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BELL BURNELL HOUSE RAINBOW RUN FOR CHARITY

77 runners from Bell Burnell House completed the Rainbow Run recently to raise money for its 3 House charities.

The weather was perfect for the run and the paint!

Everyone had a great time, including several parents and family members who joined us in the 5K around Clifton Downs.

Sponsorship money so far totals **£1500** with more expected. Congratulations to all who completed the race. Good fun!



SIXTH FORM STUDENTS VISIT HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

On Thursday 23rd June, 30 Sixth Form students visited the Houses of Parliament. Students were taken on a guided tour around the Palace of Westminster including the House of Commons, the House of Lords and Westminster Hall. They then took part in a workshop on debating skills, considering what makes a convincing speech and how MPs persuade the Commons to pass their bills. This was of course a very apt day to visit Parliament as it was the EU Referendum voting day – so gave us plenty to discuss on the coach!

We took in the sights of London as we walked to the Globe Theatre for a matinee performance of



Macbeth by William Shakespeare. Seeing the play performed as originally intended on The Globe stage was an excellent experience. We were also lucky enough to witness the play brought to life by some brilliant actors, including Tara Fitzgerald as Lady Macbeth (she played Selyse Baratheon in Game of Thrones!). The staging and music were also impressive, with ethereal singing voices adding to the atmosphere of the play. This was definitely a highly cultured and thoroughly enjoyable day.

Miss Barnes and Mrs Lindsay

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

4th July 2016

Year 10 Exams continue

5th July 2016

Sixth Form Induction Day

6th July 2016

Year 13 Prom

7th July 2016

Year 6 Transition Day

6.30pm New Parent
Evening

8th July 2016

Sports Day

9th July 2016

House Trip to Thorpe Park

10th July 2016

Barcelona Trip depart

11th July 2016

Year 10

Work Experience week

Key Stage 3 Numeracy Day

12th—15th July 2016

Enrichment Week
Activities

ROUTES INTO LANGUAGES

On Wednesday 29th June, **Routes into Languages South West** celebrated the annual speaking competition at Wills Hall Conference Centre. Twenty schools across the South West participated.

Vitoria Macedo had won through to the final of the KS3 near-native competition and gave a fantastic presentation on the subject of Portuguese culture.

Ben Whitfield also represented the college in the KS5 non-native category and talked about a future with Prime Minister Ben in charge.

Although neither student won their categories due to such stiff competition, they gave their all and were a credit to our college.

Ben was presented with a trophy at the end which recognised his contribution to these competitions since year 8 and the college was also awarded the School Champions Award. Sadly, Routes into Languages is now at an end as funding has ceased this year.



SUMMER HOLIDAY SPORTS CLUBS

The St Bede's Community Sports team will be running a sports club for 5 weeks during the summer holidays. The clubs will run from Monday 25th July until Friday 26th August from 9am-3pm for boys and girls aged 7-14. The sessions will consist of multi-sports activities and will include sports such as basketball, tennis, cricket, football, dodgeball and athletics.

The cost per week will be £45 or £12 per day. To book a place or to gain further information please contact Rob Allan, Sports Development Officer, on 07825 767582 or email r.allan@stbcc.org.

SPORTS DAY 2016 IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

SPORTS DAY – Friday 8th July 2016

- Track events will begin at approximately 11.00am.
- As there is no shade on the field, please ensure that your son/daughter comes to College well equipped with sun block, a hat, sunglasses and plenty of water to drink. (No glass bottles please).
- On the day all pupils, whether they are participating or not, may come into college in their Sports Uniform and Blazer.
- Parents who wish to attend are very welcome. If you do intend to come and spectate, please let us know in advance so that seating arrangements can be made. In the interests of Health and Safety do not bring dogs onto the premises or fields.
- Please ensure that your child brings books for lessons 1 and 5, week B

If the weather is wet, books will be required for all lessons. Thank you.

LIBRARY SPECIAL

A message from our Patron of Reading, Chelsey Flood:

*Another fantastic visit to St Bede's this month! After reading over a hundred *brilliant* entries to my writing competition, I was hugely excited to meet the winning writers and to lead them in a very successful Creative Writing masterclass - such a talented bunch, I expect great things. It was delightful to see so many students (and teachers!) flying with the Reading Challenge too, and I absolutely loved talking books with everyone I met. If you haven't started yet, there is still plenty of time as the challenge ends on World Book Day (3 March) 2017, and the summer holidays provide lots of lovely hours to devote to books. So join us!*

*Remember that there are four different levels, so there is a challenge for every kind of reader. For some, hitting the bronze target (6 books in a year) is a mega achievement, for others, the diamond (30 books) is a cinch. All who hit a target will be featured on my Reader Wall of Fame, and will be entered into my Super Special Prize Draw. Visit my blog for a reminder about the prizes, and for a list of St Bede's Students' Reading Suggestions - there really is something for everyone. As always, I *love* to hear from you, so feel free to talk to me on Twitter @cjflood_author or Instagram cjflood. If you have any questions about book recommendations or require writing tips, then email me chelseyflood@hotmail.com*

Congratulations to our winning writers who each received a Certificate and a book:

Year 7

Winner **Ola Pazdan**, 2nd **Maria Kearney**, 3rd **Aaron Rees**, Highly Commended **Hubert Galczynski** and Most Original **Emma Harman**.

