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CERTIFICATE EVENING – AWESOME ACHIEVERS

Yesterday evening, a significant number of last year's Year 11 pupils and their parents came to the celebration at college to receive their GCSE Certificates.

Presentations were made on behalf of Governors, Heads of Houses and staff following a service of prayers, readings and hymns. The Annual Governors Awards to the **Best Girl and Best Boy in College** were presented this year to **Julia Dyba** and **Davis John**. The Bell Burnell House awards for **Highest Achievement** went to **Abin Varghese** and **Maria Fraser**, **Descartes** awards to **Ignatius De Pedro** and **Eva Clothier** and the **Pasteur** awards were presented to **Katie Whitfield** and **Joseph Tomy**.



Pasteur Outstanding Progress awards were presented to **Alicia Dias**, **Albert Hadi** and **Alastair Vyphuis**. **Outstanding Progress for Descartes** house awarded to **Emily Rees** and **Christin James** and **Bell Burnell** awards to **Reece Mannion** and **India Lawton-Brownbill**.

The **Areté Sixth Form** awards for the highest achievers within the Areté Sixth Form were awarded to: **Arnold Gomes**, **Ashwin Tomy**, **Conrad Haswell**, **Francesca O'Brien**, **Amber Williams** and **Milena Dabrowska**.

It was clear from the response that the recipients of awards were extremely well received and were worthy of such recognition. The **Principal's Award** was presented this year to **Eoin Condron**.

Those attending tackled a great spread of food including a celebration cake and enjoyed catching-up with friends and acquaintances, some of whom they had not seen since July. The Certificate Evening is always a highlight of the College's year, giving us a chance to acknowledge hard work and celebrate success with students and families. 21 awards were made and Ms Hughes said she regretted not being able to give every single student an award.

She told students that:

"It is not what you take from here in the way of results or awards that will shape your future. It is the person you are and what you do with your talents and gifts that will shape your future."



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

27th NOVEMBER 2016
Beginning of Advent

28th NOVEMBER 2016
Year 11 Mock
Examinations begin
6.00pm Ski
Parents Evening

29th NOVEMBER 2016
Year 12
Parents Evening
4.30pm—7.30pm

2nd DECEMBER 2016
INSET DAY

5th DECEMBER 2016
Week of Year 10
English, Maths and
Science Examinations

6th DECEMBER 2016
Year 8
Parents Evening
4.30pm—7.30pm

9th DECEMBER 2016
Year 11 Mock
Examinations end

14th DECEMBER 2016
Advent Service

16th DECEMBER 2016
END OF TERM 2

VACANCIES

We are looking to recruit a number of **Invigilators** to provide support in supervising examinations within the College. The hourly rate of pay is £9. For further information please visit www.stbedesc.org

ESU Churchill National Public Speaking Competition

On Tuesday, 15th November St Bede's hosted the English Speaking Union – Churchill National Public Speaking Competition. ESU is a charity and membership organisation, dedicated to helping people realise their full potential by giving them the skills and confidence to communicate their ideas and share them with others. Representation from a number of schools with families attended on the evening.

The format is that each school competes against a guest speaker from another, providing an opportunity for an exchange of ideas across the seven teams. Those participating included St Bede's, Orchard School, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Clevedon and Redmaid's and the standard of discourse for the evening was exceedingly high.

We entered two very strong teams:

Team 1: Peter Savery – Speaker, **Daniel Long** – Questioner and **Daniel Layden** – Chair.

Team 2: Jansen Roy – Chair, **Gabrielle Forster** – Questioner and Shanaz **Sharonsenthil** – Speaker.

After deliberations of the three very experienced ESU judges, we were absolutely **delighted to receive 4 of the 6 awards of the evening.**

The St Bede's **Team 2** was awarded **1st place overall**, Redmaid's 2nd and St Bede's **Team 1** was **placed 3rd.**

In addition, **Peter Savery** received an award for **Best Speech of the Evening** and **Jansen Roy, Best Chair of the Evening.** The Best Questioner of the Evening went to Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

Both St Bede's Teams and Redmaid's are now through to the **Bristol Final** to be held at QEH on Thursday, 12th January.

Our young people excelled on what was, a splendid evening for the College. Well done St Bede's!



GREAT RESULT FOR YEAR 8 IN THE BRISTOL NETBALL FINALS

Congratulations to the Year 8 Girls who participated in the **Bristol Netball Finals** on Wednesday, 16th November. After an impressive start, they finished 1st in their group. They then beat Cathedral Choir School 5-0 in the semi final, but unfortunately lost 3-1 against Redland Green School in the Final. They are now the second placed Year 8 team in Bristol!

Congratulations to **Kate O'Shea, Lois Brooker, Lizzie Phillips-White, Jess Power Stone, Ciara Rae, Evie Cummings, Alessia Noto, Lucy Stone** and **Isobel Clothier**

SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGE RESULTS

We were delighted to hear last week that our Sixth Form Mathematicians gained great results in their most recent Senior Maths Challenge.

The Senior Maths Challenge is a national competition aimed at 16-19 year olds. The top 60% of students nationally receive a Gold, Silver or Bronze certificate.

Congratulations to:

Bronze Award Winners

Ashley Hicks, Arnold Gomes and Noel George

Silver Award Winners

Thomas Holbrook, Adam Wheeler, Katie Whitfield and Sean O'Connor

Gold Award Winner

Howard Fish. Howard has been selected to go through to the British Maths Olympiad, which is a competition for the **top 1000 Sixth Form Mathematicians in the Country**. Howard is just **two rounds away from competing Internationally with the Final in Rio!!** Good luck Howard!

