



"Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names." Philipians 2:8-9

From the Headteacher

With the flowers blooming and the rebirth of spring all around us, it is hard to remember that just a few weeks ago we were battling through the snow!

Sport has been particularly successful recently, and my congratulations go to the PE Faculty and all of the students involved in matches this term.

The Options process for Year 9 has gone ahead and the new process for our Year 8's will start next term. This is an exciting change that we feel sure will be of real benefit to our students. We have had a very successful round of module exams for our new RE GCSE course, which thoroughly vindicates the decision taken last year to adopt the Philosophy and Ethics syllabus. Students have been enthusiastic and the results are evidence of their interest. Business Studies students in Year 11 have also produced strong results in their latest exams. With the Gomito Drama Workshop and the Jazz Workshop having taken place recently, this has been a good term for our enrichment programme as well as our work in the classroom. I hope that this newsletter will demonstrate that our commitment to an outstanding all-round Christian education at St Bede's is stronger than ever.

Charities

Following our Carol Service, we were able to send £50 to Christian Aid as part of their "Big Sing" initiative. The staff enjoyed "The Great Teachers' Tea Break" just before Christmas and were able to send £50 to the Teacher Support Network. £310 has been sent to Haiti and a group of students from 8CW supplemented that by raising more than £70 selling cakes. Sports Relief saw students running their mile, enabling us to send £232 to the cause.

Coming up, we have an "Own Clothes" day on Wednesday, 31st March. Proceeds will give to the Myasthenia Gravis Society and Sarah Outen. The Myasthenia Gravis Society donated the 750 narcissus bulbs we planted in the autumn, and we are delighted to see them beginning to bloom across the school grounds. Record-breaking Sarah Outen, who raises money for Arthritis Care, will be spending a day at St Bede's during the summer term. In 2009, Sarah, 24, rowed solo across the Indian Ocean, (a distance of 3,500 miles!) and has raised £30,000 for Arthritis charities since 2007.

The new date for our Charities Morning is Friday, 25th June and we will be raising money for four local charities: Romsey Mill, Camread, MAGPAS and St Martin's Day Centre. Each form will arrange a stall and during the morning, students and staff will be able to visit and support them. This follows on from a most successful Charities Week last year.

We are very grateful for your continuing support and if anyone would like to offer: books, DVDs, tombola prizes or raffle prizes for Charities Morning we would be very grateful to hear from you. Please contact Mrs Richardson.

Payments

It would be really helpful if electronic payments for the Summer term transport and the summer term lunch monies could be made after 1st April please. This will help with our accounts for the end of the financial year.

School Uniform

Only a small stock of uniform is kept on site, so we encourage you to order school uniform online - see school website for links in the "About the School" area. Total Promotions login is uniform@stbedes.cambs.sch.uk and the password is 'parents'.

Berlin Trip 2010

20 Year 10 and 11 students, Mrs Davidson and Mr Biggs flew for 4 days to Berlin. Besides visiting historical places, trying new food (Currywurst), getting fit by cycling and walking around Berlin, we were also guests at a German Grammar School. Ours students said: "*I loved the Pastries*" (Grace), "*Berlin war sehr gut, weil es eine reiche Geschichte hat, das Olympiastadium war fantastisch*" (Jonathan).



Faith and Worship

Music

The Worship Band and the Choir have both been out visiting local primary schools to lead assemblies. These occasions have been very successful and clearly are beneficial for the members of each group as well as the primary school children. The worship Band have also led assemblies for Year 7 and 8.

Praise Rocks continue to work on their repertoire with some dates in the diary for them to play in assemblies and other services. We are looking forward to hearing excellent music from the Choir, Worship Band and Praise Rocks in our Easter services on the last day of term.

Reflection Days

Yr 10 had a very successful reflection day in January. Led by Youth For Christ the day examined, through a series of workshops, how to live out Christian principles in contemporary life. In workshops students explored music, mobile phones, Parties, conscience and fashion. There has been some great feedback from the day. Liz Currie, Jim Overton and the team will be coming in again to help lead the Yr 8 Reflection day in June.

Year 11's day was based in central Cambridge in three venues. This worked extremely well with the students enjoying an extended lunch break. The theme was 'Being Human'. Canon Revd Michael Goater provided an excellent presentation about Conscience and decision-making, Hannah Bennett spoke to us about the work and vision of a local Hospice, and the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology made an excellent visit especially due to the temporary exhibition of interactive artworks in the second floor exploring the human body and identity.

