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VISIT TO BUCKINGHAM PALACE

On 16th May, Ms Hughes, Principal and Mr Atkinson, Geography teacher and Duke of Edinburgh Manager, attended the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award Presentation at Buckingham Palace. At the event they were presented with a special plaque from the DofE Charity acknowledging St Bedes' commitment to running the DofE.

Ms Hughes, Principal said:

'We are honoured to have been invited to Buckingham Palace to receive a commemorative plaque to acknowledge and say thank you for our work with the Charity during its Diamond Anniversary year.'



Our young people are encouraged to push themselves outside of their comfort zones when doing the DofE and the skills that they develop can be life-changing, for us to be involved is something very special. '

EQUESTRIAN SUCCESS

Congratulations to year 8 pupil **Milly Watkins** who represented St. Bede's Catholic College recently in the **Schools Equestrian event at Stonar school** in Wiltshire. Milly, who has been riding since the age of 4, was delighted to finish **4th place out of 100 competitors!**

'I had a great time at Stonar's School one day event. The event consisted of 3 disciplines; Dressage, Show jumping and Cross country. I managed to pull off my best Dressage score to date, 28.5! I competed well in the Show jumping round and cleared all the fences in Cross Country. I only had 0.4s time faults.'

It was a brilliant day and I was really proud to be representing my school.'

Milly Watkins



SOARING HIGH FOR CHARITY

Father Tom Finnegan, our College Chaplain, was given a very special present for his 50th Birthday in June last year.

A **Tandem Skydive from 10,000ft** over Salisbury Plain. He is going to do the jump on **Monday 30th May**, weather permitting.

Father Tom is raising money for one of his favourite charities, HCPT The Pilgrimage Trust. HCPT takes children with special needs or children who deserve a special trip to Lourdes in south west France every Easter.

Please support Father Tom as he takes on this amazing challenge.
www.justgiving.com/account/your-pages/Thomas-Finnegan to sponsor him.

We wish you the very best Father Tom!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

27th May 2016
END OF TERM 5

6th June 2016
START OF TERM 6
WEEK B

15th/16th June 2016
College Production
'HAIRSPRAY'
6.30pm

22nd June 2016
Key Stage 3
Literacy Day

COMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Yesterday, eighteen of our pupils were commissioned as **Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist** in a special Mass celebrating the Feast of Saint Bede.

Congratulations to:

Caitlin Baber, Aleena Benny, Ann Biju, Samuel Brady, Dominic Britton, Katie Burke, Nathalie Canvin, Vanessa Diaba, Emily Gilbert, Chelsy James, Amelia Manning,

Amelia Villiers Prosser, Jansen Roy, Jules Samuels, Peter Savery, Wiktorja Szymanska, Lander Taturan and Kundai Vurayayi.



NUMERACY DAY DONATIONS

If you have any unwanted board games or packs of playing cards, our Maths Department would like them to use as part of our KS3 Numeracy Day in June. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance.
Mrs Harman

BRISTOL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to our **Year 9 Girls Basketball** team who beat Bristol Metropolitan Academy 56-27 in the **Bristol Schools Final**.

The girls have had an incredible season. Well done to **Shania Connors, Indie Bevan, Aoife Condron, Emily Curnock, Ella Parsons, Martha Wynn and Emily Gunther.**



JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

On 28th April, 59 of our most able Year 7 mathematicians sat the Junior Maths Challenge paper. The top 40% of students nationally receive a gold, silver or bronze certificate.

Congratulations to the following pupils:

Gold Certificate

Jessica Ball and Ciara Rae

Silver Certificate

Kristine Matute, Floyd Veigas, Amy Koikkara, James Moss, Elizabeth Phillips White, Leo John, Amy Parkin, Gabriel Conway, Christin Augustine, James Craddock, Aniya Tharakan, Dia Shaji, Louie Francisco

Bronze Certificate

Jason Soodeen, Joe Lewis, Grace Ridewood, Lauren Camporeale, Anna Harris, Lucki Berondo, Sam Parsons, Samuel Gane, Alana James, Samuel Gitahi, Alexia Diaconu, James Nicholls, James Armour, Shawn Joseph, Kate O'Shea, Louis Morgan Bateman, Daisy Sweeney, Benjamin Martin, Connor Mobsby, Max Bonacorsi

PEARSON TEACHING AWARDS

The Pearson Teaching Awards are the UK's most prestigious celebration of transformational Teaching. Teaching staff throughout the UK are nominated by pupils who think that their teacher deserves recognition.

We were delighted yesterday to award **Mrs Turri** and **Mr O'Gallagher** a Certificate of Excellence for their teaching at St. Bede's Catholic College. Both teachers were surprised to have been nominated.

