



"Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy"
Acts 2: 17

From the Headteacher

On the 14th May, our Year 11's left us to go on Study Leave in their usual exemplary way. Rev. Crompton organised a Mass with Father Shryane in thanksgiving for these young people who have enriched St Bede's so much over the last 5 years. The atmosphere was prayerful and it was wonderful to be there. Two days later, the traditional final assembly was a joyous (and more raucous) affair, with much laughter and a good number of tears. The two events together stood as a powerful indication of our values at St Bede's. The students wrote messages to their teachers expressing their appreciation for their efforts since Year 7, but they also took time to thank God for His goodness to them. At the end of Mass, I reminded them that the word "Mass" has its root in the Latin, meaning "to send out". I am confident that we are sending out young adults, well prepared with Christian values, to take their places in a society that needs those values more than ever.

Thank you to all those who took part in the Kirkland Rowell survey this term. The results will be returned to us before the summer holidays and we will share the findings with you when they arrive.

Specialism Update

Humanities

As part of our work with our community, our Youth Choir have given assemblies at several of our partner Primary Schools, including St Philip's and St Alban's. The Worship Band have been to St Alban's and we're delighted to hear that their performances were excellent and have been very well received. A big thank you to Miss Bell, Mr Chappell and Miss Barton for all their hard work in rehearsing and helping the students prepare their assemblies. Our now annual Humanities Day for Yr 5 students will be on Wednesday, 30th June. There will be six schools attending: St Alban's, St Anne's, Barnabas Oley, St Laurence's, St Philip's and The Spinney School, bringing with them over 190 children.

Our enrichment programme continues after half term. All years in Key Stage 3 will be involved in enrichment activities with the Year 9 visit to Holland and Belgium from 7th to 11th June, the Year 8 visit to Liverpool, and the Year 7 Bede Trail from 6th to 9th July. Over 300 students will be taking part in these visits.

In addition, all Key Stage 3 students and all staff will be taking part in our Humanities Day which will be on Friday, 2nd July. This year's theme will be Tolerance and Diversity with a focus on the culture and the tensions in the Middle East. Full details will be sent out later this term.

Year 10 students are now completing their new style GCSE Citizenship. Their exam is on the afternoon of June 18th. Students' initial grades for their controlled assessment are very pleasing and with some focussed revision we expect that they can do very well in August. A big thank you to parents for their support with this, and to the staff who have worked hard to make it a success.

Maths

As part of the Specialist Maths status, the Maths faculty has arranged two themed days, one for Year 9 on the 18th June and for Year 8 on 15th July. This will include introductory sessions and workshops.

Worship Band

This year, Worship Band has contributed to school and community through participating in assemblies and services here at St Bede's, and in assemblies with primary schools we have made a strong connection with. So far, we have visited 4 primary schools. We plan and sort out the ideas based on our own ideas. It usually includes songs, prayers, readings and a drama all based around a theme.

This year, our theme was on light. We sang our hearts out with Share The Light (which included sign language), and Shine From The Inside Out (with actions) among others. We include readings from the Gospel of John about light, and a drama using torches, telling how we should show the light of Jesus and not "hide it under a basket". It is lovely to share what we are about with the primary school children. It is great fun interacting and sharing in fellowship. We hope this will continue for years to come. *Claire Tiplady, 9SB*

Year 7 Science Textbook CD

A reminder to all Year 7 parents whose children have borrowed the science textbook CD to work with at home; we would like to collect them in during the week of June 21st -25th. Please give them in to your science teacher. Many thanks.

Gifted and Talented

It is really pleasing to see that some of our KS3 students are taking advantage of, and representing our school, at some of the fantastic opportunities organised by Excellence East and the local universities during the upcoming half term. Some places are still available, so if the focus of the enrichment corresponds with the individual's nominated subject area or their general interest, then feel free to sign up.

Coming up in August is a residential summer school for Year 10 and 11 students called 'Crime and Detection' which sounds very intriguing. For more information go onto the Excellence East website www.excellenceeast.org.uk.

