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Phenomenal success for our 'resolute, courageous and meticulous' GCSE and A Level students

Congratulations to our GCSE and A Level students who celebrated excellent achievements this year.

GCSE Results—Students at all levels secured grades matching their highest expectations and in many cases, exceeding their targets. GCSE Results of the most talented students were exceptionally strong with some outstanding performances at Grades 9 - 7 including:

88% of students achieving Grade 7+ in Spanish, 70% achieving 7+ in French, 69% achieving 7+ in Music and 50% of students achieving Grade 7+ in Religious Studies.

Headline Figures include:

80% achieved Grade 4+ in both English and Mathematics

22% of all grades were Grade 8+

55% of all grades were Grade 6+

86% of all grades were Grade 4+

9% of all grades were Grade 9

36% of all grades were Grade 7+

72% of all grades were Grade 5+

Best average grade in College this year is awarded to **Giulia Ferrazzano** who achieved eight Grade 9s, two Grade 8s and a Distinction* in BTEC, **Niamh Fullerton** also achieved nine Grade 9s, **Jeffymol Joseph** achieved eight Grade 9s, **Joss Carr** achieved seven Grade 9s and **Molly Dolan** and **Rohit John** both achieved six Grade 9s.

20 students achieved ten Grades 9-7 including **Gemma Blessing**, **Joss Carr**, **Philippa Crane**, **Catriona Davies**, **Maegan De Rama**, **Niamh Fullerton**, **Elita Fernandes**, **Giulia Ferrazzano**, **Liyana George**, **Rohit John**, **Jeffymol Joseph**, **Florence Magner**, **Holly Naylor**, **Ana Parish**, **Amy Price**, **Annie Rogers**, **Ella Staddon**, **Jasmine Varghese** and **Matthew Wood**.

A further 91 students between them shared 416 grades at 7+.

A Level Results—'A' Level provision in Areté is well established and St Bede's continues to be amongst the best in the city with 32% of the cohort taking A/AS Level examinations achieving at least 1 A* or A grade.

Some 57 students completed their study with us and they are now celebrating the following successes.

A* - C 61%

A* - E 97%

2 A* - E 98%

1 A* - B 63%

Average Grade C

89% of the students are planning to go on to higher education.

Students achieving top grades were:

Joseph Alexander with A*, A*, A*, A in Mathematics, Further Maths, Physics and Computer Science,, **Kundai Vurayayi** with A*, A, A, A in Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics and Spanish, **Ethan Osborn-Clarke** with A, A, A in Geography, Psychology and Sociology, **Lily Woodland** with A*, A, B in Sociology, History and Fine Art, **Crina Koncsag** with A, B, B in English Literature, Law and Psychology and **Matthew Latino** with A, B, B in Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry.

Mr Maher, Principal, said "I am delighted for the students. Their hard work, great teaching and overwhelming support from parents have resulted in them achieving excellent grades again this year. There is much to celebrate and we will ensure that St Bede's continues to go from strength to strength in the years to come". 2019

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18th September 2019

Year 7 Retreat Day

26th September 2019

Main College
OPEN EVENING
6.30pm

27th September 2019

Year 11 Retreat Day

2nd October 2019

Year 12 University
and Apprenticeship
Event

SPORTS FIXTURES

All sports fixtures will be in place, once confirmed, on the fixture calendar which can be accessed on our website

www.stbedescc.org

These will be updated regularly, so please do check.

May we also remind parents to label all uniform and kit clearly to avoid any confusion in the changing rooms.

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



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is my great pleasure to welcome to our community all families who are new to the college. Year 7 have settled in well and have already developed their routine around the college.



Following the outstanding results at both GCSE and A Level in the summer, students in years 10 and 11 have returned at the start of term with determination to be equally successful in their studies next year.

It was inspiring to welcome nearly 200 students back into Areté, looking smart and professional, and all fully committed to continue their success in the Sixth Form.

Internal work on the development of Areté was completed over the holidays returning a study area back to a classroom. Students are making full use of the additional facilities. Work to the car park was completed early and the Lecture Theatre now benefits from a new sound system which will prove beneficial.

I look forward to meeting with many of you during the coming year and to sharing the continued success of the students at the college. It promises to be another exciting year!

Mr J. G. Maher

REFLECTION— 13 September – Memorial of St John Chrysostom

Saint John Chrysostom was a bishop and Doctor of the Church. He was an Early Church Father who was best known for his preaching and public speaking. What set him apart from others in his time period was his ability to apply scripture to everyday circumstances, teaching people how to incorporate the Gospel in all that they did.

His practical approach has given his words a quality, that have inspired men and women across the world more than a thousand years after his death.

Reflection: "No matter how just your words may be, you ruin everything when you speak with anger."

Prayer: Lord, we give thanks for St John Chrysostom, we thank you for his ability to open the scriptures up for us. We pray that our lives incorporate the gospel in all that we do. Amen



GREAT START FOR YEAR 7

Year 7 all deserve a good rest this weekend after a very busy and exciting first few days. I am impressed with how quickly they have settled into St Bede's and extremely proud of the way they have embraced every new challenge. Each day I am greeted by smiling faces and immaculate uniforms and I have had nothing but praise from their teachers and tutors.