CAFOD YOUNG LEADERS

On Friday, 18th November a number of year 10 pupils participated in a CAFOD Young Leaders workshop. The focus of the group was influence and ideas in campaigning.

Pupils now look forward to sharing ideas with other pupils on issues going on in the world today and ways in which we can help.



LAW TRIP TO PARLIAMENT

On Thursday 10th November, thirty year 12 and 13 students visited Bristol Crown Court. The day started off with an interactive meeting with Judge Horton, where a question and answer session gave the students an amazing insight into the role and importance of the jury and witnesses. All students participated in a mock trial, where they experienced first-hand the roles of those in the court. This session gave students an invaluable awareness of the complexities within each trial. The students then had the opportunity to watch a live trial from the public gallery. This was a fantastic day where students were able to delve into the life of the courts and see first-hand just how the English legal system operates!

AUDITIONS FOR LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

This years auditions for **Little Shop of Horrors** are underway! Pupils from years 7, 8, 9 and 10 have been acting, singing and dancing in preparation to wow the casting panel. Throughout the week we have seen some wonderful performances and are going to find it incredibly difficult to decide on roles.

The news of this years production has created a tangible buzz around the corridors and we are extremely excited to get rehearsals started.

Thank you for your continued support.



YOUNG ENTERPRISE

This year we are excited to have two Young Enterprise teams: Team **Ignite** and Team **Gulp**.

IGNITE: Fundraising product - Handmade Henna decorated candles.

Shanaz Sharonsenthil, Cody O'Callaghan, Oliver Wiercioch-Giles, Romey Clark, Callum O'Leary, Kirk Mobsby, Carlo Berondo, Przemyslaw Jaroslowski, Sneha Thomas, Josh Owen and Jade Hutchinson

Business Advisor- Richard Phillips from Three Cherries IT and Computer solutions.

GULP: Fundraising Product - Mugs for Tea, Coffee and Hot Chocolate lovers filled with relevant goodies.

Renji Babu, Matthew Buckley-Stait, Afin Martin Jose, Allen Joseph, Charlotte Marriott, Joseph Roy, Isaac Sam, Noel Shaji, Keira Smith, Doreen Tafa and Joel Varghese.

Business Advisor- Mark Guatieri from Brand 51 Graphic Design Company.

Last Thursday both teams ran a cake sale in college raising an incredible **£210.00** in **15 minutes!**

The first major **Young Enterprise event is a Trade Fair at St Nicholas Market on Saturday 3rd December.**

If you are nearby, please do come along to support the teams.

We look forward to hearing how they got on.



Revision guides

We are now taking orders for Science Revision Guides. To receive the GCSE revision guides in time for Christmas please ensure order slips are returned by Thursday 1st December.

Year 11 should order the OCR 21st Century guides (this is the LAST order we will be placing for the old GCSE Specification)

Year 10 should order the NEW GCSE AQA guides.

YEAR 8 MATHEMATICIANS AT UWE MASTERCLASS

A group of St Bede's Year 8 Mathematicians show off a fractal cube, which they worked with at the first of a series of Maths masterclasses at UWE.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX APPEAL



Mr Toffolo and his Sixth Form tutor group have taken part in the 'Operation Christmas Child' appeal.

The students have organised 15 boxes and raised a total of £78.00 so that they can be shipped to children in need, including children in war torn Syria. A worthy cause and a way of bringing some happiness into the lives of many children that simply have Nothing. Well done.

REMINDER

The college will be closed to pupils on Friday 2nd December as we have an In-service day.

PRIMARY SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS

On 22nd and 23rd November, St Bede's hosted the Year 5 and 6 primary school Sports Hall Athletics as part of the Level 2 school games competition calendar. Twelve schools and over 200 children attended and took part in track and field events with the aim of earning points for their school.

Henleaze Junior school were the eventual winners pipping **Elmlea Juniors** and **St Bonaventure's** and will now represent North Bristol in the January area finals. Other schools that took part were **St Teresa's, Henbury Court, Bishop Road, NOVA, Littlemead, Horfield, Our Lady of the Rosary, Westbury Park** and **St Peter and St Paul RC Primary**.

It was a great event, enjoyed by all who took part.



SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

ROAD Safety

The safety of the young people travelling to and from the college is very important to us all and we know that particular care is needed during the winter months. Here are some tips for staying safe on the way to and from the college;

Walking to school

- Be aware of potential danger points - looking carefully before crossing busy roads, taking extra care at bus stops and getting on and off trains
- Keep possessions safe, e.g. mobile phones, keys and money
- Try and arrange to walk with another student and know what to do if you feel threatened



Vehicle transport

- Remain seated at all times
- Do not distract the driver
- If a vehicle is fitted with a seat belt, you must wear it.



Cycling to school

- Wear a helmet and keep your bike roadworthy
- Ride in a position where you can see and be seen
- Use lights and consider wearing bright or reflective clothing, especially in the evening and in bad weather
- Follow the Highway Code – don't jump red lights and don't cycle on the pavement unless it's a designated cycle path
- Signal clearly at all times
- Be aware of vehicles. Make eye contact with other road users, especially at junctions, then you know they've seen you
- Never cycle along the inside of large vehicles, such as lorries and buses
- Use your bell - not all pedestrians can see you

