

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.

Preparations for our Chinese visitors gathers speed

In the 2nd week of February we will be hosting 20 Chinese students through our Edunion Chinese Exchange programme. The students will spend time in school and also enjoy some of the local sights. After last year's exchange we can say with experience that this is a life changing programme which was enjoyed greatly by all. It will be my first experience of the exchange so I do look forward to witnessing first-hand the exciting programme Miss Kelly has put together. This year we have been joined by St Mary's, Leyland who will host 10 additional students and take part in several activities together with our students. This week some of our students travelled to St Mary's to introduce themselves and get to know the students from our partner school.



Lego building helps Y9 students with enzyme studies

In my house there is often a cry of pain from my wife or me as we stand on a strewn piece of Lego. Fortunately our science department is putting Lego to much better use in recent lessons. Year 9 are modelling the specific 3d shape of an enzyme using Lego. They are then describing how their model works using the key words they have learned.



New opportunity for prayer during the week



Y7 ROAR journey begins



Last week our ambitious Year 7 students and their parents gathered in the evening to find out about our new ROAR programme. ROAR stands for 'Russell Group or Alternative Ready'. Students will work with their peers to develop their skills in debate, research and critical thinking. All of these skills are vital when preparing for higher education. While the main focus is Russell Group universities, we will also look at other high quality alternatives for the students. It is part of our wider school priority of raising aspirations.

We believe our students can start to consider these futures now within a fun, collaborative programme. This programme will culminate with a 1,000 word essay and an exhibition of learning night. We hope to run further programmes for other year groups so that they too can become 'Russell Group or Alternative Ready'. We look forward to seeing what the students will get up to in the coming weeks.

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Year 7 Art Students Complete 'The Sea' project

The theme for Y8 Art last term was 'The Sea'. Students studied Jason Scarpace and pattern.

They designed their own fish and filled the shape with different patterns inspired by shells and the coast. Once this was done they created a printing plate and printed their fish out on a white and a coloured background. I am sure you will agree that they have done brilliantly with this. These are Miss Byrom's Y8 class which are on display outside the Art rooms.



Student reporter Joseph Caygill reports on our Duke of Edinburgh Awards night

On 24th November 2017, 12 months of hard work by over 30 boys and girls of the Amplify Youth Group were finally rewarded.

Everyone had two things in common: all had completed a level of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and secondly, all had grown immeasurably as people. The Award is run for 14 to 25 year-olds across the country and offers them a unique opportunity to develop their skills, physical ability and their role in society. Mike Price, Mrs Turpin and Claire Cunliffe help provide the Bronze, Silver and Gold sections of the Award at the parish centre. Behind the scenes Father Godric gives the pastoral investment without which Amplify could not exist. It would be an understatement to say that the DofE literally transforms many young people's lives, mine notwithstanding, and everyone is incredibly appreciative for the hard work that Mike and the team put in.

On why she is so committed to helping children with their award, Mrs Turpin says: "I just wish I had that opportunity as a child, so as a teacher I make sure that the pupils have the chance that I didn't." Mike Price, the Youth Minister agrees, saying, "Where I grew up DofE just wasn't a thing. It was very much an elitist organisation, but now our aim is to make the Award available to as many people as possible, so everybody has the best platform to go into the adult world."

Friday the 24th November was a culmination of both the leaders' and the participants' efforts, where everybody who had finished their award received a certificate and a badge. Each presentation was met with a handshake and rapturous applause. Everybody was incredibly proud, not least Mike, who hopes to continue the Award at Amplify long into the future.

I think the DofE can be summed up perfectly with something Mike said: "We can all blend into the crowd and take the 'easy' path in life, or we can put ourselves out there and try and become more rounded individuals." Mike's sentiments were clearly represented in the amazing young people present at the celebration and they are testament to the huge benefit of the Award.