I would like to introduce the new tutors: **Mr McCarthy, Miss Adams, Mrs Hathaway, Dr Marra, Mr Marshall, Miss Davies, Miss Walsh** and **Mr Seymour**. They are a fantastic team.

I am looking forward to the year 7 Retreat day next Wednesday and introducing the wonderful Year 10 mentors who will be working closely with each tutor group supporting our new pupils.

Well done and keep up the good work!



ARETÉ SIXTH FORM

102 students joined the Areté Sixth Form and entered Year 12 last week, excited to embark upon their Post-16 studies. With every space in Year 12 filled, Areté is a bustling place to be. Our students have fully embraced the business dress code and look wonderful in their suits. Some have even been mistaken for teachers!

Lessons are already well underway and our new Year 12 students are very much part of Areté. We are proud of how well our students have adapted to Post-16 education and wish them well over the next two years.

ST BEDE'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

Term 1: Monday 2nd September 2019 to Friday 25th October 2019

Term 2: Monday 4th November 2019 to Friday 20th December 2019

Term 3: Monday 6th January 2020 to Friday 14th February 2020

Term 4: Monday 24th February 2020 to Friday 3rd April 2020

Term 5: Monday 20th April 2020 to Friday 22nd May 2020

Term 6: Monday 1st June 2020 to Monday 20th July 2020

The school year is 195 days and includes five in-service days used for staff training

IN-SERVICE DAYS 2019—2020

Monday 2nd September, Tuesday 3rd September, Monday 4th November 2019, Friday 3rd April and Monday 20th July 2020

COUNTY FOOTBALL TRIALS

Congratulations to year 11 pupils **Joe Lewis** and **Dylan Kadji** who were successful in their first trial for the U16 Gloucestershire football team.

Joe and Dylan will play a trial match later this month before the decision is made. Good luck to you both.



OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2019



We welcome all Year 5 and 6 pupils and their parents
to St Bede's Catholic College Open Evening
on Thursday, 26th September at 6.30pm

MUSIC LESSONS

We are pleased to announce that Peripatetic music lessons will commence on Monday, 16th September. We have a total of 329 pupils timetabled so far this academic year. The timetables are displayed on the noticeboard outside C29 and we ask that all pupils check the timetables weekly for their lesson day/time. Many thanks in advance.



LITERACY SUCCESS

Last March, a number of students from 8T entered the 'Letters To The Earth' competition. Students wrote letters on topics such as deforestation, global warming and pollution, apologising to the Earth for the devastation humans are creating.

Over the summer, Miss Simpson was delighted to learn that the work of **Jenny Ngugi**, **Katie Skiffington** and **Nivya Stephen** had been chosen to form part of the campaign and will be published by Harper Collins this November. Dame Emma Thompson is writing the introduction to the anthology of work and this year's CILIP Greenaway winner Jackie Morris is providing illustrations. Copies of the book are now available to pre-order through Waterstones!

Miss Simpson said: "I am so proud of the copious amounts of research and effort that all students in 8T put into writing their pieces. The work of Jenny, Katie and Nivya was meaningful, poignant and outstanding." Well done.



GCE/GCSE EXAM DATES SUMMER 2020

Examination Season: Monday 11 May to Tuesday 23 June 2020.

Please note Candidates must remain available up to and including **Wednesday 24th June 2020**.

Examination boards may need to invoke their contingency plans if sustained national or local disruption arises during the June 2020 examination series.

BRITISH AIRWAYS AMBASSADOR

Congratulations to year 11 pupil **Alex Heale** who has become an official British Airways Ambassador:

'In July during Year 10 Work Experience week I was fortunate to gain a place at British Airways.

Over the summer I received a call from Head Office and was invited to attend a training course in London to become a British Airways Ambassador.

It was a fantastic week and I was really pleased to have passed the course. Within my role as Ambassador, I represent the Southwest of England offering information and professional advice to those wanting to fulfil a career in the aviation industry.

I offer advice to cabin crew, head office and customer service and my role is to essentially connect students to the right points of contact within the company. I also promote apprenticeship opportunities within British Airways as a career path after GCSE and A level. I will be involved in the careers events held at St Bede's and around Bristol to further inspire students to what career paths they can take within aviation.'

Alex a fantastic achievement and wonderful opportunity, well done.



SENIOR PREFECT TEAM 2019-2020

Congratulations to the following Year 11 pupils who, following interview, were selected as Senior Prefects within the college.

Head Boy: **Lance Bautista** Head Girl: **Amy Koikkara**
Deputy Head Boy: **Lucki Berondo** Deputy Head Girl: **Evie Cummings**
Assistant Head Boy: **Isaac Dean** Assistant Head Girl: **Cecilia Romero**
Senior Prefects: **Isobel Clothier, Sofia Dye, Miziyanda Hanyana, Oscar Norton, Daisy Sweeney** and **Blesson Varghese**



MISSIO'S POSTCARD COMPETITION TO DESIGN A CARD FOR POPE FRANCIS' EXTRAORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION

We are delighted to report that **Jaylan Semper Irving**, 8BJLS, was one of the chosen winners in Missio's postcard competition to design a card for Pope Francis' Extraordinary Month of Mission.