Expressive Arts News

This half term saw the pinnacle of our performance calendar for this year with the generation of over 7 hours of original plays and material by members of our Year 11 GCSE Drama sets. With performance topics ranging from the story of 18th century Feminist Pirates, to tragic tales born of torturous tongue twisters, there truly was something for everyone, spread out over 12 different groups. Never before has St Bede's had so many Drama students through the course - 53 in all this year - and the sheer array of imagination and creativity on display was heart-warming. The whole process served as a fitting and fantastic way for students to sign off on the course, and a tribute (and occasional plagiarist steal) to all those who have fired and inspired them along the way. We wish our students all the very best come their Results Day in August!



The downside though to all of this academic success with our Year 11's is the unfortunate, but necessary postponement of our annual Lower School production. Instead, after half term, we will be holding auditions for a show to be produced in the Main Hall during the latter end of the Winter term. This way, we will have more time (and a summer holiday) to prepare, rehearse and deliver yet another quality show, which then inspires a brand new generation of St Bede's Drama students.

Elsewhere, members of the Lower School were treated to an impromptu performance in their assembly by members of the Christian theatre group 'Riding Lights', who showcased scenes and sketches from their forthcoming touring production. The group were then kind enough to stay and perform further sketches out on the Chaplaincy lawn during break, enabling the whole school to come and enjoy them. Their efforts drew a crowd of almost 100 and there was much disappointment when the end-of-

break bell went! Our thanks here must go to the Riding Lights performers, who somehow managed to squeeze us into their hectic touring schedule and to Reverend Crompton for facilitating this.

Charities Morning

Charities Morning takes place on the 25th June. Any contributions of books, tombola prizes, chocolate, DVDs and games etc would be very welcome! Please could you send them to Mrs Richardson.

Chaplaincy

We were delighted to welcome Riding Lights Theatre Company to school earlier in May. The four actors performed for lower school in assembly and moved us with their poignant, funny and profoundly moving performance.

As an added treat they put on some excellent 'Street theatre' for us in the school grounds at break time. A large crowd gathered, despite the un-seasonal cold, to appreciate another excellent performance which challenged and inspired us.

We hope that we will be able to invite Riding Lights to return soon.



Sports News

Football

Year 7 Fairtrade District Football Tournament

The annual tournament was hosted and organised by us. Over 250 boys from 15 schools in the District came to St Bede's and took part in the A and B team tournament. St Bede's had an A, B & C Team taking part and they all demonstrated great sportsmanship and teamwork. I am proud to say that this was the first ever fair trade sports event to take place in Cambridge District. All the footballs used were fair trade balls.



A Team: After enduring an unbeaten campaign, the boys entered the District Tournament in high spirits and did not disappoint. They came through the group stage

without conceding a goal and outplayed all the teams that came before them. Through to the final they faced a Netherhall side that they had already defeated comfortably in a fixture earlier in the term. However, in a change of tactics, the opposition switched to a tougher, more physical approach which unbalanced the boys' rhythm and prevented them playing the flowing, passing football that they had been accustomed to. Unfortunately, they narrowly lost out but sometimes the best teams do not always win and the boys will have to reassert themselves ready for next year.

B Team: With such a good crop of players in Year 7, the B team fielded a strong team of individuals with the only worry being whether they could gel together as a team. With Mark Howlett-Foster given the temporary Caretaker Manager's role, he succeeded in getting them to play collectively as a unit. The team did extremely well in the group stages and finally progressed to finishing 3rd overall in the B tournament. A fantastic achievement!

C Team: With Giovanni D'Ambrosio and Danny Frattasi placed in charge, we expected some typical Italian football on show, where leaking goals are a rarity and scoring them even rarer. However, this was not the case. The team were involved in some high scoring games, played some good attacking football and recorded some good results in the group stage. They eventually finished 10th. A great feat for a team competing in the same competition as the B team.

