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## Newsletter

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### MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL

As the fifth term of the year comes to a close, there is much to be proud of. The Year 11 and Year 13 students continue to impress with their diligence and fortitude as they work through the exam season. Alongside this, students have taken part in an amazing trip to Rome, interesting Geography field trips, and tough Duke of Edinburgh expeditions. We have enjoyed welcoming Year 5 students for various subject masterclasses and other schools to compete in the rugby "Touch to Twickenham" competition. I was inspired this week by the dedication and teamwork on show in the Year 10 Woodcock Trophy Cup Final. Despite our team's narrow defeat, the players showed great sportsmanship and pride in wearing the college colours in such a prestigious final. The breadth and depth of experience that students receive at St Bede's is one of the things that makes the college so special and I thank my colleagues for making it possible.

*Lord Father, as we come to the end of another term, we turn to you in confidence and place any difficult relationships into the healing hands of Jesus, your Son. Enable us to leave behind any regrets and bitterness, and entrust the past to your mercy, the present to your love and the future to your providence. Help us to appreciate the need to keep a good balance in our lives. May the holiday be a time of rest and recreation to help to restore us and re-create us in your image and likeness, as we enjoy more of the love and presence of our families on whom we ask your blessing. Amen.*

### REFLECTION 25 May- St Bede

**This week, we celebrate the feast of St Bede**

The Venerable Bede, or Saint Bede, was an English monk who lived in a monastery in Northumberland. He is best known for writing the Ecclesiastical History of the English.



He was born in 673 and taken to a monastery at 7 years old. Bede learned Latin, Greek and Hebrew and became one of the most learned men in England.

St. Bede, is widely regarded as the greatest of all the Anglo-Saxon scholars.

The Venerable Bede died in 735. Even on the day of his death, he was busy dictating a translation of the Gospel of St. John. When finished, he lay upon the floor of his cell singing, "Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost"

The Church declared him to be 'venerable' in 836. He was made a saint in 1899, as well as a Doctor of the Church, the only English man to hold that title.

#### Reflection:

He wrote of himself:

"I have devoted my energies to the study of the scriptures, observing monastic discipline, and singing the daily services in church; study, teaching, and writing have always been my delight."

#### Prayer:

We celebrate the Feast of our Patronal Saint, St Bede, and ask for his intercession as we continue to work and learn together as a community of faith, following his focus, "It has ever been my delight to learn, to teach and to write."

God our father, we bring ourselves to you with all of our gifts. On this feast of the Venerable St Bede, help us to bring joy, love and peace to all and to always seek and learn the truth of what we know is right over what we know is wrong and express it in works of charity to help all. Amen

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2023

**26th May 2023**  
**END OF TERM 5**

**5th June 2023**  
**START OF TERM 6**  
**Week A**

**18th June 2023**  
Gold Assessed  
Duke of  
Edinburgh  
Expedition

**19th June 2023**  
Year 10 Exams  
commence



## ST BEDE'S 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 **Gabriel** who showed a great sense of calmness and bravery when his mother was involved in an accident.

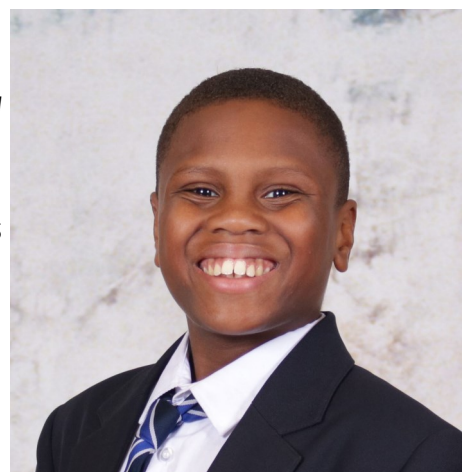
She told us:

*We were out on a bicycle ride on our way to evening mass on Sunday 7th May when I had a terrible accident going down a hill by our home.*

*Gabriel stopped an Amazon delivery driver and got him to come and assist me and then called the emergency services. He also stopped another car to help, before he went to get our neighbour.*

*The ambulance service commended Gabriel on his calmness and bravery.*

Gabriel, you exemplify our St Bede's Way principles, we are so proud of you.



## ARETÉ STUDENT SUCCESS

Congratulations to Areté student Aleena who has been named as the one of the UK's youngest councillors, having secured a seat on Bradley Stoke Town Council.

Aleena contested two former mayors for the three-member Primrose Bridge Ward, becoming the only Conservative to win there.



Aleena said: "I want to ensure that facilities, such as our local buses, remain helpful and enjoyable for everyone. I feel so lucky to grow up in a safe, calming area and wish to help future generations maintain these close bonds with the community and keep a positive outlook on Bradley Stoke."

A fantastic achievement Aleena, we look forward to following your career.

