the upcoming industrial action. Please make sure you have read this and understand the implications for your children on that day. Many thanks, Mr King

A FREE OPPORTUNITY FOR YEAR 8 TRAILBLAZERS AND YEAR 9 ADVENTURERS



CyberFirst Trailblazers and CyberFirst Adventurers are **free half day events** created for Year 8 and Year 9 students by the National Cyber Security Centre.

This is the first in a series of CyberFirst events which will start each student on the exciting path of considering which GCSEs they will take and how Computer Science can play a key role in future career prospects. They're free, fun and interactive sessions which open young minds to a world of new possibilities and focus on how to work safely and securely within those opportunities.

An accompanying parent or guardian is welcome to attend for a specifically designed talk and some light refreshments.

The **Year 8 Trailblazers** event comprises of:

- **Go Create** – Learn the basics of how to customise a website and generate enthusiasm to contribute to the World Wide Web.
- **Digital Detective** – Use digital forensics to identify the first person who has contracted a disease and learn how open source intelligence can lead to finding out more information about this person.
- **Creative Computing** – Look into how creative design, arts and technology work together. Take a closer view on how the media industry and advertising combine these elements while having the chance in teams to create your own advert sequence using stop motion.

The **Year 9 Adventurers** event comprises of:

- **The Data Games** – Understand and use big data to create the perfect team using a set of sports results, compare with others and learn the interpretation of data.
- **Crack the Code** – Against the clock you will work within teams to unlock various devices, during this you will get a taste of cryptography, language analysis and understand some cyber security terms. But don't be distracted as the timer won't stop until you Crack the Code.
- **Engineering** – 3D printers have started to revolutionise the engineering industry, have a look into how technology and engineering fit together and move into the future in partnership. Have the chance to create your very own model using 3D design software.

These events are taking place on **Saturday 4th March 2023** in **Bristol**. Trailblazers run from 9am to 12.45pm and Adventurers run from 1pm to 4.45pm.

To reserve your place (or your child's place), please visit the link below. Feel free to speak to Mr Bogle or to your ICT teacher for more information. Please note, this is not a school run event and you will have to arrange your own transport to and from the venue.

<https://www.qa.com/training/courses/cyber-security/cyberfirst/trailblazers-and-adventurers>

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY—27TH JANUARY

We mark Holocaust Memorial Day with a display of books and resources highlighting this year's theme of ordinary people.

Click on the logo to find out more about Holocaust Memorial Day (links to external website www.hmd.org.uk)



Culture Week 2023

To support Culture Week the Year 9 DofE volunteers have put a selection of resources on display across the library windowsills. Drop by if you need any information on any of the week's strands



Books we love...

It's no secret that we love books at St Bede's. Mrs Nicks is asking everyone in the school community to share the books they love and would recommend to others. Students and staff can write the title of the book they would like to recommend on a paper heart to be added to the library display. Parents and carers are invited to email the details of the books they love to Librarydesk@stbcc.org

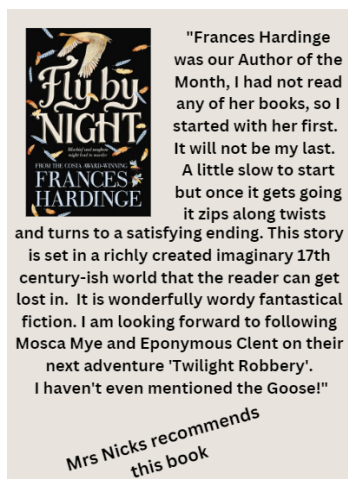
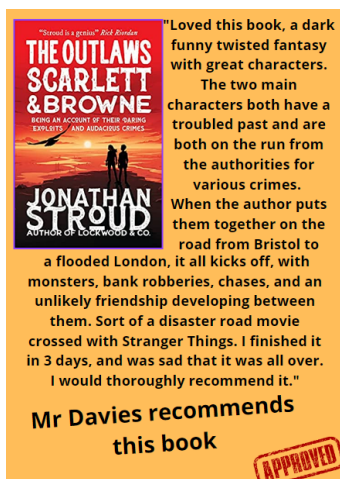
Book Awards! - The Adrien Prize

This is a new award from the author Elle McNicoll to recognise books with a positive portrayal of a main character with a disability. All three shortlisted titles are now available to borrow and review in the library.

