



*Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die." (John 11:25)*

### From the Headteacher

This has been quite a term for St Bede's. In addition to the fantastic successes in sport, debating, drama, science and technology, to cap it all, we received our grading of Outstanding from Ofsted. We pay tribute to you parents, as well as to our students, for the support that you give to St Bede's, without which we would not achieve such results. No school is perfect, so our effort to keep doing even better will not diminish as a result of the inspection result. For the time being, however, we should celebrate being recognised as among the best schools in the country.

The late Easter break means for our Year 11's that it is even more important this year that they use their time for exam preparation. Working hard during the holiday is not so bad when they consider that they will be rewarded at the end with the longest summer break they have ever had! Let's make sure it is a break that has been well-earned, and that August brings a rich harvest for the work they are doing now. Our prayers are with all exam candidates and their families.

### Charities Update

This term sees two whole-school fundraising events: a giant cake stall in aid of Wood Green Animal Shelter, and an own-clothes day to raise money for Alzheimer's Research. The cake stall, which took place on Shrove Tuesday, was preceded by visits to two assemblies from Wood Green staff and two lovely dogs: Ozzie the Westie, and Twiglet the German Shepherd. A vast number of beautiful sweet treats were prepared and the sale raised £210. The bunny cake was won by Mrs Edwards.



On Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> March, we had a visit from Jodie Thompson and Helen Bester from Alzheimer's Research. They spoke to Years 8, 9 and 11 in assembly about Alzheimer's. We hope to match the £750 raised during Pink Day earlier in the year on the **Alzheimer's own-clothes day** which will take place on the last day of this term – **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April**.

As usual, these charities have been chosen by the students themselves and we thank you for continuing to support them in their fundraising.

### Religious Education

Thanks to our Year 7 students we now have a very prominent display outside the Chaplaincy area which powerfully illustrates how God permeates every aspect of our school community. This was created by Year 7 as part of our involvement with the national event, "Celebrating RE" held during the month of March. We were delighted when



Reverend Michael Goater blessed the display and our community during his visit to our all night King James Bible read-a-thon.



Well done to all Year 10 students who sat their first Ethics GCSE exam in January and recently received excellent results. Special mention should be made to Sophie Nottage who achieved 50/50 and Imogen Sewell who got 49/50 in the exam. Our Year 9 accelerated group is now

preparing for the GCSE exams in the summer as are our Year 10 and 11 students. We wish them all the very best.

### **Does your Child have a Part-Time Job?**

If so they must have a Work Permit. This includes a child working for a family business and all Yr 11's until they leave school on the last Friday in June. Without a Work Permit a child is working illegally and therefore not covered by any employers' liability insurance.

The hours school children may work are regulated by Cambridgeshire County Council bye-laws:

- No child shall start work before 7am or work after 7pm on any day of the week.
- School children can work a maximum of 12 hours a week in term time.
- On a school day a child may work a maximum of 2 hours - either 1 hour between 7am and start of school and 1 hour after school before 7pm, or 2 hours after school.
- 13 and 14 year olds may work up to 5 hours on a Saturday and 2 hours on a Sunday.
- 15 and 16 year olds may work up to 8 hours on Saturdays and 2 hours on Sundays.

Children may only do light work in the following types of occupations:

- agricultural or horticultural work;
- delivery of newspapers;
- shop work, including shelf stacking;
- hairdressing;
- office work;
- in a café or restaurant but not in the kitchen;
- in riding stables;
- domestic work in hotels and other establishments.

Application forms are available from the school office.

The form needs to be completed by the employer, parents / carers and the school and then sent to the address on the form.

For further information look on the County Council Website

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/education/parents/welfare/childemployment.htm>

or contact Cambridgeshire County Council Child Employment Office on 01354 661736.

### **Facebook**

Facebook users who are being bullied or abused can now report the problem to friends, as well as site moderators. The option to contact a "trusted friend" has been added to the website's safety centre. Facebook said that the system was designed to help people solve online problems "face to face".

The changes were unveiled at the White House where President Obama and his wife Michelle hosted an anti-bullying conference. Facebook's director of European policy, Richard Allan, said: "Often the best way of sorting offensive content is for friends to flag those things to each other. For more serious concerns, Facebook can put users in touch with police or charities that can help them".