Lunchtime Clubs

Film club now attracts a regular crowd of up to 65 students (depending on the film we are showing and the weather). There is a central core of regulars now, mostly from Lower School who clearly now consider the chaplaincy to be somewhere they are welcome and comfortable and will bring their friends.

Craft club is slowly growing with mostly, but not exclusively girls from across the year groups.

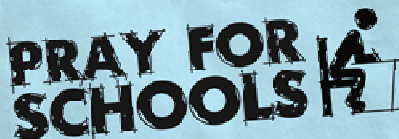
Amnesty Club is still very small but has been involved in some excellent campaigns. Most notably they used an assembly as a means to raise awareness and pray for prisoners on death row and used the 300 students present to pose for a photo which formed part of the Amnesty campaign to free a particular prisoner.

Pray For Schools Event

Scripture Union, Youth For Christ and other organisers recently held this event at school. It primarily invited church members to pray for their local schools. The evening offered refreshments, resources, networking, information and creative prayer ideas. There was a strong commitment from local people to pray for our school.

We hope that we might host more of these events and plan, in the near future, to invite all parents to a regular meeting in which we can pray for our school and our students. To find out more about Pray for Schools: www.prayforschools.org

Below is a collection of prayers, written and collected for the Pray for Schools event. I include them with this update in the hope that they may be helpful to parents and friends of the school in your own thoughts and prayer times.



A PRAYER FOR BUS DRIVERS

Father,
We thank you for the patience
and dedication of bus drivers,
who are entrusted with
the safety and care of children.
Watch over all school bus drivers,
we pray,
and guide them, in your mercy,
that they, and their passengers,
may reach their intended destinations,
safely and securely.
We pray in Jesus name, Amen.

A STUDENT'S PRAYER BEFORE AN EXAM

Lord Jesus,
Being fully human, as well as fully divine,
you know the pressures and stress that I face right now.
I ask that you guide me as I take this exam,
so that I may do my best.
Help me to use the knowledge I have gained,
in this class and all my classes
to build up your kingdom,
for the good of all people. Amen

A PRAYER FOR CATERING STAFF

We thank you for the patience and care of catering staff
That they provide nourishment and enjoyment along
with a cheerful smile.
Watch over them we pray and guide them in your mercy
as they carry out a vital role in the life of our community.
We pray in Jesus name, Amen.

A TEACHERS' PRAYER

Enable me to teach with wisdom
for I help to shape the mind.
Equip me to teach with truth
for I help to shape the conscience.
Encourage me to teach with vision
for I help to shape the future.
Empower me to teach with love
for I help to shape the world.

A PRAYER FOR THE SITE STAFF AND CLEANING TEAM.

We thank you Lord God for providing us with these buildings where we teach and learn and grow together. We thank you for the hands that care for our buildings and in doing so care for us.

We thank you for the conscientious care that keeps floors polished, windows clear facilities hygienic and our buildings secure.

Much of their work goes on when children and teachers have gone home.

But their work is not unseen as the results benefit us all and their lives please you.

Bless our site team Lord and in the quiet of the after-school hours, help them to hear your voice.

In Jesus name, Amen

A TEACHER'S PRAYER

OH GOD, I'M ONLY A TEACHER,
And it's lonely work because I'm the only member of my species in the room.

I like kids. and I love my subject matter.
And I have higher hopes for these kids of mine than they have for themselves:

I want them to create. They want to consume.
I want them to love the world. They want the world to love them.
I want every day to be different. They want every day to be the same.

I want them to burn with zeal, about something. They want to be cool, about everything.

I want them to think. They want me to tell them.
I want the bell to ring. They want the bell to ring.

OH GOD. I'M A TEACHER,
I'm not their buddy. I don't want to be. I've seen what they do to their buddies.
I'm not their parent, and yet they're looking high and low for parents and can't seem to find them.

I'm their teacher. I don't want them to take me at my word. I want them to find the words.

OH GOD. I'M A TEACHER
Be with me and bless me. Amen

A PRAYER FOR SUPPORT STAFF

Lord bless the hands that type and photocopy
The eyes that see the lonely child

The smile that comforts the poorly teenager
And understands the need for a hot water bottle.

