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Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL

The year has begun very well. We have been blessed with a wonderful group of Year 7s, now well settled into the rhythm of college life. It is a joy to see them make new friends. Seacole House celebrated their House Mass on the feast day of their patron, Saint Padre Pio. Year 11 have survived the variable weather on their Duke of Edinburgh expedition and our Art students benefited from a wonderful portrait workshop with visiting artist, Adebajji Alade.

The college will be holding its Open Evening for families with children considering St Bede's in September 2024 on Thursday 5th October from 6pm. Please encourage your friends and family who are considering their child's next steps to come along to see for themselves what an education at St Bede's looks and feels like.

This week, we have also been discussing the Catholic Social Teaching pillar on the dignity of the human person, so I thought the prayer below was fitting:

O Lord, open our hearts to respect and uplift the dignity of every person. Open our eyes to see the injustices within church and society. Open our ears to listen and learn from the experiences of all people. Open our mouths to speak out against prejudice and injustice. We commit ourselves to work for justice and peace, and to pursue a deeper relationship with you, Lord, so that we truly may be the body of Christ on earth, your church for the sake of the world. Amen

REFLECTION—23 September—Feast Day of St. Pio of Petrelcina

We mark the feast day of our Seacole House Saint. The Catholic Church remembers the Italian Franciscan priest St. Pio of Petrelcina, better known as "Padre Pio" and known for his suffering, humility and miracles.



This famous saint is well known helping people from all over the world to get closer to God through the Sacrament of reconciliation. He helped the poor, founded a hospital and many prayer groups. Padre Pio is well known for his stigmata (red marks) on the palms of his hands. After World War I he started to miraculously experience the stigmata, meaning he suffered the same wounds that Christ suffered during the crucifixion. This miracle made Padre Pio very famous. He heard confessions of pilgrims from all over Europe for 10-12 hours a day and responded to letters late into each night. Out of fear that the miraculous stories about him were untrue, the pope placed restrictions on his ministry for years. All evidence showed, however, that the miracles surrounding his life, including the stigmata, were true. Devotion to Padre Pio grew even greater after his death in 1968 and canonization in 2002.

Reflection:

"Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer."

"Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter." Saint Padre Pio

Prayer: to St Pio

St Padre Pio, grant me hope as I go through this day. When I am tempted to give up, help me to keep going.

Grant me a cheerful spirit when things don't go my way.

And give me the courage to do whatever needs to be done.

Amen.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2023

22nd September

Pasteur
& Descartes
House Charity
Quiz Night
6.00pm

5th October

Year 9
Battlefields trip
depart

5th October

**MAIN COLLEGE
OPEN EVENING
6.00pm**

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 year 10 student, Daniel.

Daniel has been a fantastic ambassador for Descartes house over the past fortnight, using his time before college, during break and at lunchtime to sell tickets for the Descartes and Pasteur Quiz Night being held at the college this evening.

Congratulations Daniel, your hard work and kindness exemplifies our St Bede's Way principles.

We are proud of you.



ACCLAIMED ARTIST VISIT TO ST BEDE'S

Early last week, the GCSE and A Level Art students had both the amazing opportunity and pleasure to be involved in a whole day workshop with the acclaimed British artist, Adebajji Alade.

Adebajji features regularly on the BBC's The One Show as well as being the President of the Royal Institute of Oil Painters. Whilst he works with many different themes, he is predominantly an accomplished Portrait painter and this was the subject of the workshop for our students. They produced a portrait during the day, under his tuition and this will now support and inform their work going forward this year. It was a fantastic day and the students produced some amazing examples.



CASHLESS CATERING

SCOPAY is now running properly so we urge all parents to use the website to add monies to their child(ren)'s account, as it is the most secure option. If your child(ren) have free School Meals please also check that they have not overspent their allocation and, if required, top up where necessary.

We are aware that some parents do not want their child(ren) to access the canteen food, or do not want them to be able to overspend. If this is you please can you contact finance@stbcc.org with details of the Child(ren) in question, whether you want your child to access the canteen food at all, the maximum daily amount you want them to be able to spend. e.g the FSM allocation only (£2.75), whether you are happy for them to go into arrears and to what extent.

Please remember if you set a limit then you will need to ensure there are sufficient funds on the account to enable them to eat. There is an APP which is available that your child could access to enable them to check, before school, how much is on their account. If you want this facility please contact the finance office at finance@stbcc.org,

You should be aware that if you add money on SCOPAY it will take up to 45 minutes before it appears on your child(ren)'s account(s) so please be sure to add funds by 10.00am for breaktime and by 11.30 for lunchtime.

VACANCIES

St. Bede's Catholic College are seeking to recruit the following:

Finance Manager – term time only, 21 hours per week (days to be negotiated)

We are seeking to recruit a part time Finance Manager to manage the Finance Office and staff in support of the School Business Manager. You will be able to work calmly and reliably under pressure, have strong IT skills and be able to prioritise your work effectively and meet tight deadlines.

School Meals Supervisory Assistant

To supervise, guide and assist pupils during the midday break, so as to ensure the safety, general welfare and proper conduct of pupils during this period.

