

WHAT'S THE LATEST FROM ST BEDE'S?

Welcome to another blog. We have started this half term off with great enthusiasm and there has been so much going on both in and out of our classrooms. I have been delighted to receive so many good news stories from staff, students and parents. Please read on to see just a small showing of the good work that has been going on. As usual, you can see all the pictures along with many more stories on our twitter page [@stbedes1957](#).

A special month in our calendar

During November, Catholics pray especially for all those who have died. In school, our Remembrance Book will be open throughout the month. Pupils and staff are welcome to write in the names of family and friends who have died. All whose names are written in the book will be prayed for in a special way at a whole school Mass on Friday 24th November. Please send in with pupils the names of loved ones who have died who you would like us to remember in prayer. You can do this by emailing admin@sbchs.co.uk and using the subject title, 'Remembrance Book'.

How can you help develop our great school?

You will have received a parent mail letter regarding our school levy. Please read it carefully as we need your support now more than ever. It is also available via the website. If you value the education your child receives at St Bede's we would urge you to support us with a small financial contribution. We have had a great response so far which really shows the support you give us. If you have not contributed so yet please read the letter which will be recirculated and support us in being able to continue to provide a world class provision for your children.

Once in a lifetime Chinese Exchange returns home

On the last weekend of the half term break, I was delighted to receive a text from Mr Horrocks to say that the China trip had returned safely. After speaking with Mr Horrocks, Miss Kelly and some of the students, it was clear that the trip had been one that no one would ever forget. Carl Wainwright kindly wrote this piece to describe his experiences of the trip. We hope to run this programme again and hopefully Carl's story will inspire more students to get involved. Here is what Carl had to say...

'I was first approached for this trip at the start of the year and could not resist taking up this opportunity of a life time. When it came to the morning of our departure excitement was high throughout the whole exchange group, this trip was especially special for people who had taken part in the exchange on the UK

side as they would now get the chance to stay at the homes of the Chinese students they hosted in February of this year.

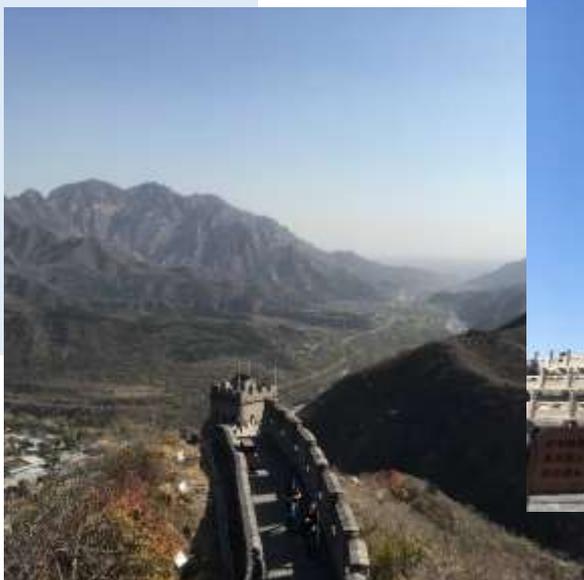
When we first arrived at the city of Fuzhou we were amazed by the diverse culture of China that awaited. Most of us had never experienced a completely different culture to our own and were nervous to eat the local foods but riddled with excitement to see landmarks such as the Great Wall of China, the Forbidden City and the Temple of Heaven, which we would

visit in a few days' time. When I first met with my exchange family I was shocked at how polite and welcoming they were to us all, they insisted on taking our bags and belongings as soon as we arrived. I arrived back at my home for the next few days at around mid-day, Tim along with one of his friends and family insisted on taking me out for some lunch. Lunch in China is very different to the usual lunch we are given here in the U.K, most Brits will only have a small salad or a burger but for the Chinese lunch is like a banquet. We were served at least twelve



dishes all shared between five. Some of the foods were rather peculiar with a range from rice and beef to fish balls and meat bags. After lunch we went around the shops, every shop we entered the family offered to buy something for me or my family, they were very generous. The next day we went to the top of the mountains which surround the city of Fuzhou and have a beautiful view from the top. On the mountain there are tourist attractions such as the angelic hot springs and the tree top obstacle course.