The ear that hears the first complaint

The voice that welcomes every caller

The words that greet the anxious visitor

The mind that calculates the budget

The grin that shares a joke or two

The ones who are vital, yet often overlooked

The ones who sometimes feel like plankton in the sea

Yet without them this whole place would collapse!

Bless our admin team Lord

and help us to remember to say thanks. Amen

A PRAYER FOR TEACHING ASSISTANTS

One to One

Side by side

they sit with those who struggle.

Gently, Calming, Helping, Understanding

Enabling, Liberating.

Helping children who could once only stumble

Learn to fly!

Changing lives

Transforming

The shy, the Weak, the Embarrassed, The mumbling

Awkward, Challenging, Angry, Hurting

Changing the "I can't do it" into "I did it!"

Thank you for our Teaching Assistants and the lives they can transform

Thank you for their endless patience and genuine love.

Amen

PTFA

The PTFA are proud to support the use of Fairtrade Products at all events where refreshments are provided. These supplies are more expensive than regular products thanks to the premium that is paid to the workers who grow the crops, and we would ask parents to donate generously at events.

£ for £ Matching

Some companies, e.g. Waitrose and some of the major banks, offer a scheme where they match any funds raised by schools at fundraising events. The only condition appears to be that a member of their staff has to have some involvement in the school. If any parent knows of such a scheme being offered by their employers, please let us know, so that we can discuss ways in which we might collaborate to increase substantially the amount of money that we raise for the school.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

We operate a successful second hand uniform shop at many events during the year. If you have any good-quality school uniform items that are no longer required, they would certainly be gratefully received. Please hand them in to the office in a clean and saleable condition.

Forthcoming Events

Due to popular request, we will be organising another Quiz Night to take place on either the 3rd or 10th of July - further details to follow after Easter.

Early in the autumn term we will be inviting you to attend a family Murder / Mystery Evening - we do hope as many of you as possible will attend.

Important Notice

Our main fundraiser in the summer will be a refreshment stall for those attending the Cambridge Folk Festival. Our school field is used as a car parking site and a courtesy bus operates from the front of the school to Cherry Hinton Hall. We normally struggle to get people into the school to support our events, so this is a first class opportunity to sell refreshments to all those waiting for the bus!!! The event will take place after the end of term on 30th and 31st July, and the 1st August, and we appreciate that many families may already be on their holidays. We will only attend for up to 3 hours per day and possibly not every day, but if you feel able to give up a couple of hours on either the Friday, Saturday or Sunday, please could you email Michaela Rowland-Hall, Secretary of the PTFA, on michaela@acestudytours.co.uk and let her know if you are prepared to help. It would be great if the students themselves could help out too. This is the first time we have tried to raise funds in this way and we are asking very nicely for lots of offers of help.

Gifted and Talented

Science have been busy this term running clubs and trips for the more able students. The Year 10 students have been meeting after school and have been looking at inserting a glowing jellyfish gene into bacteria. Seven of our Year 10 students have been taken off to the Schools' Science Day at the Babraham Institute. They took part in two projects and had careers talks in Science. Just before the Easter break, some of our KS3 and KS4 Gifted and Talented students are off to Cambridge University for the day to design and build a glider which sounds like a fantastic opportunity for all those involved.

In terms of Languages, the Latin group run by Mr Wright for Year 10 started in September. Greek Club continues at St Mary's and it is fantastic news that some of our students are actually going to be taking the GCSE in the subject.

During Cambridge University's Science Week, St Bede's School took part in an event called the Science of Sport held at Fenner's Cricket Ground. Our students, mainly from our high achieving cohort in Key Stage 3, participated in very interactive and enjoyable sessions examining their skills and attributes in a series of tests and challenges.

And lastly, please check the Excellence East website regularly for upcoming events that might be of interest. A letter will be going home shortly advertising some exciting day courses during the May / June half-term and these are accessible to book through the website.

Book Week and Reading Groups

Thank you to everyone who supported and encouraged our students during Book Week. Key Stage 3 students responded well to the Readathon challenge which has so far raised £175 to be shared equally between two charities, The Roald Dahl Foundation and CLIC Sargent.

Liju Raju, Year 8, and Callum Pitt, Year 11, each won a box of chocolates on World Book Day for their entries in the 'Book Title Treasure Hunt' competition.