You can find out more about the Pearson Teaching Awards <http://www.teachingawards.com/>



YEAR 10 BOYS CROWNED BRISTOL SCHOOLS CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the Year 10 boys football team who were crowned **Bristol champions** a week after losing 5-4 to Bradley Stoke in the Bristol and South Gloucestershire Final.

Goals from **Laurent Ngunjoh** and **Moniee Wilson** saw the boys home. St Bede's dominated play for long periods of the game with **Ben Stevens** and **Genetius Teboh** deserving a mention for controlling midfield so well.

The victory caps a very successful season for the team. They now look forward to the national cup in September.



SCHOOLS FANTASY FOOTBALL

Congratulations to Mr Curnock who won St. Bede's Schools Fantasy Football League. His second XI team finished top of the pile with 1202 points after 9 months of competition. Points are awarded for your selected team when playing each week for scoring goals, keeping a clean sheet and assisting a goal.

The final results were:

♦	1st	Mr Curnock	1202 points
♦	2nd	Mr Allan	1172 points
♦	3rd	Mr Curnock	1150 points
♦	Top pupil	Declan Smith	967 points
♦	Wooden Spoon	Miss Chennells	411 points

The league starts again next season and all pupils and staff are welcome to join in the fun as entry is free of charge.

BOOK LAUNCH

St. Bede's Patron of Reading, **Chelsey Flood** is launching her new book '*Night Wanderers*' on Wednesday 8th June at Stanfords, 29 Corn Street, Bristol from 6.30pm – 8.30pm. You are welcome to go along.

Mrs Pickup, Librarian

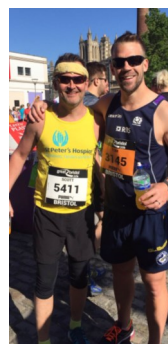


BRISTOL 10K

Congratulations to year 10 pupil **Dominic Britton** who completed the Bristol 10K last weekend with an exceptional time of 44 minutes.

Our congratulations also go to **Mr O'Gallagher** who completed the course in 39 minutes, **Mr Colebourne** in 53 minutes (personal best) and **Mr Slocombe** and **Mr Luke** in 56 minutes.

A great achievement for a worthy cause.



MAY HALF-TERM SPORTS CAMPS

During May half term the St. Bede's Community Sports team will be running a 4 day multi-sports camp here at St. Bede's.

The sports camp will take place from Tuesday 31st May to Friday 3rd June from 9am-3pm and is open to children aged 7-14. The cost is £40 for the 4-days or £12 per day. Children can bring a friend along free for one day, provided they have not attended previously.

For further information or to book a place please contact Rob Allan on 07825 767582 or email r.allan@stbcc.org

SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

Underage drinking and Substance Abuse.

At St. Bede's, as part of our PSHCE programme, we will be continuing to provide information and guidance for pupils in regards to substance abuse. Please find the key links below which provide parents with some useful information regarding underage drinking and substance misuse. The websites provide advice on how we can talk to young people about alcohol misuse. There is also signposting to support, that can be accessed for children where there is a concern.

<https://www.drinkaware.co.uk/check-the-facts/underage-drinking>

<http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/drugs/Pages/Drugsandyourkids.aspx>

GEOGRAPHY WORK

Year eight are currently undertaking a scheme of work based on Tropical Rainforests. The pupils have been researching information about their location and environment. They have used their classroom learning and home learning tasks to recreate the structure of the rainforest and the animals that live in each layer of the rainforest.

The photograph shows the work produced by 8J and 8F; there have been other brilliant pieces produced by many classes. The pupils have really engaged in this project which they have thoroughly enjoyed. The Geography Department.



SPOTTED!

Mr O'Gallagher, Maths teacher was spotted providing year 11 with some last minute revision yesterday, on the window outside the examination hall, just before they went in to sit their GCSE Mathematics examination.

HALF TERM REVISION SESSIONS

We are now at the height of the GCE and GCSE Examination season. This half term we are again running additional revision sessions for Year 11, 12 and 13 students. Please do encourage your children to attend as many as possible.

Date	Year Group	Subject	Time
Tuesday 31st May	Year 11	English	10.00am—2.00pm
	Year 13	Religious Studies	10.00am—2.00pm
	Year 13	Psychology	8.30am—12.30pm
Wednesday 1st June	Year 11	Maths	9.00am—1.00pm
	Year 13	Maths	9.00am—1.00pm
Thursday 2nd June	Year 11	Triple Science Biology (B7)	9.00am—11.00am
	Year 11	Computing	11.00am—1.00pm
	Year 12	Maths	9.00am—1.00pm
	Year 13	Religious Studies	10.00am—2.00pm
Sunday 5th June	Year 11	History	9.00am – 12noon
Sunday 12th June	Year 11	History	9.00am—12noon