Click on the pictures to access the first chapters, where available.



Book Reviews



Reading Resolutions 2023 Check in...

January is swiftly drawing to a close, but It is not too late to make your reading resolutions. Pick up a form from the library or email librarydesk@stbcc.org with yours.

Coming soon...The winner of the Bristol Teen Book Awards! ...Blind Date with a Book... Children's Mental Health Week...

SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

Matters of the Mind



CCHP is a partnership led by Sirona care & health CIC working with Avon & Wiltshire Partnership Mental Health NHS Trust (AWP), University Hospital Bristol NHS Foundation Trust (UHB), Barnardo's and Off The Record as partners. Together we provide all of the community child health and child and adolescent mental health services for Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire. The service is called the Community Children's Health Partnership (CCHP).

Under the 'Explore CCHP' tab: <https://cchp.nhs.uk/cchp/explore-cchp> you will find clear advice on a range of health and relationship issues alongside the extensive school health nursing pages: <https://cchp.nhs.uk/cchp/explore-cchp/school-health-nursing/school-nursing-information-resources>

VACANCIES

Governors of St Bede's wish to appoint the following:

School Meals Supervisory Assistant

The usual hours of work are 12.00pm – 1.30pm Monday to Friday, term time only. There is the opportunity of a free school meal or a drink. The hourly rate is currently £10.50

Invigilators to provide support to the examination process within the College.

Employment is offered on a casual, sessional basis and the hours of work would be between 8.30 am to 4.30 pm. The main external examinations take place in May/June each year but internal examinations can take place throughout the year.

The hourly rate of pay is £10.50 which includes payment for a proportion of accrued holiday entitlement.

Successful candidates 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 or a hard copy can be posted out to you.

If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Charters on 0117 3772200 or contact@stbcc.org

Cover Supervisor – term time only, 32.5 hours per week (Part time or job share hours considered for the right applicant)

The hours of work will be 08.30 – 15.30, Monday to Friday, 30-minute lunch break, term time only for which the annual salary is St Bede's Grade 8, point 12-18 - £18,734 - £20,912. Further information on vacancies at the college please click [here](#)

Please note that the Year 7 Progress Evening will now take place on Wednesday 1st March and not Thursday 2nd March as previously advertised.

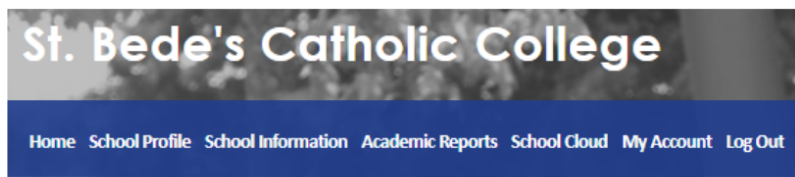
College Apps and Websites

Parent Portal

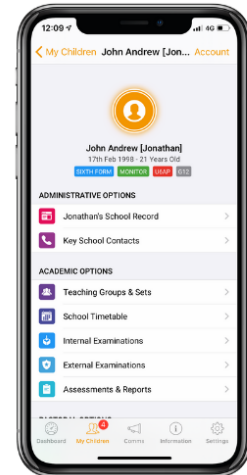
For:

Attendance, Timetable, Exam information, Reports,
School Cloud (parents evening)

Using a web browser



**Now available as an app
from your app store
School Code 50539**



Click to find out more about Parent Portal

<https://www.isams.com/platform/apps/iparent/>



For: Reporting Absence and email school. You can still email contact@stbcc.org for non-absence related communication.

ClassCharts

For: monitoring home learning and rewards and behaviour

ScoPay

For: Payments

The number of apps we use to communicate is being reviewed and over the next 12-18 months will be minimised.