

WHAT'S THE LATEST FROM ST BEDE'S?

A very happy New Year to all of our parents, staff, students and friends. I hope you have all enjoyed a time of fun and festivities. With three young children in my house, it was an exciting time for all and one which will live long in the memory. We enter into a term which is pivotal for our Year 11 students as it will be their last full term with us. That said, it is an important time for every year group as our students build on the successes of their first term. I look forward to sharing with you more successes, both in and out of the classroom, over the course of this term. Once again, I hope that 2018 is a successful and happy one for everyone within our St Bede's community.

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

@stbedes1957.

Jess and Inés raise much needed funds for local hospice

Four of our fabulous students raised a significant amount of money for a local hospice to provide much needed support. The four girls are Inés and Jess Beselga, Ava-Jane Hills and Leah Carroll. The hospice supports families in their hour of need to offer some overnight facilities so that they can be with their loved ones. The girls raised

money through a sponsored 'trampoline-athon' which required them to stay on the trampoline for 24 hours! For two of our students, Jess and Inés this cause was especially important and their courage and strength through great



personal tragedy is something which I know is inspiring to me, our staff and their peers. They are a real credit to the school and their family. A special thanks also goes to Miss James who supported the girls with their fundraising.

Dream Team give more to our community

Delivering the Christmas Hampers

As you may already know, last term our 'Dream Team' delivered Christmas hampers to the elderly, containing their favourite Christmas treats and things to entertain them. Our school delivers these hampers to such lovely people, because Christmas can be a time when some can feel most alone, and they might just want someone to talk to. I had the privilege of watching the hampers being made, and even got to go with the year 11 pupils to deliver them to the elderly.

Many of the elderly had lost their partners, and can feel quite alone at Christmas. They meet at the Ormskirk Wellbeing Centre twice a week, and enjoy talking to each other over a tea or coffee. We often take for granted being around family at Christmas, but just being there made me really appreciate what I have with my family. Their faces lit up when we walked into the room, and it made me feel so proud to know that what our school does makes them so happy! I had the privilege of talking to a lovely man called Joseph. He was very interesting and funny, crackling jokes in our conversations and trying to make sure everyone was having a good time. Joseph was also very interested in my own life, and it was lovely to hear him asking questions. Even though I was only talking to him for a short amount of time, it was a very engaging conversation.

I walked around the room for a while afterwards, introducing myself to some more people and asking them if they were enjoying themselves. It was lovely to see that everyone had a smile on their face, and was really enjoying themselves. We all sat down again round the table and sheets were handed out with the lyrics to some classic Christmas songs on. It was great to sing merrily with some lovely people, who got very involved and sang as loud as they could! We were swaying from side to side, and really enjoying ourselves! The best part of the experience was when everyone laughed and smiled in happiness at the end of the songs, as it made me feel very festive!

The whole time was a great experience, and it really teaches you to value your family, especially at Christmas time. I think all of the people had a great time, and they enjoyed us being there. Joseph told me, "We come here every Christmas for you to deliver the hampers. Every year they are different, and it really makes all of us happy. We're very grateful for your care."

Written by Mia Huyton, Year 10



Maths achievement board highlights successes

Mr Gillon has been collating all of the achievement points in maths this month. There have been some stand out performances from students in this subject area. I regularly walk through and see the great work our students are producing. We are also regularly asked for advice from other schools in order to improve their departments. Well done to all of those mentioned and to the many more who have had a successful end to 2017 in maths. You can see the students with the most achievement points in maths on the chart below and on the boards around school:

December 2017			
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	Isabella Parker	Diarmuid Lawell	Sinnott Jake
	Isobel Turnbull	Woodward Jamie	Castellain Ruben
	Rogers Jack	Shepherd Harriet	Haigh George
	High Score (15 Achievement Points)	Progress (10 Achievement Points)	Effort (5 Achievement Points)
Year 8	Connolly Daniel	Parkinson Isabella	Willan Ellie
	Danher Joseph	Al-Ramadhan Honey	Livesley Molly
	Hills Ava	Wissett (Cairns) Megan	Currie Lucy
	High Score (15 Achievement Points)	Progress (10 Achievement Points)	Effort (5 Achievement Points)
Year 9	Fearon Imogen	Krol Roksana	Johnston Harry
	Jones Hannah	Bekeris Klavs	Wilks Antonia
	Dillon Libby	Edwards Charlotte	Thornton-Webley Oscar
	High Score (15 Achievement Points)	Progress (10 Achievement Points)	Effort (5 Achievement Points)
Year 10	Smith Luca	Arnold Thomas	Baker Alex
	Connor Georgia	Huyton Mia	Rowan Rebecca
	Wortley Matthew	Vose Emma	Frodsham Molly

Romeo, Romeo...

This week year 8's used their prior knowledge of Romeo and Juliet to work in groups in order to dramatise the plot of Romeo and Juliet with a modern day twist. They did an amazing job. Well done 8Eng2!

The English department is using drama to great effect to bring the subject to life. It is always wonderful to see how confident and articulate our students are in these dramatic lessons.

New opportunity for prayer during the week

Whenever our students and staff have been offered additional opportunities for prayer we have been delighted with response. As a result, Mrs Guidi will now give students another regular opportunity which will take place every Wednesday. It can be a time to reflect, pray for loved ones or the wider world and be with each other in living our faith.

All pupils are invited to our new initiative 'The Wednesday Word'. This is a short prayer time, every Wednesday 8.45 in room 1.



We hope that our students will benefit from this fantastic opportunity to start the day in a different way.



PE Extracurricular Timetable – UPDATED!

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 3

	Lunchtime Clubs 1:00pm -1:30pm	Lunchtime 3G Astro Turf 1:00pm -1:30pm	After School 3:15 – 4.30pm unless stated
Monday	Year 11 5 a side (Mr Denton)	Mr Cookson Year 7	Trampolining (All Years) Sports hall Carlos 3.15-4pm Girls Football (All Years) 3G Astro Miss Gray
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	Year 10&11 Boys Basketball – Sports hall Mr Aoud Table tennis (All years) Gym Mr Carey
Thursday		Miss Gray Year 10	Badminton (all years) Sports hall Mr Cox/Miss Woodcraft Hockey – 3G Astro (All years) Boys and Girls Mrs Turpin
Friday	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 Extra-curricular 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
Ski Meeting	Parental meeting regarding the 2018 trip	15.01.2018
Y9 Options Evening	Parents evening to explain the options process	17.01.2018
Y7 Parents Evening	Opportunity for parents to meet with class teaches	23.01.2018

Prayer for the week

Footprints In The Sand

One night I had a dream...
I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord,
and across the sky flashed scenes from my life.
For each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand;
One belonged to me, and the other to the Lord.
When the last scene of my life flashed before us,
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.
I noticed that many times along the path of my life,
There was only one set of footprints.
I also noticed that it happened at the very lowest
and saddest times in my life
This really bothered me,
and I questioned the Lord about it.

"Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you,
You would walk with me all the way;
But I have noticed that during the most
troublesome times in my life,
There is only one set of footprints.
I don't understand why in times when I
needed you the most, you should leave me.
The Lord replied, "My precious, precious
child. I love you, and I would never,
never leave you during your times of
trial and suffering.
When you saw only one set of footprints,
It was then that I carried you

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,

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