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## Newsletter

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### MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL

*It was a privilege to be a part of two wonderful services this fortnight. Last week, we gathered to reflect on the life of Jacob Browse, one year on from his passing. Students shared poems and memories.*

*This week, Year 7 had their own Mass, which gave them a chance to reflect on their first six months at St Bede's as well as on the life of their patron saint, St Josephine Bakhita. St Josephine was enslaved as a child and came to faith when with the Canossian Sisters in Venice. Her story of hardship, faith and forgiveness is truly inspirational.*

*Last week was also our second annual Culture Week. This was a fantastic opportunity to share food, games, music, fashion and dance, highlighting the great cultural diversity that makes St Bede's such a special place. The student Culture Committee spent time planning the exciting events, and students across the college dedicated themselves to preparing for and taking part in the activities. I am proud of them all.*

### 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 year 8 student Oliver who was our highest scoring participant in this year's Oxford University Computational Challenge.

The challenge was open to the top 10% of the participants in the UK Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge held last November.

Just over 450 of St. Bede's ICT students participated in the Junior and Intermediate Bebras Challenges for Years 7 to 9 which had a record 330,000 participants from the UK and overseas.

This is the second year in a row that Oliver has been our highest scoring participant in the OUCC. Congratulations!

**Oliver, your hard work exemplifies one of our St Bede's Way principles, we are so proud of you.**



## REFLECTION – St Josephine Bakhita

This week we celebrate the feast day of St Josephine Bakhita on 8 February

St Josephine was born in the Sudan, East Africa, in 1869.

Between the ages of 7 to 9 she was kidnapped and sold into slavery. Some Owners were kind; however, others were cruel and Josephine was sometimes treated badly.

Josephine worked for an Italian official who brought her to Italy to care for his children. While the family was on holiday Josephine went to stay with the Canossian Sisters in Venice. Here she was very touched by the faith, hope and love of the Sisters.

Josephine made up her own mind to follow Jesus by offering hospitality to people who visited their convent, being kind to all people and making sure the convent and school were places of safety, harmony and joy.

In 2000 Josephine was declared a saint by the Catholic church. She is remembered as a woman of faith and forgiveness, courage and compassion.

At her canonization ceremony on October 1, 2000, Pope John Paul II said of St. Josephine: "The history of her life inspires not passive acceptance but the firm resolve to work effectively to free girls and women from oppression and violence..."

### Reflection:

"If I were to meet the slave-traders who kidnapped me and even those who tortured me, I would kneel and kiss their hands, for if that did not happen, I would not be a Christian and Religious today...." St Josephine Bakhita

### Prayer: Prayer to St Josephine Bakhita

St. Josephine Bakhita, you were sold into slavery as a child and endured untold hardship and suffering.

Assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity.

Provide comfort to survivors of slavery and let them look to you as an example of hope  
Help all survivors find healing from their wounds.  
Amen.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024

**9th February**  
**INSET DAY**  
**END OF TERM 3**

**19th February**  
**START OF TERM 4**

**21st February**  
Meet the  
Professionals  
Careers event for  
Year 11

**21st February**  
Year 10, 12, 13  
Opera trip

**22nd February**  
Year 11 and Year  
13 Photos

**27th February —  
29th February**  
St. Bede's presents  
'Matilda'  
6.30pm

## THE GREAT ST BEDE'S BAKE OFF

On 29th January we held our Annual The Great St. Bede's Bake-Off. The creations were delicious and the judging panel found it very difficult to decide the winner. Congratulations to all bakers who made the event such a sweet success!



### Winners January 2024

**Year 7 - Antonia Leszczynska**  
**Elsie Cousins - Overall sweet**  
**winner**

**Year 8 - Katelyn Noel and**  
**overall savoury winner**

**Year 9 - Amalie Jackson**

**Year 10 - Khali Hanyana**

**Year 11 - Ninya Rodrigues**



## YEAR 10 YOUNG VOLUNTEERS

Nine of our Year 10 Young Volunteers met up with three other Diocesan Schools at St Bernadette's in Whitchurch to hear about the Catholic Charity, Missio and to pledge to work towards raising funds and awareness of the charities work.

