



"Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring." Proverbs 27:1

From the Headteacher

The term has only been going for a few weeks and yet it seems as if so much has been achieved already. I hope you will enjoy reading about all the things that have been going on, especially if you are a parent of a Year 7, settling in to St Bede's for the first time. Our students have certainly earned their half term break and I hope you all enjoy a few days of relaxation before the term kicks off again.

Parents and carers are reminded that there is a Professional Training day for staff on 4th November, therefore the school will be closed.

Gifted and Talented

STEM 'Girl Power' day at Cambridge University:

Some of our Year 11 girls were invited to an extraordinary day at the West Road Concert Hall where they received talks and lectures from women professionals who have worked within STEM careers. These careers ranged from working on the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) in Switzerland, to expeditions to Antarctica, from Mechanical Engineering to Nanotechnology, and hopefully the day has helped inspire our girls about a possible future career in science. The following is an extract written by Rebecca Morris (11SB) about her thoughts on the day:

Having the opportunity to take part in St Mary's 'Girl Power' Day, was one that had broadened our understanding and knowledge concerning the world of science. In the classroom, we generally tend to work on the theory of science; we never seem to discuss future career plans. Listening to the women that had made a living through science, allowed us to know just what options are out there. There were many inspirational speakers, all speaking about the path in science they had taken, and the other careers they had before that. Many of the women there were currently involved in a specific field that we hadn't really encountered; which we all felt was interesting and encouraging. We were also spoken to by the Major of Cambridge who told us to do our best, and make the most out of what we have. Despite just viewing different career plans, we were also told about some very interesting scientific breakthroughs, some of which we didn't understand but were nevertheless enjoyable. We also had a very interesting breakout session, where we got to experiment and witness all kinds of weird and wonderful science. If the visit has taught me anything, it is that nothing is set in stone and to always go after what you want to do; anything is possible in the world of science.

Fair-Trade Winners!

We are delighted to announce that group of Year 9 girls won a national competition run by Traidcraft in 2010, to create a snack using only fairly traded products. As Year 7 students, the girls spent a day at school with the rest of their year group learning about the importance of fairly traded goods and engaging with the competition. Their creation, "Go-go fruit and crunchy"; came first in their age category and is already completely sold out!

A huge well done to Charlotte Lawes, Roisin Dean, Caitlin Wallwork, Emily Roper, Anne Maduro and Helena Violante, who have continued to actively promote the cause of fair-trade as members of St Bede's fair-trade group.



Sponsored Walk

Pens and textbooks were set aside on the 14th October as our students took part in the 15 mile sponsored walk up to Fen Ditton and back via Cambridge Airport. We were very grateful for the dry weather on the day, and had a fantastic turn out. A big thank you to all the parents who helped marshal and provide refreshments for the walkers. We are always very touched by the generosity of our parents and carers. The funds raised are going towards enhanced facilities for break and lunchtimes, so please bring in your sponsor money as soon as possible.

Homework Club

Our Homework club runs from 3:40pm – 4.40pm on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, in the Resource Centre. Students are supported with their homework by the Resources Centre Manager and two Teaching Assistants each evening. For more information please contact school.

School Uniform

Prices for uniform purchased through the school have increased and are now in line with the prices through Total Promotion. The stock we are selling now includes the increase in the VAT rate. Information regarding our school uniform and how to purchase it can be found on our school website www.st-bedes.org.uk

Request from the Science Department

If you have any spare 500g margarine tubs or 2 litre ice cream tubs (lids not necessary), any tubs from mushrooms or empty un-crushed drinks cans, the Science Technicians would be delighted to relieve you of them. Please hand them in to the Science Staff, the Science Prep Room or the School Reception. Thank you.

Vacancy

We require Examination Invigilators during both internal and external examination periods in school. Invigilators are required for general invigilation, as well as reading and scribing for individual pupils. Training will be provided. Remuneration will be hours worked, at the rate of £7.80 per hour.

Please contact Rose Openshaw on 01223 400045 or ropenshaw@stbedes.cambs.sch.uk for a Job Specification and an application form. This information is also available on our website www.st-bedes.org.uk
The closing date is Wednesday, 9th November, and interviews take place on Monday, 14th November.

Humanities

We have been busily planning for a very active year within the Humanities Specialism, and a number of activities have already taken place.

We are planning for our first Specialisms Day in November, where the Humanities and the ICT and Computing Specialisms will run a themed day for Year 7 students based on Uganda. We will be focusing on our link with Kabango Primary School in Uganda, life in Uganda and development education.