Year 8 District A & B Football Tournament

The tournament took place at St Bede's School on Thursday, 25th March. The A team played very well but just couldn't convert their possession football and chances into wins. They drew against Sawston 1-1, Netherhall 0-0, Cottenham 0-0, Melbourn 0-0 and Parkside & Coleridge Federation 0-0. They only lost one match all afternoon and that was against Comberton 2-1, who went on to win the Tournament. They finished 7th overall. The B team also played some excellent football and goals were in abundance. Under the guidance of caretaker managers Daniel Osei and Greg Opalinski, they only lost one match and finished 5th overall.

Squad:

Sam Demartino	Tom Hands	Connor Campbell	Ted Hughes
Alexander Ashdjian	Michael Torode	Cranz De la Cruz	Tom Kennedy
Dan Collinson	Patch Maund	Patrick Brighty	Dan Isaksen
Jamie Bluff	Ian Donald	Conor Rogan	David Osei
George Ball	Oliver Duignan	Freddie Nickolds	Abai Edmund
Liam Harlow	Tom Knight	Ben Simonson	Henry Parker

Yr 7 Girls Football Finals

The Year 7 Girls football team were in action again for their last tournament of the season. The venue was Histon and Impington Recreation Ground and a number of teams attended despite the pouring rain. The conditions were difficult with the ground being very slippery in the rain, but all the girls played a good game. Their opponents were Impington, Netherhall, Gamlingay and Swavesey. They drew two of their games but unfortunately lost out to Netherhall and, league winners, Swavesey.

The Year 7's have enjoyed a great first season finishing 4th in the county league and they look forward to an enjoyable season later in the year. Congratulations to the following who represented the team this year:

Phillippa Witherspoon	Katie Tuffin	Lucy Pascuzzi	Lilly Matthews
Sinead Wilmott	Aliyah Donaldson	Abigail Elvin	Anna McNally
Miriam Beattie	Jocelyn Rigby	Georgina Fatibene	Ellie Bishop
Ellie Beech	Shona McLaughlin		

U15 Cambridge & District Schoolboys

The team has had an amazing run in the ESFA Inter-Association Trophy this year. They managed to make it all the way through to the final, which was played at Anfield, against a very strong Liverpool Schools team on Tuesday, 11th May. We were very proud to have Gio D'Ambrosio, Greg Opalinski and Joe Leneghan represent St Bede's in the team. Unfortunately, Liverpool proved too strong and ran out comfortable winners. It certainly was an amazing experience for the boys to play against Liverpool and Everton academy players.



Netball

We finished the netball season in style with great performances from Year 8 A & B teams and the Year 7 A & B teams. In the Year 7 tournament, the A Team finished third in their group – a great effort against some very strong opposition. The B Team came in second in the B Team tournament and automatically qualified for the quarter finals of the A tournament. The girls played well in the quarter final, but were unable to beat a very strong Perse team.

Year 8 District Tournament

The Year 8 A team convincingly won all their matches in the group stage of the A Team tournament and won their group. They then faced Swavesey in the quarter finals. This match was very close but they managed to win by one goal. In the semi-final, the team played against St Mary's – a game they won 6 – 2.

The final was against The Perse, and although the girls were quite nervous, they were determined to play their best. The match was even for the first five minutes, then St Bede's took the lead and held on until the final whistle. Congratulations to all the girls who played:



Ciara Collins	Georgia Cummings	Ayesha Ping	Sofia Capetti
Catherine Owen	Beth Catchpool	Jo Cooper	

The B team are now District Champions! The Year 8 B team played very well and also managed to get through to the quarter finals of the A Team Tournament.

U14 Basketball

Both our girls' and boys' team qualified for the regionals through being County Champions. The boys were drawn against St Columba's School, an independent day boarding school, who were the Hertfordshire County Champions. The match started well and the quality of basketball played on both sides was to a particularly high standard. Scoring for each period was as follows:

- Period 1 St Bedes 11 St Columba 13
- Period 2 St Bedes 5 St Columba 17
- Period 3 St Bedes 10 St Columba 10
- Period 4 St Bedes 13 St Columba 13

We lost 39-53 but were able to match them every period apart from the second.

Athletics Cluster Fixtures

We've had three Athletics meetings already and students from Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 have been involved. There will be one more athletics match after half term which will give us excellent preparation for again competing at the Olympic Cup and hopefully winning it again this year.

