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CHRISTMAS LECTURES

This week St Bede's hosted the University of Bristol Christmas Lectures provided by ChemLabs. These lectures are modelled on the Christmas lectures held annually by the Royal Institution in London which are televised during the Christmas period. It is through events like this that St Bede's promotes its science specialism and helps make science more accessible to pupils.



Over the two days, six lectures were presented by Tim Harrison and Dr Alison Rivet from the University of Bristol. These lectures focused on the topics of Gases in the Atmosphere and their Interactions. Many of the pupils took part in the experiments, causing loud explosions and rapid effervescing!

Jack Dunphy, year 8 pupil said *"it was excellent and really interesting. I really like the dry ice and when Tim exploded the hydrogen balloons"* Comments made by the primary children who also visited us for the Lectures, were ones of awe and amazement.

This was the eleventh annual St Bede's Christmas Lecture series. These events have a truly inspirational effect on the children involved and allow them to see what could be involved in studying Science at A level and university level.

REFLECTION — 24th January - Memorial of St Francis de Sales

From a young age, Francis knew that he had a vocation to the priesthood but hid this from his family whilst studying towards a doctorate in law. After many disagreements with his father, Francis was ordained to the priesthood.

During the Protestant reformation, Francis decided to try and bring back those who had strayed away from the Catholic Church. After becoming Bishop of Geneva in 1602, he founded a new religious community; The Order of Visitation. He offered spiritual direction to people through letters and believed that active work did not weaken his spiritual inner peace. Francis believed that prayer was the key to the love of God.



Prayer: Do not fear what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and every day. He will either shield you from suffering, or will give you unflinching strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations. Amen. (Written by St Francis de Sales)

Reflection: 'By turning your eyes on God in meditation, your whole soul will be filled with God. Begin all your prayers in the presence of God.'

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

22nd January

Cafod Young Volunteers Event

28th January

Chaplaincy Day

31st January

A Level and GCSE
Drama trip to Bristol
Old Vic

31st January

Year 8
Curriculum Evening
6.30pm—8.30pm

7th February

A Level Law trip to
London

8th February

Year 13
Mock Results Day

11th February

Week of Year 10 &
11 Exams in English,
Maths and Science

11th February

Year 7 Exams in
English, Maths and
Science

14th February

Year 11 & Year 13
Elevate Seminars

14th February

Year 11
Parents' Evening
4.30pm—7.30pm

15th February

Inset Day

END OF TERM 3

SWIMMING GALA

Congratulations to the St. Bede's swimming team who were successful in the Bristol Schools Swimming Association gala recently. The team, which consists of pupils in years 7-10, secured some fantastic results during the competition. It was wonderful to witness such a tremendous atmosphere and team spirit.

Congratulations to: **Jaycob Jones, Harry James, Ben Godfrey, William Wood, Carys Wilson, Alanna O'Reilly, Luke Thomas, Alfie Norton, Jasper Lett-Charnock, Neeve Ottway, Kasia Wozniak, Emily Ridewood, Seamus Robinson, Sean Simmons, Emily Wiecioch-Giles** and **Oscar Norton** who participated.

As a result of their success on the night **Ben Godfrey, Jasper Lett-Charnock, Emily Ridewood, Kasia Wozniak** and **Emily Wiecioch-Giles** made it through to the **Bristol Finals**. All swam incredibly well and should feel proud of their efforts against a tough field. A huge thank you to Mrs Wozniak who was team manager on the finals night and to all who competed.



BRISTOL SCHOOLS RUGBY

Congratulations to year 11 pupil **Cairo Palmer** who has been selected to represent the **Bristol Schools County Rugby Team**. Cairo, who also plays for Avonmouth RFC, will play his first match against Somerset this weekend. He will join year 11 pupil **Matthew Chudley** who has represented the county team for the last two years. Well done and Good luck!

SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

An important message from our local foodbank;

From 14th January 2019, the new location for the Bristol North West Foodbank will be:

Bristol North West Foodbank
Social Justice Hub
St. Andrew's Church
Avonmouth
Bristol BS11 9EN



The foodbank outlet in Lawrence Weston Baptist Church will remain open on Thursday mornings as usual, but will not be open at any other time.

If you wish to donate to the foodbank, please contact the new office to arrange this.
Tel: 0117 923 5343.

Other collection points, including supermarkets and churches will continue.

YEAR 7

Miss Hayre was delighted to share the news that two of her tutor group had recently achieved success in dance and drama outside of college.



Congratulations to year 7 pupil **Matilda Francis** who has qualified for the **Irish Dancing World Championships**. Matilda, who has been dancing for 6 years and trains 4 times per week, is really looking forward to the championships in America at Easter.

Our congratulations also to **Kouni Villanova** who played the role of 'Newbie' in the production '**Hercules**' with the **Bristol Old Vic Young Company** earlier this month. Kouni, has been acting for 7 years and is looking forward to her next role. Well done to you both.

GOLF SUCCESS

Congratulations to Areté student **Isabel Payne** who has been selected as **Junior Captain** for Kendleshire Golf Club for 2019.

As Junior Captain, Isabel has chosen the Jessie May Trust as her charity, and will endeavour to raise money for the charity who provide home hospice care for children with life limiting conditions.

