

# St. Bede's Catholic College

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## Newsletter

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### CHINA SCHOLARSHIP

We are delighted to announce that True Education Partnerships have selected **Josephine Woodcock** in Year 9 from students in the South West of England to receive a scholarship for the upcoming visit to our partner school in Guangzhou, China. Josephine was one of the only students to meet all of the strict selection criteria, having attended the Mandarin club here at St. Bede's faithfully in her own time since she was in Year 7. She is currently studying hard for her GCSE Mandarin, and maintains a keen interest in Chinese culture – including Chinese music and drama.



Josephine, thank you for allowing us to print your photograph

In the future, Josephine would like to be a Palaeontologist, and she has taken an interest in recent discoveries in this field in China: particularly the rich variety of discoveries in the Gobi Desert. Well done Josephine!

Josephine said: "I can't believe it! I've been wanting to go to China since I can remember, and I'm so grateful. It feels like all the hard work has paid off."

### REFLECTION This week we celebrate the memorial of St John Bosco

John Bosco was a priest who tried to teach poor children how to work and how to love God. He was born in 1815 in Becchi, Italy and in 1841 was ordained a priest. John was a priest, but he became a "father" to thousands of children. He started a school for poor boys, many of whom he met when he visited their parents in prison as part of his priestly work. These boys lived in the prisons, too, or on the streets. He started a school where they could eat and sleep. He taught them, and they also learned how to make shoes and clothes and books. John also taught the boys about God's love for them, so when they grew up the boys lived good lives. Later, John began a similar school for poor girls. Because so many boys and girls needed help, John started the Salesians in 1859—a group of priests that helped boys—and the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians—a group of sisters that helped girls. He is the patron saint of school children and the youth. In Italy, priests are called 'Don' so John Bosco became Don Bosco as we refer to him today. The Salesians of Don Bosco have a long history in ministry within our diocese and continue to support young people in eight large communities across the UK.



**Reflection:** "It is not enough to love the young, they must know they are loved" John Bosco

**Prayer:** Prayer to St John Bosco

St John Bosco, Friend of the young, Teacher in the ways of God, Your dedication to empowering the needy inspires us still. Help me to work for a better world, where the young are given the chance to flourish, where the poor's dream for justice can come true, and where God's compassion is shown to be real.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**3rd February 2020**  
Year 9 Exams

**6th February 2020**  
Intermediate  
Maths Challenge

**6th February 2020**  
Year 8  
Curriculum  
Information Evening

**11th February 2020**  
Year 12 Law Trip  
to Parliament

**13th February 2020**  
Year 10 Memory  
and Mnemonics  
Seminar

**13th February 2020**  
Year 11  
Parents' Evening  
4.30pm—7.30pm

**14th February 2020**  
Year 13  
Mock Results Day

**14th February 2020**  
END OF TERM 3

**24th February 2020**  
**START OF TERM 4**  
Week B



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## CHRISTMAS LECTURES

Last week we 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 and Dr Jonny Furze from the University of Bristol. 9 Primary schools attended the event which totalled over 480 primary pupils. These lectures focused on the topics of Gases in the Atmosphere and their Interactions. Many of the pupils took part in the experiments, causing loud explosions and rapid effervescing!

**Morella Wallis**, year 8 pupil said "It was inspiring and enjoyable to watch, especially the loud explosions of the hydrogen balloons." Comments made by the primary children who also visited us for the Lectures, were ones of awe and amazement with many screams of delight!

This was the eleventh 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 A level and university level.



## NETBALL BRISTOL SCHOOLS CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the Year 7 Netball team who were victorious against a strong Ashton Park side in the **Bristol Schools Netball Finals** last week.

A great game which displayed fantastic team work and determination. The final result was 9-4.

Well done team!



