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Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL

Today we say goodbye to our Year 11s in their final assembly and at this evening's prom. Many of them will return to Areté in September, but others will go on to apprenticeships, colleges, or sixth forms to continue their education. They have been a wonderful year group and we are excited to hear about their future successes.

Next week we do the same at the Year 13 prom. A year group committed to social justice and inclusion, they have inspired me throughout their time with us and we look forward to seeing them flourish in their next steps.

Finally, I wanted to express my happiness that we have been able to form a small but dedicated PTFA. They are keen to raise their profile and begin fund raising, and so will be running a raffle at the transition evening for new Year 7 families on Thursday 6th July. If you have any items you could donate for our PTFA raffle, please ask your children to drop them off to the main reception any time from Monday 3rd July.

As we enjoy the summer, we pray:

*May we make our homes places of relaxation,
joy, love, peace and safety.*

*May we be generous and considerate,
not thinking only about ourselves,
but helping others enjoy the blessings of the summertime.*

*Lord God, Creator of all things,
guide our steps and strengthen our hearts
during these months of summer and vacation days.*

*Grant us refreshment of mind and body.
May we constantly strive to make a meaningful difference
in the lives of our loved ones and in the world around us
as we enjoy the warm days of summertime. Amen.*

NATIONAL TEACHING AWARDS 2023

Congratulations to Mrs White who has won the award for **"Teaching Assistant of the Year"** in this year's National Teaching Awards 2023.

This is such a well deserved award for Mrs White who has offered such amazing support to young people at St. Bede's for a number of years. She is hugely supportive of their academic development, but also commits to each child's holistic development, allowing them to flourish as children of God. We are so proud of you.



REFLECTION

29 June – Feast of SS Peter and Paul

Two of the greatest saints who have ever lived are commemorated together on this Feast. Simon Peter, the acknowledged leader of Christ's disciples and impetuously inclined 'Prince of the Apostles' is joined by a man who was, in so many respects, his polar opposite: Saul of Tarsus, a fiercely observant Pharisee, scholar and one of the most creative and original theologians to



ever live, who became St Paul. We join with the Church through the ages in honouring two of the 'Apostolic men' who gave the Church its initial missionary impetus and zeal. They were both very different!

As we celebrate these two great saints, let us remind ourselves that, although very different, each had a personality which contributed much to the Church. In the same way, provided we allow God to work with us and through us, our own personality makes a vital contribution of itself, quite apart from any specific gifts with which we might be endowed. Let us celebrate the great diversity with which God endows the members of his Church as we rejoice in the examples of his great saints.

Reflection:

"The Church looks to these two giants of faith and sees two Apostles who set free the power of the Gospel in our world, only because first they themselves had been set free by their encounter with Christ... they were neither judged nor humiliated by Jesus, who instead shared their life with affection and closeness. He does the same with us"

Pope Francis

A prayer to Sts. Peter and Paul

O holy Apostles,
Peter and Paul, intercede for us.
Protect, O Lord, your people who trust in the
patronage of your Apostles, Peter and Paul;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2023

30th June 2023

Year 11
Prom

6th July 2023
NEW DATE

Year 6
Transition Day

6th July 2023
NEW DATE

Year 6
Parents' Mass
6.00pm

7th July 2023

Year 13
Prom

21st July 2023
INSET DAY

Last Day
of Term 6



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 Oliver.

Oliver, who is a member of the Newman Martial Arts Academy, has recently achieved his Black Belt 1st Grade in Tae-Kwon-Do. To achieve the Black Belt Oliver had to sit a number of exams (practical, spoken and written, mainly in Korean)

Oliver also attends the 2002 (Kingswood) Squadron ATC - Royal Air Cadet group. Having joined in 2021 he recently earned his promotion to Cadet First Class.

Both of these activities are contributing towards the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award which Oliver is currently working towards at St. Bede's.

Congratulations Oliver, your hard work exemplifies our St Bede's Way principles. We are proud of you.



HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL 2023-2024

Congratulations to **Jack Skiffington** and **Livia Koikkara** who following interview, have been named as **Head Boy and Head Girl** for 2023-2024

Congratulations also to:

Deputy Head Boy: **Joe Mortell**

Deputy Head Girl: **Romily Maunder**

Assistant Head Boy: **Giuseppe Licata**

Assistant Head Girl: **Alessia Licata**

Senior Prefects: **Zabriel Demillo, Christo James, Tom Stephens, Chanelle Gatheru, Imogen Shepherd, Annette Siby**



We look forward to the good work Jack and Livia, along with their senior prefect team will do, during the forthcoming year.

