

# WHAT'S THE LATEST FROM ST BEDE'S?

Our Spring term is now in full flow and mock exams are coming to a close. The Y11 students have been an absolute credit to themselves and the school in the way they have approached the process. We now enter revision season and you can see the details at the end of this blog. Aside from this, there have been some really exciting lessons taking place, preparations for the arrival of our Chinese exchange students and many extra-curricular activities. I do hope the start to your 2018 has been as enjoyable as ours.

**As usual, you can see all the pictures along with many more stories on our Twitter page @stbedes1957.**

## Musicians hit the right note by Nicole Crompton (Y10)

On the morning of Thursday 8th February, Mrs McMurray and St Bede's Chamber Choir, set off from school as well as Miss Kelly, the Chinese Exchange Students from Fuzhou No.16 Middle School and their St Bede's hosts.

They made their way to UCLAN, a university in Preston, to take part in a UK-China Youth Talent Competition. They arrived late in the morning along with 10 other schools, and wowed the audience with their talent. The Chamber Choir performed two songs: 'When I Grow Up' and 'Hushabye Mountain'. Viewers said the songs were "performed to perfection".



The Chinese Exchange Students performed two dances; firstly, a group dance by the whole Exchange group, the other a solo by student, Belle. They expressed their Chinese culture in graceful, beautiful dances. All 22 performances throughout the day were outstanding, and portrayed the performing arts in a diversity of ways. There was a range of performances from singing to dancing, Thai chi to musical instruments, and acting to painting.

It was the chamber choir's first ever competition and they smashed it!!! FIRST PLACE!!!!!!!!!!!!!! St Bede's Chamber Choir won overall, and the Chinese Exchange students were awarded for their wonderful participation. Many thanks to Mrs McMurray, Miss Kelly, the Fuzhou No.16 Middle School teachers, UCLAN University, the organisers of the competition and all the performers.



## Where can you go for a great day out to support your child's learning?

I asked our fantastic teachers this very question this week. With the summer months coming quickly and an Easter break on the horizon, here are some places that could support your child's learning,

Bletchley Park – Recommended by our Computer Science Dept.

If your child is interested in history or IT and in particular coding, perhaps they would enjoy a trip to this historic venue. Bletchley Park was the central location for the allied forces' 'code breakers'. Many people believe that the amazing work they did went a long way to helping the Allied forces finish victorious in WWII.



## Tate Modern – Recommended by our Art Dept.

At the Tate Modern on the Liverpool Docks, there is an exhibition which may excite our young artists. The John Piper Exhibition is on until 18 March 2018 (<http://www.tate.org.uk/whats-on/tate-liverpool/exhibition/john-piper>). John Piper (1903–1992) is one of the most significant British artists of the twentieth-century. Renowned for his powerful and romantic paintings of his native landscape, he worked across an extraordinary range of disciplines (including designs for stained glass and theatre) influencing the cultural landscape of modern Britain.



## Liverpool Museum – Recommended by our School Business Manager

### China's First Emperor and the Terracotta Warriors

For over 2,000 years, an underground army of life-sized terracotta warriors secretly guarded the tomb of China's First Emperor, Qin Shi Huang, until a chance discovery in 1974 unlocked the mysteries of a vanished empire. The exhibition of these warriors will be on show from 9<sup>th</sup> February – 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018.



## Museum of Science and Industry – Recommended by our Technology Department

Located in central Manchester on Liverpool Street, this is a great place for our budding engineers or scientists to visit. There are lots of interactive features and one where you can see the content of science study come to life.



## St Bede's students hit the slopes

43 pupils and 6 staff recently visited Bormio in Italy for the annual St Bede's Ski trip. After a fun 30 hour coach journey an amazing time was had by all on the slopes, in the hotel and during the night time activities.

By the end of the week all 43 pupils were able to ski from the very top of the mountain at 3012 metres down to 1225 metres – a run called the Peak to Creek. Even pupils who had never been before managed this.

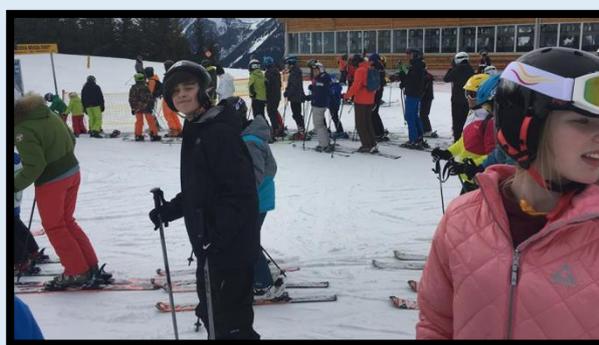
Pupils also enjoyed a visit to Bormio Terme spa, and went shopping in the lovely medieval town.