## ENGLISH SPEAKING UNION COMPETITION SUCCESS

On Thursday 23rd January, two teams, one from year 10 and one from year 11, competed in the ESU Speaking Competition. Both teams performed exceptionally well alongside Colston School, Badminton School and Redmaids' High School.

Well done to **Isabel Lunson, Ciara Rae, Sean Simmons, Felix Anil, Laurie Fleming** and special congratulations to **Chris Mathew** who also won best Chairperson for the second time running!



## TEAM GREAT BRITAIN SELECTION

Congratulations to year 10 pupil **Kasia Wozniak** who has been selected to represent **Great Britain** in the **Fin Swimming Championships** in Italy in March 2020.

Kasia, who trains everyday, is really looking forward to competing.

Kasia, we wish you the very best of luck!



Kasia, thank you for allowing us to print your photograph

## YOUNG CARERS AWARENESS DAY

Yesterday was Young Carers Awareness day. We have celebrated our young carers in college throughout the month of January in our House and Year assemblies, reminding us all of what a fantastic job they do for their family members.



## WINTER GAMES

On Friday 24th January, Team St. Bede's attended a **Winter Games** event at UWE. It was a fantastic event, enjoyed by all.

Congratulations to the Year 7 and 8 Rowers who received **Bronze** and the Year 9 and 10s who were awarded **Silver**. The scores were worked out from the metres rowed in the individual races and the team relay event combined. Bearing in mind that each Year 10 rower covered over 1000 metres and covered over 2000 in the relay; the fact that they lost out on a Gold medal by 5m is amazing!

The table tennis competitors also did well with **Amelie Loud** and **Scarlett Thompson** achieving a medal for fair play and sportsmanship. Well done.





## CURRICULUM MAPS

Each faculty has updated its curriculum maps for all year groups. These documents will provide you with an overview of what your child will be studying and the knowledge they will be focusing on in each subject in every term of their time here at St Bede's. We hope this will help you support your child's learning from home. The curriculum maps can be found on the college website under "Our College" and then "Curriculum" and "Curriculum Content and Curriculum Maps." <https://bit.ly/2GBlezO>

## YEAR 11 MOCK EXAM RESULTS DAY

Year 11 students collected their mock exam results on Friday 17th January. There were lots of happy smiles and laughter, as well as some quiet reflection, but all students showed an excellent attitude - "I will get my head down and do even better in the real exams!".

Subject teachers have been going through exam papers and guiding students towards knowledge organisers that show the key knowledge they must have. The college is also encouraging students to use GCSE Pod when they are on the go! Revision sessions will be advertised in due course. If you have any queries about revision, please contact Mr King at [r.king@stbcc.org](mailto:r.king@stbcc.org).



## THEATRE VISITS

On Tuesday, 21st January 48 year 10 and 11 Drama students had the opportunity to see their set GCSE text 'DNA' by Dennis Kelly performed live by Quirky Bird Theatre company.

It was a great opportunity to see the play live before their exam and also to engage in a Q&A session with the cast and director.



On Thursday, 23rd January our A level Drama students saw 'Romantics Anonymous' directed by Emma Rice at Bristol Old Vic which was a lovely musical full of wonder and a bit of magic!



Our A level students are really familiar with Rice's work having seen Wise Children last year as well as studying her work with Kneehigh Theatre Company.

The students will be reviewing the play in their A Level written exam.

## JULIAN BAGGINI VISIT

On Monday, 27th January the Science department welcomed philosopher, author and journalist Julian Baggini to St. Bede's.

His talk 'Values are not optional: Ethics, science and life after school' challenged some of our students to question their own values and the responsibility each of us have for our own actions. A lively discussion and question and answer session followed.



Thank you Julian for your inspiring visit and for kindly donating some of your books to the College library.

## BELL BURNELL SUCCESS—DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Congratulations to **Ashanti Ludwell** and **Nivin John** who have successfully achieved their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.

As Head of House Mr Johnson is very proud and loves celebrating the achievements of Bell Burnell pupils.