Rebecca represents St Bede's and Team GB

Recently Rebecca Fletcher from our Year 9 has been competing at the French Open Taekwondo Poomsae Championships on the 20th and 21st January for the GB squad. She competed against many older girls, from all around Europe in individuals and pairs. Rebecca managed to come 4th out of the GB girls and 2nd in her pair. Next month she is travelling to Hamburg, Germany, to compete for the GB squad once again. We are all very proud of Rebecca's great achievements and wish her well in the future.



St Bede's pupils complete annual walk

I was delighted to hear that many of our students, around 50, took part in an annual 'Moonlight' Scout walk last weekend. I heard from one proud grandparent involved in the school who said our students were a credit to themselves, their families and our school. I was then also delighted to hear from Mrs Ferguson, a parent of one of our Y8 students who sent me the following text:

'Heading out onto the sleety cold Lancashire abyss on Saturday their challenge was to be dropped off in a secret location at 11.30am and navigate back over 9 hours to Winstanley College ensuring they arrive during a 10 minute window at approx. 8.40pm-8.50pm. This annual large scale evasion challenge sees approx. 120 teams use their map reading skills over a tough course evading teams of catchers desperate to take one of team's lives. As the sleet and rain pounded the Lancashire plain approx. 50 young people from St Bede's demonstrated true grit, perseverance and team work to complete the challenge unscathed

with stories of friendship, fun and mud!! In the age of ipads and cotton wool what an incredible experience. Many were happily, physically broken on Sunday having endured the snowy, wet weather; endless muddy fields and dense fog at dusk. They had faced and conquered this challenge - full of confidence that if they can survive 'Moonlight', they can achieve anything in life!

Such a challenge is one that unites our students with our local community. Below you can see pictures of James Ferguson along with his cousins, Theo and Alexander Williams (Y9 & 7) and Tom Knock (Y7) who joined with 670 young people to take part in the annual Ormskirk and District Scouts 'Moonlight' Challenge. There were also many other students who walked for 20-25 miles which is a fantastic achievement! Well done to all involved.



Lego master Joe builds rocket!

Many of our students build impressive models with Lego. A great example of this was Joe McKay in Year 9 who built the Apollo 11 rocket over the Christmas break. The model was made of 1969 pieces to commemorate the year of its launch. Joe proudly shared his model with me and Mr Cox. I then shared the picture with my 7 year old son, John, who was amazed by it given his fascination with it. I am sure many of our students, and many parents, will look on this with admiration as we certainly did!



District Basketball Tournament

By Joseph Caygill (Y10)

Basketball is not a sport we play very often at school but, in true St. Bede's spirit, it is something we put our best efforts into when it's time for the annual tournament.

Pupils in Year 9 exhibited this spirit on Wednesday night, when they battled six other teams from across the district in the West Lancs. tournament. The format consisted of two pools, with each team playing three seven-minute group games. St. Bede's shared a group with Ormskirk, Lathom and Tarleton B – tough competition – and showed great grit and application to progress through to the semi-finals, a feat the Year 10s and 11s playing a week earlier had not managed.

The basketball was of a high quality and a frenetic pace, resulting in some spectacular baskets and painful collisions. Tarleton A, resplendent in purple, glided around the court and seemed at least a foot taller than every other team. They cruised through to the second round. Ormskirk, too, were equally easy on the eye, and they survived a tough 4-3 win over the plucky Bede's to win the group.

In the semi-finals, Bede's were pitched against the supreme Tarleton A, who passed them off the court and whose ruthlessness in front of the basket ensured a comfortable win. From the court-side position of scorer, I can assure you that they are a formidable sight when in full flow.

The whole tournament was refereed very capably by Dave and Callum, two BBA-qualified referees. There were also representatives from the local West Lancs. basketball team, so they would no doubt have been looking out for fresh talent. Basketball is a growing sport, and tournaments like this are a great way of introducing people to the game.

So St. Bede's night ended in disappointment, but the boys should be very proud of their performance, and their skill and determination showed signs of great things to come.