"In the real world you have a sense of when you need to escalate something to the right organisation. If someone is calling you names, it might not be appropriate to go directly to the police," he said.

### **Response time**

Facebook has come under fire in the past for appearing slow to respond to concerns about online safety. The UK Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (Ceop) waged a long-running campaign to have a "panic button" installed on the site. Among Ceop's concerns was that Facebook's response centres may have insufficient staff to cope with reports from its 500 million global users.

Facebook has never revealed how many people it employs to handle complaints of bullying or abuse. Richard Allan defended the current setup: "We are keen to always have the most efficient procedures and best people in place. It is not as simple as a ratio of reports to people. When we pick up a pattern of activity, we can create a system to monitor that," he said.

As well as trusted friend reports, Facebook has also revamped its safety centre, simplifying the language and improving its guides for adults and young people. The changes were unveiled during a White House anti-bullying conference. Ahead of the event, President Obama and his wife Michelle recorded a video message, posted on Facebook, saying that bullying is "not something that we have to accept".

Facebook recently teamed-up with the Samaritans to launch a reporting system for users concerned that their friends may be at risk of committing suicide.

### Book Week and Reading Groups

Book Week highlights included a joint activity ([www.sendmyfriend.org](http://www.sendmyfriend.org)) with the Humanities Department and creative writing workshops with Performance Poet, Lennox Carty.



All Year 7 students enjoyed an hour's writing workshop with Mr Carty, who inspired them to write creatively after a discussion session based on the questions "What kind of world do I want to live in?" and "What would I do to change the world?"

Amongst the many pieces of excellent writing produced was the following;

#### IF I HAD THE POWER...

*If I had the power, I would make the world a better place  
Where everyone was equal, whatever the race.*

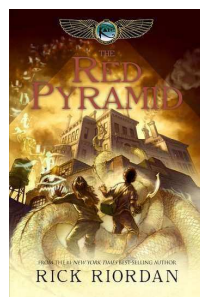
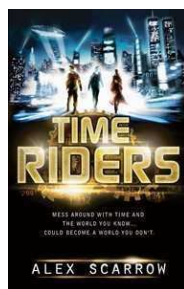
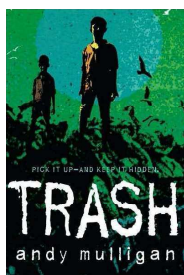
*If I had the power, no one would be on the street,  
Begging for a home, begging for food to eat.*

*If I had the power, every child would go to school  
Have a good education, not just wanting to be cool.*

*If I had the power, no one would be called names  
No one would hurt each other, no one would be blamed.*

*If I had the power, which I do  
Things will be different, for me and for you.*

(Written by 7IH students Ellen Wallwork, Nicole Sevilleno, Rosie Simonson & Rossella Scott)



The Red House Reading Group for students in Year 7 has begun. Twenty students are enjoying reading 'Trash' by Andy Mulligan, 'Timeriders' by Alex Scarrow and 'The Kane Chronicles: The Red Pyramid' by Rick Riordan. These three books have been shortlisted for the Red House Book Award, the only national book award voted for entirely by children.

And the eagerly awaited book event of the year, Carnegie Shadowing, ([www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk](http://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk)) will start again soon after the shortlist is announced on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> April. We look forward to an enthusiastic group of readers from Years 7 -10 debating the merits of each shortlisted book, culminating in a celebration event in late June when the Carnegie Medal winner for 2011 is announced.

### Expressive Arts Faculty News

It's been another hectic term in the life of the Expressive Arts Faculty, the highlight of which was the Upper School production of 'Teechers', which saw over 40 students from Years 10 & 11 tell the story of a run-down High School and the adventures therein of Jacqui Nixon, a plucky Drama teacher, as she sought to turn the kids' lives around before they left education for good.



The show ran for two nights, raising over £800 for future Arts Faculty projects and equipment. Lorna Kidd and Alice Watkins who took the roles of Jacqui Nixon, Alice Taylor (as the potty Principal, Mrs Parry), Theo Day (as evil deputy, Mr Basford) and the lead trio of school kids whose lives Jacqui changes, played by Matthew Banks, Olivia Turner and Jess Webb.

Elsewhere, the Faculty kept up its busy extra-curricular schedule, this time taking nearly 70 members of Year 9 out to see the Cambridge University Musical Theatre Company's performance of West Side Story.

