

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

## Welcome Back!

A huge welcome back to our staff and students. We are so delighted to have a school full of children again. I must say the behaviour around the school and in classes has been great. The attitude of students has been really positive and we see great things ahead. There is a real joy in the air and the sunshine has only added to that. If this is the first time you have read our blog, enjoy and follow all our latest news via our twitter page (@stbedes1957). Enjoy reading about all the action in our first few weeks in this week's blog.

## Exciting development in the kitchen

We are pleased to confirm that following the new kitchen installation, the provision is proving to enhance the dining experience of our pupils. The Biometric system will be operational from the end of the week. Pupils will be able to purchase drinks from the vending machines using their cashless catering account. Sandwiches, cakes, biscuits and drinks can be purchased from the new vending machine to be installed later this week. Again, purchases can be with cash or biometric using their cashless account.

It is the parent's responsibility to ensure pupil accounts are in credit to access provisions. Students who have insufficient funds at lunchtime service may be allowed an emergency meal up to the value of £2.20. On such occasions, please ensure that the account is topped up in time for the following day. If the account is not updated pupils may not be able to make purchases in school. If you are not able to credit the account for that day would you please provide your child with a packed lunch.

## Breakfast Club

Your child can now arrive early for school and enjoy a warm or cold breakfast in the school canteen. The club is on daily from 8.30 am - 8.50 am.



## GCSE artists are creating already



As you can see our year 10s have settled into their Art GCSE perfectly and are in the process of producing some beautiful black and white pen and ink drawings based on natural forms images.

Our year 11s have been working with clay today, learning about making clay bowls and using their year 10 work to produce some gorgeous outcomes. A fantastic response to a double lesson of clay!

**Please follow our art Instagram page [@sbchs.art](https://www.instagram.com/sbchs.art) to see all of the amazing work from year 7 to year 11**



## Interested in blogging?

**Are you interested in blogging? Are you interested in Art? If so we have an exciting opportunity for you!**

We have teamed up with Jenny Yarnell from Outline Arts.

She is giving pupils from St Bede's the opportunity to write for her blog.

### The brief

Write 250-440 words on any aspect of art you are passionate about.

For example:

You could write about the artwork surrounding the BLM or coronavirus... Perhaps you've been to an exhibition recently or taken part in an art webinar.



Check out Jenny's [blog](#)

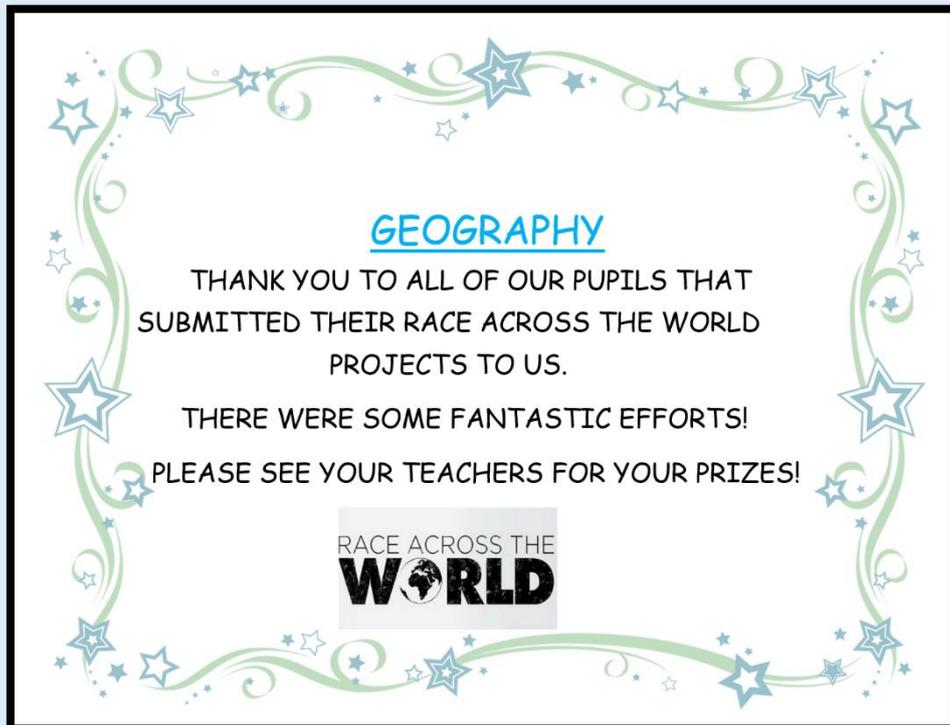
Send your work to Mrs Mitchell or Miss Ferries for us to proof-read before we send it. If you'd like some help, pop up to the art room on a Thursday lunch. We can't wait to read your submissions!

