

# St. Bede's Catholic College

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## Newsletter

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### MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL

Term 1 came to a happy close as we were pleased to raise money for Breast Cancer Awareness through our annual Pink Day. Students and staff continue to exercise the Option for the Poor and Vulnerable through charity work and service of others.

Last week was our first Cultural Dress day of the year and students were resplendent in their cultural dress and outfits celebrating their country's flag colours. We look forward to the annual Culture Week in the spring.

After half-term, we are going to make a concerted effort as a community to reduce parking in the Lawrence Weston Road coach bays at the end of the day. We will be working with staff and sixth form students and ask that families support us by not using these bays when collecting their children at the end of the day. This will allow the buses to park up safely and students to embark easily, without causing traffic congestion on this road.

Many thanks for your support.

Lord God,

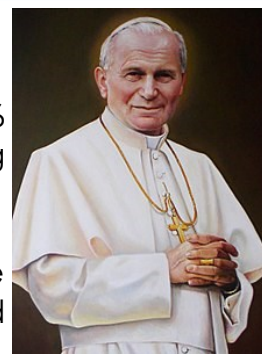
*Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts, during this half-term.  
Grant us refreshment of mind and body. We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

Amen

### REFLECTION — 22 October - St John Paul II

**Pope John Paul II** was the head of the Catholic Church from 16 October 1978 to his death in 2005. He was the second longest-serving pope in history. As a Pole, he was the first non-Italian pope in 455 years.

He travelled more than any other pope before him, visiting many of the countries of the world. He is also famous for starting the annual World Youth Day.



John Paul II was canonized by Pope Francis on April 27, 2014 which means that the Polish Pope is now known as **Saint John Paul II**.

**Reflection:** *"I plead with you, never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid."* St John Paul II

**Prayer:** Dear Lord Jesus, we are inspired by St John Paul II, who brought Your love and Gospel to many people and nations. We pray that we too can bring You to our friends and family.

He comforted all children of the Church in times of chaos and uncertainty. Grant us, through his intercession, a love for all mankind and the radiance of Jesus. **Amen**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024

**Thursday  
31st October**

Deadline for Year 7 applications for St. Bede's

**Monday 4th  
November  
START OF TERM 2**

Year 12 & Year 13 Classroom exams Commence

**Thursday 14th  
November**

Year 8 Progress Evening (Virtual)

## UKMT SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

Year 12 Further Maths students recently took part in the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge. Students have to answer multiple choice questions on a variety of problem solving questions. The students did very well. **Well done to all the students that took part and a special mention to Albert Aditya.** His fantastic score has earned him a place in the next round of the competition known as the Andrew Jobbings Senior Kangaroo which will take place in November.

### Bronze Award

**Theodora Sin, Edwin Bobby John, Liana Stofova, Aidan Chacko and Patryk Kowalewski**

### Silver Award

**Tess Banim, Oliver Thomas, Jonah Bryant, Josh Okorochoa and Leo Sinoy**

### Gold Award **Albert Aditya**



## HE+

We held another event on 8 October as part of our activities as Bristol Hub of the University of Cambridge HE+ widening participation scheme.

Over eighty students from across Bristol benefited from a morning workshop preparing them for interviews following their application to prestigious universities. The event included a lecture from Xanthe Robertson from Trinity Hall, Cambridge, and the opportunity to have a face-to-face interview with an academic. We are grateful to those who gave their time and expertise as interviewers; feedback suggested the student's valued the experience and now feel more confident in preparing for the real thing.

If you are aware of any academics who would be interested in volunteering to be an interviewer next year could you please contact Dr Bailey in Areté ([baileyl@stbcc.org](mailto:baileyl@stbcc.org))



## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

A few years ago we gave parents, carers and the wider family the opportunity to sponsor our various college team kits. The sponsorship scheme allows the PE department to buy good quality kit but also gives the chance for any company to receive positive advertising. As you may be aware, companies who participate in the scheme would be able to claim tax relief from any donation.

This year we would like to buy several waterproof robes for the substitutes of our various teams use. The robes will be £90 each. If you feel your company would be able to sponsor one or more robes, then please email Mr Johnson on [johnsond@stbcc.org](mailto:johnsond@stbcc.org) and he will be able to send you a picture of what the robes would look like.

## YEAR 7 ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2025

Parents/carers of any Year 6 children (born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014) wishing to join St Bede's Catholic College are reminded that now is the time to apply for their secondary school place for September 2025. To make an application:



1. You must complete the secondary transfer application form provided by your home Local Authority (available on the LA website) by **31 October 2024**, and:

2. If you are applying for a baptised Catholic child or for child of another faith denomination, you should also complete a Supplementary Information Form (available on our website) and provide a copy of your child's baptism certificate/proof of membership, also by **31 October 2024**.

## AN INSPECTOR CALLS THEATRE TRIP

80 Year 11 students enjoyed a brilliant night at Bristol Hippodrome watching J.B. Priestley's 'An Inspector Calls.'

This brilliantly constructed masterpiece powerfully dramatises the dangers of casual capitalism's cruelty, complacency and hypocrisy.