Other highlights were a fantastic quiz, fancy dress on the slopes and loads of great prizes were also handed out. The final night disco was also amazing!

The pupils were very well behaved and represented the school in a positive manner. It was a brilliant experience for the pupils and the staff also really enjoyed the week.

The school has had many messages of thanks from parents and the pupils loved it; some saying it was the best week of their lives. Nearly 20 of them want to go on the 2019 trip as they enjoyed it so much!

[www.facebook.com/groups/stbedesormskirk](http://www.facebook.com/groups/stbedesormskirk)



## Year 7 goals continue football domination

Our Y7 girls' team made it to the Lancashire Schools' Cup Semi-Final this week. They beat Our Lady's, Preston 7-5 in the semi-final.

The girls pictured are:

Isla Fearon (captain)

Sally Abraham

Laura Privett

Katie O'Neill

Mia Sanchez

Maddie Harford

Sade Lawal

Shauna Nagle

Eleftheria Maragou



Be part of the St Bede's Summer Fair



**FRIENDS OF ST. Bede's**  
**Summer Fair**



**FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2018**

St. Bede's pupils from 2.30pm

Open to the public from 3.30pm till 7.00pm

**Entry fee £2 adults and £1 children**

Stalls, **FOOD**, *Games*, **Crafts** and  
*more.....*

## FROM FRIEND'S OF ST. BEDE'S

Dear Parents/ Guardians

We are excited to announce that we will be holding a Summer Fair at school on Friday 22nd June 2018.

This is an opportunity to come together as a school and the wider community to have fun and raise money for new sound and lighting equipment for St. Bede's.

To make this event a success we need your help!

If you enjoy a challenge and can help to organise our Summer Fair, then we would love to hear from you.

Our next meeting will be held on 28th February at 4.30pm in the LRC at school.

For those of you that would be interested in running a stall, whether as a company, charity or personally then prices are as follows and include inclusion into the brochure, pitch and table: -

Food Outlets - £50 per pitch

Company - £40 per pitch

Personal - £10 per pitch

Charity - £5 per pitch

We are also looking for sports, entertainment and craft areas.

Finally, those of you that can provide auction prizes or can help on the day to set up, man the gates etc... please get in touch.

We look forward to hearing from you.

All enquiries and any questions should be sent to Jess Rimmer on 07981044910 or email [fosb@sbchs.co.uk](mailto:fosb@sbchs.co.uk)



## Year 11s Experience War Crimes trial

Year 11 GCSE History students attended the Waterside Arts Centre on Tuesday 6th February to take part in a revision workshop entitled 'Hitler on Trial'. Pupils gained essential knowledge of the requirements of the forthcoming GCSE exams by taking on the roles of assistant examiners. They were then able to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the Weimar and Nazi Germany unit by watching a courtroom performance in which Hitler was put on trial for crimes against peace. Year 11 students acting as the jury were then able to vote on Hitler's guilt or innocence.

## Financial Awareness a great success

On Friday 2nd February 2018 our Year 9 pupils took part in our annual Financial Awareness Day.

The pupils were divided up into teams and faced with the tough challenge of designing and organising their very own school prom. Pupils had to choose the venue, catering, decorations and even the entertainment all whilst sticking to their £4000 budget - but there was a catch!! Throughout the day pupils chose envelopes at random - for some this meant extra money to spend but for others money was taken away causing them to quickly rethink their budget!

The aim of the day was for pupils to work together and for them to plan and budget in order to create their perfect prom celebration - throughout the morning pupils were set the challenge of researching key financial topics and then went head to head in our annual financial quiz.

Big congratulations to everybody who took part but especially to our three groups of winners who walked away with the prizes!

Thank you to all of the student teachers from Edge Hill who assisted our teams throughout the day.



## World Book Day is a hit in MFL

Yesterday we celebrated World Book Day across the school. Staff were asked to bring in their favourite books and there were various activities across lessons. MFL shared their activities with me:

*'Our Upper School pupils spent time comparing translations of German plays such as Draussen vor der Tuer by Wolfgang Borchert as well as German novels like the Bread of Those Early Years by Heinrich Boell. We also looked at English to German translations of famous books like the Secret Diary of Adrian Mole aged 13 3/4 and Harry Potter!*

*The Lower School also looked at some famous French and German literature including novels by Kafka as well as children's stories including the Little Prince.'*



### Amazing piece of homework!

This is a poster done by Evie Jackson (Y8) for homework in geography. The pupils were asked to research forbidden places around the world and pick their favourite to do for display in the classroom.

