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Newsletter

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ARETÉ OPEN EVENING

Yesterday, we were delighted to welcome nearly 400 guests to our Areté Sixth Form Open Evening. Miss Kirkbright, Director of Sixth Form, hosted a question and answer session with students, who gave an honest and frank insight into why they chose St. Bede's, and their opinions on what is offered to them here, both academically and beyond.

Mr Maher, Principal, said: 'Areté was relatively new a few years ago, however, as a result of the commitment of a hardworking and dedicated staff, results here stand up to scrutiny against the very best in Bristol. There is no glass ceiling in Areté. We want our young people to go out into the world confident in who they are and truly living up to the name and being the very best that they can be.'

The deadline for applicants is **7th January 2020** and application forms can be obtained from the sixth form reception or from our website. Any internal candidate that secures the required grades is guaranteed a place.

It is clear from the turn out on the evening that Areté will again be at full capacity in September 2020. We look forward to welcoming our new cohort. Any enquiries can be emailed to sixthform@stbcc.org.

With only 100 places available for September 2020 it is important that applications are received on time, but also that pupils work hard this year to secure the exam results to meet the entry requirements of 5 grade 5 GCSEs with minimum of grade 5 in both English and Mathematics.

REFLECTION – 24 October – Feast of St John Paul II

This week we celebrate the feast day of St John Paul II. St John Paul II was Pope from 1978 until 2005. He was the second longest-serving pope in history. Originating from Poland, 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, including the UK in 1982. He is also famous for starting the annual World Youth Day.

Reflection: "The future starts today, not tomorrow." Quote from St John Paul

Prayer: Oh, St. John Paul, from the window of heaven, grant us your blessing! Bless the Church that you loved and served and guided, courageously leading her along the paths of the world in order to bring Jesus to everyone and everyone to Jesus. Bless the young, who were your great passion. Help them dream again, help them look up to the heavens again to find the light that illuminates the paths of life here on earth. Amen



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

25th October
END OF TERM 1

31st October
Deadline
for September 2020
Year 7 Admission
Applications

4th November
START OF TERM 2
INSET DAY

5th November
**Pupils return
to college**

5th November
Year 11 Seminar
'Ace Your Exams'

5th November
Sixth Form Exams
(Classroom)

7th November
Senior Maths
Challenge

7th November
Dry Ski Slope
Session 3

14th November
Dry Ski Slope
Session 4

15th November
Year 11
Mock Interviews

15th November
Languages Day

DID YOU KNOW?

Empty or expired
asthma inhalers
can be recycled at
local pharmacies.



2019 WORLD WAR BATTLEFIELDS TRIP TO YPRES SALIENT AND THE SOMME

At 5.30am on Thursday 10th October, 41 excited Year 9 pupils and 4 staff set off on their tour of the First World War Battlefield sites.

We visited the fascinating In Flanders Field Museum and attended the moving ceremony at the Menin Gate.

On day two, we toured the Somme area and held our own ceremony, laying a wreath at Thiepval in memory of those who sacrificed their lives in the First World War. Our First World War experience was tied together by a visit to Tyne Cot cemetery and the German cemetery at Langemark, before our final stop at Passchendaele Memorial Museum.

BATTLEFIELDS TRIP 2020

Letters will be available at the start of Term 2 to Year 8 for next year's Battlefields Trip. A copy is also available on our website. If you would like any further information, please contact Mrs Lewis.



EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION PRESENTATION

On Wednesday 16th October we were delighted to welcome back to St. Bede's Catholic College former Areté students Ethan Osborn-Clark and Lily Woodland. Ethan and Lily, who both now study at the University of Bristol, delivered a presentation to our Year 13 students studying the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

The EPQ is a Level 3 course which can provide up to 70 UCAS points. It involves choosing a topic, carrying out research, then creating either a 5,000 word report or a 'product' plus a 1,000 word report and a presentation.

The advice, hints and tips provided by Ethan and Lily were invaluable to our students. Our sincere thanks for giving up your time and sharing your knowledge.



COMMONWEALTH JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Areté student **Finley Norton** and **Alfie Norton** in year 9 who represented England in the **Commonwealth Judo Championships**, held in Birmingham recently.

The boys participated in several fights and their coach was delighted with their performances. Mr Johnson said "I am very proud to have such talented individuals in Bell Burnell House. It is an amazing achievement to represent your country and perform at that level, congratulations."



Thank you Fin and Alfie for allowing us to print your photograph.

CHINA TRIP

Some of you may be aware that Mr Maher went to China late last year to set up a Sister School Partnership for St. Bede's. The partnership will provide opportunities for amazing cultural activities including the chance to take pupils to China for an immersive visit to our sister school in Guangzhou.

We are hoping to take a group of pupils (current year 7-10) to China in October 2020 and would like to ask for an expression of interest from parents. An information evening regarding the trip will take place on Thursday 7th November at 5.00pm in the Dance Studio. If you would like to find out more, please click the following link: <https://bit.ly/2qGFpb7>



NETBALL AT ST BEDE'S

Our Netball teams have been busy the last couple of weeks, with games against Orchard and Bristol Free. Year 10 also participated in a netball festival at Clifton College. We have witnessed excellent team work from all teams. Keep up the good work!



EUROPEAN BATON TWIRLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to year 9 pupil **Amelie Loud** who recently competed at the N.B.T.A **European Baton Twirling Championships** in Italy. Amelie, who has been baton twirling for 6 years said: "Although I had competed at the European championships before I was really nervous. Once the competition started though that feeling goes and it was amazing. I finished second out of 7 countries and tried my best."