After, we went to the historic 'three streets and seven alleys'. The three streets and seven alleys is considered as the architecture museum



of styles of Ming and Qing dynasties as well as the living fossil of ancient city street system, according to

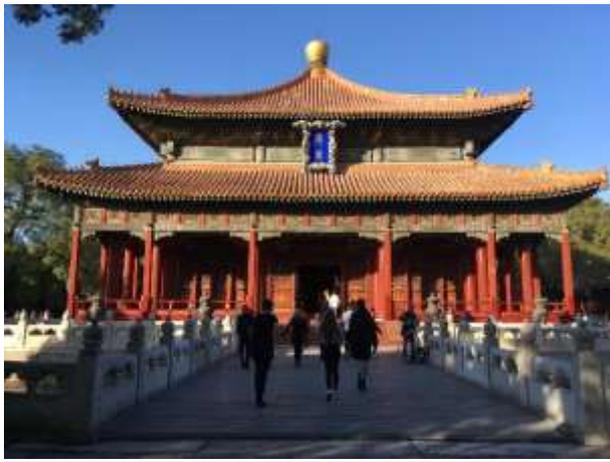
history, after the An Lushan rebellion in 755 of Tang dynasty many people took refuge in this southern part of the city, and gradually the residential block took place thus creating the modern city of Fuzhou. At this historic landmark we met with our fellow classmates and teachers. The next day we went to the school of our exchange partner (middle schools number 16 and 18). School starts at 7:40 and lessons last an hour, before the lesson starts there is an announcement which tells the students to work hard, respect teachers and fellow classmates. At lunch we are given traditional Chinese foods, not pizza or curry that we are used to, instead vegetables, beef, rice, and chicken. Every school in the country as a flag rising at the same time as the flag in the Tiananmen Square, the students are strictly regimented and go on military courses during their schooling. The flag raising at middle school number 16 was remarkable, the students would line up and would march according to the instructions given. During the rest of our time with our host family we spent time in the local tea factory. This company is one of the biggest suppliers of tea in China and even supplies the tea when the BRIC economies meet. The way that the local Chinese people make tea is very traditional and respectful as must be carried out systematically and correctly. We also went to see pandas at the local panda sanctuary. Pandas in China are very much so endangered but sanctuaries such as this aim to breed pandas so that the species can be replenished. The astounding experience of seeing pandas in China cannot be described and only people who see them can understand the beauty of these outstanding creatures and it is abysmal how people can go and kill these extraordinary animals. The cruise along the river was an elegant experience which was complimented by the spectacular sight of the Fuzhou river front. I think all of us learnt a tremendous amount during our time with our host families and cannot thank them enough for the sensational experience they gave us.

When we arrived in Beijing early the next morning, as soon as we arrived in this diverse city we went straight to the Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden city. This was an extraordinary experience. We learnt a lot about the history of these two historical places; The Tiananmen square protests of 1989 was a sad day for the Chinese people as the corrupt communist



government killed many peaceful demonstrators who were protesting against the martial law that they had enforced, many protesters who weren't killed at the time were executed by the so called 'Peoples' republic of China in the following months. During the dynasties of China, the emperor would live and stay in the Imperial palace and inly left to give lectures in the Imperial College which we also visited during our time in Beijing, but the emperor would not leave until he died. The emperor would leave the name of the next emperor in a box which was then hidden behind a painting with four characters on. One of my favourite parts of the trip was climbing to the top of the Great Wall which has astonishing views of the city of Beijing from the top of the Wall. Obviously, the Great Wall has a history which goes back centuries. The Wall was first built to protect China from any Mongolian invasions. Near the last days of the trip we visited the Pearl market and went to see a remarkable performance which was a story about the history of Kung Fu, the performance also had tricks and stunts.

Our journey to China was a truly amazing experience from start to finish. I'm sure many of us will go back in the future; for travel or even to work, all of the students from St. Bede's who had the opportunity to go on this trip will never forget the amazing experience that we all had and I can't thank our teachers Miss Kelly, Mr Horrocks and Mr Joseph enough for making it happen. The Chinese culture is built on its history and the morals of the people. If our school was approached with the chance to do this again I would tell anyone who thinks they want to go to go because you will not be able to experience the same experience as we did on your regular summer holiday to France or Spain.'





Awards evening celebrates the success of the 'Class of 2017'

We were delighted to welcome back last year's Year 11 students and parents to our annual awards evening. We were joined by Peter McGhee, Principal of St John Rigby College, who shared stories of his road to success in leading, a now, 'Outstanding' sixth form college. Aiden Gannon received the Headteacher's award at the climax of the evening. As he was working on the night

of the awards, Aiden received his Headteachers award from Mrs Swan and Mrs Harris on Friday 10th November. Aiden, pictured below, said he was thrilled and despite having to work on the night of awards evening he was overwhelmed by the number of pupils in his year group who sent him texts of congratulations!