Revision season begins!

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

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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 25th January

Thursday 1st February

Thursday 8th February

HALF TERM

Wednesday 21st February

Wednesday 28th February

Wednesday 7th March

Thursday 15th March

Thursday 22nd March

EASTER

GCSE Speaking exams commence 10th 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
Mrs Mitchell	12.50 – 1.35pm	Thursday
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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 th January 2018	2.1 (16) Engagement in physical activity and sport in the UK 2.1 (17) Commercialisation of sport
Miss Gray	Thursday 25 th 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 st February 2018	2.2 (20) Goal setting 2.2 (21) Mental preparation
Mr Dawson	Thursday 8 th February 2018	2.2 (22) Types of guidance and feedback 2.3 (23) Health, fitness and well being
Mr Shepherd	Tuesday 20 th February 2018	2.3 (24) Diet and nutrition 1.2 (12) Components of fitness
Mr Dawson	Tuesday 27 th February 2018	1.2 (13) Principles of training 1.2 (14) Optimising training 1.2 (15) Injury Prevention
Miss Gray	Tuesday 6 th 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 th March 2018	1.1 (4) major muscle groups and the roles that they play
Mr Shepherd	Tuesday 10 th April 2018	1.1 (5) Lever systems 1.1 (6) Planes of movement and axis of rotation
Mr Dawson	Tuesday 17 th April 2018	1.1 (7) Cardiovascular system 1.1 (8) Respiratory system
Miss Gray	Tuesday 24 th 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 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 Aoun 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 Turgin
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 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

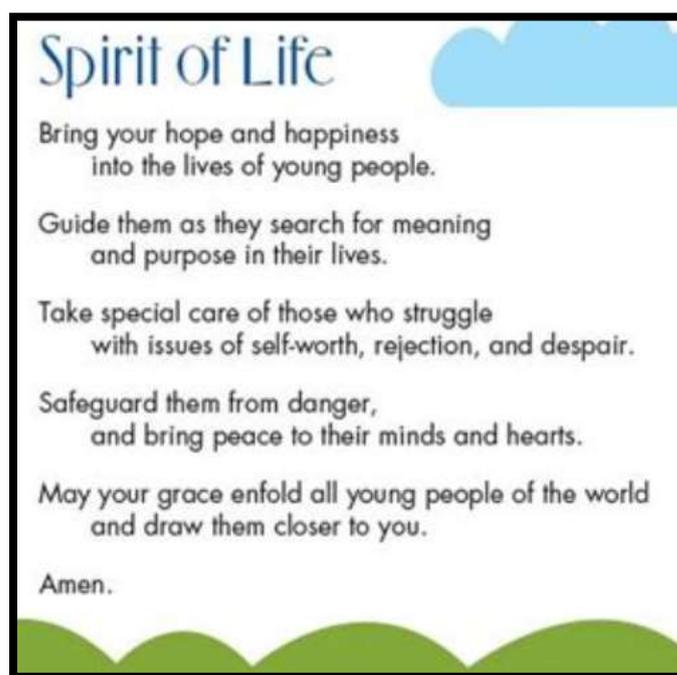


Peripatetic Teachers				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sarah Monteith-Voice & Piano Sean Geldart - Guitar	Sarah Monteith-Voice & Piano	Sarah Monteith – voice & piano Sean Geldart-Guitar	Mark Howard-Percussion Sarah Monteith – voice & piano Paul Thomas – Woodwind	

Upcoming events

Event	Detail	Date
Y9 Financial Awareness Day	Maths department led activity to promote financial awareness	02.02.18
Y7 MFL Theatre Production	Production to promote our languages through an external company	05.02.18
Y9 Options Interviews	Students to meet with members of SLT to discuss their options choices	08.02.18
Ski Trip Departs	Ski trip will leave school during the day and return at the end of the half term break	09.02.18
School finishes for half term break		09.02.18

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