



*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)*

### From the Headteacher

The Christmas break comes at a turbulent time for our exam students, in between mocks and, for some, module exams. For all of us, however, the holiday is a moment of calm in this very busy time of the year, when the foundations for success in the summer are firmly established. Our students have done exceptionally well in many areas of school life. Our sports teams have once again brought home silverware, but our Youth Speaks teams and Enterprise UK Challenge teams have also excelled. Our Worship Band has gone from strength to strength, and the Talent Show has once again given a huge number of students a chance to perform.

Year 7 will have had both Catholic Mass and Anglican Eucharist this term, and we intend to provide all years with a programme of such liturgies so that we keep worship at the heart of the St Bede's community. We have strengthened the tutor programme this term to ensure that all students are able to pray and listen to scripture each day, in addition to taking part in current affairs, citizenship and other useful activities first thing in the morning. It is part of our vision to produce young adults who are well-rounded academically and spiritually, and the time spent with tutors at the beginning of the day plays an important part in this. We would welcome your views about this, as well as any other aspect of school life that you wish to comment on, so please do use the slip at the end of this Newsletter to give us your feedback.

### Expressive Arts

Following on from impressive summer GCSE results, the Expressive Arts Faculty have enjoyed a particularly busy couple of months, with their customary programme of exciting events taking place both within and outside of the curriculum.



In first week in October Year 7's went to the Fitzwilliam Museum as part of an art project designed to develop work and themes they had engaged in whilst at our primary feeder schools. The 'Moving On' project involved students visiting five museums across town to sharpen their observational drawing skills and explore the history and culture behind the various displays. These included the Zoology Museum, Scott Polar Museum, Archaeology and Anthropology and Sedgwick Museum, highlighting to students just what incredible resources lay on their own front doorstep. The students

were highly praised by Museum staff for their behaviour and questions throughout the day, and our thanks go to all the museums visited for making it such a lively and enlightening experience. Our thanks too to Mr Gardner and the accompanying staff for leading the day so successfully.

Our Year 10 GCSE Art students had their annual excursion to the Botanical Gardens, where again, observational drawing skills were practised and developed. The sketches and compositions produced there have since gone on to form the core of both students' coursework projects.

Drama students have been on three excursions to the theatre, taking in a wide variety of styles and genres. In October, the Year 11 GCSE Drama students enjoyed a performance involving some extreme contemporary dance. Entitled 'Scattered', the piece explored man's relationship with water through physical movement and state-of-the-art video projection. It was entirely wordless and performers threw themselves head-first down a 20ft drop on several occasions, bouncing around on bungee ropes. The elaborate gymnastics caused many a jaw to drop in our audience.

November brought a more conventional performance of 'Rent : The Musical' at the ADC, where Year 10 Drama and Music students were treated to fine performances from the Cambridge University Musical Theatre troupe. Although full-time academics, the seemingly near-professional standard cast of the show easily demonstrated to our students just what could be accomplished by talented young individuals not much older than themselves, underlining the notion that where talent is concerned, '...the sky's the limit'.

Finally, the term was rounded off with a trip to the Junction and the chance to renew our acquaintance with Gomito Theatre, who came and conducted the two-day Arts workshop at St Bede's in February. Over 60 Art, Drama and Music students from Years 10 and 11 took the chance to partake in Gomito's festive Christmas musical, picking up a raft of quick, slick acting and performance tricks with which to boost their own future performances.

Visitors to Jesus Green were treated to the rather unusual spectacle on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> November. Over 25 of our Year 10's indulged in some rather bizarre characters and sketches as part of the annual GCSE Drama Street Theatre project. Despite the chilly



conditions, spirits for the day were exceptionally high, with the camaraderie and self-confidence displayed by the students proving yet again testament to just what we can do here at St Bede's in terms of developing the individual child. Thanks here must go to Miss Rossiter, who very kindly gave up her Saturday afternoon and braved the elements to help enable the trip to go ahead.