A wonderful achievement, well done Amelie!

Amelie, thank you for letting us print your photograph

GCSE LANGUAGES

Any year 9, 10 or 11 pupils who speak another language fluently and wish to be entered for GCSE in a language other than French or Spanish, must give their names to Mrs Owen by 15th November. Similarly, those fluent in French or Spanish who wish to take their GCSE this year but are not in the GCSE classes must also give their names to Mrs Owen.

REVISION GUIDES

We are now taking orders for Revision Guides and workbooks for the GCSE and A level science courses.

Collect a form from your science teachers. They will be able to advise you which are the best to buy. Please remember – the order forms are returned to the Finance Office. There will be another opportunity to order these books at Easter 2020.

All the guides are also available directly from www.cgpbbooks.co.uk



LABELLED UNIFORM

Please could you ensure all uniform and PE kits are labelled. We have accumulated a great deal of lost property items this term which we are unable to return to their owner.

YEAR 7 ACTIVITY TRIP TO FRANCE

There are a few places left on the Year 7 activity trip to France in July 2020. For further information please contact Miss Chennells.

SCHOOL MEALS INCREASE

College meals will increase to £2.35 from the start of Term 2.

For up to date news please join St. Bede's on Twitter



[stb_bristol](https://twitter.com/stb_bristol)

ADMISSIONS 2020

If you wish to apply for a Year 7 place for September 2020, the Supplementary Information Forms should arrive in College by **31st October 2019.**

Parents must also have submitted the Common Application Form to their Local Authority by 31st October 2019.

INTER-HOUSE SPELLING BEE COMPETITION

Congratulations to all pupils who participated in the inter house Spelling Bee recently. There was a fantastic atmosphere in Theatre Benedictus as pupils battled it out in a tense spelling bee to earn points for their house. The results are as follows:

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1st	DESCARTES	BELL BURNELL	BELL BURNELL	DESCARTES	PASTEUR
2nd	PASTEUR	SEACOLE	DESCARTES	BELL BURNELL	DESCARTES
3rd	BELL BURNELL	DESCARTES	PASTEUR	PASTEUR	BELL BURNELL
4th	SEACOLE	PASTEUR			

FOUR HOUSE CUP TOTAL TEAM SCORES AFTER THE SECOND EVENT

	PASTEUR	DESCARTES	BELL BURNELL	SEACOLE
Cross Country	48	72	67	48
Spelling Bee	79	83	76	51
Total	127	155	142	99

These totals will be added to other inter house events coming up over the forthcoming months.

We look forward to the Netball, Rugby and Bake off competitions taking place in Term 2 .



Monday 4th November is an INSET Day

Pupils return to college for the start of Term 2

on Tuesday 5th November—Week A



Wear It Pink Day

Pupils and staff were invited to accessorise their uniforms and 'Wear It Pink' today to raise funds for Breast Cancer Awareness Day. At first count this morning we had already raised **£609.00!**

Well done to all who participated. Pupils and staff had so much fun and all for a worthy cause.



EPQ TRIP TO UWE LIBRARY

On Wednesday 23rd October, 31 EPQ students travelled to the Frenchay campus of the University of the West of England to visit the library. They were given a tour of the 5 floors of the Frenchay campus library, joined up as external borrowers and given full access to the online and physical resources of the library. They were shown how to search for resources for their EPQ and they were allowed to borrow the books or download the material that they found.

This was an extremely beneficial trip as it taught them skills which will be invaluable in further education and provide them with high quality resources to enhance their own project.

DRY SKI SLOPE SESSIONS

The remaining dry ski slope training sessions are now full. Please do not contact the ski centre directly as they are unaware of our staffing ratios or ability groups.

CONSULTATION ADMISSIONS POLICIES

Our cluster primary schools are consulting on their proposed admission arrangements for the 2021-22 academic year. Please contact the primary schools direct for further information.

SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

Firework Safety Advice

Be safe not sorry

Having fireworks at home can be great fun, as long as they are used safely. If you're putting on a home display, following some simple steps can make sure that everyone has a good time without getting hurt.



Where to buy

Don't cut corners just to save a few pounds. Always buy fireworks from a reputable shop to make sure that they conform to British Standards. This means that they should have BS 7114 written on the box.

Sparkler safely

Did you know that sparklers get five times hotter than cooking oil? Sparklers are not toys and should never be given to a child under five.

Setting them off

Only one person should be in charge of fireworks. If that's you, then make sure you take all the necessary precautions. Read the instructions in daylight and make preparations in advance, and in daylight.

On the night, it would be useful to have:

A torch

A bucket of water or hosepipe

Eye protection and gloves

A bucket of soft earth to put fireworks in

Suitable supports and launchers such as 'rockets' or 'Catherine wheels'

Fireworks The Law

You can't buy 'adult' fireworks if you're under 18, and it's against the law for anyone to set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am, except on certain occasions. These include:

Bonfire Night, when the cut off is midnight

New Year's Eve, Diwali and Chinese New Year, when the cut off is 1am

The law says you must not set off or throw fireworks (including sparklers) in the street or other public places.

Buying fireworks

You can only buy fireworks (including sparklers) from registered sellers for private use on these dates:

15 October to 10 November

26 to 31 December

3 days before Diwali and Chinese New Year

At other times you can only buy fireworks from licensed shops.

You may wish to find out further information here:

www.fireservice.co.uk and www.gov.uk/fireworks-the-law