The group talked about the values that are important to them and the work that they could do and created their own 'red box' of values to help them to think about the important missionary work that Missio do.

The group were full of ideas and plan to put them in place during Lent and beyond, as a follow up to the great work for HCPT, selling cakes and roses.



## CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY'S HE+

On Monday 29 January we invited over 150 Year 12 students from eight other sixth forms in the Bristol area to the 2024 launch of Cambridge University's HE+ programme of widening participation.

As the Bristol hub school we organised a morning of events to inform students of the opportunities the programme offers, as well as taking part in some challenging exercises including a minute presentation associating an abstract object with their chosen degree subject. As judged by a clapometer, the law group won the prize for the making the greatest impact!

To complete the programme the students need to research and produce a poster on the theme 'The Future'. Winning entries will be invited to a presentation event later in the year at Trinity Hall, Cambridge. We wish them luck!

## BELL BURNELL HOUSE NEWS

Many congratulations to Bell Burnell House who were awarded the trophies for being the overall winners of the Inter House X Country and the boys rugby competitions.



Following the success of the year 9 rugby team, who won the Bristol and Area State Schools Competition, 5 of the players have been selected to play in the Bristol combination team against Stroud on 7th March at North Bristol RFU.

This is a fantastic achievement and an amazing opportunity to play in such a prestigious game. Congratulations to: **Solomon Edwards, Oliver Hardy, Tiago De Jesus Andrade, Victor Dahlke** and **Xavvie McIntosh-Wells**.



As we enjoy a break next week, we will begin the great season of Lent, with **Ash Wednesday, 14 February**.

We would encourage you all to attend a service or Mass on that day, to receive Ashes and to begin the Lenten journey which we will continue on our return.

You will be able to find details of Masses and Services in your local parish on their websites. Each parish will be marking this important date in our year.

Lent is such an important time of the year for us, and we will be marking it in a number of ways at St Bede's. Details will be provided to your child through their tutor of ways that they can get involved.



## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

One of the key elements of Lent is **Reconciliation**, and all pupils will have the opportunity to take part in a Reconciliation Service.

There will also be the opportunity to receive individual Reconciliation on **Wednesday 28 February**, when we have a number of priests available to hear Confession. Please encourage your child to sign up if they wish.

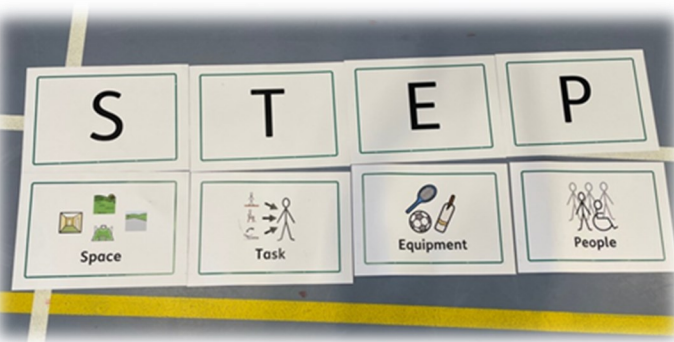
This is a great opportunity for them to receive the sacrament as part of their Lenten preparations.

## INCLUSIVE SPORTS LEADERSHIP TRAINING DAY

On Friday 26th January, thirteen Year 10 students went to SBL Academy for the Youth Sport Trust (YST) Young Leaders training day led by YST Lead Inclusion School Warmley Park.

Students worked hard to develop their social and inclusive skills through the power of sports leadership. Working with students from other schools, they were able to tailor different sport activities and games to ensure they are inclusive for all and to support those with a disability.

They also learnt the STEP Model effectively when planning and delivering sport to promote inclusion.



## LECTURE BY DR LISA MOTT

On Monday 29th January Year 12 and Year 13 maths students attended an online lecture by Dr Lisa Mott, Assistant Professor at the University of Nottingham.

Students explored Statistical Hypothesis Testing and the uses for it in different careers.

The lecture proved to be really interesting and engaging for the students and they learnt more about why we study certain topics at A-level. For example, the use of hypothesis testing on MRI images and exploring whether different regions of the brain are connected.