Finally, the half-term concluded with the Drama department's annual programme of GCSE Parents Evening Performances, offering an informal opportunity for parents to come and witness some of the work our Year 11 Drama students have been compiling for their GCSE Performance exams. This year, their exam performances will take place during the first week back after Easter, with over 6½ hours of original Drama plays being created. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our students for a memorable two years and to wish them all the very best of luck as this phase of their St Bede's journey comes to its "dramatic" conclusion.

### King James Bible Read-a-thon



You would be forgiven for thinking that the last place students and staff might want to be on a Friday night is in school; however that's exactly where twenty members of the Worship Band and staff were, overnight on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March! The reason for this was a 12-hour sponsored read-a-thon of the Bible, commemorating the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of the King James Version. The event also marked the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Church schools in England. All funds raised by the event will be sent to our link school in Palestine.

We were delighted to welcome The Revd Malcolm Guite, who started the evening off with a dramatic reading of the Joseph narrative. As well as a continuous relay of Bible reading throughout the night, members participated in arts and drama activities, and sung worship. Throughout the event we were supported by numerous visitors including Mr Wilkin and Canon Michael Goater. Supporters outside the school were also able to follow our progress via live updates on Twitter! Many congratulations and thanks are due to all those who contributed to the success of this event. Particular thanks go to those staff that completed the entire 12 hours: Mr Chappell, Mrs Barton, Miss Griffiths, Mrs Pittaway and Mrs Venn.



### Humanities

As part of our International Schools Award programme, the Geography Department teamed up with the English Department during book week. Key Stage 3 students had an assembly and a Geography lesson on "Send My Friend to School", an international campaign to promote and develop opportunities for education in Less Economically Developed Countries ([www.sendmyfriend.org](http://www.sendmyfriend.org)<<http://www.sendmyfriend.org/>>). There were some excellent entries to the poster competition. The winners were as follows:

- Year 9 Winner: Holly Phipps, Runner-up: Catherine Owen
- Year 8 Winner: Sandra Zdanowska, Runner-up: Anna McNally
- Year 7 Winner: Matty Ginn, Runner-up: Deren Charlette

We are in the process of linking with a school in Uganda in addition to our link with the Latin Patriarchate School in Bir Zeit, Palestine and hope to be able to launch this new link soon.

In Citizenship this term, Year 9 learnt about crime and the law through an interactive workshop run by visiting magistrates and a fascinating talk by a local police officer. They will continue studying this topic as part of Personal Studies after the Easter holidays. As part of a day on parliament and democracy,

Year 7 students were joined by members of the three main political parties for a question and answer session. Year 8 took part in a day with an environmental theme and enjoyed workshops on waste and recycling, carbon footprints and environmental futures.

Since completing their advocacy controlled assessment, Year 10 students are working towards their Citizenship exam. They are studying community action, fairness and justice, and have just sat a mock examination.

Year 10 Leisure and Tourism students visited The Fitzwilliam Museum in February to help them gather information for their controlled assessment task.

### **Year 10 Team Challenge**

A team of 4 Year 10 students: Alistair Crook, Theodore Day, Hannah Hennessey and Sardonna Leung took part in this for the first time this year on 17<sup>th</sup> February. They did very well coming 4<sup>th</sup> out of 15 teams in a very tough competition, where the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> teams were only separated by a few points. The competition was won by the Perse A team.

Congratulations to the team and thank you to Ms Bennett for her 'training' beforehand and for taking them on the day

### **Transport**

Please make your payments for the Summer Term Transport system via WisePay or a cheque. The Levy for this term is £70 per family and the Transport payment is £70 per student.

### **Gifted and Talented**

The following is an account written by a Tania, Year 7, who took part in one of the enrichment opportunities run by Cambridge University through the organisation Excellence East. Please continue to check the website for up and coming events that are listed under the student area.