Following her success last year playing for Gloucestershire County Girls' team and Gloucestershire County Ladies 2nd team, Isabel was delighted to be offered a place on both teams again this year.

Well done Isabel!

ABRSM MUSIC EXAM

Congratulations to year 8 pupil **Nathan Wong** who received a **Distinction** in his recent ABRSM Grade 4 piano exam. Well done.

DRAMA TRIP

On Thursday 10th January, GCSE Drama students visited Piccadilly Theatre in London to watch a performance of the award winning production 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time'.

An invaluable experience for the pupils in preparation for their GCSE theory exam.



FUTURE QUEST

Our pupils had an amazing day on Thursday 10th January unlocking their creativity at Sky Academy Studios in London, as part of the Future Quest programme.

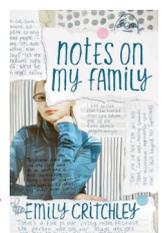
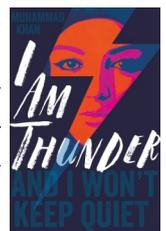
Pupils participated in interactive workshops and were treated to a behind the scenes tour. A wonderful experience.



LIBRARY NEWS

Year 9 Book Club have participated in the Bristol Teen Book Award with many of the pupils reading all six books from the shortlist. At the most recent meeting, 'I Am Thunder' by Muhammed Khan and 'Notes On My Family' by Emily Critchley were voted joint winners. The group agreed that these were two of the best books they had ever read and had believable characters that had a fascinating story to tell.

The Concorde Book Award 2019 is aimed at students in years 7 to 9 and the winner will be announced on World Book Day in March. We encourage students to read the titles and vote - for more information and to borrow any of the shortlisted titles please ask in the library.



Library Book Amnesty Week 21st January - 25th January

Please take the opportunity to return any overdue library books to the library or to the school reception next week. Thank you.

UNDER 13'S CRICKET SUCCESS

The Year 8 cricket team started their pre season training early this week by entering the **Bristol Indoor League**. The team were initially nervous as many of them had not played indoor cricket before and had to adjust to different rules.

They got through the group stage with ease and faced St Bernadette's in the final. Performing well as a team and restricting St Bernadette's to just 35 runs, the team were triumphant.

Well done to **Christian Power-Stone, Oscar Power-Stone, Rory Lloyd, Callum Stacey, Justin Almeida, Ben Stinchcombe, Alfie Wake** and **Finn Durkin**.



STAFF VACANCIES

Governors at St. Bede's Catholic College wish to appoint a **School Meals Supervisory Assistant (SMSA)**. The post is 7.5 hours per week and £8.00 per hour (this will increase to £9.00 in April 2019)

We also have a vacancy for an all year round **Cleaner**. This will be a permanent contract of 16 hours per week for which the hours of work are 3.00pm to 6.15pm Monday to Thursday and 3.00pm – 6.00pm on Friday. The hourly rate is £8.00 (increasing to £9.00 per hour in April 2019).

For further information, please see the vacancy section of our website.

CAR PARKING

Please could we ask all parents to refrain from dropping off and collecting children from the Sports Complex Car park. All pupils and visitors must enter the college building via the main college reception on Lawrence Weston Road. In the interest of safety, pupils must not walk through the car park.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

YEAR 9 CURRICULUM EVENING

On Thursday 17th January we hosted the Year 9 Upper School Curriculum Evening.

Students and parents were invited to find out more about the GCSE curriculum and options available before making their final choice.

It was a successful evening and pleasing to see so many of our pupils and parents engaged.

GREASE REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Please find below the schedule of after school rehearsals for the forthcoming production of Grease.

Week Beginning	Wednesday 3.30pm—5.00pm College Hall	Thursday 3.30pm—5.00pm College Hall	Additional Information
21st January Week B	WHOLE CAST You're the One That I Want	Freddy My Love (Music), Rydell Fight Song, Magic Changes (Girls only), Shaking at the High School Hop PL's Senior Dance Troupe and Cheerleaders attend	
28th January Week A	WHOLE CAST Polish all Chorus Numbers	Look at Me I'm Sandra Dee, Hopelessly Devoted to You, Sandra Dee Reprise (Music) (Talia and Laurie attend) Magic Changes (Boys only), Summer Nights (Boys Only) All Boys Attend	All photo consent letters must be handed in by 11th February
4th February Week B	WHOLE CAST Polish all Chorus Numbers	Grease is the word Singers and dancers involved	All costume must be handed in by 25th February
11th February Week A	WHOLE CAST Polish all Chorus Numbers	WHOLE CAST RUN THROUGH (Changed to Tuesday 12th February)	
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25th February Week B	WHOLE CAST RUN THROUGH	All T Birds and Pink Ladies — polish scenes (C22)	Sunday 3rd March Full Cast run through 9.00am—3.00pm
4th March Week A	WHOLE CAST RUN THROUGH ACT 1	WHOLE CAST RUN THROUGH ACT 2	Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th March Full Cast run through 9.00am - 4.00pm (Time TBC)
11th March Week B SHOW WEEK	SHOW WEEK	SHOW WEEK	SHOW WEEK

Lunchtime rehearsals are also in place, details are available from Miss Adams.

Tickets will be on sale from Monday 4th February. £5.00 adults, £3.50 students.