Mrs Turpin brought this to me and said, 'I am absolutely blown away by the effort put into this piece of work Evie – Exceptional!' Well done Evie and I hope we continue to see such great effort from our Y8 students.



## DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION OF SHELLEY'S SONNET



Year 7 pupils have been studying poetry in their English lessons, and brought Shelley's *Ozymandias* to life using drama.

The poem depicts the devastating effects of nature and time on the statue of a cruel emperor, who wrongly believed his statue would immortalise him.



Written by Jude Bull:

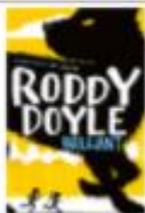
We have been studying poetry over the last couple of weeks, and we've written some ourselves. Let's start with *Ozymandias*: it is a poem we studied early in the module and it is about a broken down statue in an old country. (We expect it was Egypt.) An adventurer meets a traveller who tells the story of *Ozymandias*, an evil dictator who orders a statue to be built of him so he is never forgotten. When we acted the poem out in drama, we all had to say one of the key quotes from the poem: "My name is *Ozymandias*, king of kings. Look on my works, ye mighty, and despair!"

Overall, I think the poetry module was a useful and fun topic to study because we had the chance to do some creative writing, some drama, and also learn some great English skills.

# Reading Matters

World Book Day can often mean a week or two of panic for parents, where we're suddenly struck with the realisation that we can't even *think* of an original idea for a costume for the primary school dressing-up day, never mind attempt to make one. As our little Matildas and Wallies go skipping into school on World Book Day, we feel an overwhelming sense of relief that we've done it and it's over. Costumes are an excellent way to help children see the fun in reading, but it shouldn't stop there. In the run-up to The Big Book Quiz, Bayley McNevin in Year 11 has compiled a list of the books we've had to read for the competition over the last five years. Bayley and our other Year 11 Literacy Leaders were the first pupils to take part in the quiz and their enthusiasm for reading is still growing.

Wonder- R. J. Palacio



Brilliant- Roddy Doyle



Pig Heart Boy- Mallory Blackman



The Boy on the Porch- Sharon Creech



The Accidental Prime Minister- Tom McLaughlin



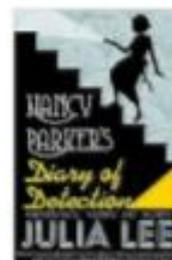
13 Hours- Narinder Dhani



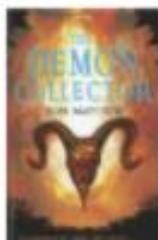
The Nowhere Emporium- Ross MacKenzie



Strange Star- Emma Carroll



Nancy Parker's Diary- Julia Lee



Demon Collector- Jon Mayhew

## Fantastic art work produced by Y10

Miss Byrom shared some impressive art work with me. The work has been produced by some of our GCSE students. Mrs Byrom explained, 'This project is a 'lace' project based on an Artist called Michael Brennand-Wood. We have changed the project slightly this year. The year 9 classes have produced their own lace 3d pattern using wire and foam board, as you can see there has been some impressive outcomes'.



## Mardi Gras comes to Saint Bede's



The city of Nice, France records that in the year of 1294, the Comte de Provence Charles II, Duc d'Anjou began taking his holidays in Nice to take part in the festivities of Carnival complete with balls, masquerades, bonfires, jugglers, mimes, and more. All that was required to take part was a costume and a mask.

The city of Nice still holds its own Carnival, lasting two weeks and celebrating Mardi Gras on the last day. So before we broke up for February half term, we celebrated our very own mardi gras in Saint Bede's, and made some masks!



## Year 7 French Play

### Le Château

On Monday, two amazing actors came into St. Bede's to present a French play. It was a brilliant, historical production about Henry VIII trying to find a wife. Because they didn't have any cameras, the King had to send a painter to paint the portraits of any likely candidates! It featured some hilarious scenes including Hercules, a toy horse! The play was brilliantly interactive, and the actors asked for volunteers from the audience to model portraits and to become a 'mayor'! We were very lucky to be joined by some pupils from Our Lady and All Saints.

By Holly Doran, Year 7



## Revision season continues!

At St Bede's we are blessed with committed teachers who go above and beyond to support our students. Detailed below are just some of the subjects offering additional revision classes for our Y11 students in the run up to the summer exams.

### Computer Science and BACS

Subject	Day	Time
Computer Science	Tuesday	3.20 – 4.20pm
BACS	Thursday	3.20 – 4.20pm

Additional support for this challenging GCSE is offered to students on a weekly basis. Please ensure that you attend these sessions if you require additional guidance.