On a final note, St Bede's were delighted to hear of the success of 'Fair and Square', a musical comedy act involving Christian Brighty, Chris Collinson and Richie Turner (ex Year 11's). Their group entered and won a 'Britain's Got Talent' competition at Hills Road. The event was marked in the Cambridge Evening News by a full-page story and pictures. Well done to the boys!

### **Rotary Youth Speaks**

Year 9 students Eliza Asare Parbi, Sarah Sanderson and Esther Leonard were worthy winners in this year's Rotary Youth Speaks competition. The competition is organised by the Rotary Club to give young people the opportunity to experience speaking in public on a topic that they find interesting. The team chose to speak on the theme of 'Animal Testing: A Necessary Evil' and argued persuasively and entertainingly, impressing the judges including Paul Brackley, editor of the Cambridge News, and Sue Dougan from Radio Cambridgeshire. The team received a glowing report in the Cambridge News.

The competition was strong, and included a second team from St Bede's who might have found themselves winners on another day. Stephen Watkins, Patrick Brighty and Martha Evans spoke on the topic of "Advertising: Public Manipulation or Public Information". Teams from St Mary's, Perse Upper, Perse Girls, Swavesey, Comberton and Netherhall also spoke interestingly about a variety of topics.

The winning team will now go to the next round of the competition in Bury St Edmunds in February.

### **Specialism Update**

#### Humanities

In Year 11, our Young Enterprise Company has started to trade and have been organising Christmas events – Santa and Candy Canes hats being among their enterprises. They are aiming to sell their wares at one of the Young Enterprise Trade Shows: the Huntingdon Christmas Bazaar, on 11<sup>th</sup> December at Commemoration Hall, High Street, Huntingdon from 10.00am to 3.30pm. Please go along and support them.

Next term, Key Stage 3 students will take part in a Citizenship day. Instead of their normal timetable, students will experience a variety of workshops and visiting speakers. The first of these days is on 17<sup>th</sup> January when Year 7's will be learning about parliament and democracy. February the 9<sup>th</sup> sees Year 8's develop their understanding of the Environment. Our Year 9's will take part in a 'law, justice and young people' themed day on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> March.

All Year 10 students have been preparing for the active citizenship section of their GCSE Citizenship, (worth 60% of their final grade). Each team of students is advocating and promoting a voluntary organisation or pressure group of their choice to one of the Key Stage 3 tutor groups. During January, the teams will each host a tutor assembly. Students will spend Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> January finalising and practicing their assemblies.

Year 10 Geographers have been on a trip to Ely to take part in field work for their controlled assessment. They are now writing this up in class. The Year 8 History residential trip to Holland and Belgium, and the Year 9 Geography residential trip to Yorkshire, (both later in the year), have been launched and are now fully booked. Details of other curriculum trips will follow at a later date.

We are continuing to develop our International Schools Award Programme. Year 7 pupils have been making Christmas cards and completing a piece of work called 'Christmas in my country' as part of their RE lessons to send out to our link school, the Latin Patriarchate School in Bir Zeit, The West Bank, Palestine. We hope to receive some work from Palestine in return. We continue to keep those in The Holy Land in our thoughts and prayers, particularly at this time of year. We are looking to develop a link with a second school on the African continent. More details to follow at a later date.

### **Charities Report**

So far this term we have been able to support local, national and international charities. After 'Paint Cambridge Pink' day we were able to send £750 to Cancer Research. Following the Harvest Festival, we sent food to both the Cambridge and Haverhill Food Banks, to be distributed amongst the needy in our local community. We are also delighted to report that 103 shoe boxes full of Christmas gifts have gone to Kyrgyzstan via Samaritan's Purse 'Operation Christmas Child'.



We are now currently focussing on collecting goods for Jimmy's Night Shelter in Cambridge. It would be wonderful if you could send in gifts of: single duvet covers and pillow cases,

toiletry essentials such as soap, deodorant, shampoo, razors (triple-blade disposable type), toothbrushes and shower gel, boots / shoes in good condition especially men's size 9, jeans (especially waist size 32 inches), t-shirts, boxer shorts (not y-fronts) tea, coffee, squash, sugar, cooking oil and foil. These items can be taken to E3 between now and the Christmas break, when they will be donated to Jimmy's to help the homeless.