As this is one of their English Literature GCSE set texts, it was great to see it being brought to life on the stage.

The students were able to hear the lines they've learnt for their exams being performed and it was an excellent way to revise the play. Priestley reminds us all that : "We are members of one body. We are responsible for each other. If men will not learn that lesson, then they will be taught it in fire and blood and anguish".



## CAREERS FAIR

We recently welcomed representatives from colleges, universities and employers to St. Bede's for our annual Careers Fair.

Year 11 students had the opportunity to discuss the next step in their education and employment. After the event, they were offered opportunities to attend interesting talks on Apprenticeships and 'University Life.'





## INTER HOUSE COMPETITION

Last week marked the first inter-house event of the year: the cross-country competition.

Well done to the **410 runners who took on the challenge**, despite the soggy conditions on the field.

**Seacole** emerged as the overall winner, narrowly beating Bell Bunnell to the title. With the most first-place finishes, Seacole had the most wins.

Below is a breakdown of the results for each year group:

PAST	DES	B/B	SEA
42	46	56	56



## PINK CHARITY DAY

Students and staff were invited to accessorise their uniforms and 'Wear It Pink' to raise funds for Breast Cancer Awareness Day.

Well done to all who participated. Students and staff had so much fun and all for a worthy cause raising a wonderful **£560.17!**

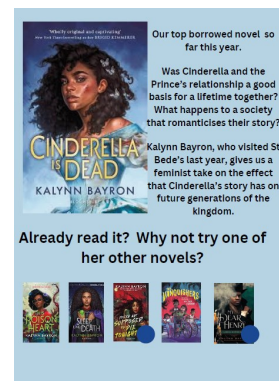
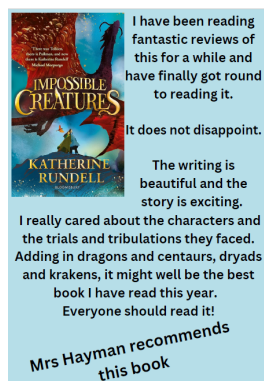
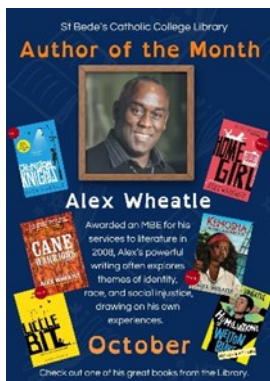


## LIBRARY NEWS

Our sixth formers at St Bede's aspire to many varied professions, and look to improve their current awareness of fields they are interested in. If any parents or carers are members of professional organisations and would be willing to donate magazines to us when they are finished with, we would be very grateful.



It's been an exciting week in the Library, with a delivery of new books and the announcement of the shortlist for this year's Bristol Teen Book Award (necessitating another book order!) The BTBA is aimed at Year 9s +, with the shortlist drawn from books nominated by Bristol pupils. The books should be with us just after half term.



Click on the posters to see previews

Half term reading

Mrs Hayman will be hoping to finish the Zadie Smith's The Fraud which she started during the summer holidays and hasn't got back to! She's also hoping to take home a couple of books from our new book display. Mrs Nicks is looking forward to making a dent in her current reading pile, especially finishing Queen of the Tiles by Hanna Alkaf, a murder mystery set at a scrabble tournament.

Looking forward to next term...

## YEAR 7 ACTIVITY TRIP AT MANOR ADVENTURE - JULY 2024

We have a limited number of spaces available on the Year 7 activity trip. If you would like to find out further information, please contact Miss Chennells via [chennellsc@stbcc.org](mailto:chennellsc@stbcc.org)

## **SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT**

### **Important notice:**

#### **A reminder for all parents and carers - Child feeling unwell?**

Please discuss with your son or daughter the importance of following the correct procedure in the unusual event of feeling unwell in college.

Students who are not feeling well must alert a member of staff who will notify student support to assist.

Under no circumstances should a student attempt to use their own methods to speak directly to a parent or carer.

College staff will medically assess the student and make a decision whether to call an emergency contact parent/carer or not.

If a student needs to leave the college due to illness, they are not permitted to do so alone.

Children must be collected by a named person, verified by details on the college administration system.

## **RAISING MONEY FOR SANDRA**

Lillian, year 13 would like to share her story:

Many of you may remember Areté student Sandra from lower school and year 12. She is an incredible person who excelled in her studies and creative arts.

However, on the 17th of June, we were saddened to hear that she was diagnosed with a brain tumour. It was an aggressive form of brain cancer. She underwent brain surgery, which left her with significant challenges. The surgery impacted her ability to walk, her speech, the use of her right hand, and her cognitive ability particularly her short term memory. This has made learning and daily tasks much more challenging.

Despite these challenges, she remains determined to finish her A-Levels and further education. The road to recovery is long and requires intense speech, physiotherapy and other support services. Her 18th Birthday will mark the start of chemotherapy, another battle she must face with courage and resilience.