*On Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2011, Jack and I went on an archaeology day called: "The Bones in the Garden". The day took place at Cambridge University, in the Mill Lane lecture rooms. The day was about a set of bones that had been found in a village in East Anglia called Thorney. Thorney is rich in history and its roots trace back to around 500AD when it started out as a Saxon settlement. In 1849, Thorney was made a model village, (this is what people called an 'ideal village',) by the seventh Duke of Bedford.*

*The day began with an introduction and then we went downstairs to put some skeletons together and tried learning the names of the bones. We went upstairs for a snack, (they gave us some biscuits if we hadn't brought our own). We were shown a PowerPoint about bones and about how they are shaped, and were introduced to the Thorney bone mystery. After learning about the history of Thorney, we completed a sheet about labelling bones.*

*After lunch we went back downstairs and looked at the Thorney bones. We got into groups of three, looked at each set of bones for two minutes, and wrote down what we thought had happened to them. The archaeologists then explained what they thought had happened to the bones. Finally, we went back upstairs to get our things and go home.*

*I enjoyed the day very much and would recommend it to other people who have an interest in archaeology. I got to meet new people and learn interesting things about bones whilst having fun. Tania Howe De La Torre, 7CL*

## Music

The Music department has continued its busy schedule this term with extra-curricular groups continuing as usual (you can find a timetable below with details) as well as the whole school musical swinging into full action. We were so pleased to have over 150 students auditioning, but unfortunately we could not accommodate all of them. We now have a strong cast of over 60 students, who will be performing *Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* from 29<sup>th</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> July. Make sure you put it in your diary to come and see, as it promises to be a fantastic show.



In March, 25 Year 7 students took part in the annual 'Sing Up' event at the Guildhall, along with other faith schools in the area. They enjoyed an afternoon of rehearsals and then a short concert at the end. Congratulations to all of them for learning so many songs in such a short space of time. They were a credit to St Bede's and sang beautifully.



The whole of Year 7 had the opportunity to play on full-size steel drums at the end of term. Each tutor group had an hour long workshop with a specialist musician as part of the unit of work 'Caribbean Music' that they will be starting after Easter. The students had great fun experimenting with different playing techniques and learning to play melodies together as an ensemble.

Congratulations to Sam Champion, Molly Clark, Sabine Khabiri, Sarah Sanderson, Natasha Taffarello and Vicky Wilcock for performing at a piano soir ee organised by piano teacher, Mrs Woods-Nunn. The idea was to encourage pianists to perform in ensembles, as it can often be a lonely instrument to learn. Sabine and Natasha played a lovely piano duet, as well as solos; and Vicky accompanied a clarinet quartet with Sam, Molly, Sarah and woodwind teacher Mrs Reeve. At the end of the evening, we were all lucky enough to hear the guest performer Robin Covill and his wife talk about their lives as professional performers, as well playing a few short pieces piano pieces. Robin Covill regularly plays at venues across the world, including the Sydney Opera house, and it was very inspiring to watch such a skilful musician.

The extra-curricular groups continue to run weekly. Below is the timetable with details of groups available and who can join. New members are always welcome.

	9.00 – 9.30	12.55 – 1.30	3.30 – 5.00
Monday	<b>Youth Choir, (All years)</b> Music Room, Miss Bell	<b>Chamber Choir, (Yrs 9, 10 and 11)</b> Music Room, Miss Bell	<b>Joseph chorus rehearsal</b>
Tuesday	<b>Chamber Choir, (Yrs 9, 10 and 11)</b> Music Room, Miss Bell	<b>Youth Choir, (All years)</b> Music Room, Miss Bell	<b>Glee Club, (Yrs 9, 10 and 11)</b> Music Room, Miss Bell
Wednesday	<b>Praise Rocks, (All years)</b> Rehearsal Room, Mike Rocca-Terry  <b>Orchestra, (All years)</b> Music Room, Miss Bell	<b>Samba Band, (Years 8, 9, 10 and 11)</b> Music Room, Miss Bell	<b>Jazz Band, (By invite)</b> Rehearsal Room, Mike Rocca-Terry  <b>GCSE Catch-up</b> Music Room, Miss Bell
Thursday	<b>Wind Group, (All abilities)</b> Rehearsal Room, Ms Reeve		<b>Joseph Main Parts rehearsal</b>
Friday	<b>Brass Group, (All abilities)</b> Rehearsal Room, Mr Hutchings  <b>String Group, (All abilities)</b> Music Room, Miss Bell		

## Sports Report

### Year 8 County Rugby Finals

After winning the District Tournament, the Year 8 boys went to Ely Rugby Club for the County Finals. They played some fantastic attacking rugby over the tournament and scored some great tries. In the first game, they narrowly lost out to Swavesey and were camped on their try line for most of the game, only to concede a couple of cruel breakaway tries. Against Hinchingsbrooke, the team continued to attack the opposition and went in front early on.