Charities are also being researched and supported through the pastoral programme in Year 9. Charities chosen include: Romsey Mill, East Anglian Air Ambulance, Arthur Rank, Cambridge Foster Homes and Milton Children's Hospice. In Year 10, there is also charity involvement within the citizenship programme. Last year students visited Jimmy's and interviewed staff there. All of this work serves to reflect the true spirit of Christian social enterprise at St Bede's. Many thanks for your continued support.

### **Christmas Market trip**

Twenty-eight Year 10 and 11 students and three members of staff went to Bremen for a day to visit the Christmas Market. We had a fantastic time despite temperatures of -8C. Snow falling as we walked round the market added to the Christmas ambience! The students practised their spoken German, although stall holders would sometimes answer back in English. We nearly got stuck in Bremen due to heavy snowfall but German efficiency got the runway cleared in the end, and we arrived back in Stansted with only an hour and a half delay.

### **Religious Education**

Once again the RE department at St Bede's has recently been recognised in print for our successful engagement with a new national initiative called "Resilience". The program is about supporting staff in promoting tolerance and acceptance through the controversial issues RE often finds itself dealing with. Our involvement in the REsilience process has left us inspired and motivated to ensure that all pupils gain a wider understanding of equality, tolerance and diversity in the world around them.

As a department, we are also continuing to create regular links with chaplaincy so that learning in the classroom can be extended and experienced through worship. All of our Year 7 and 8 students have attended Eucharist services which relate directly to the topics they have studied this term. We will be arranging a Year 9 Eucharist service next term.

In the very near future, we are aiming to launch an Ethical and Philosophical Debating Society, which will be run by senior students for younger students during lunchtime. Should any of our Year 10 or 11 students wish to be considered as facilitators of this group, please see Mrs Pittaway. Such a group will not only build on the skills needed for GCSE's, but it will strengthen any curriculum vitae, and challenge younger students to raise questions of meaning and purpose.

### **Personal Studies**

The autumn term saw the launch of Personal, Social, Health & Economics Education (PSHEE) as a weekly timetabled lesson for both Year 7 and Year 9. During these lessons, students are encouraged to reflect upon and consider issues which relate to their own and others lives. Topics recently discussed across both year groups have included the importance of self-esteem and respect for self; staying safe from various types of bullying; building and sustaining positive relationships; prejudice and discrimination, and the dangers associated with drugs and alcohol. The response from students has been extremely positive and their contributions demonstrate a mature and honest approach to such issues.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> November, Year 8 students had a very successful PSHEE day which focused on the main theme of "Staying Safe, Being Healthy." With help from Youth For Christ, Year 8's engaged in five different workshops which considered links to low self-esteem and anti-social behaviour, the dangers that can be involved with diets and eating disorders, skills in assertiveness and saying no, internet safety and cyber bullying, and the dangers of drugs and alcohol. It proved to be a very enjoyable, yet informative day for Year 8's. Many thanks go to Youth For Christ, Mr Kelsall, Miss Griffiths and Mrs Venn for all their help and support.

Following our Year 8 day, Year 10's were off timetable on the 15<sup>th</sup> November to enable their participation in Global Enterprise Week. The intention of the day was to develop entrepreneurial skills through team work. Their challenge was to build a business plan and give a pitch to a panel of local entrepreneurs for a new product that could be sold on a market stall in the busy pre-Christmas period. We had so many excellent ideas generated throughout the day and choosing five teams to stand before our visiting entrepreneurs in a 'dragon's den' style process, was extremely difficult. Well done to the winning team comprising of:

Jordan Payne  
Elliot Knott

Callum Pratt  
William Taylor

Michael Pangratiou  
Toby Taylor-Crush

## Spring Term Transport

Just a reminder to parents that payments for the Spring Term transport should be sent by 4<sup>th</sup> January 2011 please. Payments can be made on Wisepay or by cheque (made payable to Cambs County Council re: St Bede's School)

## Gifted and Talented

Below is a review written by a student in Year 10 who went on a course organised by Excellence East for Gifted and Talented students. I hope it will give some inspiration to others to take advantage of the opportunities on offer.