The Red House Reading Group for students in Year 7 & 8 has got off to a great start. Thirty students are eagerly reading 'The Hunger Games' by S Collins, 'Love, Aubrey' by S LaFleur, and 'Auslander' by P Dowswell. These three books have been shortlisted for the Red House Award (www.redhousechildrensbookaward.co.uk), the only national book award voted for entirely by children.

Year 9 & 10 students are looking forward to the release of the Carnegie shortlist on 23 April, after which we will once again be shadowing this prestigious award, the UK's longest established book award for children's literature.

Expressive Arts

Another busy half term for the Drama Department has seen no less than 12 new plays being written and created by our Year 11 Drama students as part of their GCSE Drama final performance exams. These were showcased in the Drama Studio over three nights at the end of March so as to allow students the chance to experiment with a 'rough cut' of their pieces and see how things worked. It was a delight to see that so many of their plays had clearly been influenced by what they had experienced over the two years of their course, with particular references and hat-tips to the recent Gomito Theatre project being worked in. All students will then use the Easter holidays to refine and polish their performances before they go before the visiting examiner on April 22nd and 23rd. We wish them all the very best as they conclude their Drama course and our thoughts and prayers will be with them over the coming weeks.

Elsewhere, the Expressive Arts Faculty's extra-curricular programme kept up apace, with over 70 students from the Year 10 & 11 Drama groups going to the Mumford Theatre to see a production of Bill Naughton's "Alfie". Despite the play being nearly 50 years old, the combination of live music and multi-role acting brought a lively vibrance to proceedings. This was then followed by 20 members of both the GCSE Drama and Music sets attending 'The Songs of Shockheaded Peter' at the Junction at the end of March. Part live-music, part performance art, the Tiger Lillies have performed around the world, winning numerous awards and accolades for their work. The night was a lively way to end the term and provided some deliciously dark humour. Certainly, those who attended will think twice in the future before sucking their thumbs...!

Finally, with the sheer number of Year 11 GCSE performances temporarily delaying an announcement on our next Whole School production, it has been really pleasing to see so many of our current and former students (and Staff!) making waves in the local Cambridge Drama scene, with performers taking leading roles in productions as diverse as Annie Get Your Gun (ADC Theatre), Lord of the Flies (St Ives), Sondheim's Follies (Saffron Walden) and the double-header of Romeo & Juliet and Macbeth (Young Actor's Company, both at the Mumford Theatre) to name but some. Clearly the Arts are alive and well here at St Bede's and it's a delight to see the enthusiasm they generate being taken back home.

Sing Up!

In September, 30 Year 7 students took part in an afternoon of singing through the Sing Up organisation, an initiative aimed at promoting singing within primary schools. Tuesday night saw the culmination of months of preparation, with the students participating in a concert at the Guildhall alongside four other schools in the faith school cluster. Staff and students were privileged to work with the prominent songwriter Lin Marsh in an afternoon rehearsal followed by a short concert.

Jazz Workshop with Jeffery Wilson

On February 18th, renowned jazz musician, teacher and composer Jeffery Wilson held a workshop for our Jazz Band. During the day, he took them through the complexities of style and improvisation in a number of imaginative ways, using his own brand of surreal humour along the way.

Jeffery is a Professor at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, as well as a visiting teacher at Cambridge University and his flair for getting the best out of young people was very much in evidence. One of the Jazz Band saxophonists had the interesting experience of coming face to face with the composer of one of the pieces he will be playing in his imminent grade exam: not something that happens every day!

Jeffery's active Catholic faith has also led him to compose a number of religious works, proving that the devil doesn't have to have all the best tunes, even in jazz.

The day wound up with an informal recital for parents (complete with the occasional demonstration of expertise on the clarinet by Jeffery) and it was remarkable to see how our musicians had benefited from the day's work.

Let's hope we can make this kind of event a regular fixture for our musicians and I would encourage all students with musical talent, at whatever level, to bring their instruments to school and get involved in an ensemble: jazz, classical or worship.

The Dean's Award

Our biggest congratulations go to Lizzy, Chloe, Alex, Jess and Tori for achieving the Royal School of Church Music Bronze Award (formally known as the "Dean's Award") on Saturday, 27th February 2010. Their examiner was Jonathan Lilley who, as well as being a Director for the RSCM, is the organist at Ely Cathedral and works with choristers from Kings School, Ely.