We have launched our residential History Curriculum visit for Year 8 to Holland and Belgium, and the Geography Curriculum visit to the Yorkshire Dales for Year 9. After half term, the Year 11 History students will visit London as part of their History of Medicine GCSE Unit, where they visit The Old Operating Theatre and go on a Public Health Walk. The Year 11 Geographers will go to Cambridge after half term to prepare for their Controlled Assessment based on Settlement. As you receive this newsletter, 55 Year 10 students are on a joint History and RE visit to Berlin and the Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp. This is a new residential visit exploring difficult issues such as tyranny, terror and the Holocaust, and how ordinary people are affected and react to these events.

Year 8 had a visit from 'Zoolabs Rainforest Road Show' as part of their Geography and Science work on Ecosystems. The students enjoyed learning about and handling creatures from the rainforest including tarantulas, giant millipedes, giant African land snails, rats and snakes!

International Schools Award

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded the International Schools Award again in recognition of all the work we do across the school that is linked with international themes. We would like to offer our thanks to other departments including RE, Modern Foreign Languages and English for the support and help we received with this last year, and we look forward to working on more International projects and topics this year. We will continue to develop links with our partner schools: Kabango Primary School in Uganda and The Latin Patriarchate School, Bir Zeit, Palestine.

Confirmation

Congratulations to the follow students who made their confirmation on 9th October, at St Philip Howard Church.

Connor Campbell Yr 10	Jamie Campbell Yr 11	Chelsea Cendana Yr 10
Sharone Charlette Yr 10	Ciara Collins Yr 10	Cranz De La Cruz Yr 10
Patrick Maund Yr 10	Liliana Mazur Yr10	Ellen Munnelly Yr 10
Freddie Nickolds Yr 10	Theresa Pascual Yr 11	Conor Rogan Yr 10
Valentina Ruggiero Yr 10		

Our prayers are with them and their families as they continue onward on their Christian journey.



Charities Update

We are delighted to report that we now have 48 charities representatives from amongst the forms, all connected by email, thanks to Mrs Guy. So far this term, we have made two collections: one for The Cambridge Food Bank, for whom we collected 160kg of food; and one for The British Heart Foundation. The second collection is going well.

We are now planning our collection for the Operation Christmas Child shoe box appeal. The students are planning and delivering assemblies to publicise the collection and we are hoping for a bumper collection during late October and November. **If you have any shoe boxes you could donate, please send them to Mrs Richardson.**

Later in the term, at the Christmas Carol Service, we will be taking a collection for the Starlight Children's Foundation, a charity suggested by one of our students. We are also planning a Christmas-themed own-clothes day for the last day of term.

Some of the money from our whole-school charity fundraising this year will also be going to our link schools in Uganda and the Holy Land. Many thanks for your continuing support with all of our charity work.

Chaplaincy

The Chaplaincy has been very busy as usual, with weekly clubs bringing a growing number of students into the Chaplaincy space, as well as those members of the school community who need a little extra support through tough times.

Open Evening saw the chaplaincy transformed into a peaceful and reflective prayer space, where visitors could be part of the creation of a stained glass prayer window or could take some time out to pray quietly in the prayer tent. It was really good to meet prospective and current parents and have a chance to talk about the wide ranging and growing work of the Chaplaincy.



On Friday, 14th October, a small group of us travelled to Westminster Abbey in London to take part in a service of thanksgiving to celebrate the bicentenary of the National Society. This group's passion was (and still is) to provide Christian Education, and we were able to celebrate their legacy of nearly five thousand church schools and academies. Over a thousand teachers, students and VIPs met in the Abbey as we sang hymns and songs, watched dance and drama, and joined together in prayer. We also sneaked in a touristy moment or two with a whistle stop tour of the Abbey after the service and a bus tour of some the London sights, including the growing Olympic village.

Sports Report

Rugby

We've had a very busy and successful rugby season so far, building on last year's success of winning two out of the three District Tournaments, and placing second in the County at Year 9 level.

Year 7 Rugby

The Year 7 boys have been working hard in training over the last month, and the commitment shown has been excellent! The team is really starting to take shape and it is already apparent that there is some fantastic talent available, which will hold them in good stead for the District Tournament.

The team played their opening match of the season against Sawston Village College. For their first ever game, the structure and positional discipline was excellent, and both the forwards and backs played their roles fantastically well. Although Sawston played well and had some good spells of possession and territory, St Bede's were far too strong for the opposition. The forwards worked well at the scrum and breakdown, and allowed for good, quick balls to our backs (who look dangerous with ball in hand). They played solid, running rugby and scored some well-crafted tries and finally won the game 45 - 10. A great start!