*"After the phenomenal success that was the Harry Potter franchise, hundreds of budding new authors think that they can just write a book in a few weeks and it will be a best-seller. This is not true. You have to have imagination, you have to spend ages planning and, you have to have the know-how. To get the best tips for my book, I went on a creative writing course at the University of East Anglia; a university renowned for its creative writing degree courses.*

*Everyone on the two-day course really enjoyed it. I learnt some really useful tips. For example, don't have characters telling each other what they both already know, it's unrealistic and sounds ridiculous. Also, although teachers are always telling us not to use 'said', using a different word every time distracts the reader from the piece. Instead, it is best to use words like 'said' and 'shouted' or 'whispered', but only when it's not obvious who is talking, or when it's vital to describe how they're talking.*

*In conclusion, I would really recommend these courses to anyone interested in writing and especially in writing a short story or novel.*

*E Back, 10AR*

## Faith and Worship

### Year 7 Reflection Day

The Year 7 Reflection Day was an excellent experience. Ely Cathedral provided us with a warm, hospitable welcome, excellent teaching and superb facilities for the day. The Cathedral staff are always wonderfully friendly and efficient, and provide a reflective and educational day. The students behaved superbly, attracting positive comments from both Cathedral staff and public. Students showed maturity over the lack of water and heating in the Cathedral (a burst water pipe in the town centre). They excelled themselves with beautiful and reverent behaviour in the Eucharist at the end of the day. This is the first time we have made the concluding act of worship a communion service and it worked very well. Students sat in silence when asked to, and were respectful of one another and their environment.



### **Worship Group**

This has been a very exciting term for the Group, who have tackled new challenges with enthusiasm and commitment, whilst steadily improving their musical skills. We have invested in an electronic drum kit and a set of microphones to boost voices.

During the course of the term, we have introduced worship songs into Year 7 and 8 assemblies - something to which the school has not been accustomed for many years. It is a daunting task to stand up in front of strangers and sing. Singing in front your friends and peers is even more terrifying! However the team has gradually been winning over the assemblies, with more and more students joining in the singing.

The Cambridge Schools Trust invited us to lead a day of workshops for primary school children during Inter-Faith Week. During the day, we met children from four different primary schools. Members of the team were a credit to the school and truly ambassadors for the Gospel. Our students split into small teams of three, and encouraged the young children to devise actions and movements to various worship songs. Amongst the comments from our own students, one wrote *"I enjoyed going into the small groups and letting them put their own actions / moves to the songs. Also, I learnt that singing songs is a way of spreading God's love to others. Seeing the young*



people smile made you feel as though you have brought happiness, for a small moment, into their lives.” Another said “I really enjoyed the day. My best part was showing my faith to younger pupils: helping them work out actions and seeing how happy they were.”

Mrs Rouse, Headteacher at St Philip’s School wrote “I wanted to thank you for the excellent workshop that you and your students provided last Monday. All of the children really enjoyed it and the staff from school were very impressed by the enthusiasm and commitment of your students and the quality of the music they performed.”

New members of the Group are always welcomed into a supportive and friendly atmosphere. We look forwards to 2011 with much anticipation.

### Carol Service

Plans are well underway for this year’s Carol Service. It will be held at Great St Mary’s on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm. Great St Mary’s have been exceptionally helpful and accommodating. A guest organist will be accompanying our carols, and the Worship Group, Youth Choir, Chamber Choir and Brass Group have been rehearsing all term for the occasion. We have a rich programme of beautiful music and liturgy lined up. We hope that any adverse weather keeps away this year so as many as possible can join us for a special and beautiful evening. I hope that many students, parents, family and friends will join us.

### **Sports News**

#### Tennis

Cherry Hinton Tennis Club is an LTA beacon site that officially launched during October half



term. The club was formed through a partnership between the LTA, Cambridgeshire LTA, Tennis Foundation, Hills Road High Performance Tennis Centre, Netherhall Sports College and the Cambridge School Sports Partnership.

