

WHAT'S THE LATEST FROM ST BEDE'S?

After a fantastic term, I have been really enjoying the range of events we have had in school over the last couple of weeks. The season of advent is one of anticipation, appreciation and celebration. We are blessed with so many staff and students that make this season so special for our entire school community. I do hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us at our annual Christmas carol concert. **The concert will be on Monday, 18th December at 7pm in St Anne's Church.** I am sure you value our school community as much as we do, so please make a special effort to be with us on that evening.

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



Our network manager moves on

Adam Green, who many of you will not have met, has been crucial to our school over the last few years. As our network manager, Adam has significantly redeveloped our IT system which now supports all of our students in their studies. We would like to thank Adam for his efforts and vision in developing St Bede's network system. We wish Adam and his young family all the very best for the future. Adam is moving on to an elevated position in a private company.

Wonderful Y10 Art Work

I have been really impressed with the work of our Y10 Art students. The two groups have been working hard in lessons and even volunteering to stay behind after school with Mrs Mitchell to produce some

tremendous work. Year 10 are working towards their Natural Forms coursework. Here are some beautiful examples of their homework.

Isabelle Evans



Poppy Sheeran



Emily Johnstone



Hannah Charnock



Poppy Rattle



Skye Hayes



Badminton success for Y11 boys

Joe White and Sean Phillips won the title of U-16 West Lancashire Badminton Doubles Champions earlier this month. The boys beat some tough competition to win the prize. All students are welcome to join our in-school badminton clubs which take place on Wednesday lunch times and after school on a Thursday. As usual, the boys were great sports as well as being great competitors, epitomizing the way we expect all of our students to represent our great school.



New Maths achievement wall reflects high aspirations across the school

Mr Gillon and the Maths department have started to celebrate the great efforts of students in our high achieving Maths department. The department is now recognised as a beacon of excellent across the local area and the wider Archdiocese of Liverpool. Several schools have sent colleagues to speak with our Maths leadership and teaching team to discuss the innovative, insightful and successful approaches employed. Mr Gillon, 2nd in department, is delighted with the new wall and the increased motivation it now provides students with.

Congratulations to following pupils on their achievements in Maths last half term

	High Score (15 Achievement Points)	Progress (10 Achievement Points)	Effort (5 Achievement Points)
Year 7	Louie Kelly	Lily Copeland	Isabella Parker
	Dylan Benson	Rico Lowey	Bethany McCluskey
	Brooke Gerard	Thomas Knock	Isabelle Mulholland
	High Score (15 Achievement Points)	Progress (10 Achievement Points)	Effort (5 Achievement Points)
Year 8	Jacob Garrity	William Marston	Evie Jackson
	Joseph Danher	Liam Gibbons	Lauren McLean
	James Ferguson	Jan Canas	Cole Osman
	High Score (15 Achievement Points)	Progress (10 Achievement Points)	Effort (5 Achievement Points)
Year 9	Maddie Lees	Theo Williams	Imogen Fearon
	WALSH Thomas	Klavs Bekeris	Ted Kofoed
	Emma Gallagher	Alyssa Lombardi	Harry Riley
	High Score (15 Achievement Points)	Progress (10 Achievement Points)	Effort (5 Achievement Points)
Year 10	Luca Smith	Connor Rudge	George Barrett
	Rossi Forrester	Jake Graves	Josef Carter
	Hugo Schiettecatte	Sonny Rock Owens	Lucie Kinsey

St. Bede's Hosts Sports Hall Athletics

Written by Joseph Caygill, Year 10

When the days get cold and the nights get dark, athletics becomes a lot more difficult to facilitate than in the warm(ish) summer. However, St. Bede's is always more than welcome to host indoor athletics events in its fantastic sports hall.

The athletics has to be subtly adapted to fit the dimensions of a sports hall, but the excitement and atmosphere is just as good. High school pupils take part in a number of track events in the main sports hall, running from end to end and kicking off bounce boards. These include the 2-lap, 4-lap, 6-lap and 8-lap relay. One of the more enjoyable events of the evening has to be the obstacle relay, in which athletes navigate a series of hurdles, high-steppers and speed-bounces before racing to the finish line.



Events are not just limited to the sports hall, though. St. Bede's is lucky enough to have a gym as well, so this is where all of the field events take place. The lack of an indoor sandpit means athletes have to compete in the standing long and triple jump, as well as the standing high jump. For those who have more upper-body strength there is also the shot put.