Ashanti and Nivin, thank you for allowing us to print your photograph

## CAFOD YOUNG LEADERS

The Year 12 CAFOD Young Leaders group travelled to Prior Park College last week in Bath, to join other sixth form groups from the Diocese for the second of their training days together.

The focus for the day was to share progress on the campaign ideas so far explored and to think about the upcoming Lent appeal which is focussing on the destruction of the Amazon Rainforest. The group have got lots of ideas about fundraising and also raising awareness of the issues in the rainforest. We look forward to seeing your great work.



## Matters of the Mind

## SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

A website for parents and carers in Bristol that look after children and adolescents with mental health issues is now available.

Dr Griffiths, a medical doctor in Bristol, has been working with a General Practitioner to develop the website having received funding from Health Education England.

Dr Griffiths would like parents and carers to provide feedback about the current website content and design. You can view the website [www.happymaps.co.uk](http://www.happymaps.co.uk)

Please forward feedback to [georgina.griffiths3@nhs.net](mailto:georgina.griffiths3@nhs.net)

## STAFF VACANCIES

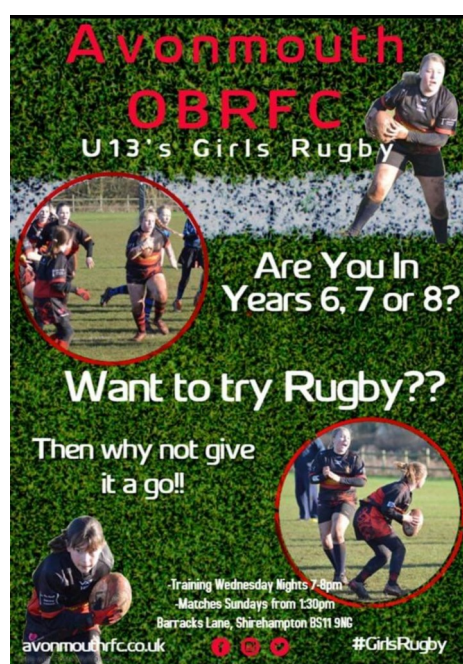
Governors at St. Bede's would like to appoint the following teaching staff:

- **Head of Chemistry**, September 2020 (or earlier by agreement)  
Closing date for applications: noon on Monday 10th February 2020
- **Art and Design Teacher**, maternity leave cover, February 2020  
Closing date for applications: noon on 5th February 2020
- **Head of Mathematics**, September 2020  
Closing date for applications: noon on Friday 7th February 2020
- **Science Teacher (Physics)**, September 2020  
Closing date for applications: noon on Friday 7th February 2020
- **Science Teacher (Chemistry)**, September 2020  
Closing date for applications: noon on Monday 10th February 2020

Governors would also like to appoint the following support staff:

- **Invigilator** 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 8.30am to 4.30pm. The main external examinations take place in May/June each year but internal examinations can take place throughout the year. The hourly rate of pay is £9.
- **School Meals Supervisory Assistant.** The hours of work are 1.10pm to 2.10 pm Monday to Friday, term time only. The hourly rate for the post is £9.00 and SMSA's are paid for a total of 7.5 hours per week.

For further information on all of the vacancies and an application form please visit our vacancies page on our website: <https://bit.ly/2FWegoQ> or contact Mrs Walker at [c.walker@stbcc.org](mailto:c.walker@stbcc.org) on 0117 377 2200



## YEAR 7 PARENTS

As part of our willingness to regularly review and improve our procedures and experiences here at the college, we would welcome your views on the Year 7 Induction process. There are a series of short questions which have been emailed on a link to all year 7 parents. We look forward to receiving your responses.

Avonmouth Rugby Club welcome new players to their Under 13s Girls' Rugby Programme. Training is every Wednesday from 7.00pm—8.00pm at Barracks Lane, Shirehampton BS11 9NG