The club is based at Netherhall School, making use of the floodlit tennis courts, and is a much-needed club for the south of the city. The club has already appointed a club coach, Danny Wyatt, who is currently working with local primary schools. He will be coaching at St Bede’s in the summer term.

The club is open to juniors and adults, with a comprehensive programme of tennis for all throughout the week. The aim of the club is to provide low cost tennis for the local community. The club will eventually enter teams in to local leagues and competitions. Further information can be found on the club website at [www.cherryhintontc.co.uk](http://www.cherryhintontc.co.uk) or by calling club coach, Danny Wyatt on 07828 939476.

#### Badminton

Lily Matthews, 8AWA has had a successful term playing badminton for Cambridgeshire’s Under 15 County squad, with several weekend matches as far away as Kent. She recently took part in a Badminton England Juniors’ U15 Bronze Tournament, which is the first step towards her national ranking and potential selection to the national team. Well done Lily!

#### Rugby

It has been an incredible climax to the Rugby season at the District Tournaments. On the 21<sup>st</sup> October, Year 9 went to Shelford Rugby Club and were drawn in the same group as Comberton, the District and County Champions. Two minutes into the match, Comberton scored and went 5-0. However the boys showed true character, didn’t panic and came right back and scored a converted try, leading at half time 7-5. The second half began and both teams went through their phases and played good rugby. Our forwards were competing really well, providing a platform for our backs to dazzle the Comberton defence and rewarding us with a second converted try. Comberton, trailing 14-5, mounted a sustained attack. The tackling and defence by St Bedes was outstanding and our line wasn’t breached and we held on to the win.

Next up was a spirited Bassingbourn side who, although scored first, couldn’t match our skill and speed. We won 20-10, topped the group and set up a semi-final showdown against Bottisham Village College. We began extremely well and scored within the first minute. We piled on the pressure and went ahead 12-0. We continued to dominate but didn’t convert the pressure into points. In the very last play Bottisham scored a consolation try to make the final score 12-5 to St Bedes.

In the District Final we were up against Soham Village College. We continued to play excellent 15 a side rugby. The forwards were rampaging in the loose and the set pieces were working really well. The backs had good ball and the running rugby moves they produced were breath-taking. We finished up winning the final 36-7 and are the District Champions!

Squad: Simon Donald (Captain) Freddie Nickolds, Jack Williams, Abai Edmund, Conor Rogan, Sam Somers-Heslam, Connor Campbell, Alexander Ashdjian, Sam Chapman, Dan Collinson, Malcolm

Mclean, Sam DeMartino, Tyler Elstrub, Cranz DeLa Cruz, Chris Cordero, Tom Kennedy, Henry Parker, Tom Hands, Ted Hughes, Tom Knight, Charlie Bird, Michael Torode, David Osei

The Year 8 boys finished their season with the District Rugby Tournament at Shelford Rugby Club. The boys were drawn a very tough group against Linton VC who had previously beaten them in an earlier fixture and Bottisham VC who are always a strong opponent.

The first game was against Linton VC. Desperate for revenge, the boys played excellent rugby from the start showing commitment and discipline in defence and flair and finesse in attack. They eventually came out comfortable winners 14 - 0.

Up next was Bottisham VC who were very organised and played some fantastic running rugby. However, whatever the opposition threw at the boys their defence was strong and was only broken once at the beginning of the second half. After continuing to frustrate the Bottisham attack and slightly against the run of play the boys counterattacked brilliantly in the dying minutes with Reuben Tooth going through to level the match. Holding his nerve, Patrick Collins put his conversion through the posts and the boys were in the semi-finals.

The semi-final was a tense affair and not much split the two teams. St Bede's scored early and managed to hold onto the lead and progress to the final where they faced Swavesey VC.

