

# St. Bede's Catholic College

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## NATIONAL WRITING COMPETITION

Congratulations to

**Amy Rose Koikkara** whose poem *Haunted Lullaby* has been chosen, out of the 3000 entries, for the long-list of the First Story National Writing Competition on the theme of Echoes.



If short-listed next month, Amy will be invited to a prize-giving ceremony in London as well as seeing her work published in an official anthology. We are keeping our fingers crossed!

### **Haunted Lullaby**

*Echoes...*

*The winter wind carries its haunted lullaby  
Each blow hitting stronger  
Each blow hurting harder*

*Echoes...*

*A beacon of darkness,  
A mirror of the past  
The voice of lost ones*

*Echoes wait to chase you at night  
Lurking around my deep, dark abyss of a mind,*

*Echoes...*

*I dance in its whispers  
I cower in its sharp glare  
I write about its harsh stabs*

*Echoes...*

*The winter wind carries its haunted lullaby  
Each blow hitting stronger  
Each blow hurting harder*

## YEAR 10 PUPILS CONFRONT THEIR PHOBIAS IN GCSE PSYCHOLOGY!

Year 10 Psychology pupils came face to face with their worst phobias during a psychology lesson on atypical behaviour yesterday.

Tom, from Eco Animal Encounters Bristol, visited St Bede's with a range of animals including a 10ft python, tarantulas, jungle frogs and a giant tortoise to name a few.

During the course of the lesson all pupils had the opportunity to hold the animals and explore possible therapies used to combat phobias. Treatments included Systematic Desensitization, Implosion Therapy and a technique known as Flooding which involves immersing a client in their fear!



## YEAR 11 BRISTOL NETBALL CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the **Year 11 Netball team** who were **crowned Bristol Champions** after meeting St. Mary Redcliffe and Temple School in the Bristol Schools Championship Finals last Wednesday, 20th January. Members of the squad worked hard to secure victory in **their very last match for St. Bede's Catholic College** and were rewarded with a 34-12 win.

Year 9 also secured a place in the Bristol Schools Finals. Unfortunately they lost to Redland Green but look forward to competing again next year.  
Well done to all the girls who have played Netball this season.

## HORSE RIDING

Do you own a horse and take part in competitions?  
If so, St. Bede's needs you!

We are hoping to form a riding team to represent the school at a competitive level.

If you think this is something you would be interested in please see Miss Bassett for further details.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**29th January 2016**  
INSET DAY

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

**3rd February 2016**  
Year 8 Curriculum  
Evening 6.30pm

**4th February 2016**  
Year 11 Parents  
Evening  
4.30pm—7.30pm

**5th February 2016**  
Ski Trip to Austria  
Departs

### END OF TERM 3

**13th February 2016**  
Ski Trip Return

**15th February 2016**  
START OF TERM 4  
WEEK A

### LIBRARY NOTICE

A reminder to all pupils that overdue books need to be returned or renewed. Please look out for overdue reminders which are sent out every week via Mentor Groups.

Please note the Library is also open from Monday-Thursday until 4.30pm.

You can come to study, read or do your Home Learning.

## RUGBY SCHOOLS FINALS

Three of St Bede's rugby teams have taken to the field over the last couple of weeks to contest the Bristol Schools Finals.

This year the finals were kindly hosted by Filton College on their artificial surface and this made for some exciting matches and

plenty of action for the assembled parents and players. Year 10 played at a good pace throughout, **Laurent Ngunjoh** was a threat whenever he touched the ball. Sadly, the score went against the Year 10 and Redland Green School was able to come away with the win. Our boys will be back next year, more determined than ever, to finish their school careers on a high.



Year 11



Our Year 11 finished things a little better in an extremely tight match against our perennial rivals, Redland Green. They can feel quite hard done by not to have won convincingly, particularly given that RGS only entered the St Bede's 22m area once in the whole game. The final outcome was a 7 all draw and both teams shared the trophy. There are already murmurings of unfinished business and another game between the two sides being arranged. Keep your eyes peeled for the final result! (If we win)

The Year 11s have put in some fantastic performances this season and have really come together well as a team. The forwards were dominant as ever with special mention going to **Alex**

**Kanchanatheera** and **Ryan Kearney**.

Our last team to contest the final was the year 9s. After an unbeaten league campaign the boys quite rightly went in with confidence high. Rugby can be a cruel game though and so it proved on the day.

With the rain pouring down all morning it looked like it might be an error-strewn affair, particularly given how much both St Bede's and Orchard School like to move the ball around. Still both teams played plenty of rugby, albeit regularly interrupted by scrummaging. Orchard put forward a fantastic defensive performance and were able to hold the boys at bay and then find a way to score themselves and win the game.

I have no doubt this will motivate our boys to a huge effort against Clevedon School in the Super 8 competition. No better way to start a campaign than against last seasons winners!

Year 9



### WORLD CHALLENGE FUNDRAISER

Our Sixth Form students have been working hard to raise money for their expedition with **World Challenge to Swaziland in July**. In Swaziland, the students will be based at a neighbourhood care point and school, working on a project to aid abandoned and orphaned children.

On 15th January, a 'Curry and Quiz night' was held at St. Teresa's Social Club.

It was a successful event which **raised £1000.00!**

It was great to see both staff, pupils and parents supporting the cause. The History Department scored the highest for the 'Teacher' teams, beating Geography by only one point!