## Mr Gibson gets DT students making and creating

Year 7 have been practising their design skills by drawing cubes to specific measurements and a block bot on isometric paper. They have been learning about rendering and annotation. They have mastered this drawing very quickly and staff and students have enjoyed the lessons.



## Geography celebrates 'Race across the World' winners

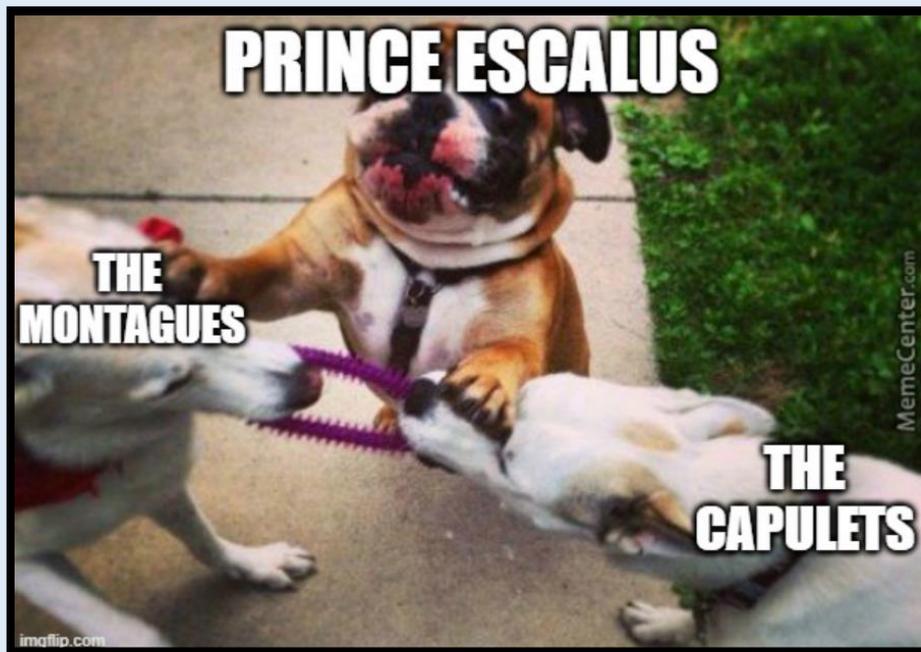




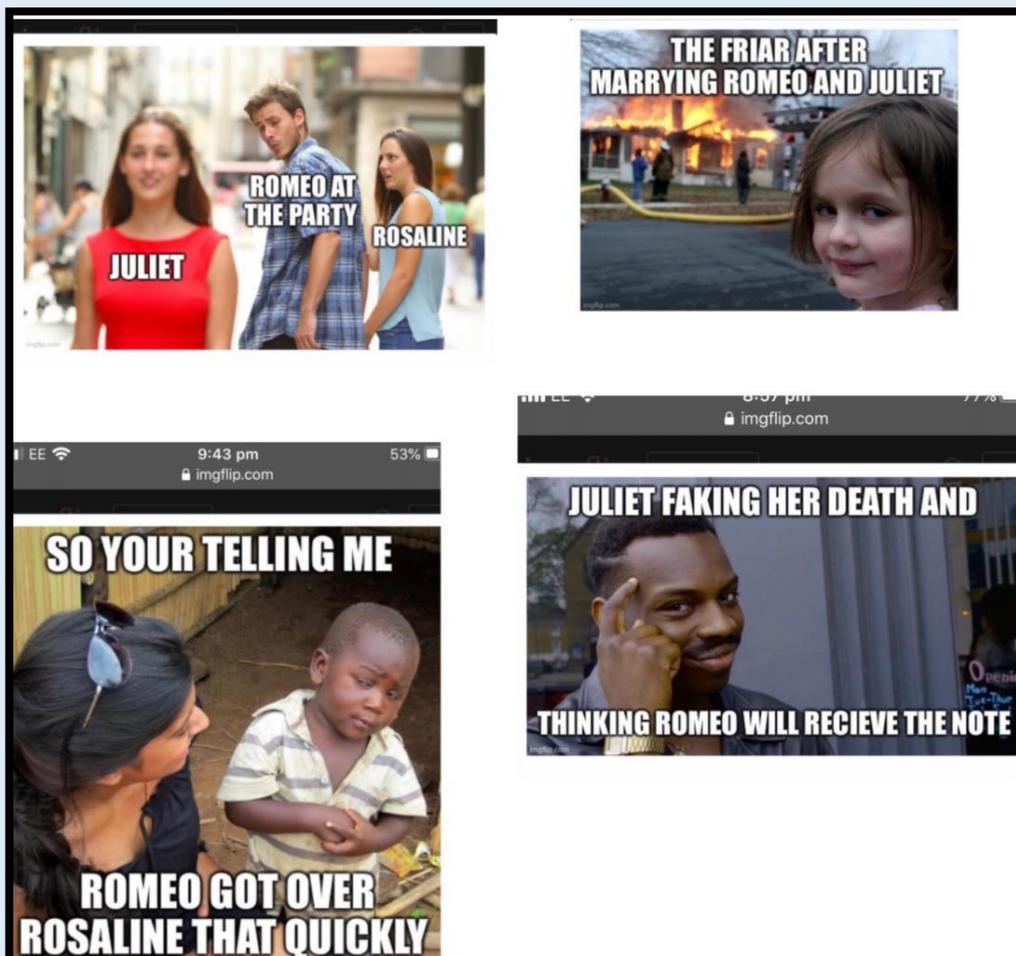