The final was an excellent game where both teams demonstrated a very high level of rugby. The opposition had some big players and it looked as though St Bede's were in for a very physical match. Early in the first half, St Bede's set up a brilliant try scored by Nathan Monck to take the lead. However, Swavesey hit back and scored 2 quick tries at the beginning of the second half leaving the boys a bit shell shocked. The boys quickly gained some momentum and stole back possession with a few minutes left of the clock. Wave after wave of St Bede's attacks kept falling short of the line with some unbelievable defending by Swavesey. However, St Bede's maintained possession of the ball through some excellent recycling and forward play. Deep into injury time they made the breakthrough with CJ Lewis finally flying over the line to score the all-important try. That left the score 14-12 to Swavesey and Patrick Collins once again had to hold his nerve for the conversion. Under immense pressure, in front of a lot of supporters, he kicked the vital 2 points to level the match making St Bede's joint District Champions.

Squad: Patrick Collins (Capt)	Matteo D'Ambrosio	Jordan Brown	Vineeth Joseph
Josh Vaughan	James Freeman	Jamie Webb	Stephan Gaiser-Porter
John Taylor	Reuben Tooth	C J Lewis	Nathan Monck
Harry Taylor	Niall Durning		

The Year 8B Team also had an encouraging season, saving their best Rugby for the District tournament. They played some free-flowing Rugby and finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the B team Tournament.

Squad: Dominic Protacio	Thomas Foulger	Luke Young	Kevin Mattheus
Jack Horrocks	Leo Hause	James White	Donny Berresi
Sebastian Nowaczyk	Roberto Ruggiero	Josh Wilcox	Julian Owen
Daniel Vazquez	Sam Marroncelli	Kristoffer Torode	

Right from the beginning of the year it was evident that there was an abundance of talent on show in Year 7. The boys demonstrated excellent commitment to training, enthusiasm and most importantly a very focused approach on developing as individuals and as a team. They continued their unbeaten run of cluster fixtures against Linton with the A team winning 60-10, and the B Team winning 45-10. This set them up very well for the District tournament.

Unfortunately, due to the pitch conditions at Shelford Rugby Club it had to be postponed. We managed to reorganise and play our A Team group games at Chesterton. Our first match was against Netherhall which was a try fest for us and we won comfortably 45-0. Parkside & Coleridge were up next and were altogether a different proposition. Both teams' defences were very good and at half time it was deadlocked at 0-0. In the second half our greater technical ability and pressure began to tell and we took the lead with a well worked try. We relaxed momentarily and conceded a soft try straight from the restart. The boys rallied and came back strong putting the pressure onto the Parkside and Coleridge defence, resulting in two more St Bedes tries being scored. St Bede's won the match 15-5.

Their last game was against Chesterton, who were a well-organised side. The match ebbed and flowed with both teams competing well at the breakdown and making good use of the ball. The final score was 20-20 which meant that St Bedes won the group and qualified for the District finals. Well done a tremendous achievement to the boys'. The boys will have to wait until after Christmas to play the finals on unfrozen pitches!

A Team Squad:

Michael Cowdrey	Darragh Leneghan	Luca Romano	Jack Robinson
Oliver Mitham	Larry Moore	Randall Wisson	Oliver Tooth

Josh Cunningham  
Leandro Jumilla

George Hollis  
Robert Huckle

Dan Maund  
Robert Brightwell

Sean Calvey  
Finn Steemers

B Team Squad:

Matthew Wright  
Randall Wisson  
Daren Charlotte

Charlie Worboys  
Callum Taylor  
Deren Charlotte

Jake Metcalf  
Matthew Bain  
Dan Mather

Vincent Vazquez  
Ben Phipps  
Francesco Celentano

## Hockey

### *Year 8 District Tournament*

The Year 8 students have been training very hard this season and have regularly attended training sessions and fixtures. In the lead up to the District Hockey Tournament, the A Team were undefeated in all their games and were improving the standard of play in every match. In the tournament, the girls had to play six games. In the first two games the girls seemed quite nervous and, although they had quite a few scoring opportunities and most of the possession, they were unable to score and both these matches resulted in a 0-0 draw. In the next few matches, the girls seemed to regain their composure, beating Swavesey, Netherhall and The Perse. The final match was against Linton and the team needed to win this match in order to win the tournament and become district champions. The match was very competitive and both teams had opportunities to score, however St Bede's kept the pressure on, and with two minutes to go Philippa Witherspoon scored a fantastic goal. The team finished top of the group and won the District Tournament. Congratulations to the whole squad which was captained by the player of the tournament, Philippa Witherspoon.