### RE Revision Y11

Teacher	Day	Time
Miss Kelly	Thursday	3.15 – 4.15pm
Miss Skidmore	Monday	3.15 – 4.15pm
Miss Keyes	Thursday	8.10 – 8.40am

There will be college intervention after February half term for a selection of students to enhance their knowledge on Judaism (paper 3). This will be delivered by St John Rigby College here at St Bede's. Chosen students will receive a letter prior to these sessions.

### Additional Languages Support

Teacher	Language	Day	Time
Madame Gallagher	French (N3)	Tuesday	3.15 – 4.00pm
Frau Williams	German	Tuesday	3.15 – 4.00pm
Madame Williams	French/German	See below	

The revision sessions will be for both **French and German** and will run in N1 from 3.20 to 4.30 on the following dates.

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February

HALF TERM

**Wednesday** 21<sup>st</sup> February

**Wednesday** 28<sup>th</sup> February

**Wednesday** 7<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

EASTER

GCSE Speaking exams commence 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018

## Art GCSE Support

Teacher	Day	Time
Mrs Mitchell & Miss Byrom	12.50 – 1.35pm	Wednesday
Mrs Mitchell & Miss Byrom	3.30 – 4.30pm	Wednesday
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## PE Year 11 Revision Classes

Our dedicated PE staff are now running additional sessions each week in order to enhance specific areas of knowledge in the build up to the summer exams. Please see the details below and encourage your child to attend the right sessions for them.

Staff Member	Date	Topics to be covered in the session <i>(please see revision guide contents page)</i>
Miss McGee	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	2.1 (16) Engagement in physical activity and sport in the UK 2.1 (17) Commercialisation of sport
Miss Gray	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	2.1 (18) Ethical and social-cultural issues in physical activity and sport 2.2 (19) Characteristics of skilful movement and skill classification
Mr Shepherd	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2018	2.2 (20) Goal setting 2.2 (21) Mental preparation
Mr Dawson	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	2.2 (22) Types of guidance and feedback 2.3 (23) Health, fitness and well being
Mr Shepherd	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	2.3 (24) Diet and nutrition 1.2 (12) Components of fitness
Mr Dawson	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	1.2 (13) Principles of training 1.2 (14) Optimising training 1.2 (15) Injury Prevention
Miss Gray	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	1.1 (1) Major bones and the function of the skeleton 1.1 (2) Synovial joints, ligaments, tendons and cartilage 1.1 (3) Moment at hinge and ball and socket joints
Miss McGee	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	1.1 (4) major muscle groups and the roles that they play
Mr Shepherd	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	1.1 (5) Lever systems 1.1 (6) Planes of movement and axis of rotation
Mr Dawson	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	1.1 (7) Cardiovascular system 1.1 (8) Respiratory system
Miss Gray	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	1.1 (9) Aerobic and anaerobic exercise 1.1 (10) Short term effects of exercise 1.1 (11) Long term-effects of exercise

## PE Extracurricular Timetable

Please have a look at the range of things that are currently taking place and encourage your child to get involved.

Physical Education 2017-2018 Extra-Curricular Term 4			
	Lunchtime Clubs 1:00pm -1:30pm	Lunchtime 3G Astro Turf 1:00pm -1:30pm	After School 3:15 – 4.30pm unless stated
<b>Monday</b>	Year 11 5 a side (Mr Denton)	Mr Cookson Year 7	Trampolining (All Years) Sports hall Carlos 3.15-4pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Living for Sport – Sports Hall Mr Dawson	Mr Shepherd Year 8	Girls Netball (All Years) Courts/Sports Hall Miss McGee
<b>Wednesday</b>	Sports Leaders 'drop in' SPORTS HALL RECEPTION (Miss Gray)  Girls Netball – 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 Carey
<b>Thursday</b>		Miss Gray Year 10	Badminton (all years) Sports hall Mr Cox/Miss Woodcraft  Hockey – 3G Astro (All years) Boys and Girls Mrs Turpin
<b>Friday</b>	Year 9 & 10 Boys Badminton (Mr Caygill) 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

Please also see our musical programme below and encourage your child to meet new people and try new things.

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	

## Upcoming events

Event	Detail	Date
<b>Ski Trip Departs</b>	Ski trip will leave school during the day and return at the end of the half term break	09.02.18
<b>School finishes for half term break</b>		09.02.18
<b>Inset Day</b>	Students will be off school for the day and return from half term on Tuesday	19.02.18
<b>Y11 Parents Evening</b>	Following the Y11 reports, which will be sent out at the beginning of this week, the Y11 parents are invited in to discuss their child's progress	22.02.18

## Prayer for the week



## 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.

God bless,

Mr P Denton

Head of School