However, although the team's attacking credentials were good, defensively they struggled against the size and strength of the opposition, a trait not normally associated with this team. The game ended with a loss, but the boys had one more match left against Kings Ely, which ended in a draw. The Year 8 team left disappointed but played some great rugby and look forward to coming back stronger next year.

Year 8 Rugby squad:

Joshua Vaughan	Vineeth Joseph	Jamie Webb	John Taylor
Patrick Collins	CJ Lewis	Reuben Tooth	Nathan Monck
Harry Taylor	Roberto Ruggiero	Sebastian Nowaczyk	James Freeman
Matteo D'Ambrosio	Niall Durning	Jordan Brown	Stephan Gaiser-Porter

### U14 Boys' Basketball

Following their success of winning the U14 boys District Basketball tournament, the boys travelled to Peterborough to compete in the County Finals. Having won the title last year, the pressure was on to retain it. They played a triangular tournament against Ken Stimpson and Cromwell School. The boys continued to play excellent basketball and won both games comfortably, 49-13 against Ken Stimpson School and 45-18 against Cromwell, and retained the title of County Champions.

They represented the County in the National Schools Basketball Tournament. We were drawn against Notre Dame, the Norfolk Champions. The match was quite tough but all the boys faced up to the challenge well. They won the match 55-43, went through to the next round, and reached the last 20 teams in the country.

In the next match, we had to play St Columba's. The quality of Basketball on both sides was of the highest order. Both team's defence and offence were strong. The scores were close in the first three quarters.

Quarter 1 St Bedes 9- 10 St Columba

Quarter 2 St Bedes 20-20 St Columba

Quarter 3 St Bedes 40-36 St Columba

In the last quarter, St Columba hit some early baskets and edged into the lead. We started to play catch up basketball, began to feel the pressure, and missed some hoops. Unfortunately we couldn't keep our level as high in the last quarter and we lost 55-43. The boys were disappointed but they should be proud of their achievements this year in the basketball season.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with the boys with their basketball. Their commitment, dedication, teamwork and team spirit are second to none. I know these experiences will springboard them to greater successes in the future.

Squad:

Cranz De La Cruz	Chris Cordero	Sam Somers-Heslam	Tom Knight
Tom Hands	Connor Campbell	Ian Donald	Lorenzo Jumilla

## Football

We have had a very busy 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.

The Year 7 teams have made good progress and have had some good performances. Their first games were against Netherhall. The A Team beat Netherhall A 8-0 and the B Team won 5-3. Sawston were the next opponents. The A Team won a close fought match 1-0 from a goal from Dan Maund. The B Team won 5-4 with a stunning volley from Robert Brightwell to win the match. The C Team drew a very competitive game 5-5.

Our last fixture was against Manor CC. The B Team played against Manor A and won 9-0. The C Team played Manor B team and won 9-1. All three teams played some fantastic passing football, demonstrating the quality and strength of the year group. We can look forward to some strong performances at the District Football Tournament taking place at St Bede's on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April.

A Team: Deren Charlette, Dan Maund, Adam Brighty, Jack Wood, Sean Calvey, Robert Huckle, George Hollis, Ollie Mitham

B team; Larry Moore, Luke Eades, Finn Steemers, Calum Taylor, Darragh Leneghan, Christian Wiggins-Brown, Oliver Packman, Robert Brightwell, Dan Mather

C Team: Michael Cowdrey, Charlie Worboys, Jack Robinson, Ben Phipps, Luca Romano, Matthew Wright, Matthew Bradnam, Josh Cunningham, Vincent Vazquez, Mathieu Lapaz Wade, Adrian Reyes,

## Year 8 Football

Warming up for the district football tournament, St Bede's played two friendly games against Comberton and Sawston. The A and B Teams both won comfortably against Comberton, playing some scintillating passing football. This continued for the A Team against Sawston, where they completely outclassed their opponents winning 10 – 1; the victory demonstrating the abundance of sporting talent in the year group. The B Team endured a tougher test against a good Sawston team. The boys struggled to gel and keep their shape, and were constantly hit on the counter attack conceding some easy goals. The game ended 5 – 2.