Another Quiz night is planned for 18th March. If you would like to receive further details of the event, please email: **contact@stbedesc.org**

#### ROTARY YOUNG CHEF

Good luck to **Sam McGreevy** and **Rhian Greenaway** (Year 11) who are competing in the District rounds of the **Rotary Young Chef competition** at The Cotswold School in Bourton-on-the-Water on Saturday 30th January.

#### HAIRSPRAY

Hairspray rehearsals are underway and going well. A new rehearsal schedule will be released when we return after half term.



#### MONOLOGUE WRITING COMPETITION 2016

Pupils are invited to enter the St. Bede's Monologue Writing Competition.

To enter, pupils need to write a **700-800 word monologue** from a perspective of their choice. This means it is one person narrating the whole piece - and may report the speech of other people to the reader.

More details are available from Miss Barnes at Creative Writing Club any Friday lunchtime in A20. All entries must be submitted typed to [l.barnes@stbedesc.org](mailto:l.barnes@stbedesc.org) by Friday 19th February 2016.

**The author of 'Hacked', Tracey Alexander, will be judging the competition!**

#### PEARSON TEACHING AWARDS

The Pearson Awards represents an opportunity to recognise outstanding professionals in education. The awards celebrate the dedication and expertise of those whose invaluable work impacts on the life chance of young people. If any pupil would like to nominate staff at St. Bede's Catholic College, Please go to **<http://pearsonteachingawards.com/thank-a-teacher/>**

Once submitted the entry will go forward to a panel of judges. If your nominee has been selected as a finalist, you will be notified by the end of April.

Any person nominated who does not get selected for the final, will receive a Thank You certificate.

#### 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.**



### REVISION SESSIONS DURING HALF TERM

We are offering revision sessions for Year 11 and Year 13 students over the February half term break. These are listed below:

**Friday 12th February**

**GCSE Maths — Targeting C Grade**

**10.00am—2.00pm**

**Mr O’Gallagher**

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**Friday 12th February**

**A Level Maths Revision**

**10.00am—2.00pm**

**Miss Weston**

### FEBRUARY HALF-TERM SPORTS CAMPS

St. Bede's Catholic College Community Sports team will be running a week long multi-sports camp for children aged 7-14 from Monday 8th to Friday 12th February 2016.

The camp will run each day from 9.00am-3.00pm at a cost of £12 per day or £45 for the week. The camp will cover a range of games such as basketball, rounders, cricket, tennis, football and dodge ball.

In order to book a place or for further information please contact Rob Allan, Sports Development Officer 07825 767582 or email [r.allan@stbcc.org](mailto:r.allan@stbcc.org).



### HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 2016

27th January marked Holocaust Memorial Day (the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau) and St Bede's participated in a variety of events to commemorate this important event.

The theme for 2016 was 'Don't Stand By.' Pasteur House were presented with an assembly put together by Year 13 pupils **Megan O'Brien** and **Alex Magee**, who are **Young Ambassadors for Holocaust Educational Trust**. They spoke to pupils about the dangers of doing nothing even though you might know wrong is being committed all around you.

Each tutor group was provided with a Power Point around the theme of 'Don't Stand By' as a point of discussion and a brief outline of how the Holocaust was able to escalate, due to bystanders.

Year 11 History pupils this week also watched a live broadcast by Holocaust Survivor Rudi Oppenheimer, who talked about his families treatment when they were forced to leave Amsterdam and moved to Westerbork and later Bergen-Belson before being liberated by the Red Army. He came to Britain after the war to live with relatives and talks regularly about his experiences to school pupils and universities.

### COOKERY CLUB

Cookery club will be starting again after February half term. Please see Mrs Walker, Food Teacher for more Information.

### WISE WORDS

*It is always quietly thrilling to find yourself looking at a world you know well but have never seen from such an angle before.*

Bill Bryson

### YEAR 8 CURRICULUM EVENING

Our Year 8 Curriculum evening is on **Wednesday 3rd February**. The evening will provide an insight to parents and pupils about the Year 8 into Year 9 Option process.

**Deadline for return of option forms from Year 8 pupils to Tutors is Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016.**

## **Year 11 Information Evening**

### **Independent Careers Advice and Guidance—A further call for professionals!**

We try to ensure that our pupils are fully informed about options open to them for Further and Higher education, so that they make good choices.

The programme in place for Independent Careers Advice and Guidance is fairly extensive and varied. We recently held a careers fair to which a number of post 16 and apprenticeship providers were invited.

What we would now like to do is to make available an opportunity for pupils to meet with other professionals from a variety of backgrounds. We have had a great response from parents who are Opticians, Finance Directors, Surgeons, Designers, Engineers, Solicitors and Nurses and they have agreed to attend the evening. However, we would be particularly interested in additional representation from the following professions:

**Psychology, Computing, Accountancy, Veterinary, Journalism, Sport and Architecture**

If you are a parent working in any of these professions and would be willing to come to a Year 11 information evening to talk to young people about:

- what you studied at A level
- why you chose your profession
- routes into your profession
- applicable A levels
- universities
- the rewards of working in your profession
- careers prospects

We would love to hear from you.

The evening for Year 11 is **Tuesday, 23rd February 2016**. The plan is to have a number of parents from different professions sitting at tables and the young people can move around and talk with you.

This would take place from **6.00pm to 7.00pm**. Following this informal event, pupils will then gather in the hall with their parents to learn about their GCSEs in Mathematics, English and Science and how their parents can help them **“ace their exams!”**

If you are interested in being part of that parent group, please contact me on the school email address [contact@stbedesc.org](mailto:contact@stbedesc.org)

I look forward to hearing from you.

Mr D O'Rourke  
Assistant Principal