Year 8 Team:

Philippa Witherspoon  
Charlotte Lawes

Lily Matthews  
Miriam Beattie

Lucy Pascuzzi  
Saskia Capetti

Isobel Gostiklssy Ashby

### *Year 7 District Tournament*

The girls were extremely excited to be representing the school for the first time at a tournament and all the students played some very skilful hockey. The A Team were in a group with St Mary's and Comberton; they won their match against Comberton but narrowly lost to St Mary's 1-0. This result placed the team in the second round play-off for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> positions. The girls were determined to win this round and this determination really showed on the pitch with the team working very well together and maintaining possession of the ball well. They managed to win both their matches quite convincingly and won the second round play-off. The team came 5<sup>th</sup> overall. Congratulations to all the girls who played in the team.

Year 7 Hockey A Team:

Rufaro Chisango  
Caroline Mckenzie

Saskia Capetti  
Thea Mazur

Sophie Beattie

Annabel Gibbons

The B team also played well in their tournament and, with each game they played, they grew in confidence. The team managed to win two of their games and came 5<sup>th</sup> overall.

Year 7 B Team

Claire Cessford  
Ellen Wallwork  
Jessica Dennehy-Brand

Erin Cobo  
Abi MacDonald

Ellie Archdeacon  
Orla Durning

Rosie Simonson  
Aisling Munnely

The 2010 Rugby and Hockey season has been the most successful in the history of St Bede's School. In previous seasons we have won tournaments and have come in the top 3. However we have never before been the top state school in 3 of the 4 district Hockey tournaments or won 2 of the 3 Rugby Tournaments, with the Finals of the Year 7 Rugby still to come. This is a tremendous achievement for one of the smallest secondary schools in the district.

Congratulations to the U14 Girls' Hockey Team – District Champions, U13 Girls' Hockey Team – District Champions and U16 Girls' Hockey Team – 4<sup>th</sup> place (first placed state school), Year 9 Boys' Rugby Team-District Champions, Year 8 Boys' District Champions and Year 7 Boy's Rugby District finalists. All these teams will next year represent the District at the County Hockey and Rugby Championships.

## Boys' Basketball

The boys have been working hard in training and have already had some good performances in the Cluster fixtures. The U16's won their first match against Linton Village College 40-26 but narrowly lost their second match 37-36 to

Chesterton. They lost another close match against Impington Village College 36-35. However there are signs of a quality team emerging and when everyone is fit and able to play they will be a very hard team to beat.

Squad:

Joe Leneghan	Michael Pangratiou	Daniel Osei Modesta	Dom Gowland
Jack Cox	Robert Lynch	Charlie Gladman	

The U14's have been training all year and are really on fire. They played Chesterton in their first match. They picked up quickly where they left off last year and won 74-26. In their second match they demolished Impington 55-14. The overall play has been to the highest standard and is a joy to watch.

Squad:

Cranz De la Cruz	Chris Cordero	Sam Somers-Heslam	Tom Knight
Ian Donald	Josh Wilson	Connor Campbell	Tom Hands
Lorenzo Jumilla	Ted Hughes	Jack Williams	Dan Collinson
Jonathan Wills			

### Netball

In May this year the Year 8 Netball team won the U13 District Netball tournament, which was a superb achievement. In winning this tournament they were then selected to represent the District at the County Netball Championships. The County Tournament took place in November and the girls did a great deal of training, coached by Mrs Heron in order to prepare themselves. It was a real pleasure to take the squad to the tournament and the girls played some superb netball. They beat The Ivo School, Orton Longueville School and Kings School Peterborough. All the games were won by at least 6 clear goals which is an indication of the high standard the girls were playing at. They drew only one game and that was against St. Mary's. The girls won the group convincingly and went through to the semi-finals against The Perse. The match was very close and both teams had chances to score, however it was The Perse who took more of these opportunities and the final result was The Perse 4 - St Bede's 1. St Bede's came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the County Tournament and all the girls should be congratulated on their achievement.