ARETÉ TASTER DAY

We were delighted to welcome over 160 students to our Areté taster day on 27th June.

Students were able to try out different subject lessons to get an idea of what they may study over the next two years. The day culminated in a brilliant team building afternoon where students participated in a variety of activities and a quiz in the lecture theatre. All students enjoyed the friendly competitiveness and had a wonderful time.

We look forward to seeing them in September.



BRIDGING HISTORIES

The history department is hoping to develop a Bridging Histories project next year. The aim of this project is to celebrate the diversity within our school and our city.

We would really like to hear accounts of why St. Bede's families came to Bristol and we would like to share family stories, recipes, traditions etc. and encourage pupils to develop a love of oral history.

We would particularly appreciate any contact from anyone of the Windrush generation. If you would be willing to share any of your family history, please email Mrs Lewis at lewisk@stbcc.org

TOUCH TO TWICKENHAM NATIONAL FINALS

Having won the regional round of the Touch To Twickenham rugby competition the mixed Year 9 team went to the national finals, held at the Worcester Warriors Stadium.

Twelve teams from all over the country attended. We had a tough first round and unfortunately lost our opening 2 games. However, winning our final game meant we were placed into the B league for the afternoon games.

The team played some excellent rugby. We won 4 of 5 games and finished 2nd in the league. This meant our final position was 7th overall!

Mrs Smith and Mr Johnson were delighted with the team's performances. They also were highly praised by the officials and organisers for their attitude throughout the day. As were the 6th form leaders who were fantastic.

Congratulations to everyone!



GREEN DAY

Last Friday, 23rd June, St. Bede's held its inaugural 'Green Day'. Students wore green to college, tried to cut out the use of single-use plastics for the day and held a 'slow fashion' event, where they donated and swapped second-hand clothes. All money raised was donated to the World Wildlife Fund, to help support their important work in reducing the human impact on our natural world.

Indeed, 'Fast Fashion' has devastating consequences on our environment, responsible for 20% of all of the water pollution on the planet, so it was wonderful to see therefore, that of the 88 items of clothing that were donated by students, 73 items went to a new home. This was a real success and we will hold more of these events in the future to make sure that we contribute to slowing down fast fashion.

Thank you to all of our students and staff for supporting our very first 'Green Day' We look forward to continuing our work towards sustainability.



STEM ENTHUSE LAUNCH

On Thursday, 15th June five students were invited to attend a STEM Enthuse Launch event with Jacobs Engineering.

"Today we had an amazing day at Jacob's engineering. First we listened to some of the crew from the HMS Oardacious team talk about their life in submarines and their daring adventure rowing across the Atlantic sea. Then we were given a challenge of our own to create a self-propelled boat to carry as many 1p pieces as possible to sail across a body of water. This challenge allowed us to work with graduate engineers who work for Jacobs engineering and speak to them about their careers.

We were all impressed with Jacobs' offices and had an amazing day; even though sadly our boat capsized"

This event was the first of many as part of a STEM Enthuse project between five secondary schools (including St. Bede's Catholic College) and Jacobs engineering.

The project will enable students to further their understanding of STEM careers alongside professional development for our science faculty. This is a fantastic opportunity and we are very grateful to Jacobs for their support over the next two years.

PSYCHOLOGY REVISION

Thirty Year 10 GCSE Psychology students attended a lunch time revision session on Tuesday 20th June. The session was run by twelve, Year 12 A Level Psychology students. The sixth form students worked with the younger students to improve their research methods skills and to help them with their exam technique in preparation for their upcoming mocks.

REVISION GUIDES

Congratulations to our students who have completed the 'exam season'.

If you have borrowed CGP Revision guides etc from the English Faculty - please return these so they can be used next year.

HEAD LICE

We have received reports of pupils needing treatment for headlice.

Head lice are tiny insects that live in the hair and are a very common problem among school children as the lice move crawl from head to head, they are not fussy and like any type of hair, washed/unwashed, long, curly or short hair.