## English students get meme making

Mrs Kenny asked her Year 10 class to show their understanding of Romeo and Juliet by making some memes to be shared on the English department Instagram (@stbedesenglish). They went above and beyond, showing some real skill and off-beat humour with some very clever ideas! Here are some of our favourite examples:





Jude Bull



Isla Fearon



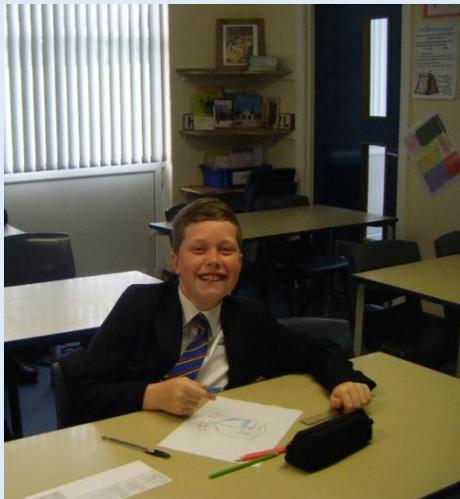
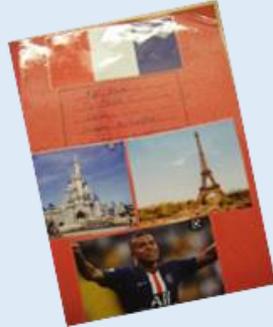
Bella Parker



Lily Copeland

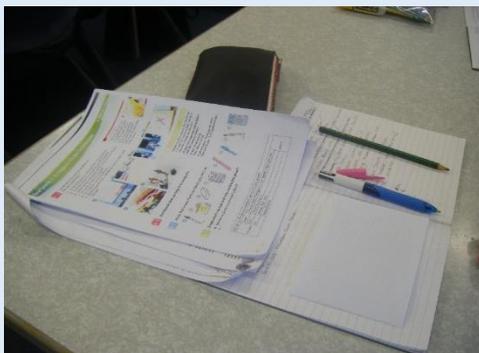
## MFL News!