Year 8

Winner **Joss Carr**, 2nd **Rachel Kearney**, 3rd **Joe Holloway**, Highly Commended **Annie Rogers** and Most Original **Phillipa Crane**.

Year 9

Winner **Ciara Marsh**, 2nd **Britney Kadji Ngaleu**, 3rd **Hanna Szantho**, Highly Commended **Finley Norton** and Most Original **Shanaz Sharonsenthil**

Year 10-13

Winner **Peter Savery**, 2nd **Kiara Long**, 3rd **Jack Burns**, Highly commended **Jansen Roy** and Most Original **Ann Rose Biju**, Most Poetic **Grace Clarke**, Most terrifying **Florence Brown**, Most Moving **Julia Kwiecien** and Best Title **Louis Johnston**.

The Last Man on Earth

With wide eyes he took in the cold, deadened earth
The death and destruction had taken its worth
The bleakness surrounded him, darkened the sky.
What horrors could cause a whole planet to die?...

Ola Pazdan, Year 7 winner

The Last Person on the Planet

Fletcher woke up early. He grabbed his pack and
headed out into the morning, The sky was tinted
with orange and smudged with grey clouds. It
always was...

Joss Carr, Year 8 winner

The Last Person on Earth

She woke to a light slithering through a crack in her
makeshift shelter. It was the same as every morn-
ing. She ought to fix that, she thought to herself...

Ciara Marsh, Year 9 winner



Monuments

The boy had always liked it up here. A stream splashed with
melt water trickled down from the peaks of the mountains
far above, gurgling under the bridges and archways of
civilisations long forgotten.

Peter Savery, Year 10-13 Winner

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

On Thursday 23rd June a variety of musicians from years 8-11 competed in the 'Battle of the Bands', a Descartes House charity concert raising money for Dementia UK, Doctors Without Borders and Debra. The evening which was a huge success, was well supported by both pupils and parents and raised £287. A big thank you to all involved, and congratulations to the winning band **Twelfth Moon**, year 9 pupils **Shanaz Sharonsenthil, Theresa Heron, Carlo Berondo, Bethany Buscanot** and **Jade Hutchinson**.



SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

Do you sometimes wonder how to talk to your children about alcohol? Public Health Bristol has added a new section to the 4YP for Parents website to support you with this. It gives you information and advice and provides activities that you can share with your children. You can find it all at <https://www.4ypbristol.co.uk/for-parents/for-parents/alcohol/>

In fact, most teenagers don't drink alcohol and those who do usually don't drink it very often, but a new report shows that some teenagers in Bristol drink more than their peers in other parts of England. This can cause problems for their health both now and in the future.

As a parent or carer you are in the best position to help your child stay healthy and safe. Research has shown that it is important for parents to have conversations with their children about the enjoyable side and risky side of drinking alcohol and that this can help children to stay safe. Ideally these conversations should begin before they start drinking, but it's never too late, and you can still talk to them, even if they are drinking already.

You may also find some of the other 4YP pages for parents helpful. You can find them at: <https://www.4ypbristol.co.uk/for-parents/>

BRISTOL SCHOOLS SUMMER CONCERT PERFORMANCE



On Wednesday 28th June, 25 pupils were selected to perform vocal solos in the foyer of the **Colston Hall**, as part of the **Bristol Schools Summer Concert series**.

Those involved were from years 8-10 and all receive vocal tuition within the Music department.



This was an exciting opportunity to perform in a prestigious venue, alongside musicians from other local secondary schools.

Our musicians were a credit to the college - congratulations to all involved!

LITERACY DAY

On Wednesday 22nd June, Years 7, 8 & 9 took part in a 'KS3 Literacy Day' coordinated by the Junior Leadership Team. The objective of the day was to highlight the importance of Literacy skills across the school and to develop whole-school learning within this area.

The day saw pupils off-timetable to participate in activities such as Script-Writing, Poetry-Slam competitions and an interactive giant Scrabble game.

We were delighted with the engagement of pupils and look forward to building upon this years success.



WOMEN IN ENGINEERING DAY

32 Year 9 students

took part in the Women in Engineering Day workshop last Wednesday 22nd June. The aim of the day was to promote careers in engineering to female students and give them more of an insight into the vast number of options available to them in the industry. Two female engineers from General Electric (GE) ran the workshop which involved students working in teams to design and build an egg cargo drop and a water wheel. All students thoroughly enjoyed the workshop. A special thank you to parent and engineer Ceri Parkin for organising the workshop.