## 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.



## **ATTENDANCE WHAT TO DO GUIDANCE**

### **Daily Unplanned Absence:**

Contact either the absence line or send a message through MyED app.

Contact the absence line 01173772200 Selecting option 1 (main school) or option 2 (sixth form) and leave a voicemail giving students full name, tutor group and the specific reason for absence.

Or send us a message through MyED app please once again give the specific reason for absence.

Supporting evidence may be requested depending on the student's overall attendance and the length of the absence.

### **Appointments:**

It is expected that appointments should be made outside of college hours. If this is not possible you may be required to provide evidence of the appointment to consider authorising the absence. Absences will also not be considered if we are not advised about them via the MyEd app or ringing the main college line and leaving a message in option 1.

Please contact either the absence line or send a message through MyED app stating what kind of appointment it is, what the time of the appointment is and if they will be required to leave college early or will be in late.

If the appointment requires the student to leave college early you are also required to send an email to [pupilsupport@stbcc.org](mailto:pupilsupport@stbcc.org) stating the time that you give permission for them to leave college, the reason why they need to leave and if you are unable to collect them in person that you take full responsibility for them once they leave the college premises. Without this email we are unable to allow the student to leave the college premises without a parent/guardian picking them up.

### **Planned Absence or Emergency Absences:**

If you are planning any absence from college, please download the request for absence form from the website. Please complete this with as much information as possible to support the absence.

If it is an emergency, you will still need to download the form and return it to the college, you may also be asked to provide supporting evidence to show that it was not a pre-planned absence.

## GRAPHIC DESIGN COMPETITION

A banner for a graphic design competition. On the left, a stack of colorful pencils. In the center, the text 'Your chance to design a bus!' in white, followed by 'To celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our first female bus drivers in Bristol.' in pink. On the right, a white double-decker bus with 'First Bus' written on it, set against a blue and pink background.

Your chance  
to design a bus!

To celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of  
our first female bus drivers in Bristol.

A new competition has been launched to commemorate 80 years since the first women drivers got behind the wheel of buses in the West of England. Now, Bristol's main bus operator, First West of England, is giving the public the chance to mark this milestone moment by creating a design to cover an entire double decker bus.

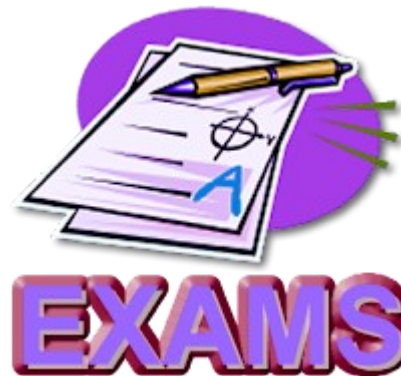


The design-a-bus competition is open to everyone, and the winner will see their artwork transform one of Bristol's double decker buses, as well as receiving a year's bus travel with First West of England - a prize worth more than £1,000. See the links below for more info.

<https://www.firstbus.co.uk/bristol-bath-and-west/about-us/women-wheel>

<http://tinyurl.com/yvzjhcpf>

# EXCITING CASUAL JOB OPPORTUNITY AT ST BEDE'S



## Exams Invigilator

St. Bede's Catholic College is looking to recruit Exams Invigilators to provide support to the examination process within the College.

Employment is offered on a casual, sessional basis and the hours of work are based on morning and afternoon sessions, dependent on the length of exams.

8:30am—12:00 noon

AM Session

12:30pm—3:30pm

PM Session

The hourly rate of pay is £11.50

### Dates of public examinations

#### GCSE & A LEVEL

**\*Essential to be available on these dates**

Monday 13th May

Wednesday 26 June

\*A training day will be held in March 24  
(date to be confirmed)

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 to you upon request.

If you have any queries, please contact Miss Mendez (Examinations Officer)  
exams@stbcc.org

Come and join the team!

## COLLECTION OF GCSE AND A LEVEL CERTIFICATES

GCSE and A Level Certificates from the Summer 2023 season are available for collection

All the certificates are kept securely in the exams office and need to be collected in person.

We do not post, as they are confidential documents and expensive to replace.