Welcome back to all our pupils, *bienvenue* to our new year 7 pupils who are learning French, and to Mrs Goode, who is replacing Frau Williams whilst she has her baby!



Pleased to be back!

Year 8 German



Year 10 German



Next Friday, to celebrate European Day of Languages, pupils who have a language lesson on this day will be learning some Russian or Italian in a taster workshop !

Our canteen menus will all be in French and German, and pupils will all be given a special wristband to wear to promote our love of languages !

This year marks the 18th **European Day of Languages**, with celebrations due to take place within Europe and beyond. Whether you live in Europe, speak a European language, or are simply interested in learning one, make sure you join the celebrations this week!

We will also be asking teachers to share with you any languages they can speak, and to tell you about their experiences abroad !

## Calling ALL linguists

See if you can sign up to one of the vocabulary learning websites suggested below. These can be downloaded as apps to use on portable devices, and are very popular, as learners can set their own recommended learning time per day (say 5 minutes).

Regular practice really will improve your understanding and acquisition of vocabulary, will improve pronunciation, listening and spelling. If you like the challenge of beating your peers, you will enjoy the MEMRISE leader board!



If you are unable to log on, email us so we can assist you! If you are below the age of 13 you will require parental permission to set up an account on either Quizlet or Memrise.



These websites are also excellent for adults wanting to learn a new language, or to brush up on existing language skills!

Here are the links depending on your year group

FOR ALL PUPILS:

[www.atantot.com](http://www.atantot.com) (lots of games)

username: bede1 password: 9938

[www.language-gym.com](http://www.language-gym.com) (grammar exercises)

## Year 10 and 11

### French

<https://www.memrise.com/group/2722/> <https://quizlet.com/join/RgKdt4nsN>

### German

<https://www.memrise.com/group/2725/> <https://quizlet.com/join/SvhBarzGp>

**Year 7, 8 and 9 Memrise links to follow .....Watch this space!**

And finally.....

**Don't forget to**



## A word from our Chaplain, Jacinta

Feed it and it will grow.

During lockdown some of our wonderful key worker pupils started to sow seeds with a view to creating our Laudato Si garden. We were keen that something beautiful and restorative might emerge over the past few months. We watered and fed the seeds and as you can see from the pictures, we are on our way to establishing a beautiful garden. We will continue to plant and sow remembering that if you feed anything, it will grow.

Yet, it hasn't simply been the flowers that have grown over the past few months. As we watch our wonderful pupils return to St Bede's, we can see how out of challenge and disruption, so many of our young people have grown in so many ways. Their resilience, compassion and understanding that we are all interdependent are qualities that we pray, with the Grace of God, will continue to grow.

Our children have seen neighbour grow closer to neighbour through acts of kindness and love and in doing so have grown in compassion. Through these acts they have grown closer to God as we recall the

words of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel, that when we care for the sick, feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, it is the same as doing it to Jesus.



## Chaplaincy

A big thank you to all of the pupils who are helping to get our Chaplaincy base looking good. We moved into a great new space in September which we hope will be a place of prayer, pastoral support and nurture so we really want to make it look good and feel comfortable. Already, we are benefiting from the design flair of great new year 7s. A particular thank you to Lucy Toner, Evie and Dulcie Hutton Jackson who are producing beautiful artwork for our walls. Please speak to Jacinta if you would like to get involved with chaplaincy this year.



## Year 11 artists pick up where they left off

Our amazing GCSE Art students have made some wonderful pieces. They have been working hard over summer and during lockdown. You can see their hard work has really paid off. Here are some examples from their lessons this week.



## Let us know your news!

If you are involved in any exciting activities over the summer or you have stories of St Bede's from years gone by please contact school and we can celebrate this in our fortnightly blog. Also if you have a relative or friend who you would like our school community to pray for let us know via [admin@sbchs.co.uk](mailto:admin@sbchs.co.uk).

God bless,

Mr P Denton, Headteacher