

WHAT'S THE LATEST FROM ST BEDE'S?

As we head towards the season of advent, one could be forgiven for thinking this was the calm before the storm of our festive celebrations. However, there has been so much going on, this is another packed blog. I have been delighted to see so many successes taking place both in and out of school. One example is our newly revitalised achievement programme which has seen the first students being given their bronze stars for achieving 50 points so far this year! I'm also delighted that we now have a new section of the blog which is written entirely by our students!

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

Year 7 girls become West Lancs. champions

I was delighted to receive an email from Miss Gray this week who told me about the success of our Y7 football team. Miss Gray was so proud of their determination and skills. They scored plenty of goals on the night and didn't concede a goal throughout the tournament. They beat Upholland 4-0, Burscough Priory 3-0, Lathom 4-0 and Ormskirk 4-0.

Miss Gray added, 'It was such a pleasure to take the girls last night and see them perform with such great spirit and very modest attitudes. We are now current holders of all 3 West Lancashire titles for girls' football'.



Year 7 team: Isla Fearon (captain), Sally Abraham (GK), Laura Privett, Mia Sanchez, Madeline Harford, Katie O'Neill, Shauna Nagle, Eleftheria Maragou and Sade Lawal.

Year 9 goes to the cinema



In our Creative Arts Department, Mrs Harris and 9EDT3 have been designing promotional materials for the launch of a new film or TV show. I'm sure you would agree that it makes you want to go to the movies.



Bethany leaps to success

Bethany McCluskey in Year 7 is making a big name for herself in the world of gymnastics. The picture is of Bethany at the UK Gymnastics Individual Apparatus National Final, which was held in Milton Keynes in October. Bethany had qualified on the beam and came second earning herself a silver medal. She has also recently qualified for the IAIGC World Championships, which will be held in the USA next year! An exciting time for her and we at St Bede's are proud of her achievements. We look forward to hearing about her USA adventure next year. #teambedes



Our new student bloggers report on the news!

Dance Stars Win National Competition

At 3am on Sunday morning, a number of girls from St. Bede's departed for the British Dance Cup in Logan Hall, University College London. At 12am on Monday morning they returned with eight winners' medals.

This remarkable feat – winner in every category and overall champion – was achieved by Evie Jackson, Hetty Moss, Sofia de Sousa and Carys MacGregor, representing the Kelly Shirley School of Dance. Medallists in the 2017 Dance World Cup in Germany, they did not rest on their laurels, fighting off stiff competition from dance groups all over the country to cement their reputation as one of the world's premier organisations.

As if these tremendous accolades were not enough, one student, Hetty, caught the eye of a number of dance professionals in the audience and has been offered a scholarship at the prestigious Addict Dance Academy in Leicester. This school offers promising dancers a degree qualification and is a huge achievement. Furthermore, Hetty and Sofia have won a free class at Pineapple Studios in London, run by celebrity dancer Louis Spence.

The Kelly Shirley girls can add this latest victory to their impressive resumé and prove, once again, that the sky's the limit.



German Christmas Market

On Friday 8th December 2017, the St. Bede's studio ceases to be a drama hall and becomes, for one day only, a festive Bavarian village. This can only mean one thing: the Weihnachtsmarkt (German Christmas market) has come to town!

The whole market works like clockwork, but pupils do not see what goes on behind the scenes. For weeks beforehand the MFL department and the Dream Team work tirelessly to ensure that all the correct preparations are in place. Frau Williams' cupboard has been transformed: candy floss has taken the place of colouring pens, teddy bears in place of textbooks and decorations instead of dictionaries. St. Nikolaus himself would be jealous of all the goodies ready for the market in two weeks' time.

Students will be able to purchase numerous items, none of which cost more than £1.50, during the period that their year group has been allocated. Pupils and parents alike can rest assured that it will be money well spent. As usual, half of the profits will go to the MFL department, funding dictionaries and textbooks etc., and the other half will be donated to CAFOD. Last year alone, the event raised over £200 for this deserving cause.

Look forward to all this and more at the best Christmas market this side of Munich!

8E2 mix politics and religion

8E2 have taken on the challenging task of mixing politics and religion in recent lessons. Miss Skidmore shared with me the pictures and explained:

'They were allocated a Palestinian political party and created a campaign in order to persuade their classmates to vote for them. The presentations were fantastic and many groups brought in props and baked cakes in an attempt to bribe their peers! The overall winners, representing the Pharisees were Eva Sanchez, Fai McDonnell, Amelia Waller and Isabella Waller.'



School Christmas Dinner 2017

We will be serving our annual Christmas dinner in school for;

Years 7, 8 and 9 on Thursday 14th December

Years 10 and 11 on Wednesday 20th December

The cost of the dinner will be £3.00 per head including a dessert and cup drink. This meal will be available to pupils on free school meals at no extra cost.

Dinner menu to be served at 12.30:

Roast turkey, roast and mashed potatoes, carrot and turnip, peas, sausage and bacon roll, stuffing and gravy.