Please click the following link to our website for more information: <https://bit.ly/488W99S>



# New Date

# YEAR 11

# EXAM PREPARATION

# EVENING!

Thursday  
14th  
March

6pm - 7pm

- Top Tips for Revision
- Advice from Heads of English, Maths, Science and RF
- How to manage stress
- Where to access support



Please complete the form to register

<https://forms.gle/Pj5SHddtaXVEEfL48>



SCAN ME



# ST BEDE'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE PRODUCTION OF

BOOK BY  
DENNIS KELLY

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY  
TIM MINCHIN



ROALD DAHL'S  
**Matilda**  
THE MUSICAL  
JR.

TUESDAY 27TH, WEDNESDAY 28TH &  
THURSDAY 29TH FEBRUARY 2024  
6.30PM IN THE HALL

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/stbcc](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/stbcc)

SEE MRS ADAMS/MR LEWIS FOR MORE INFO!

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with  
Music Theatre International

All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI  
[www.mtishows.co.uk](http://www.mtishows.co.uk)



EXTERNAL AGENCY



**DIGITAL  
WELLBEING  
FOR  
YOUNG PEOPLE**  
The Castle Conference



Join us for a day of networking, learning and discussion about  
the challenges affecting young people online

**Academic Research - Safety Online - Tackling Threats - Supporting  
Young People - Neurodiversity & Wellbeing - Gaming**

**25**  
APRIL

LEIGH COURT, BRISTOL

9:00am - 4:30pm

*"To be in a room of like-minded people who want to make a change and  
have the same thoughts and opinions as I have is amazing."*

**[events@icaw-cic.com](mailto:events@icaw-cic.com)**

**[icaw-cic.com/events](https://icaw-cic.com/events)**

## EXTERNAL AGENCY



**Project Zazi – “know yourself, know your strength” – is a project which focuses on creating opportunities, building aspirations and empowering young Black people and young People of Colour, supporting individuals in exploring culture, identity and tackling inequality.**

### 1:1 Talking Therapies

Zazi 1:1 is a safe, supportive, non-judgemental, confidential space, to talk with a therapist of colour. We offer support with any issues impacting your mental health and wellbeing. Our primary focus is to give you a space where you feel seen, heard, respected and valued. Where you have the opportunity to freely express, explore, discover, and understand your experiences and any current difficulties you may be having. Our hope is you will gain a deeper understanding of yourself, feel empowered and supported on your journey of recovery and healing.



Check out all the other amazing offerings by Project Zazi at:  
<https://www.otrbristol.org.uk/what-we-do/zazi/>



# Parents and Carers Talk and Walk

**Every  
Tuesday  
10-11:30am**



Everyone welcome at our group for parents and carers. Meet at Greenway, have a free drink, walk in good company through Badock's Wood, and share the load and the joy!

For more info, contact Eve,  
email: [evpayne@southmead.org](mailto:evpayne@southmead.org)  
tel: 0117 950 3335.  
Greenway Centre, BS10 5PY  
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# PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2024

[moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free)



## **ASDA**

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

## **TESCO**

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from  
From Mon 12th - Fri 23rd February 2024

## **SAINSBURYS CAFES**

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

## **BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE**

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

## **THE REAL GREEK**

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

## **GREENE KING PUBS**

Kids Eat Free all-day with the purchase of an adult's meal. Deal, Monday-Friday, between Mon 12th – Friday 23rd February 2024

## **TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN**

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

## **SIZZLING PUBS**

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

## **TGI FRIDAYS**

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase a full priced adult's main meal (App needed)

## **IKEA**

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

## **MORRISONS**

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

## **GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS**

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

## **PRETO**

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

## **YO! SUSHI**

From Mon 12th - Fri 23rd February 2024  
kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

## **BELLA ITALIA**

Children eat for £1 with any adult main.  
The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

## **WHITBREAD INNS**

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

## **DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES**

At Dobbies, for every adult breakfast or lunch purchase, kids eat for FREE. Every Day!

## **TABLE TABLE**

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

## **PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM**

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

## **HUNGRY HORSE**

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

## **FUTURE INNS**

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.