## TOUCH TO TWICKENHAM COMPETITION

St. Bede's hosted the regional "Touch to Twickenham" competition last week and teams from as far as the Isle of Wight attended.

The touch rugby competition aims to increase participation in rugby and is a mixed year 9 event. St. Bede's entered one team into the developmental competition aimed for those who haven't played rugby competitively before and one team made up of players who do regularly play.

The development team won all but one game and the competitive team were unbeaten and therefore won the event. A final squad made up from both teams will now be selected to travel to Worcester for the next round. The best of luck!



## FUTURE QUEST UPDATE

Earlier this week, 44 Year 10 students had the opportunity to visit UWE's Frenchay campus for a university experience day. The students started the day by taking part in a workshop titled 'Preparing for Success' looking at how they could prepare themselves for future interviews using the STARL framework. They then got competitive in a 'University Challenge' quiz testing their knowledge and misconceptions about university life. We then completed the day by going on a campus tour to see the facilities available to students. The staff at Future Quest were super impressed with the engagement of our pupils and the insightful questions they had to ask throughout the day.

*'My day at UWE was great fun and I learned a lot about uni life plus some tips and tricks' - Millicent*

*'It was nice to see what a day would look like in UWE. We learnt key tips and information which we will need to use in the future. This was helpful and made me think about life after college' - Destiny*





## DUKE OF EDINBURGH GOLD AWARD

Well done to our year 12 Gold Duke of Edinburgh students who completed their 3 day practice expedition in the Brecon Beacons.

They had 3 days of dry and warm conditions and coped well in the heat.

They will be completing their 4 day assessed expedition in June.

Good luck!



## COMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Eighteen of our students were commissioned as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist today. By Fr Richard McKay, at our mass to celebrate the Feast of St. Bede.

Congratulations to: **Patryk, Romily, Imogen, Thomas, James, Joel, Liv, Diana, Sean, Eva, Amblin, Chanelle, Theodora, Miriam, Annette, Mollie, Neha, Christin and Jenifer.**







## On Friday 23rd June we are celebrating GREEN DAY

We are inviting students to:

Wear Green Accessories with your uniform and donate 50p to the WWF

Try not to use plastics

Take part in the SLOW FASHION LUNCH

Slow Fashion is a movement that promotes clothes that are sustainable, ethical and often second-hand. Eco Club are hosting a clothes swap during lunch time on Friday 23rd June.

This is a chance to swap your unwanted clothes for something different - without costing the earth! Please help us to raise awareness of the problems of fast fashion by donating 1-2 items of clothing to room D9. We are looking for items such as tops, jackets, trousers, shirts, skirts and jumpers. Students will then be given a ticket which will allow them to visit the Slow Fashion lunch and choose an item of clothing for themselves.

Please ensure all clothes are washed and in a wearable state. We will start collecting donations from Monday June 5th, in preparation for the main event on 23rd June. Thank you.

## BIOARTATTACK (2D) 2023 COMPETITION

This 2023 competition is a new drawing and painting competition for children aged 7-18 years old to draw or paint their favourite animal, plant or fungi.

The closing date for entries is the 29th July 2023.

More details are available here: <https://my.rsb.org.uk/item.php?competitionid=48>

There will be lunchtime sessions for pupils to come and practice their drawings so keep an eye out for posters.

Royal Society of Biology

Competition open to all pupils aged 7-18 years

# BioArtAttack 2D 2023

## Combining Art with Science

Draw, paint or sketch your favourite animal, plant or fungi

Closing date: 29th July 2023

Junawo Choi

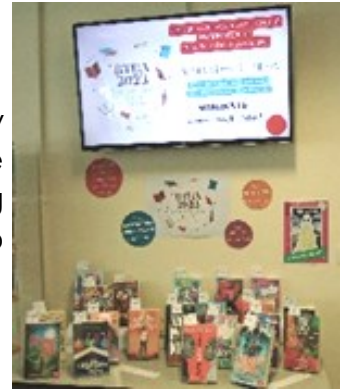
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## LIBRARY NEWS

### Dyslexia friendly books – but great stories for everyone!

We are delighted to have relaunched our Dyslexia friendly collection, with a new bookcase and lots of new titles. We have some great authors represented in the collection and are looking forward to reading them all ourselves! Everyone is welcome to borrow them.



### Bristol Teen Book Award

Come and take part in the Bristol Teen Book Award!

This year the BTBA is looking for nominations for the award from Bristol school pupils. We have a display of all the great books we have that are eligible and are looking for people to read and consider nominating them.



### Update from our Book Clubs:

Carnegie Shadowing groups

Our Illustration and Writing Medal Shadowing groups are making their final deliberations ahead of putting their votes in for the Shadowers' Choice Award after the half term.

All the books from the shortlists are available to borrow in the library.