U14 Netball Team:

Joanna Cooper	Ciara Collins	Catherine Owen	Ayesha Ping
Issy Ashby	Beth Catchpool	Georgia Cummings	

### *U16 Netball Team*

We were proud and delighted to welcome the touring netball team from The Chengelo School to play the U16 Netball Team. The Chengelo School is a co-educational Christian Boarding School situated near Mkushi in the Central Province of Zambia, Africa. The netball match was closely contested with both teams playing very skilful netball. It was clear that the Chengelo team had been playing together for a long time and had some very experienced players. The first 2 quarters were very close but in the final half of the match the Chengelo team took the lead and were the eventual winners.

We presented the team with a signed St Bede's polo shirt and received a wonderful handcrafted wooden giraffe from The Chengelo School which has pride of place in reception. The girls were delighted to have the opportunity to play against the school and were excellent ambassadors for St Bede's. After the match the girls took the opportunity to socialise and the event was universally successful.

### Aegon National Schools Team tennis Championships

On 16<sup>th</sup> November our team went to Gosling Park and were matched up against Reeds School, an independent school from Surrey, in the National Quarter-Finals. The standard of tennis played was of the highest order and some of the winning shots were jaw dropping. In the singles Josh Wilson won 6-2, Tom Hands lost 6-3, John Taylor lost 6-3 and Matt Daines lost 6-4. In the doubles Josh and Tom won 6-0 but John and Matt lost 6-2. After a valiant and long run in the competition the boys' were narrowly beaten. However it was an amazing effort from the boys' to reach the Quarter finals of a National Tournament, the furthest any St Bedes team has reached.

Wishing you all a peaceful half term.

Mr R Wilkin  
Headteacher

If there is a matter you would like to bring to the attention of the Senior Management Team, please use the reply slip below:

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For the attention of the **Senior Management Team**

Year Group of Student.....

Parental feedback: .....  
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*Please return to the school reception*

## TERM DATES



### Spring Term 2011

Teacher Training Day (SCHOOL CLOSED): .....4<sup>th</sup> January 2011  
Spring Term Opens: .....5<sup>th</sup> January 2011  
Half Term (SCHOOL CLOSED): .....21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> February 2011  
Spring Term Closes: .....8<sup>th</sup> April 2011  
Easter Holiday (SCHOOL CLOSED): .....9<sup>th</sup> April – 25<sup>th</sup> April 2011

### Summer Term 2011

Summer Term Opens: .....26<sup>th</sup> April 2011  
Royal Wedding – Public Holiday: .....29<sup>th</sup> April 2011  
May Day Bank Holiday (SCHOOL CLOSED): .....2<sup>nd</sup> May 2011  
Half Term (SCHOOL CLOSED): .....30<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2011  
Summer Term Closes: .....21<sup>st</sup> July 2011  
Summer Holiday (SCHOOL CLOSED): .....22<sup>nd</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> September 2011

### Autumn Term 2011

Teacher Training Day (SCHOOL CLOSED):.....5<sup>th</sup> September 2011  
Autumn Term Opens: .....6<sup>th</sup> September 2011  
Half Term (SCHOOL CLOSED): .....24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October 2011  
Autumn Term Closes: .....16<sup>th</sup> December 2011  
Christmas Holidays (SCHOOL CLOSED):.....17<sup>th</sup> December – 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2012

### Spring Term 2012

Teacher Training Day: .....3<sup>rd</sup> January 2012  
Spring Term Opens: .....4<sup>th</sup> January 2012  
Half Term (SCHOOL CLOSED): .....13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February 2012  
Spring Term Closes: .....30<sup>th</sup> March 2012  
Easter Holidays (SCHOOL CLOSED).....31<sup>st</sup> March – 15<sup>th</sup> April 2012