Year 8 Football Squad:

Stephan Gaiser-Porter	Roberto Ruggiero	Sebastian Nowaczyk	Matthew Daines
Josh Wilcock	Harry Taylor	Patrick Collins	Josh Wilson
Niall Durning	John Taylor	CJ Lewis	Michael Munnelly
Luke Young	Vineeth Joseph	Julian Owen	Jamie Webb
Matteo D'Ambrosio	Thomas Foulger		

## Year 9

The Year 9 team kicked off the season with a good performance against Melbourn, winning 5-0. Next up was the first round of the Cup against Bottisham. The boys were really fired up for this game and started well. At times they passed the ball well to good effect. In the end, we comfortably beat Bottisham 4-1. The highlight of the game was a 40 yard goal from Conor Rogan, wind assisted, which will live in memory for a long time. The boys have a tough draw and play Impington, the current district champions, in the quarter-finals.

Squad:

Freddie Nickolds	Patrick Brighty	Daniel Osei	Alexander Ashdjian
Dan Collinson	Patch Maund	Sam Demartino	Ian Donald
Cranz De La Cruz	Ben Simonson	Dan Isaksen	Conor Rogan
Ted Hughes	Conor Campbell	Tom Hands	Jamie Bluff
George Ball	Michael Torode	Liam Harlow	

### Year 10 Football

The surprise of the season!!! When the Year 10 team embarked upon the start of the football season, there was little expectation as, in previous years, the team had struggled with strength in depth, group cohesion and team spirit. The season commenced with a friendly against a good Melbourn team where an injury time winner for Melbourn clinched an enthralling 4-3 tie. That encouraging performance gave the boys some impetus going into their first round cup fixture against Parkside. After going 1 – 0 down at half time, the team fought back courageously to win 2 – 1 with a double from Kyle Fulcher.

Up next was Cottenham in the Quarter Final, and the boys started the game well, putting early pressure on the opposition goal. However, a defensive error at a set piece let Cottenham in for an easy tap in against the run of play. The Year 10 team kept their composure and Hope Harrison deservedly equalised before the half time interval.

The second half endured some heated exchanges, and a Kai Steemers 'toe poke' from a through ball gave St Bede's the lead. That lead was then extended 10 minutes from time, with a fantastic strike by Hope Harrison which flew into the top corner and surely sealed the win. Cottenham were let back into the game late on after a mix up at the back, but St Bede's held on in the last 5 minutes to win 3 – 2. Good luck to the boys in the Semi-final of the district cup where they face the holders Sawston after Easter.

### Year 10 Football Squad:

James Sanford	Matt Banks	Patrick Chindo	Jonathan Trocian
Patrick Hopper	Hope Harrison	Dom Gowland	Oliver Holden
Kyle Fulcher	Kai Steemers	Will Phoenix	Matt Casey
Bibin Koshy	Michael Pangratiou		

### Year 11 Football

The boys kicked off the season against Bassingbourn in the first round of the cup, looking to progress further than last year. After dominating possession and creating the majority of the chances, the game was theirs for the taking. However, after failing to capitalise on numerous opportunities and conceding some sloppy goals, the team crashed out in the first round 2 - 0. A friendly was arranged against Comberton to give the boys one last game before leaving St Bede's. The game finished 1 – 1. Comberton took the lead against the run of play before St Bede's levelled from the penalty spot. The team played some good football and were the better team, but could not finish off the chances created to seal the win.

### Year 11 Football Squad:

Daniel Osei	Greg Opalinski	Joe Leneghan	Connor Leneghan
Andrew Staplehurst	David Clarkson	Ben Maio	Rob Lynch
Danny Frattasi	Gio D'Ambrosio	Dom Gowland	Rob Smith
Kyle Fulcher			

### U13 Girls' Football Tournament

St Bede's hosted the U13 Girls' Football Grand Prix on the 17<sup>th</sup> March. Teams had to be a mixture of girls from Year 7 and 8 and we were able to enter two teams. The girls had been working hard and showing great dedication by attending football training at lunchtimes since November. There was a good turnout with six other teams from across the district attending, including Parkside, Comberton, Witchford, Linton and Swavesey.