The examination was a lengthy one and the pass mark was 60%. We are delighted to announce that each one of our girls scored over 70% - a remarkable achievement considering that two of them do not have the advantage of playing musical instruments.

They will all receive their medals and certificates from the Bishop of Ely at a presentation to be held at Ely Cathedral in March. Our many congratulations again to the girls and to their Choir Trainer, Helen Bradley.

Specialism Update

We have been delighted with the recent results from our Critical Thinking programme. In total, 22 students sat the first paper of their AS Level in January and 16 of these achieved an A or a B grade – an excellent achievement for both the students and Mrs Venn who ran the programme! They will go on to complete the AS Level in May. We have also been delighted with the results of the Yr 11 Business Studies, Year 10 and 11 Leisure and Tourism and Yr 10 RE units that were sat in January. Four students who sat the RE exam achieved full marks.



Fair Trade fortnight was marked this year with a couple of major events. On Monday, 22nd February we were very lucky to be able to welcome Diana, a fair trade producer from Ghana to St Bede's.

She talked to a variety of staff and Key Stage 4 students about the benefits Fair Trade has had for her community in Ghana.

On 25th February, lead by Mrs Pittaway and Mrs Venn, all of Year 7 were off timetable for the day discovering about fair trade. Students had to design and market a new snack that was healthy, nutritious and was only made from Fairly Traded products and we have submitted a number of entries into the Fair Trade Foundation's Fair Trade snack competition.



On Wednesday, 24th February, Sophie-Elsie Anker, Oliver Darroch and Georgina Middleton (all Year 10) competed in the English Speaking Union public speaking competition, this time at Oakham Castle. It was a close run contest but sadly they were beaten by a team from Peterborough High School and didn't make it into the next round. They learnt a lot from and thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and hope to compete again next year.

The Worship Band have continued their programme of assemblies for our partner primary schools working with St Laurences and Barnabas Oley this term. The Junior Choir have also just visited St Anne's in Godmanchester.

The Specialism Enrichment programme continued this term with the Year 10 Leisure and Tourism students visiting the Fitzwilliam Museum as part of their preparation for their controlled assessment. We have just enjoyed visits from Zoolabs, a cross-curricular initiative with the Science Department, working with Year 8 on eco-systems, and Say2 Productions who performed for and ran workshops with Year 7 and Year 8 on aspects of their History course. The major enrichment activities next term are the Year 9 visit to Holland and Belgium, the Year 8 visit to Liverpool and the Year 7 Bede Trail. Information evenings for parents will be held for Holland and Belgium shortly after Easter, and before summer half term for the other visits.

Sadly one of our Young Enterprise Companies has now folded but the surviving one, Baobab, has gone from strength to strength. They arranged a lower school disco just before half term and sold out three times with their offering of roses for Mothers Day – making themselves a good profit. They are now planning to organise events for Easter.

Mathematics Department News

Four students represented St Bede's at the UK Maths Team Challenge at the Centre for Mathematical Sciences at Cambridge University on 23rd March.

Alistair Crook and Hannah Hennessy from Year 9, and Esther Leonard and Annabel McKenzie from Year 8 were selected at a recent meeting of the Maths Club, and spent several lunchtimes practising with Mrs Ridgman.

There were 35 teams at the Regional competition, from all over East Anglia. The competition consisted of four rounds, and our team was excited to hear it was in the top half dozen teams after the first round. They continued to be in the best performing teams throughout the day, and after a hectic relay race, in which they kept neck and neck with Perse Girls, ended the day in 5th place. The winners were Bedford School.



Intermediate Mathematical Challenge.

During February, some of our Year 9, 10 and 11 students entered the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge where the highest scoring 40% of candidates nationally are awarded certificates. Congratulations to the following students:

Gold Certificates, awarded to the highest scoring 6% nationally, went to:

Robert Lynch
Alistair Crook

James Beck

Tristan Colaco

Timothy Beech

Silver Certificates were awarded to:

Jack Taylor-Crush
Tom Lamont-Abrams
Joshua Hosking

Anthony Gathercole
Harry Paliczka-Wright
David Clarkson

Jessica Groom
Tom Williams

Matthew Knight
Jack Cox

Bronze Certificates were awarded to:

Sophie Shelley	Alexander Henderson	Katherine Brightwell	Josie Gaynord
Navina Rajan	Jonathan Staplehurst	James Richardson	Jessica Wright
Danny Frattasi	Jonathan Trocian	Suzanne Owen	

Due to their excellent scores, Robert Lynch, James Beck and Tristan Colaco were invited to participate in what is known as the European Kangaroo, and Alistair Crook was invited to participate in the International Olympiad on Thursday, 18th March. A fantastic achievement. Well done to all!