If your child has head lice, the quickest and most cost effective method to try first is by wet combing with a special comb bought from a pharmacy or online. If live lice are found ALL family members must be treated. However, clothing, bedding and towels do not need to be washed as lice do not survive away from the hosts head. All long hair should be tied up at all times. It is not necessary to contact your GP and your child can still attend school. If you check your child's hair every 2 days and use the wet comb method they should remain free from lice.

For further information and how to treat head lice and eggs please use the NHS link below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

WATER BOTTLES

As the summer season continues, please could you ensure that your child brings in a water bottle into college. Thank you.

Save the Date!:



**Everyone Welcome!
All Houses!!**



**Pasteur & Descartes
Family Quiz
22nd September 2023**

**Venue: St Bede's Catholic College
Doors open @ 6pm (6.30pm start)**

Family Fun. Raffle. Prizes. Entertainment. Quiz

**Any Raffle Prize donations, gratefully received.
Please see Ms Sharp or Ms Johnston**

**Raising funds for our House Charities:
Shelter: The Housing and Homeless
Charity**



LIBRARY NEWS

There has been lots going on over the last couple of weeks. Mrs Hayman has been very busy putting together displays of resources to support Windrush day, Refugee Week and Green Day as well as wrapping up our Carnegie Shadowing groups.



News from our book clubs

(Friday 12.45—1.15pm)

The first recommendation from our Graphic Novel book club is *Run On Your New Legs* by Wataru Midori – Great illustration, fast paced and full of heart. It is the first in a series and definitely worth a read. Click on the image to link to the library catalogue and reserve it today!

Fantasy Book Club (Mondays 12.45 -1.15) are enjoying listening to *How to Train Your Dragon* by Cressida Cowell. New members always welcome.

Mrs Nicks is taking part in the teachers' reading challenge. Please recommend a book for her to read!
Email Librarydesk@stbcc.org with your suggestions.

Want to learn more about Fast Fashion?

Books available to borrow from the Library

An investigation into the damage wrought by the colossal clothing industry - and the grassroots, high-tech international movement fighting to reform it.

Tricked into working in an illegal garment factory in Hanoi, life has become a daily hell. The horrific real-life cost of fast fashion is exposed in this gripping tale of survival

Crow is in designer heaven but poor Edie's in trouble...the rumours are that slave children in India have been making their high-street collection.



LIBRARY NEWS CONTINUED...

Some of our Year 7s and 9s have been shadowing the Yoto Carnegie Awards this year, and the Year 9s visited Clifton College for a drama competition. Thank you to our Shadowers **Amelia, Finnian, Caiomhe, Emily- Anne** and **Khali** for helping to produce our report.

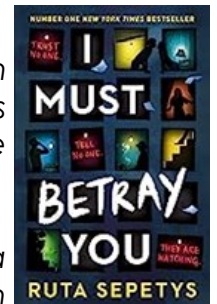


Winner of the Yoto Carnegie Medal for Writing

Set in a world after an unspecified nuclear disaster, "this book is incredibly fascinating as it is relatable to everyday life. The story is very chilling as it looks forward to an uncertain future. The blue tones on the cover give us an uncanny feeling that something terrible has happened. I also like that the only source of light is the bright moon"

Winner of the Shadowers' award for Writing

Set in Romania in 1989, just before the fall of the regime. "This book is an incredible read. It almost makes the reader's breath stop for a split second. This book was very good and I would definitely recommend to those who love suspenseful mystery books"



"The competition began with a talk from author Louisa Reid who spoke about her new book *The Activist*. Then we performed an adaptation of a scene in the book 'The Light in Everything.' The students from the other schools were very kind and we got multiple congratulations. We all loved our visit to Clifton College and generally taking part in Shadowing."

"'The Light in Everything' was such a beautiful and light read. The thing I loved most about the book was the character development and it's the type of book that you can read over and over but still feel like you're reading it for the first time!"

From our Year 7 Shadowers

"It was very fun and I would recommend for all year 7's currently and in the future,"

"All the books were amazingly beautiful and had great meanings behind the stories. Some are based on real things and happenings and others aren't but that's the beauty of books. No matter who you are there's a book meant for you. I personally recommend *The Comet* or *The World We Leave Behind*, *Being in Shadowers* was amazing too! I opened my love of reading even more."