On the 21st, 22nd and 23rd of November, pupils in Years 7-9 took part in athletics events. This saw representatives from Tarleton, Our Lady's, Ormskirk, Burscough Priory, Lathom, Up Holland and, of course, St. Bede's. On all three occasions, Ormskirk – by far the biggest school – were victorious in both the boys' and the girls' categories.

Throughout the week, Year 10 sports leaders from St. Bede's joined forces with those from other schools to ensure that all three events ran smoothly. All three events were a great success and remind us why the West Lancs. Sports Partnership keep coming back every year.



RE students write and send heartfelt Christmas cards

7E1 have been discussing the season of advent with their teacher Miss Skidmore. As part of this, the class decided to write Christmas cards to children who are living in areas of the world affected by war. The students' messages showed a real compassion and an appreciation of the plight faced by many children their age.



St Bede's choir share our Christmas joy with the community

Last Friday the chamber choir visited a home for the elderly and those suffering with dementia. Thanks to the efforts of Mrs McMurray and Ms Monteith, this has become a regular event. Mrs McMurray told me what a joy it had been to be able to see some of our neighbours enjoy the singing of our students. We are so proud of our wonderful students and thankful to be invited to Abbey Wood Lodge.



The legendary St Bede's Christmas markets arrive

On Friday 8th December the Modern Foreign Languages Department held a Christmas Market in the school's drama studio. December 6th is St. Niklaus Fest in Germany and children celebrate this day by leaving out shoes which St Niklaus (Santa) fills with sweets and small presents. The studio was transformed into a "Weihnachtsmarkt" (Christmas market) with Christmas lights and decorated gazebos. Aply assisted by the Dream Team, the department organised many stalls selling a variety of goodies, including confectionery, candles and decorations. The students were also able to sample German-style "Glühwein" (warm Vimto!) and Christmas face painting and Christmas music contributed to the

atmosphere. Pupils enjoyed shopping for presents and a few treats for themselves! Here are some photos of the day:

Here are some comments from students who visited the market.

“The Christmas market looked great and had a very festive feel!”

“I enjoyed the market. The combination of German drinks and trinkets with the festive mood filled the school with Christmas spirit.”

“I thought the Christmas market had a great atmosphere and offered a good range of things to buy.”

“The Christmas market made me feel very Christmassy and I look forward to it every year!”



Young reporters cover Christmas markets

MFL German Christmas Market The MFL German Christmas Market is held every year in order to celebrate the festive season, selling a range of Christmas themed treats , ornaments and bits and bobs to bring home as gifts or tree décor. Pupils can bring in their own money to buy Christmas presents and enjoy a day of culture with their friends. With the average price ranging from 50p to £1.50, many sweet treats are up for grabs.

Face painting is also available if you wish, and is done by the talented year 11s. With a front seat view of the bustling market, I can honestly say the market was a huge success! All pupils from Years 7 to 11 are invited to go to the market, as well as all the teachers, and everyone was able to chip in to the overall money raised from the sales. All money raised helps towards funding the school and purchasing more textbooks in the languages department and donating to local charities.

Overall, our school experience has been improved, all thanks to the purchases made! Many hours of preparation were put in to make the overall experience as magical as possible. The night before, teachers and caretakers used their time to set up the stalls and put up decorative light and banners on the market stalls and all around the Studio, as well as Christmas music to really set the mood of Christmas time. If you missed the market, DON'T WORRY! It is held every year near Christmas time and all years are welcome to purchase lovely gifts and support our school and the wider community.

Year 10 student building for success on his construction course

Tom Kershaw in Year 10 studies Construction in Skelmersdale College and has kindly been making wonderful 'bespoke' items for the MFL department.

He asked us what we would like him to make for us using his stonemasonry skills (completely out of the blue, as he no longer studies languages, so we don't see him very regularly anymore) and after some in depth planning meetings and prototype discussions (!), we settled on door stops for each of our rooms.

Over the last two weeks, Tom has made these for us and carried them into school, despite their heavy weight and we are so impressed with the final product! Furthermore, Tom's kindness is something to be commended!



More success for the Y7 football team!

The year 7 girls beat Southlands of Chorley 5-1 yesterday in the Lancashire Cup. They are now through to the quarterfinal stage of the tournament. We are very proud of this all conquering team for their effort, enthusiasm and skill!



Epic English quiz taking place next week

We will stage our English quiz next week for our Y10 students. They begin the run up to their English Literature exam taken at the end of this academic year. You can help at home by quizzing them on the focus text, 'An Inspector Calls' or even watching the film with them.

"ACHRISTMAS INSPECTOR CALLS A CAROL QUIZ"

Y10 XMAS LIT QUIZ!