Miss McGee who supported the students through their five years gave an emotional speech and even more emotional poem which brought many a tear from parents, staff and students alike. Miss McGee added the following:

'Thursday 9th November was the date of the annual Year 11 Awards Evening. The event was a chance to celebrate the achievements of our past Year 11 pupils who came to pick up their GCSE certificates and see their peers and the staff for a final time. The evening also saw Mr. Peter McGhee, principal of St. John Rigby College, provide the pupils with a motivational speech which gave them inspiration for their future endeavours. The evening was surrounded with a real feel of celebration for all of the pupils who performed so well in their summer exams and of whom we are so proud as a school community. The evening was also an opportunity for some pupils to receive subject awards and special awards, those of which are named below;

Art - Katie Roberts

Business and Communication Systems - Rachel Pendlebury

Computer Science - Joseph Sullivan

Design Technology - Reece Adair

Drama - Alex Holland

English Language - Holly Wright

English Literature - Siobhan Martin

French - Isobel Landrum

Geography - Daniel Taylor

German - Lydia Ball

Health and Social Care - Jessica Graham

History - Georgia Doyle

Mathematics - Aidan Lees

Media Studies - Harry Jones

Music - James McCoy

Physical Education - Courtney Willis

Physical Education - Oliver Hobson

Religious Education - Laura Meehan

Science - Jerome Ness

Individual Sciences - Oli Jones

Best Performance in External Examinations 2017 - Laura Meehan and Aidan Lees

Services to the School - Eleanor Burrows

St. Bede's Catholic High School Progress Award - Courtney Pendleton

The Edward-Walton Doyle Inspiration Award - William Arnold and Marcus Sykes

The Headteacher's Award - Aiden Gannon

We are truly so proud of each individual and how they performed in a difficult exam year. We wish you all the best of luck in the future and please remember you will always be part of the St. Bede's community.



Sporting successes

Our cross country teams competed in a county wide competition on Wednesday 8th November at Tarleton Academy. A picture and some of the stand out performances can be seen below:



From the boys there were the following notable finishes:

Year 7

2nd - Callum Hampton

5th - Sam Merriman

9th - Will Jackson

Year 8

24th - Jacob Edwards

Year 10/11

2nd - Joe Caygill

5th - Matthew Russo

7th - Alex Dobrowolski

9th - Matthew Bennett

Outstanding results for the girls included:

Year 7

2nd - Isla Fearon

Year 8/9

4th - Martha Owens

6th - Olivia Morgan

8th - Imogen Fearon

Year 10/11

3rd - Isabelle Livesley

9th - Summer Hayes

All the team were superb as always!

Star striker hits the net for Lancashire



Harry Delaney of Y9 has not only been on target for the school team but he has also been on the score sheet for Lancashire. He plays striker for the Under 14 Lancashire boys' team and has played three matches so far, they have won all three. Harry has been on the score sheet twice!

Putting for glory on Spanish greens

Adam McLean has recently had fantastic success at international golf tournaments. I was delighted to receive information a photos showing his recent success. Adam has been playing golf for 4 years and currently plays off 5 handicap. He's a member of Lancashire Golf U15's squad and his

home golf course is Formby Golf Club. In this recent tournament in Spain he competed against junior golfers from all over Europe over a 3 day event and finished 3rd in his age group. Adam also has qualified to play in an under 18's Junior European Open 4 day event at the end of this month in Spain which is sponsored by Sky Sports. He is also playing in a World Stars of Junior Golf event in Las Vegas next July. Adam plays every weekend and practises every evening. He has regular coaching with Lancashire and also Richie Marsden from Formby Hall PGA Academy. We wish Adam every success in his forthcoming tournaments and we have several members of staff who are keen to volunteer as caddies as you globetrot around these fabulous golf courses!



Monthly maths challenges now online

You can access your or your child's monthly maths challenges on line. This is a great way to puzzle over some mathematical challenges as a family. You can access the challenges shown below at this link:

<http://www.sbchs.co.uk/files/1215/0989/6532/Monthly-Maths-November-2017.pdf>

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
NOVEMBER '17						
What is the greatest and smallest of the five 1 to 9's?	Which of these six groups is heavier and which is an arithmetic sequence: 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49	Write 1.71×10^5 as an ordinary number	If it takes 3 people 8 hours to complete a task, how long would it take 6 people to complete the same task?	Convert to a mixed number fraction $\frac{21}{5}$	It can be written as $2^a \times 3^b$. Use this information to help you.	It will still be a product of its prime factors.
Without a calculator work out $8(3+1)^2$	Solve $(3+4)(x+4) + (3x-3)$	Calculate $\frac{5}{6} - 2\frac{1}{3}$	Calculate $\frac{5}{6} - 2\frac{1}{3}$	True or False? $a^2 + a^2 = a^4$	The program shows the number of cars in a car park. The total number of cars is 100. How many cars were added?	5 pens and 3 pencils cost £1.00. 3 pens and 5 pencils cost £1.00. How much does 1 pen cost and how much does 1 pencil cost?
Expand and simplify $3(2x+10) + 4(3x-10)$	Work out $24 \div 3 \times 5 \div 8 \times 4 \div 2 \times 6$	By rounding estimate the answer to the below: 7.17×26.43 $82.75 \div 19.8$	Alan works 10 year three years ago. The car depreciated at an average 20% per year. How much is the car worth now?	True or False? $a^2 + a^2 = a^4$	5 pens and 3 pencils cost £1.00. 3 pens and 5 pencils cost £1.00. How much does 1 pen cost and how much does 1 pencil cost?	5 pens and 3 pencils cost £1.00. 3 pens and 5 pencils cost £1.00. How much does 1 pen cost and how much does 1 pencil cost?
This is 15 times of a sequence is given by $4n+2$. Explain why it is not a term in this sequence.	A bank is offering 0.25 simple interest or 2.25 compound interest. Which is the better rate if you invested your own 5 years?	Interior angles in a 9 sided polygon add up to ...?	Write each of the below as percentages: $\frac{2}{3}$, $\frac{11}{22}$	True or False? $a^2 + a^2 = a^4$	Reflect and the digits 5, 6, 7 and 8 to make a digit number.	How many different 4-digit numbers can be made that are greater than 2000?
Write an expression for the perimeter of a rectangle with width $3x+4$ and length $4x$	Give your answer in standard form: $\frac{1.2 \times 10^7}{4 \times 10^2}$	Calculate: $\frac{2}{7} \times \frac{3}{22}$	The exterior angles for an octagon add up to ...?	Remember: THE BEST WAY TO REVISE MATHS IS TO "DO MATHS"!		

St.
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VS Unity College by Jess Hodge

Players

Martha Owens (GK)

Ines Beselga (LB)

Jessica Taubman (CB)

Roisin Dowell (CB)

Katherine Billington (CB)

Isabella Murray (LB)

Molly Winters (RB)

(C) Jessica Hodge (LM)

Eva Sanchez (CM)

Ruby Murphy (CM)

Reine Kelly (RM)

Sharna Garforth (ST)

Ava Hills (ST)

Monday 6th November 2017, the first round of the Lancashire cup. St. Bede's play Unity College at home.

The starting XI

Martha Owens, Ines Beslega, Jessica Taubman, Roisin Dowell, Jessica Hodge, Eva Sanchez, Ruby Murphy, Reine Kelly, Sharna Garforth, Ava Hills. In the first half St. Bede's had most of the possession, but after about 10 minutes into the game Sharna Garforth bagged the first goal.

After the first goal they just kept coming, Sharna, Jess, Ruby and Ava scoring in the first half.

Half time score: St. Bede's 7, Unity 0

Second half started well. Strong passes and again more possession for St. Bede's, again after about 10 minutes into the second half, Sharna bagged the 8th goal of the game. 25 minutes in, Unity had a great passing move which ended in their striker having a 1 on 1 with our goalkeeper Martha but they smashed the chance onto the crossbar.

Sharna, Jess and Ava scoring again to make the final score 13-0 to St. Bede's school.



Students complete Eucharistic Minister Training

Last Saturday six year ten pupils attended a Eucharistic Minister's training course. The training was held in St Helen's and attended by young people from across the Archdiocese. The day ended with a special Mass where the young people were commissioned to act as Eucharistic Ministers in their schools and parishes. We are very proud of the six who were commissioned from our school, who will now serve our school by giving out communion at school Masses.

Dream Teach begin annual Christmas hamper appeal

This year we are again making Christmas hampers for vulnerable older people who attend a local day centre. We are asking all pupils if they could bring in a small donation for our hampers. Some suggestions are; biscuits, crackers, cakes, tinned food, non-alcoholic drinks, confectionery, puzzle books, toiletries, socks, gloves, stationery, ornaments, Christmas decorations or any other items you think would be appropriate for an older person to receive at Christmas.

Also, we would appreciate empty shoe boxes to make the hampers. Pupils should bring all items to the donation station in the school hall by 4th December.