Sports News

U16 District Basketball Finals

The U16 Boys made it to the District Finals which were played just before half term. They were drawn against Chesterton in the semi-final. Chesterton started well and took an early lead. Our boys responded and managed to get within 4 points of them at half time. Chesterton came out strong in the second half and increased their lead against us. When the buzzer sounded, Chesterton had won the match 22-16. Although a loss, this was a good result against an excellent Chesterton team who went on to win the final 27-13 against Netherhall and who also became the County Champions. The boys then played Linton VC for the third / fourth place playoff. They won comfortably to finish the season with a win.

Squad:	Jim Malubay (Capt)	Ali Henderson	Callum Walker	Ciaran Deane
	Daniel Osei	Greg Opalinski	Michael Delacey	Joe Leneghan
	Michael Pangratiou	Michael Drury		

Football

We have had an extremely busy and dramatic football season so far. The boys have shown a strong commitment to attending the football clubs and have produced some impressive displays both in cluster fixtures and Cup competitions.

Year 7 Football

An exciting array of talent amongst the year 7 boys has led to some high expectations of success this season. The boys' momentum from the rugby season followed into the start of the football calendar. The A team, on their debut, hammered Comberton 7 – 1 which actually flattered their opponents, as, with better finishing, the scoreline could have been well into double figures. The B team also ran out winners, playing some good football.

Next up was Netherhall, the local rivals. The B team played well against strong opponents and an exciting game finished in Netherhall's favour. The A team started to gel as a team and played some very attractive passing football with a high level of skill and competence on show. They ran out comfortable winners, scoring some well worked and decisive team goals.

The next fixture is against Sawston where the boys will look to impress to secure their places in the 3 teams that will be entered for the Year 7 District Football Tournament held here at St Bede's next week.

Squad:	Matteo D'Ambrosio	Roberto Ruggiero	Kevin Mateus	Jamie Webb
	Darius Killeen	Nathan Monck	Sebastian Nowaczyk	Harry Taylor
	Patrick Collins	Josh Wilson	Niall Durning	John Taylor
	CJ Lewis	Michael Munnely	Luke Young	Matthew Daines
	Donato Barresi	Jimmy Borley-Margiotta		

Year 8 Football

The Year 8's have had a busy season with an abundant amount of fixtures. The most recent and memorable match was against a very strong Netherhall side. Both teams were playing good passing football. It was 1-1 at half time. With 10 minutes to go Netherhall took the lead. The boys showed steely determination and true grit and got a deserved equaliser seconds before the final whistle blew. We wish them well in the Year 8 District Football Tournament at St Bede's on Thursday, 25th March.

Squad:	Patrick Brighty	David Osei	Jamie Bluff	Dan Collinson
	Ian Donald	Cranz Dela Cruz	Connor Campbell	Sam Demartino
	Conor Rogan	Freddie Nickolds	Abai Edmund	Alexander Ashdjian
	Tom Hands	Ted Hughes	Patrick Maund	Dan Isaksen
	George Ball	Michael Torode	Ben Simonson	Tom Knight
	Tom Kennedy			

Year 9 Football

What a cup match is all about!!! This game had everything from comebacks to an eventual penalty shootout. Prior to the start of the season the Year 9 football team was hit by key injuries to some important positions but nonetheless still managed to field a competitive team. Chesterton were the visitors to St Bede's School and an even

match followed. At half-time Chesterton led 2-1 through some sloppy defending, but St Bede's were clearly the stronger team and went into the second half with real motivation. With 10 minutes to go, St Bede's were awarded a penalty and drew level. With the match seemingly heading into extra-time, Chesterton scored with less than a few minutes to go and looked as though they had secured their passage into the next round. However, in the last minute, St Bede's piled on the pressure and, following a goal-mouth scramble, the ball was eventually put into the opponent's net and the game went to penalties. What followed, a few would like to forget! After the 5th round of penalties, the score was level at 3 – 3 with each side missing twice. Next was sudden death, and both players missed which took the shootout into an unlikely 7th round. St Bede's clattered the post with the ball going the wrong side. Chesterton then stepped up and sent St Bede's crashing out of the cup. An eventful night for all, but both teams played in a tremendous spirit that seems to have eluded football on some occasions