Thank you for taking the time to read Sandra's story and for any support you can provide. Together, we can help give her the chance to return to her life, and the chance to chase her dreams once again.

This is the link for the Go Fund Me:

<https://gofund.me/aa1a5ccc>

The money raised will go towards speech therapy, physiotherapy and other services which are not covered by the NHS.

If anyone is interested in joining a prayer campaign we have started on Hallow (a Catholic prayer app) please email me and I will send more information.

<https://hallow.app.link/qGBzGjcYpNb>

Even the smallest action would be appreciated, thank you for your support!



## FIRST® LEGO® League

This year St. Bede's are going to be entering the FIRST® LEGO® League for the first time.

FIRST® LEGO® League introduces science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) to children through fun, exciting hands-on learning. The competition aims to inspire young people to experiment and grow their critical thinking, coding, and design skills through hands-on STEM learning and robotics. We are hoping to be able to run this competition with as many students as possible in school and the winning school team will go on to compete in the regional finals. If successful they could go on to compete in the national and international finals. We are therefore looking for sponsorship and donations of LEGO®.



**CHALLENGE**

Sponsorship would enable us to purchase multiple Lego kits to use with students. The kits are £427.20 inc VAT. Companies' logos could be added to the teams' tee-shirts to advertise the sponsorship and as you may be aware, companies who participate in the scheme would be able to claim tax relief from your donation. If you feel your company would be able to sponsor the teams, then please email Mrs. Powers on [powersh@stbcc.org](mailto:powersh@stbcc.org)

We are also looking for donations of any LEGO® that any families may have that they no longer use. This can be any LEGO® piece from any set. These donations can be brought into school and handed into B6 or the B Block Prep Room.

Further details will be shared after half-term.

Here are two videos you can watch to find out more about the competition:

About FIRST LEGO League - [https://youtu.be/kkN08bDv9EI?si=wCdi\\_2M1obIIOb4b](https://youtu.be/kkN08bDv9EI?si=wCdi_2M1obIIOb4b)

This Year's competition theme - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J5u-2q\\_K300](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J5u-2q_K300)



## North Bristol School Games at St Bede's Catholic College – Term 1 Update

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

*Y3/4 Sports Hall  
Athletics  
Year 10 Sports*



On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October, the college had 11 primary schools attend a Sports Hall Athletics event.

We had 9 Year 10s be inspiring sports leaders and run different stations to support the young primary participants to achieve their personal best in their Sports Hall athletics experience.

The primary school children attending also managed to gain an insight into the PE experiences at the college by completing some of their events in the college gym.

Thank you to the **Year 10 Sports Leaders students** for being great at this event!

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

*KS2 Cross Country*



Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October saw over 360 children across school Years 3-6 attend our Sports Complex grounds and complete a cross-country race in some wet conditions.

All the children who attended did well!

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

*#LetGirlsPlay Football Festival*



Our most exciting event this term was the #LetGirlsPlay football festival, which targeted KS2 girls to come and just play football. During the event, many schools received trophies for their recognition of Equal Access to girls in both Curriculum and Extra-Curricular activities based on the survey they completed in 2024.

I am also pleased to say St Bede's Catholic College received a trophy for providing equal access to girls in football.

Lastly, a big thank you to **Year 11s Emily, Sophie and Cerys**, who were great female role models as Sports Leaders who were able to confidently referee the games.



# EXCITING CASUAL JOB OPPORTUNITY AT ST BEDE'S



## EXAMS

### Exams Invigilator

St Bede's is looking to recruit Exams Invigilators to provide support to the examination process within the College.

Employment is offered on a casual, sessional basis and the hours of work would be between morning and afternoon sessions, with exact timings depending on the length of the exams

8.30am-12.00pm AM Session

12.30pm-3.30pm PM Session

### Internal GCSE and A Level MOCKS SEASON:

#### Year 11 & Year 13 Mocks exams 2025

Monday 13 January to Friday 24 January 2025

#### Year 10 & Year 12 Mocks

Monday 28 April to Friday 9 May 2025

**Dates of public examinations GCSE & A Level (essential to be available on these dates)**

#### GCSE & A Level Summer 2025 May/June

Tuesday 6 May to Friday 20 June

Contingency dates Summer 2025

Wednesday 11 June - Afternoon

The hourly rate of pay is £12.00

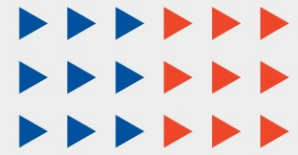
A training day will be held in November 2024

Successful candidates will be required to undergo a Disclosure and Barring Service check before starting work.

A job description and application form can be downloaded from the website or a hard copy can be posted to you.

If you have any queries, please contact Miss Mendez (Examinations Officer) [exams@stbcc.org](mailto:exams@stbcc.org)

**Come and join the team!**



**ST BEDE'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE  
ARETÉ SIXTH FORM**

**OPEN EVENING**

**Thursday  
7th November 2024  
6.00pm**

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