St Bede's Team 1 put on a very encouraging display of football, with Philippa Witherspoon and Saskia Capetti working well up front together. They had some convincing wins over Witchford and Linton, and drew against a tough Parkside side 0-0. Overall, they won 4, lost 2 and drew 1, which, considering it was their first tournament of the year, they should all be very proud of.

St Bede's Team 2 worked hard throughout the same competition and beat Witchford 1-0. They also held Comberton to a 1-1 draw which proved to be a tough match. Overall, Team 2 won 1, lost 4 and drew 1 so a good effort from all involved.

Congratulations must go to the following girls and sports leaders who refereed the games:

**Team 1**

Philippa Witherspoon  
Ellie Bishop  
Katie Tuffin  
Saskia Capetti  
Shona McLaughlin  
Caroline McKenzie  
Shannon O'Shea

**Team 2**

Lucy Pascuzzi  
Abigail Elvin  
Aisling Munnely  
Rosie Simonson  
Ellen Wallwork  
Elizabeth Nganga  
Aliyah Donaldson  
Shona McNeela



Netball

We are almost at the close of the netball season and this year the girls have shown, once again, why we are one of the top schools in the district for sporting success. Attendance at netball club has been high and so has the girls' commitment to fixtures and tournaments. In total, over 100 girls have represented the school at netball over the past six weeks.

Year 11 District Netball Tournament

The girls competed at a high level in their tournament and all their matches were very close. They came 3<sup>rd</sup> in their group, narrowly missing qualification into the semi-finals. In the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> play-off the girls played against the Stephen Perse Foundation. It was set to be a tough match but the girls found their form and were unstoppable. District Tournament Result: 5<sup>th</sup> Place

Congratulations to the squad:

Lara Knight	Eusebia Asare Parbi	Harriet Riches	Sophie Cummings
Jenny Cooper	Clemency Neville	Navina Rajan	Imogen Badley
Mallory Durning			

Year 10 District Netball Tournament

The A Team were on fantastic form from the start of the tournament and, captained by Jessica Brightwell, the team took their first two matches in their stride winning 11-0 and 11-2. The girls then went on to win their quarter-final match against Impington VC, and their semi-final match against The Perse.

In the final, the team faced a tough match against The Leys. The game was very tense with an even score, but the girls made some fantastic interceptions and managed to turn the game around to win the game. District Tournament Result: 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Congratulations to the A Team squad:

Jessica Brightwell	Imogen Sewell	Olivia Turner	Joanna Chukualim
Catherine Owen	Samantha Calvey	Rebecca Morris	

The B team, captained by Alice Taylor, played well in their preliminary round, winning all their matches. In the final, the team faced The Leys. The game was very evenly matched with both teams playing at a high level. With the game tied at 6-6, and with only a minute to spare, St Bede's took the lead and managed to hold on to the final whistle to win the game 7-6. District B Tournament Result: 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Congratulations to the B Team squad:

Claire Cox	Isabelle Hitchcock	Hannah Hennessy	Suzanne Owen
Alice Taylor	Katie Spilsbury	Catherine Henderson	

Year 9 District Netball Tournament

The A team, captained by Joanna Cooper, played well in their group and managed to win all their matches. They came top of the group and played against Impington in the quarter finals - a game which they won 11-2. In the Semi-Finals, they faced Sawston and, although the game was close at the start, the girls then found their form and won 8-2.

The final was played against St Mary's. It was a great game to watch and the level of play was high. Although the girls played well, St Mary's were able to use some of the St Bede's lost possession to their advantage and they won 7-3. District Tournament Result: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Congratulations to the A Team squad:

Joanna Cooper  
Ciara Collins

Catherine Owen  
Beth Catchpool

Georgia Cummings  
Isobelle Ashby

Ayesha Ping

The B team played their tournament against 7 other schools in a round-robin competition. The team played very well and, captained by Martha Evans, they showed a high degree of skill and tactical play. District B Team Tournament Result: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Congratulations to the B Team squad:

Martha Evans  
Charlotte Lawes

Frankie Ashby  
Valentina Ruggiero

Amelia Norton  
Lucy Huckle

Eliza Asare Parbi

### U12 and U13 Netball

The U12 and U13 netball teams have played several matches this season and have had some convincing wins. Their tournaments will be played just before the end of term, and we wish them well in their competitions.