Y7 Joshua represent Team GB with great success

Joshua Tobin competed in the Taekwondo Open Championships in Portugal representing Team GB from 10th-12th November. Joshua returned to West Lancs. triumphant with a total of 3 silver medals having just been pipped to the gold in each category. He was also awarded Team GB Dan Cadet Athlete of the Tournament. All at St Bede's would like to congratulate him for this fantastic achievement! #teambedes.



Superb GCSE & KS3 Art work

I was delighted to see such great work going on in Art when I visited Y10 classes last week. Mrs Mitchell sent me some images of this work which can be seen on our twitter page @stbedes1957. Mrs Mitchell explained the work in an email to me:

'Year 10 GCSE Art students have been working extremely hard on their mixed media pen and ink drawings. They have been building up tone with biro and Indian ink. I am extremely proud of the high standard of work being produced in lessons.'

Here are some of those Y10 students in action during their art lessons.



Year 8 and 9 Art club have just finished making Scrappy Monsters out of scrap pieces of paper and their imagination. They were told they could be as creative as they liked. Once they had finished making, we laminated them and moved them into Scrappy town where they seem very happy looking out over one of the art classrooms.

This half term, Art club have each chosen a colourful animal to paint onto fabric and embroider into, and in preparation for Christmas, Art club is running a second lunchtime and we are making cardboard gingerbread houses.



Upcoming afterschool events and activities

Date	Event	Detail
November	Primary	Local primary

16th	School Sports Athletics	children are invited to compete and enjoy an evening of sport in our sports hall.
November 24th	Mass for the Dead	
December 8th	MFL Christmas Market	Pupils can bring in their own money to buy Christmas presents and enjoy a day of culture.
December 14th	Christmas Lunch	This will be the full Christmas dinner for Years 7, 8 and 9.
December 18th	Christmas Carol Service	An evening of music, readings and Christmas spirit at St Anne's Church (7pm start)
December 19th	Disco	All funds raised are for charity. This event is for Year 7 and 8.
December 20th	Disco	As above but for Year 9 and 10.
December 20th	Christmas Lunch	As above but for Year 10 and 11
December 21st and 22nd	Christmas Services	All year groups to enjoy their own Christmas service over the course of the two days

PE Extracurricular Timetable

Physical Education 2017-2018 Extra-Curricular Term 1

	Lunchtime Clubs 1:00pm - 1:30pm	Lunchtime 3G Astro Turf 1:00pm - 1:30pm	After School 3:15pm - Onwards
Monday	Year 11 5 a side (Mr Denton)	Mr Cookson Year 7	Trampoline (All Years) Sports hall Carlos
Tuesday	Living for Sport - Sports Hall Mr Dawson	Mr Shepherd Year 8	Girls Netball (All Years) Courts/Sports Hall Miss McGee
Wednesday	Sports Leaders 'drop in' SPORTS HALL RECEPTION (Miss Gray) Girls Badminton- All Years (Miss Gray) Sports Hall	Mr Doolan Year 11	Girls Football (All Years) 3G Astro Miss Gray Year 10&11 Boys Basketball - Sports hall Mr Aoun Table tennis (All years) Gym Mr Oakley
Thursday		Miss Gray Year 10	Hockey - 3G Astro (All years) Boys and Girls Mrs Turpin Badminton (all years) Sports hall Mr Cow/Miss Woodcraft
Friday	Year 9 & 10 Boys Badminton (Mr Cow) Sports Hall PE Detention Sports Hall Classroom (Mr Dawson)	Mrs Turpin Year 9	



- **Lunchtime Clubs** - You must wear appropriate footwear (no shoes) and remove ties, blazers and jumpers.
- **Afterschool Clubs** - You must wear a full PE kit and appropriate footwear (no shoes).
- You **will not be allowed to participate**, if you fail to attend with the incorrect footwear and/or kit.

Music Extracurricular Timetable

Music Extra-Curricular activities

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7 Choir	Chamber Choir Boys Group	Music Group (Instrumentalists & singers)	Boys Group	Senior Choir



Peripatetic Teachers

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sarah Monteith-Voice & Piano Sean Geldart - Guitar	Sarah Monteith-Voice & Piano	Sarah Monteith - voice & piano Sean Geldart-Guitar	Mark Howard-Percussion Sarah Monteith - voice & piano Paul Thomas - Woodwind	

Let us know your news!

If you are involved in any exciting activities or you have stories of St Bede's from years gone by, please contact school and we can celebrate this in our fortnightly blog.

Thank you to all parents, students and staff for the continued support of the school.

God bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Denton', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr P Denton, Head of School