GRADUATION SUCCESS

We were delighted this week to hear of the following successes of our former pupils:

- ♦ **Emily Turri (2005-2010)**
First Class Honours in Medical Bio-Chemistry
Leeds University
- ♦ **Emerson Sharp (2006-2011)**
First Class Honours in Geography
Fitzwilliam College, University of Cambridge
- ♦ **Liam Smyth (2006-2011)**
First Class Honours in Sociology
Liverpool John Moores University
- ♦ **Jack Tivey (2006-2011)**
First Class Honours in Ancient History
University College , London
- ♦ **Harry Bush (2006-2011)**
Upper Second Class Honours in Law
Oxford Brookes
- ♦ **Jed Leonard Hammerman (2005-2010)**
Upper Second Class Honours in 3D Design
Bath Spa University

CLIFTON COLLEGE VISIT 28TH JUNE 2016

A group of year 9 pupils provided a presentation of one of the **shortlisted Carnegie books 'Lies We Tell Ourselves'** by Robin Talley yesterday in Clifton College. Our pupils have been involved in The Carnegie shadowing scheme this year, an event awarded annually to the writer of outstanding book for children. The Oscars of Young adult fiction! The winner this year is 'One' by Sarah Crossan but Clifton College held their own event in the Redgrave Theatre yesterday. The author and Carnegie nominee Lucy Christopher was the judge of the presentations. Our pupils were fantastic in their presentation and received praised by the author in their performance.

This was a very rewarding and inspiring experience.

Shanaz Sharonsenthil, year 9 said: "Fun experience. At first we felt intimidated but then felt closer as a group and performed without errors!"



BLOODHOUND MICRO:BIT ROCKET CAR COMPETITION FINALS

On the 21st of June 11 Year 7 students took part in the regional heats of the Bloodhound Micro:bit Rocket Car Competition at the Bloodhound workshop in Avonmouth. Team Dancing Queens; **Amy Taylor** and **Alana James**, achieved a maximum speed of 62mph placing them 3rd in Bristol and **8th in England and Wales**. They have been invited to take part in the **finals at Santa Pod Raceway in Wellingborough** on 5th July where they will compete against the 30 fastest teams in the UK. The names of all the schools in the final will be added to the tailfin of the Bloodhound SSC and the overall winning team will invited on a VIP trip to Newquay to see the first trials of the rocket car.

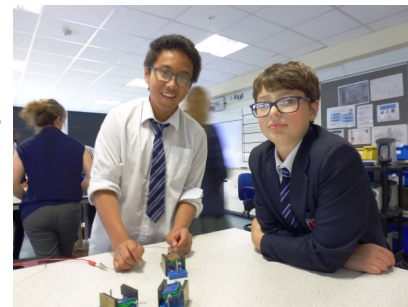
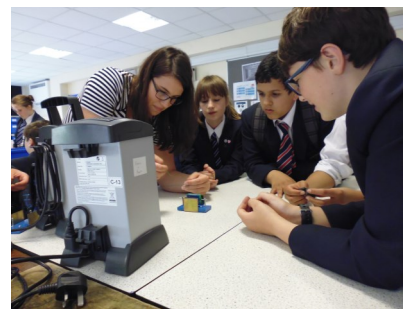


THE OGDEN TRUST TEACH PHYSICS INTERNSHIP

We are delighted to welcome Miss Hannah Shuter to the Science Faculty. Miss Shuter is joining the faculty as a Teach Physics Intern through the Ogden Trust. Miss Shuter will be working with youngsters running some lunchtime activities and providing university/UCAS advice to our students with the aim of inspiring them to study sciences, especially Physics, at University.

Hello! My name is Miss Shuter, and many pupils will by now have seen me around the school. I have just finished my third year of a four-year Masters' degree in Physics at the University of Bristol. I am at St Bede's thanks to the Ogden Trust's Teach Physics Internship and will be here for the remainder of the term, observing, assisting and doing a small amount of teaching in Science lessons throughout the school.

The Ogden Trust is a charitable foundation which was started in 1998 by Sir Peter Ogden to encourage and promote the teaching and learning of Physics through the sponsorship of talented students studying undergraduate physics, undergraduate and postgraduate students who wish to teach Physics, and programmes and projects supporting Science teaching in primary and secondary schools. The Ogden Trust Teach Physics programme was first set up in 2010 with five schools but has expanded enormously since then, to 37 schools in 2015. Schools taking part are state schools with a reputation for strong physics teaching. As well as assisting in Science lessons while I am here I also ran my first Science Club on Monday where we made electric motors. We had a very good turnout and lots of fun making our motors work.



YEAR 11

Today, our Year 11's celebrated their last day in school uniform as we said a fond farewell.

Many of the pupils will of course, be returning in September for life in our Sixth Form.

Ms Hughes told them how proud she was of their achievements and said that she would remember them as **Awesome Achievers** and that her hope was that we have inspired them to be a force for good within society.

Each pupil was presented with a small gift and were treated to a 'trip down memory lane' as we shared photographs of their time at the college.

This evening, the Year 11 Prom will take place which is always a wonderful occasion.

We wish each and every one the success they deserve.