Remember, all the shortlisted books are available to borrow from the Library

GOLD DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Congratulations to the 14 year 12 students who completed their DofE Gold Award Expedition in the Brecon Beacons in June! They travelled around 18 km each day with everything they needed in their bags on a self-sufficient hiking and camping expedition. The hot weather and lack of shade in the area made for particularly challenging conditions which they handled well. The picture shows the students after finishing their final day with our Expedition Leader. Well done to you all and we look forward to seeing you finish the rest of the award!



SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

The St. Pauls Carnival is tomorrow, Saturday 1st July. Please find the checklist below for secondary students and the checklist overleaf for parents and carers which have been prepared to help this event run safely;



Keep it Carnival - have fun and celebrate, enjoy the day!

<input type="checkbox"/>	Fully charge your phone and if you have one bring a backup charger. Tip: Write your parent/carer's number on a bit of paper in case you run out of battery, and you need to borrow someone else's.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Connect and stay safe. If you are going with friends, or you're not going straight from home – make sure you parents can contact each other.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Check the weather and dress appropriately. Wear sensible footwear. Tip: It's likely to be hot - bring sun lotion, sunglasses, and a hat! If you have a hand fan – you want to bring that too!
<input type="checkbox"/>	Eat breakfast. Tip: Bring a cereal bar/snacks with you. You don't know how long it would be to queue for food and drink.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Stay hydrated - Bring a bottle of water. Tip: Bring a bottle you can refill. There will be water towers available to refill
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agree meet up points if you get separated from friends and/or family. Tip: Use the Carnival Map — St Pauls Carnival Mandela's Hideout (St Agnes) is aimed at children and families and St Pauls Park is aimed at young people.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Getting home arrangements confirmed. Have you agreed with your parents what you need to do? Tip: Carnival ends at 10pm – but you may need to think about how long you'll wait for public transport.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Look out for each other and stay safe. It can be tempting to keep up with what your friends are doing. Tip: If you or a friend gets ill/sick – get help! Leave together if you feel uncomfortable.



THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR RESPECTING...

- ...each other - don't dance with people who do not want to dance with you
- ... the community and neighbourhood – don't pee in the gardens or alleys, use the designated toilets
- ...the environment - put your rubbish in the bin or take it with you.
- ...carnival - remember the purpose of the event – leave your grievances at home.

SUPPORT

Carnival staff, Stewards, and Youth Workers will be around on the day if you need help.

BRISTOL DRUGS PROJECT CHILL OUT SPACE (ST PAULS PARK) 12-7PM


HORN YOUTH CONCERN – (detached youth work) 12-9pm

BLACK MOTHERS MATTER – MANDELA 'SHIDEOUT (ST AGNES)





Keep it Carnival - have fun and celebrate, enjoy the day!

Be prepared!	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Check the weather and ensure that you dress your children appropriately. Wear sensible footwear. It's likely to be hot - bring sun lotion, sunglasses, and a hat! If you have a hand fan – you want to bring that too!
<input type="checkbox"/>	Everyone eats breakfast - Bring snacks with you too. You don't know how long it would be to queue for food and drink.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Stay hydrated - Bring bottles of water. There will be water towers available to refill
<input type="checkbox"/>	Plan your journeys. Local roads are likely to be busy and or closed. Carnival ends at 10pm – but you may need to think about how long you'll wait for public transport.
Just in case.... Do some safety planning	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Write your mobile number on a bit of paper/key ring and put it in your child's pocket. If your child has a phone, make sure its fully charged and bring a backup charger
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agree meet up points if you get separated - Use the Carnival Map – St Pauls Carnival . Mandela's Hideout (St Agnes) is aimed at children and families and St Pauls Park is aimed at young people.
	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Take a photo of your child in the morning! Create a lovely memory but also this will help if your child gets lost you can show carnival staff who to look out for.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Identify staff or areas where your child where they can help hopefully you wont need this, but just in case – look for the lost/found tents and know how to get there.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bring photographic identification - if your child has been lost and found, event staff will want to verify who you are.
If you are not attending with your child...some extra considerations	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Know who your child is with - If your child is going off with friends– make sure you have their friend's parent/carer's contacts.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Set rules and expectations. Check in with your children before they leave home. Talk about worries and how you can reassure yourselves. You can use the corresponding Young Persons Check list to support this conversation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Plan getting home - make sure you consider getting home safe. It will be a busy day and you may not be able to pick them in the local area due to road closures.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Communicate throughout the day - Get them to send you selfies and regularly message – if they need help know how you can get support.
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