The usual hours of work are 12.00pm – 1.30pm Monday to Friday, term time only
The hourly rate is currently £10.90.

For further information please click [here](#)

Celebrate St Bede's

CULTURE DAY 2023

FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

**STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO WEAR THEIR
OWN CULTURAL CLOTHES
OR
ACCESSORISE IN THEIR FLAG'S
COLOURS**

**DONATIONS TO THE CAFOD EMERGENCY
RESPONSE TEAM ARE MUCH
APPRECIATED!**



Admissions for Year 7 September 2024

Parents of any Year 6 student wishing to apply for a place at St Bede's for September 2024 are reminded to:

- Complete the Local Authority application form and return it to your Local Authority through the common transfer procedure

and are requested to:

- Complete the Online Supplementary Information Form following the link below:

<https://stbcc.applicaa.com/year7>

The deadline for both forms to be received is Tuesday, 31st October 2023



ST BEDE'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

OPEN EVENING

Thursday 5th October

6.00pm - 8.00pm



If you are looking for a great education for your child within a Christian Community you need look no further than St. Bede's Catholic College.

www.stbedesccc.org
Tel: 0117 3772200

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR

We are looking for someone with enthusiasm, passion and a belief in Catholic education who is keen to support St Bede's in being the best it can be.

You do not need to be an expert in education; our board is made up of governors with a range of experience and expertise and we are looking for a diverse range of people to contribute to this. We would particularly welcome candidates with legal, personnel, financial or marketing expertise.

St Bede's has a superb reputation locally, within the Diocese and nationally. We are recognised by the Diocese as an Outstanding Catholic College. Full Governing Body meetings and committee meetings are held 3 times a year, during the day.

Further information about being a governor in a catholic school can be found here: <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/governance>

If you wish to support the college by becoming a foundation governor, please complete the application form which can be found here: <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/form-2>

LIBRARY NEWS



Year 7s

We have been delighted to see the keen reading going on at break and lunchtime. 117 have borrowed at least their first book from the Library and earned an achievement point. Two have even managed double figures! We have seen most of the Year 7s for their Library induction and we look forward to seeing the rest soon.

Congratulations to the Year 7 pupils who completed a line in our Summer Book Bingo challenge.

We are celebrating National Coding Week in the Library with our coding



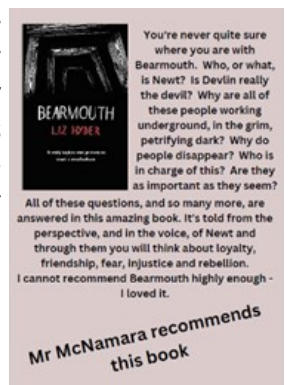
books, but also some of our favourite AI inspired novels.

Library overdues

As we reach the end of the first 3 weeks of term some of our borrowed items will be becoming due for return. If books go overdue, pupils will start to receive emails reminding them that they need to come back. Reminders will also go to Tutors. After a pupil has received 3 reminders, parents will be emailed for their assistance in returning the item. Please note that we reserve the right to charge for any item not returned, or damaged beyond use. There is a standard charge of £7 per item but this may be more if a book is very expensive (This is done on a case by case basis.) Pupils with overdue books on their accounts will not be allowed to borrow anything else.



Thank you to Johanna in Year 7 for recommending the author Cath Howe to me. I really enjoyed 'Not My Fault'. It's an ultimately happy story of how misunderstandings can drive a wedge between sisters without anyone realising. I look forward to reading some more by this author. Click on the picture to read the first chapter. Mrs Hayman



Our Guest Reviewer is Mr McNamara, who enjoyed the YA novel, Bearmouth. Year 10+. Click on the picture to read the first chapter

SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

Research published by the UK Safer Internet Centre highlighted that 78 percent of 8-17 year olds have received a friend request from someone they don't know, and 68 per cent have experienced offensive or mean comments from other players and social media users.

Setting up controls and individual safety settings on a child's favourite app or game, is one of the ways that parents and carers can help to keep children safe and stop unwanted contact from people they don't know.

The NSPCC have provided some very useful advice on how to keep children safe. The guide can be found here;

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

College Apps and Websites

Parent Portal

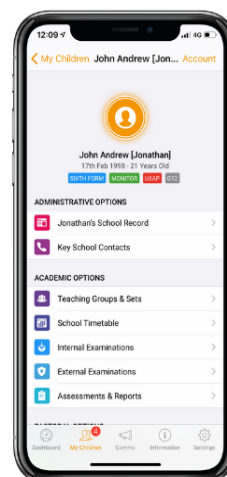
For:

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.



Dance Classes

For 11-16 year olds

WHAT?

**FUN DANCE SESSIONS IN A VARIETY OF STYLES IN
A FUN AND WELCOMING ATMOSPHERE!**

WHEN?

MONDAYS 5-6PM

WHERE?

ST BEDE'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE BS11 OSU

WHO?

**ANYONE AGED 11-16 YEARS OLD WITH AN INTEREST
IN DANCE - NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!**

**EMAIL SARAHSTONEDANCE1@GMAIL.COM TO BOOK
FACEBOOK - @SARAHSTONEDANCECOMMUNITY**