Choice of 1 of the following; Ice cream, assorted cakes, Christmas biscuit.

There will be 160 Christmas dinners available on each day. To enable them to be ready in time we need to know in advance who would like a Christmas meal.

Completed lists will be collected on Friday 8th December



8N3 produce some excellent work in Science

Mrs Farralley has been so impressed with the work of her Year 8 science class that she asked me to make a special note in the blog this week. She explained to me that, 'Every single member of the class has achieved their target grade on their recent Autumn Exam. They are trying really hard in class and are a pleasure to teach! I've told them I would mention their results to you as I was so proud of them'.

It is easy to notice the big achievements that we make in life but when we have students that work hard and support each other in their everyday life, we see our school mission become a lived reality.

Well done to every in 8N3, I look forward to visiting your science class very soon!

Boccia and kurling team bring back success

Here are the boys that competed in Wednesday's West Lancashire Schools Boccia and Kurling event at OLQP

High School. They were an excited and enthusiastic team and competed against six other high schools in the district. We came away with a gold medal in the Kurling event!

The boys were:

George Barker

Matthew Dobson

Max North

Joshua Davies

Marcus Ryan

Kevin Saunderson

Scott Kelly

Jake Sinnott



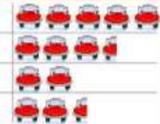
How can you help develop our great school?

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.

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>.

A LITTLE BIT OF MATHS EVERY DAY ...						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
NOVEMBER '17		Write 2.71×10^7 as an ordinary number	1 If it takes 3 people 8 hours to complete a task, how long would it take 4 people to complete the same task?	2 Convert to a mixed number fraction $\frac{21}{5}$	3 84 can be written as $2^2 \times 3 \times 7$. Use this information to help you: a) write 168 as a product of its prime factors. B) write 84^2 using index notation	4 84 can be written as $2^2 \times 3 \times 7$. Use this information to help you: a) write 168 as a product of its prime factors. B) write 84^2 using index notation
6 What is the gradient and intercept of the line? $2y - 3x = 4$	7 Which of these is a geometric sequence and which is an arithmetic sequence: 1, 3, 9, 27 2, 5, 8, 11	8 Solve: $(x + 1)(x + 4) = (x - 2)(x - 3)$	9 Without a calculator work out $6511 \div 17$	10 Calculate $4\frac{5}{6} - 2\frac{1}{5}$	11 The pictogram shows the number of cars in a car park. The total number of cars is 260. How many cars were white? 	12 What is the gradient and intercept of the line? $2y - 3x = 4$
13 Expand and simplify $3a^2b(5b + 3a) + 4ab^2(5a - 3b)$	14 Work out $24 - 3 \times 5 =$ $8 \times 4 \div 2 =$	15 By rounding estimate the answer to the below: $\frac{7.17 \times 36.41}{82.71 + 19.4}$	16 A car costs £17,500 three years ago. The car depreciates at an average 7.5% per year. How much is the car worth now?	17 True or False? $a^8 \div a^4 = a^2$	18 5 pens and 3 pencils cost £1.50 6 pens and 5 pencils cost £2.15 How much does 1 pen cost and how much does 1 pencil cost?	19 5 pens and 3 pencils cost £1.50 6 pens and 5 pencils cost £2.15 How much does 1 pen cost and how much does 1 pencil cost?
20 The n th term of a sequence is given by $4n + 2$. Explain why 21 is not a term in this sequence.	21 A bank is offering 2.4% simple interest or 2.3% compound interest. Which is the better rate if you invested £500 over 2 years?	22 Interior angles in a 9 sided polygon add up to ...?	23 Write each of the below to percentages: $\frac{3}{20}$ $\frac{28}{40}$	24 Ann, Bob and Cath share some money in the ratio 2:5:3 Cath gets £15 more than Ann ... how much did they share?	25 Rebecca uses the digits 5, 4, 7 and 2 to make 4-digit numbers. How many different 4-digit numbers can she make that are greater than 7000?	26 Rebecca uses the digits 5, 4, 7 and 2 to make 4-digit numbers. How many different 4-digit numbers can she make that are greater than 7000?
27 Write an expression for the perimeter of a rectangle with width $3x + 4$ and length $4y$	28 Give your answer in standard form $\frac{1.2 \times 10^7}{4 \times 10^4}$	29 Calculate: $\frac{2}{7} \times \frac{7}{22}$	30 The exterior angles for an octagon adds up to ... ?	REMEMBER: THE BEST WAY TO REVISE MATHS IS TO "DO MATHS"!		

St. Bede's High School 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.



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.

Upcoming afterschool events and activities

Date	Event	Detail
December 8 th	MFL Christmas Market	Pupils can bring in their own money to buy Christmas presents and enjoy a day of culture.
December 14 th	Christmas Lunch	This will be the full Christmas dinner for Years 7, 8 and 9.
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 its 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		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', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr P Denton, Head of School