Graphic Novel Book Club meets on Friday lunchtime in the Library. New members are always welcome



## SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

### Allergy Alert: A reminder

In the interest of those pupils with serious allergies to various types of nuts, please may we remind parents **not to send pupils into school** with nuts or nut based products, ie; Nutella, peanut butter or cereal bars containing nuts.

Pupils with allergies can become seriously unwell just by being near these products, without actually consuming them. Thank you for your kind co operation.



**Please do not bring any products containing nuts into the college. Thank you for helping to keep the children safe.**



## UNDERWATER ENGINEERING STEM CHALLENGE

On Wednesday 24th May, year 9 students **Adona, Niamh, Finbar, Sarah** and **Helina** participated in the Underwater Engineering STEM challenge. This was a thought-provoking challenge where the students had to complete a variety of activities on a miniature Remotely Operated Vehicle. They were amazing!



Using the ROV's the students had to complete 4 tasks, where the ROV had to be programmed and assembled to complete these. They also had to pitch and sell the ROV to investors Dragons Den style, with a presentation. The group created a fake company 'St Bede's Underwater Inc.' and named the bot the 'STBabyFins' in order to get the message of the task. The task was to make a ROV which could survey the surface of an Underwater nature reserve.

We are pleased to report that the team achieved 5th place. Well done!

## Seacole Charity Event - What, When, Why?

Thursday 15th June

Minimum donation £12.50 includes paint and a T shirt

Payment link is now on Scopay please speak to

Mrs Turri if you need help signing up.

All proceeds to Children's Hospice SOUTH WEST



## CONTACTING THE COLLEGE BY TELEPHONE

Please can parents ringing the college listen to all the options, or press 0 unless you are reporting an absence, wish to speak to someone in Areté or Student Support, or Finance. The numbers to call are as follows:

Press 1 for absences for students in years 7-11

Press 2 for absences of Areté students

Press 3 to speak to someone in the Areté

Press 4 for Student Support

Press 5 for Finance

Thank you

M. Cheshire

## CASHLESS CATERING

**We would like to remind all parents and carers to check whether their child's Cashless Catering account is overdrawn and bring it up to date so that there are no arrears outstanding.**

We are able to limit the amount of money they can spend on their account on a daily, weekly or monthly basis. If this is something you would like us to do please contact by email [m.cheshire@stbcc.org](mailto:m.cheshire@stbcc.org). If your child is in Year 11 it is particularly important that the account is cleared by the end of June.

M. Cheshire

## FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS FOR MAY HALF TERM

Free school meals vouchers have been issued by email on 24th May 2023 unless you have made other arrangements with Mrs Cheshire. If you are expecting FSM Vouchers but have not seen the email, please check your junk mail before contacting Mrs Cheshire via email to [m.cheshire@stbcc.org](mailto:m.cheshire@stbcc.org), giving your child(ren)'s names so that we can arrange for it to be resent.

M. Cheshire

## HPV VACCINATIONS FOR ALL YEAR 9 STUDENTS

HPV vaccinations will take place on Tuesday 13 June for year 9 students.

Letters of consent will be sent out to parents who have not already consented in Year 8 at the time of their first dose.

A friendly reminder that your child will not be vaccinated under any circumstances by the Sirona team if you have not consented prior to vaccination day.



# St Bede's SEN Family Support Group



Tea, coffee & biscuits provided.



NEURODIVERSITY

DATE & TIME:  
19TH MAY  
9AM-10:30AM



MENTAL HEALTH &  
WELLBEING

DATE & TIME:  
23RD JUNE  
9AM-10:30AM



BRISTOL PARENT/CARER  
FORUM VISITING  
SPEAKER

DATE & TIME:  
7TH JULY  
9AM-10:30AM

To book a  
place, please  
email:



[l.simpson@stbcc.org](mailto:l.simpson@stbcc.org)

# **Clifton Diocesan Annual Pilgrimage to Glastonbury**

is taking place

## **on Sunday 9th July 2023**

**The Pilgrimage programme is as follows**

### **At St. Mary's Church; Chapel of Silent Adoration**

11.30am Holy Rosary

12 noon Exposition of the Blesséd Sacrament

Silent Adoration

Sacrament of Reconciliation

3.00pm Simple Benediction

### **Chapel of Healing Prayer**

In the Abbey grounds

12noon—3.00pm

Private Healing Prayer will be offered by

The Shrine's Healing Prayer team

### **Rosary Procession**

through Glastonbury Town centre

2.15pm Procession starts in the Abbey Grounds

### **3.30pm Mass in the Abbey**

**Celebrated by**

**Rt. Rev. Declan Lang, Bishop of Clifton**

It is always encouraging to see our young people taking part in these events.

More details are available from the college or your parish,

or from the Glastonbury Shrine website:

[www.glastonburyshrine.co.uk](http://www.glastonburyshrine.co.uk)