

St. Bede's Catholic College

Specialist Science and Sports College



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UNIVERSITY SCIENCE 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, Dr Alison Rivet and two PhD students from the University of Bristol. These lectures focussed on the topics of Gases in the Atmosphere and their interactions and included an interactive element. Many of the pupils were able to initiate the experiments causing loud explosions and the fair testing of various materials.



Lia Wiczorkowska, a year 8 pupil said *"I found the lecture really exciting and very interactive. Tim showed us things that we hadn't been able to see before!"* Pupils from **Our Lady of the Rosary** school described the lectures *"As really fun—especially all the explosions!"*

This was the eighth 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 university level.



YEAR 9 UPPER SCHOOL CURRICULUM EVENING

Our Year 9 Upper School Curriculum evening was held on Wednesday and attracted large numbers of pupils and parents.

Ms Hughes spoke about the choices for pupils entering Key Stage Four in September and outlined the changes to the GCSE grading system.

Year 9 Parents Evening is on 17th March where parents will get the opportunity to discuss their child's progress with teachers and ask any questions relating to option choices.

Option forms must be returned by 22nd March.

ENGLAND NETBALL ACADEMY

Congratulations to year 10 pupil **Rhian Hughes** who has recently been selected for **England Netball's South West U17 Regional Academy**.

Rhian, who plays netball for Imperial Netball club, has enjoyed the challenge so far. Well done.

We always look forward to hearing the achievements, outside of college, of our pupils.

Please do contact us at contact@stbedesc.org

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

20th January 2016
HPV Vaccinations
Year 8 & 9 Girls

21st January 2016
Year 11 Kintbury
Retreat Depart

24th January 2016
Year 11 Kintbury
Retreat Return

29th January 2016
INSET DAY

1st February 2016
Week of Year 10 & 11
Exams in English,
Maths and Science

ESU CHURCHILL NATIONAL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Congratulations to Year 11 pupils **Przemyslaw Kruczek**, **Ignatius De Pedro** and **Albert Hadi** who yesterday evening took part in the **Bristol Final** of the ESU Churchill National Public Speaking Competition. **Albert** spoke about how *'Faith and rational thought cannot co-exist,'* **Przemyslaw** was an engaging chair person and **Ignatius** asked some probing questions. Peaches Golding OBE was impressed by all of the participants' exemplar public speaking. An enjoyable evening. Well done.

RUGBY FINALS

We are delighted that our Year 9, 10 and 11 Rugby Teams are in the **Bristol Finals**. Year 10 and 11 finals are today, and the Year 9 will be next Friday, 22nd January at 11.40am at Filton College WISE campus on the 4G. Parents are welcome to attend.

TOP 12 MOST POPULAR LIBRARY BOOKS SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2015



Girl Online	Zoe Sugg
Bodyguard: Ambush	Chris Bradford
Chocolate Box Girls	Cathy Cassidy
Fault In Our Stars	John Green
Cherub series	Robert Muchamore
Only Ever Yours	Louise O'Neill
Matched	Ally Condie
Noughts and Crosses	Malorie Blackman
Diary Of A Wimpy Kid	Jeff Kinney
Cuckoo Song	Frances Hardinge
The Scorch Trials	James Dashner
Web Of Darkness	Bali Rai

ST BEDES SWIMMING TEAM

Any pupil who is interested in being selected for St. Bede's Swimming Team, please hand in your time for 25m along with your preferred stroke to Miss Chennells next week.

BASKETBALL RESULTS

Congratulations to our Junior Basketball team who this week started the season with a very impressive win against Fairfield.

COUCH 2 5K - BEGINNERS RUNNING GROUP

Would you like to start running? We have a new FREE, 9 week Couch 2, 5k course which started on Tuesday 12th January at 7.30pm.

The group starts with 60 second jogs and by the end will be able to run without stopping for 30 minutes.

For more information or to sign-up please go to www.eventbrite.co.uk and search for 'Run4Life St Bede's'.

HAIRSPRAY REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Hairspray rehearsals are now underway for our summer production. For those pupils involved please find below the Rehearsal Schedule that runs until February half term.

All after school rehearsals will be until 5pm.

Scene/Song	Skill	Date	Cast members needed
Good Morning Baltimore	Singing	Monday 18 th January (Lunch)	Tracy, Chorus One
Good Morning Baltimore	Choreography	Tuesday 19 th January (Lunch)	Tracy, Chorus One
Good Morning Baltimore	Combining	Wednesday 20 th January (After school)	Tracy, Chorus One
Page 5 – 6 dialogue	Acting	Friday 22 nd January (Lunch)	Tracy, Edna, Prudy, Penny
Nicest Kids in Town	Singing	Monday 25 th January (Lunch)	Corny and Council
Nicest Kids in Town	Choreography	Tuesday 26 th January (Lunch)	Corny and Council
Nicest Kids in Town	Combining	Wednesday 27 th January (After school)	Corny and Council
Page 8 – 10 dialogue	Acting	Thursday 28 th January (Lunch)	Corny, Velma, Amber, Link, Spritzer, Tracy, Penny, Brenda
Mama I'm a big girl now	Singing	Monday 1 st February (Lunch)	Penny, Prudy, Velma, Amber, Tracy, Edna
Nicest Kids in Town	Choreography	Tuesday 2 nd February (Lunch)	Corny and Council
Nicest Kids in Town	Combining	Wednesday 3 rd February (After school – before year 8 curriculum evening)	Corny and Council
Page 11 – 13 dialogue	Acting	Thursday 4 th February (Lunch)	Wilbur, Penny, Prudy, Velma, Amber, Tracy, Edna

STAFF VACANCIES

The College has a vacancy for a **Casual Grounds/Site Assistant** working with our Site Team to keep the College grounds well maintained and tidy. The hours of work are flexible but could be up to 2 days per week. The pay is £7.65 per hour.

We also have two vacancies for college **Cleaners** —One 16 hours per week and one 15 hours per week all year round. The hours of work for the 16 hour post are 3.15pm to 6.30 pm Monday to Thursday and 3.15 to 6.15 pm on Friday and 3.15 to 6.15 pm each day for the 15 hour post. The hourly rate for the posts are £7.65. The posts are subject to a 6 month probationary period. The successful candidates will be required to undergo a Disclosure and Barring Service Check before starting work.

Job descriptions and application forms can be downloaded from the website.

St. Bede's is a "Living Wage" employer.

Closing date for receipt of completed application forms is **Monday 1 February 2016.**