Jaylan's entry, along with the other winners, will be professionally made into postcards which will be distributed nationally at Schools' Masses, in schools and in parishes throughout October and beyond.

We are very proud of him and his design as he was the only one selected from the College. Well done Jaylan!



WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

New staff joining us this year include:

Mr O Capstick—Caretaker
Miss B Davies—Humanities
Mrs S Davies—Psychology
Mrs R Gibbs—Mathematics
Miss E Hignell—Science Technician
Mr K Loud—Lay Chaplain
Miss K Milton—English
Mr R Seymour—Science
Mrs A Tufton—Psychology
Miss A Walsh—English

We hope that each new member of staff will be happy at St Bede's and will play their part in helping the College develop the very best of our practice so that St Bede's remains a great place of learning, one that is built to last.

LOST PROPERTY

All lost property can be found in reception and can be collected at break, lunch time or after school. All PE lost property goes directly to the PE department.

A NOTICE FOR EEA AND SWISS CITIZENS LIVING ON THE UK

The EU Settlement Scheme enables European Economic Area and Swiss citizens living in the UK, and their family members, to obtain the UK immigration status they will require to live, work and study in the UK. The deadline to apply is 30 June 2021. If the UK leaves the EU without a deal: You will need to be living in the UK before it leaves the EU to apply. The deadline for applying will be 31 December 2020. It is FREE to apply and the link can be found here ; <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>

Note: You may be able to stay in the UK without applying - for example, if you are an Irish citizen.

A Flow-Chart to explain the settlement scheme application procedures can be found on our college web-site using this link: <http://www.stbedesc.org/attachments/download.asp?file=553&type=pdf>

YEAR 7 LOCKERS

Please note that all lockers have now been allocated and must not be swapped for a locker in a different area of the school.

Once new lockers become available, we will let pupils know and they will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

POLITE REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS

As we start the academic year we would like to remind all parents to park with due care and consideration for the local community, particularly on Lawrence Weston Road. Parents are requested to avoid parking in the bus bays and at adjoining junctions or in front of driveways at the beginning and end of the day. The children have been reminded about the importance of using the designated crossing points on the Long Cross and Lawrence Weston Road.

May we also remind parents that all visitors to the college should enter via Main Reception to sign in and not the Sports Entrance. Thank you.

GRADUATION SUCCESS

We were delighted to hear of the following success of one of our former pupils. Congratulations to: **Carys Greenaway** (2009-2016) who received a 2:1 Degree in Law at Oxford University. Carys will now start her career in Law at London law firm, Linklaters in the new year.

We love to hear of the successes of our past pupils, please do let us know via contact@stbcc.org.

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.

YEAR 7 LANGUAGES LETTER—NOTICE FOR PARENTS

Year 7 parents should receive a letter accompanying this newsletter regarding languages lessons from November. Please ensure that you read the letter and reply promptly if appropriate. Replies should be addressed to Mr J Marshall j.marshall@stbcc.org. Thank you.

CATENIAN SUCCESS AT NATIONAL FINALS

Following his success in the Regional Catenian Speaking Contest in March, Year 12 Areté student **John Gompels** travelled to Manchester last weekend to participate in the National Finals and was awarded 3rd place.

A fantastic achievement John, well done!



AMAZING ADDO!

Ms Sharp, Head of Pasteur House and English teacher at St Bede's, spent four weeks of her summer in South Africa. Ms Sharp has very kindly shared with us her experience:

'In July and August of this year, I was fortunate enough to visit and support ex-colleague and former Teacher at St Bedes, Sister Martha O'Connor in the South African township of Addo in the Eastern Cape. Sisters' Martha and Breda have worked there tirelessly for fourteen years. If it's not ferrying people to the clinic, the hospital or Home Affairs, it's organising food and clothing provision, supporting and running the Crèche and Pre-School (that they were instrumental in setting up), organising and running retreats, supporting the local schools, running Computer programmes for students and teachers, researching and ensuring that births, deaths and more have been registered to enable people to have that basic right; their own identity/identification, then they are 'just' being a huge, significant and valuable part of the local communities. They are truly loved and respected....and I was lucky enough to be able to work by their side, as well as teaching English at St Colmcille's School where I prepared the Matrix students for their Mock exams. What an incredible experience it was.



One of the lovely things about Sister Martha and Sister Breda, apart from their determination and dedication, is their sense of humour. There were many sad and heartbreaking situations and circumstances encountered, but both did all that they could to ensure that I had a fully rounded experience during my stay in South Africa - from Zip Wires over the Bush to the beautiful citrus farms to watching the elephant families and other wildlife in the National Elephant farm.

I have brought home precious memories and experiences; the characters, the faces, the children, that I will never ever forget. I hope I can share some of my experiences and through Sisters Martha and Breda, help to inspire the young people at St Bede's to support the wonderful work that goes on in Addo.

Thank you Sisters.

Thank you Addo!'