Squad:	Michael Pangratiou	Matt Casey	Will Taylor	Patrick Hopper
	Matt Banks	Oliver Holden	Dom Gowland	Hope Harrison
	Kyle Fulcher	Luke Kiernander	Jonathan Trocian	Patrick Chindo
	Will Phoenix	Ciaran Cafferkey	Tim Alazaawie	Ryan Powell

Year 10 Football

Another eventful cup run that certainly had its talking points! After drawing the reigning champions in the first round, it did not look good for St Bede's prospects on reaching the quarter finals. With 20 minutes gone in the game, everyone involved new an upset was possible as the boys were playing some good football and dominating possession. However, St Bede's still trailed at half time but, with 10 minutes to go, drew level through an excellent goal and sent the game into extra time. Stalemate followed and the game went into penalties. St Bede's struck their spot kicks with conviction and progressed brilliantly into the next round.

Up next was Swavesey in the quarter finals. Although the team at times showed glimpses of exciting, flowing football, they unfortunately could not carry on the momentum from the previous game and never reached their potential against lesser opposition. After leading the game 1 – 0 and then 2 – 1, a win had looked to be on the cards with 20 minutes to go. However, a lack of positional awareness, composure and personal discipline let the team down massively and they eventually went out deserved losers 4 – 2.

Squad:	Joe Leneghan	Connor Leneghan	Andrew Staplehurst	Daniel Osei
	Greg Opalinski	Giovanni D'Ambrosio	Robert Lynch	David Clarkson
	Mark Jose	Danny Frattasi	Ben Maio	Rob Smith

Year 11 Football

The boys started off the year with a great victory over Melbourn 4-0. There followed a tricky encounter against Parkside and Coleridge in the District Cup. We started really well and by half time were 2-0 to the good. In the second half, there were chances for both teams, but with 20 minutes to go, Parkside and Coleridge pulled a goal back. It gave them a lift and five minutes from time, they scored the equaliser. The game finished 2-2 and went to penalties. Nerves were jangling from players on both sides. Eventually Parkside and Coleridge went through to the next round winning 3-2 on penalties.

Squad:	Callum Walker	Dan Brown	Ciaran Deane	Daniel Osei
	Elliot Parker	Ryan Cartwright	Kurt Moore	Greg Opalinski
	Jim Malubay	Mark Howlett-Foster	Phil Lodowski	Michael Trewick
	Michael Delacey (injured)	Ali Henderson (injured)	Josh Catchpool (injured)	

Girls' Football

The girls' football season continued this term with the Year 7 Girls 3rd and 4th rounds and the U13 and U14 county cup. After making a strong start beating Manor 11-0 last term, the U13 team looked promising facing Swavesey in the 2nd round but were unfortunately beaten 5-3. The U14 girls also lost their game to a strong Netherhall side but all tried their best and had fun.

The Year 7 girls' team continue to go from strength to strength. They played the 3rd round at City of Ely College and won 3 of their games. St Bede's hosted the 4th round of the tournament on Thursday, 18th March and we were pleased with the turn out of teams. The girls are now 4th in the league and go through to the finals at Histon on the 29th April. Congratulations go to:

Phillippa Witherspoon	Georgina Fatibene
Ellie Bishop	Anna McNally
Lily Mathews	Shona McLaughlin
Aliyah Donaldson	Sinead Wilmot
Katie Tuffin	Lucy Pascuzzi



Netball

We are currently midway through the season and the girls have been working hard to improve in all aspects of their game. Attendance at netball club has been very high with over 60 girls and boys attending every week. The level of enthusiasm shown by all the students makes coaching netball one of the highlights of the term.

Year 11 District Netball Tournament

The girls played very well in all their games against tough opposition. All the games were very close and the girls worked well as a team. It was once again a pleasure to take the girls out to represent the school; they were great ambassadors.

The team narrowly missed qualifying for the quarter finals and came 9th overall.

Year 10 District Netball Tournament

The team played well and showed some outstanding tactical play and skill. They came second in their group losing only one of their matches. In the quarter- finals, although they worked really hard, they were unable to make the scoring opportunities count and lost by 4 goals.