Cambridgeshire County Championships

A number of students were put forward to attend the AAA County Championships at the University Athletics track on Saturday 8th May. Well done to the following students for their tremendous performances and achievements.

U15 Boys:

Patrick Hopper	100m	12.51	6 th
Patrick Hopper	Javelin	26.19m	7 th
Will Taylor	1500m	4.57.65	4 th
Ian Donald	800m	2.27	5 th
Tom Hands	800m	2.44	12 th
Tom Hands	Javelin	21.62m	10 th
Alexander Ashdjian	Discus	18.28m	6 th
Abai Edmund	Discus	16.42m	8 th

U15 Girls:

Olivia Turner	Discus	17.70m	2 nd
Olivia Turner	Shot Putt	7.30m	4 th
Catherine Owen	Discus	15.69m	3 rd
Alice Taylor	High Jump	1.30m	3 rd
Catherine Henderson	Shot Putt	7.26m	5 th

U17 Boys:

Ali Henderson	High jump	1.45m	2 nd
Max Larkinson	100m	12.06	7 th
Max Larkinson	200m	25.04	5 th
Josh Catchpool	Triple Jump	11.13m	3 rd

Tennis

We have entered the Aegon National Schools Team Tennis Tournament for years 7 & 8 boys. The boys have played their first league match against Jack Hunt School, Peterborough and won 8-0. Next they play The Kings School Peterborough on 7th June and lastly Swavesey VC. The winners of the group then go through to a regional knockout stage.

Rugby

We are very pleased to inform you that Patrick Collins in Year 7 has been selected, after several rounds of trials, to attend the Eastern Counties School of Rugby. This is a tremendous achievement and we wish him every success with his progress.

Roy Burrell Awards

This award is presented for sporting excellence and achievement to Year 11 students. We are very pleased that the following students have achieved this award and received it on Monday 15th March at the Guildhall:

Nick Beattie	County Hockey
Scott Perry	Eastern Counties high Performance Impact squad for Hockey
Richie Turner	County Cricket
Josh Catchpool	County Athletics
Ali Henderson	County Athletics
Callum Walker	County Rugby
Jess Evans	Academy Netball
Claudia Darler	County Athletics
Jim Malubay	County Cross Country

On Thursday, 13th May, Lord Coe visited Long Road VI Form College to observe a Get Set project called 'Wheeling Towards London'. 4 students from Year 9 were invited to take part in the project which entailed learning how to play wheelchair basketball and then participating in a wheelchair basketball tournament run by VI form Sports Leaders. The coaching was led by ex-paralympion, Gordon Perry. Lord



Coe attempted wheelchair basketball before speaking to the students about the London Olympic & Paralympic Games in 2012. The students from St Bede's were Sophie Nottage, Jessica Brightwell, Will Taylor and Michael Pangratiou. The event was shown on the local BBC & ITV news!

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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TERM DATES

St Bede's Inter-Church School
with Humanities Status



'Cum Deo - With God'

Summer Term 2010

Half Term (SCHOOL CLOSED):..... 31st May – 4th June 2010
Summer Term Closes:22nd July 2010
Summer Holiday (SCHOOL CLOSED):..... 23rd July – 31st August 2010

Autumn Term 2010

Teacher Training Day (SCHOOL CLOSED):1st September 2010 (Gov set)
Autumn Term Opens:2nd September 2010
Teacher Training Day (SCHOOL CLOSED):22nd October 2010 (PM)
Half Term: (SCHOOL CLOSED)25th – 29th October 2010
Autumn Term Closes:16th December 2010
Christmas Holiday: (SCHOOL CLOSED):17th December 2010 – 3rd Jan 2011

Spring Term 2011

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

Summer Term 2011

Summer Term Opens:26th April 2011
May Day Bank Holiday (SCHOOL CLOSED):2nd May 2011
Half Term (SCHOOL CLOSED):30th May – 3rd June 2011
Summer Term Closes:21st July 2011
Summer Holiday (SCHOOL CLOSED):22nd July – 4th September 2011

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