THURSDAY 21/12 – LESSONS 3&4



Featuring fiction tunes by:

leonardcohenkillersthewaitressesthechemical
brothersprincethewalkmenrundmcpearljam

Bayley's Christmas reads!

The wonderful Bayley McNevin in Year 11 has been a literacy leader for 3 years, and is always on hand in the library to inspire younger pupils. He has put together a list of recommended Christmas reads. The books are all available in the school library and may be something you wish to enjoy together at home this Christmas.

Our Number One Read...



A CHRISTMAS CAROL
Charles Dickens

Other Festive Book Recommendations

- 'Great Expectations'- Charles Dickens	- 'The Lion, The Witch And The Wardrobe'- C.S. Lewis
- 'Little Women'- Louisa May Alcott	- 'The Snow Spider'- Jenny Nimmo
- 'The White Fox'- Jackie Morris	- 'Winter Magic'- Abi Elphinstone
- 'Lost Christmas'- David Logan	- 'The Snow Sister'- Emma Carroll
- 'The Greek Who Stole Christmas'- Anthony Horowitz	- 'Oliver Twist'- Charles Dickens
- 'Christmas Stories'- Various Authors	- 'Winter Tales'- Various Authors
- 'Jessie And The Christmas Pony'- Stacy Gregg	- 'Peter Pan'- J.M. Barrie
- 'The First Christmas And Other Stories From The New Testament'- Enid Blyton	- 'Paw Tracks In The Moonlight'- Dennis O'Connor
- 'A Boy Called Christmas'- Matt Haig	- 'The Wonderful Wizard Of Oz'- L. Frank Baum
- 'Mistletoe And Murder'- Robin Stevens	



School News by Holly Doran, Y7

ROARing enthusiasm for Y7 aspirations programme

The ROAR Programme Leaps into Action! The ROAR programme is an innovative new scheme that aims to encourage and inspire high schoolers into higher education. Miss McGee says that the ROAR programme is “an exciting new opportunity for anyone and everyone”. During the programme, the selected students will stay behind after school on some days, where they will learn about skills, such as debating and critical thinking, that would help them if they decide to enter college or university. The programme will finish with an exhibition evening and a chance to visit the University of York.

Miss McGee and Mrs Roberts are running the programme, and some of the Russell Group Universities are The University of London and The University of Cambridge. If they complete the programme, the children will go onto a fun-filled day to the University of York. The applications were collected on the 6th of December, and the participants will be announced soon!



Maths Murder Mystery Solved by Studious Sixes!

On Thursday the 30th of November, Year 6s from 10 primary schools were invited (after school) to participate in a Maths Murder Mystery! In a horrific incident, one of the Maths teachers was cruelly murdered by another Maths teacher! The teams were trying to find who, what and where by solving Maths problems to find the clues. At the end of the night, the children were shown a video, revealing everything! The video showed Mr Molyneux telling bad jokes to the rest of the teachers, before MR Doolan had had enough. Although Mr Doolan hadn't really murdered Mr Molyneux, the team with the most points was Our Ladies All Saints, coming first, closely followed by two Aughton Town Green teams, scoring 2nd and 3rd! The night was very eventful, and the Year 6s were able to crack the case!

The Dream Team bring Christmas cheer to those in our community

This week our fantastic Dream Team delivered Christmas hampers to those in our community who need support this Christmas time. It is with great pride that I heard about the kindness shown by our pupils during their visit. The students spent weeks collecting the items that will have been donated by many of you. Well done to all involved and a special thanks to Miss Keys who does so much for local charities through the Dream Team.



Upcoming afterschool events and activities

Date	Event	Detail
December 18 th	Christmas Carol Service	An evening of music, readings and Christmas spirit at St Anne's Church (7pm start)
December 19 th	Disco	All funds raised are for charity. This event is for Year 7 and 8.
December 20 th	Disco	As above but for Year 9 and 10.
December 20 th	Christmas Lunch	As above but for Year 10 and 11
December 21 st and 22 nd	Christmas Services	All year groups to enjoy their own Christmas service over the course of the two days
December 22 nd	End of term	We will finish at 12.50pm on the 22 nd . A letter will be on it's way to you shortly.

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		Mrs 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 Carrillo) 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

<u>Music Extra-Curricular activities</u>				
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	

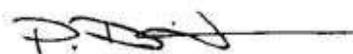
Let us know your news!

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.

Finally, we wish you all a very merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

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

God bless,



Mr P Denton, Head of School