The girls finished 5th in the District Tournament and they should be very pleased with their performance.

U14 District Netball Tournament

The A Team played very well in the preliminary round coming second in their group. They then faced St Mary's in the quarter finals and, although they played well and were drawing at half time, the St Mary's team just managed to score some well worked goals in the last few minutes of the match.

The girls finished 5th in the District Tournament.

The B team played exceptionally well in their tournament and deservedly came 2nd in the B team District Tournament.

U12 and U13 Netball

The U12A & B teams and U13A & B netball teams have played several matches this season and have had some convincing wins. The year 8 A Team remain undefeated in their cluster fixtures, beating Comberton and St Mary's and Netherhall. Their tournaments will be after Easter and I'm sure they will do very well.

U13 Lady Taverners Indoor Cricket Tournament

Several Year 8 girls took part in Cricket coaching sessions at lunchtime this term to prepare them for the U13 girls' Cricket tournament hosted in Littleport. St Bede's took along an A and B Team as there was a lot of talent on offer. Unfortunately, Neale Wade pulled out at the last minute which left St Bede's to play Melbourn.

Both teams put on a great display but in the end it came down to the St Bede's A Team and Melbourn. Both teams had won the same amount of games which meant the final games came down to who scored the most runs. Unfortunately, Melbourn scored 27 more runs to be district champions but St Bede's A Team came second and the B Team came 3rd. Congratulations to the whole squad:



A Team:	Catherine Owen	Ayesha Ping	Bella Spilsbury	Amelia Norton
	Sofia Capetti	Zoe Higgins	Georgia Cummings	Annabel McKenzie
	Jo Cooper	Frankie Ashby		

Year 7 Rugby

County Champions: The Year 7 boys continued with their fine form this season by winning the County Rugby Finals. They faced a tough test and were a little apprehensive at the prospect of coming up against the best 10 teams in Cambridgeshire. However, after a positive start, those fears soon subsided and they eventually came out top of their group, beating all that stood before them. After making it through to the final, they faced Thomas Deacon Academy, a huge school from Peterborough with 2500 students on the roll. This was going to be a rigorous examination of the team's skill and mental strength. After going behind to an early try, the boys responded in terrific style, pulling level before the end. With the result tied, the County Championship title was shared between both schools and the boys advance to the London North Regional Finals.

Eastern Counties Finals: The top 2 teams from Cambridgeshire, Suffolk and Norfolk met at the Eastern County Finals at Finbrough School in Suffolk. The team started where they left off, winning 20 – 0 with some attractive rugby on show. Following that game were some very close and tense affairs with all the teams very evenly matched. St Bede's progressed to the semi-finals where they narrowly lost out 15 – 10. A great effort by all and the boys should be congratulated on all they have achieved so far.

Squad:	Patrick Collins (Capt)	Reuben Tooth	Jordan Brown	Nathan Monck
	Julian Owen	Josh Wilson	Jamie Webb	Harry Taylor
	Matteo D'Ambrosio	Niall Durning	John Taylor	Kevin Mateus
	CJ Lewis	James Freeman		



Spring Term 2010

Half Term: 15th February – 19th February 2010
Spring Term Closes: 31st March 2010
Easter Holiday: 1st April – 18th April 2010

Summer Term 2010

Summer Term Opens: 19th April 2010
May Day Bank Holiday: 3rd May 2010
Half Term: 31st May – 4th June 2010
Summer Term Closes: 22nd July 2010
Summer Holiday: 23rd July – 31st October 2010

Autumn Term 2010

Teacher Training Day: 1st September 2010
Autumn Term Opens: 2nd September 2010
Teacher Training Day: 22nd October 2010
Half Term: 25th – 29th October 2010
Autumn Term Closes: 16th December 2010
Christmas Holiday: 18th December 2010 – 3rd January 2011

Spring Term 2011

Teacher Training Day: 4th January 2011
Spring Term Opens: 5th January 2011
Half Term: 21st – 25th February 2011
Spring Term Closes: 8th April 2011
Easter Holiday: 9th April – 25th April 2010

Summer Term 2011

Summer Term Opens: 26th April 2011
May Day Bank Holiday: 2nd May 2011
Half Term: 30th May – 3rd June 2011
Summer Term Closes: 22nd July 2011
Summer Holiday: 23rd July – 31st October 2011