### County Netball

Both the U14 and U15 Netball Teams will be representing Cambridgeshire and District at the County Netball Championships in November. This is an extremely high accolade and well deserved.

### Basketball

Congratulations go to Cranz De La Cruz, Chris Cordero, Sam Somers-Heslem, Tom Knight, Conor Campbell and Michael Pangratiou, who have all been selected to represent the County at U15 Basketball. We wish them well in the forthcoming matches.



### Girls Basketball

The U14 Girls had a superb basketball season, winning both the Cambridge and District Basketball Tournament, and the County Schools Championship. In March, the girls represented Cambridgeshire in the regional round of the National Schools Basketball Competition against Framlingham Earl High School. It was a very close match but Framlingham edged ahead in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, and in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter they took an unassailable lead.

Congratulations to the squad:

Catherine Owen  
Frankie Ashby

Ciara Collins  
Martha Evans

Ayesha Ping  
Georgia Cummings

Joanna Cooper  
Beth Catchpool

The U16 Girls made St Bede's School history in March by making it through to the final 16 of the National School Basketball Competition. They had a great regional match against Lea Manor School, Bedford whom they beat 40-12, and then went on to play Shenfield School, Essex. Shenfield were a very experienced team and, although the girls worked hard, they were unable to keep up with the scoring rate. It has been wonderful to watch the team to go from strength to strength and we, as a school, are extremely proud of their achievements.

Congratulations to the squad:

Harriet Riches  
Anna Goggin  
Maru Lopez

Sophie Nottage  
Olivia Turner

Jessica Brightwell  
Samantha Calvey

Catherine Henderson  
Catherine Owen

**Faith and Worship**

The Spring Term has seen a change in the Chaplaincy as Revd Crompton started her maternity leave in early March and Mrs Currie took over in her place. With an Ofsted inspection arriving two days after Mrs Currie started, it meant she had to settle very quickly into school life, though this was helped by the fact that she has been a regular visitor to St Bede’s for almost two years, in her role as a Schools’ Worker.

**Year 10 Reflection Day**

This was a memorable day for both students and staff. It was most encouraging to see how the year group responded to the Eucharist which began the day. Revd Michael Goater spoke superbly and pertinently about how important it is for us to spend time in reflection, which put the day in context. The sessions this year were led by Cambridge Youth for Christ for the third year running, joined by Orison, a wonderful interactive prayer zone. One student testified to having a spiritual experience in the prayer room which prompted her to request a further conversation with me back in the Chaplaincy. The whole day was overwhelmingly supported by volunteers from local churches, and it was most heartening to see these relationships with the local church congregations deepening.

**Worship Band**

Mr Chappell and Mrs Barton continue to serve this group of faithful students as they grow in skill and confidence. They regularly lead worship in assembly in front of their peers and are taking on more and more responsibility for introducing new songs, which the rest of the school are beginning to join in with more and more. They have recently been involved with working in music / worship workshops with local primary school children. This not only serves as great fun for all concerned, but is a useful transition exercise for those students who might be coming to St Bede’s at a later date.

**Christian Union**

Dan Jacobs from Cambridge Community Church and Alex Johnson (an ex-pupil), from Cambridge Youth for Christ, have relaunched Christian Union which will meet on a weekly basis in the Chaplaincy. An encouraging number of students have attended and more are promised.

Wishing you all a restful and holy Easter.

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 Leadership Team**

Year Group of Student.....

Parental feedback: .....

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*Please return to the school reception*



**Spring Term 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 (SCHOOL CLOSED) 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

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**Autumn Term 2011**

*(Whole-school off-site teacher training day in first half of autumn term, date to be announced)*

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

**Summer Term 2012**

Summer Term Opens: ..... 16<sup>th</sup> April 2012  
May Day Bank Holiday (SCHOOL CLOSED): ..... 4<sup>th</sup> June 2012  
Jubilee Bank Holiday (SCHOOL CLOSED): ..... 5<sup>th</sup> June 2012  
Half Term (SCHOOL CLOSED): ..... 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> June 2012  
Summer Term Closes: ..... 19<sup>th</sup> July 2012  
Teacher Training Day (SCHOOL CLOSED) ..... 20<sup>th</sup> July 2012  
Teacher Training Day (SCHOOL CLOSED) ..... 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2012

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