Year 7 Squad:

Raven Chumacera	Thomas Holmes-Chatfield	William Holmes-Chatfield	Dan Beattie
Oliver Sewell	Max Cummings	Harry Charlesworth	Oliver Maynard
Michael Witherspoon	Toby Darroch	Jack Niland	Seamus Turvill
Oliver Cruickshank	Harry Robinson	Matthew Lines	Joel Bowden-Pickstock
George Wells	Sean Judge	Vinil Joseph	Daniel Cockhead
Nathan Morley	Aaron Horrocks	Matthew James	Oliver Maynard
Jamie Frost	Zack Murton	Cieran Delacey	Chris Phillips
Ed Phoenix	Ronn Erum	Marcus Gaiser-Porter	Max Walker
Jonathan Walker	Matthew Hudson	Alejandro Freeman	

Year 8 Rugby

The rugby squad started the season with high expectations following the successful previous season. We took the A and B Teams for the first fixture of the season against Melbourn. We quickly got into our stride with the forwards securing and winning the ball at the breakdown, leaving the backs exploiting the space created. For the duration of the game, St Bede's dominated and managed to win 55-0.

In the next match, Comberton Village College brought A and B Teams. Our A Team played excellent rugby and comfortably won 25-5. Our B Team tackled well but narrowly lost 15-5.

Up next were Sawston Village College, the reigning District Champions. Sawston only brought an A Team, so our A and B Teams both played against them. In a fiercely competitive match, full of quality rugby on both sides, the A Teams gave their all. Unfortunately, both teams were so evenly matched that they eventually cancelled each other out to finish with a 10-10 draw. A fair reflection on a great game. The B Team raised their game and competed really well, particularly at the breakdown. They eventually lost 15-0. An impressive result against the District Champions!

Year 8 Squad:

Michael Cowdrey	Luca Romano	Jack Robinson	Oliver Mitham
Larry Moore	Randall Wisson	Oliver Tooth	Josh Cunningham
George Hollis	Dan Maund	Sean Calvey	Leandro Jumilla
Robert Huckle	Robert Brightwell	Finn Steemers	Jack Robinson
Matthew Bain	Callum Taylor	Iyra Williams	Sam Wilson
Ben Phipps	Matthew Wright	Daren Charlette	Deren Charlette
Darragh Leneghan	Luke Eades	Charlie Worboys	Christian Wiggins-Browne
Matthew Bradnam	Jack Wood		

Year 9 Rugby

The Year 9 Team has endured a mixed start to the season caused by a lack of numbers at training and selection problems. They started with a great victory over Linton Village College, winning comfortably 22 - 10, playing some great rugby.

Up next was Melbourn Village College, but with a dramatically weakened line up, they struggled to deal with the physicality and size of some of the Melbourn players. The backs played a brilliant game of running rugby, scoring first to take the lead. However, as the game wore on, they were not supported enough by the forwards and the game was lost at the breakdown where St Bede's failed to get numbers in the rucks. Despite a late revival, the team lost 28 - 12.

The toughest test in the calendar was a trip to Kings Ely where they met a well-drilled and experienced side. St Bede's got off to the worst possible start, conceding two sloppy tries within the first 5 minutes after poor decision making on their own try line. The game then settled, but St Bede's struggled to maintain more than one or two phases as the support for the ball carrier was inadequate, and Kings Ely turned over possession too easily. Kings comfortably led 31 - 0 at half time, and shortly into the second half made numerous changes to their team which allowed St Bede's back into the game. St Bede's fought back gallantly and scored some great tries towards the end of the game, but unfortunately ended up being mere consolations as Kings Ely ran in 38 - 26 winners.

Year 9 Squad:

Vineeth Joseph	Jamie Webb	Matteo D'Ambrosio	Daniel Vasquez
Joshua Vaughan	Jordan Brown	Nathan Monck	Stephan Gaiser-Porter
John Taylor	Patrick Collins	Tommy Mila	Reuben Tooth
Will Sewell	Roberto Ruggiero	CJ Lewis	Thomas Foulger
Julian Owen	Harry Taylor	Jack Horrocks	Niall Durning
Kevin Mateus			

U16 Rugby

The Year 10 and 11 boys played some good Rugby in training and in fixtures this season. The highlight was a physical encounter with Linton Village College. Both teams played with an intensity that would not have been out of place at the Rugby World Cup. Our forwards rucked well and battled excellently up front. This created the space for our backs to execute some scintillating moves which left the Linton back chasing shadows at times. St Bede's convincingly won 38-12.

U16 Squad:

Jack Williams	Sam Chapman	Freddie Nickolds	Connor Campbell
Sam Somers-Heslam	Tom Kennedy	Alexander Ashdjian	Sam Demartino
Tyler Elstrub	Ian Donald	Jake Perryman	Chris Cordero
Abai Edmund	Callum Pratt	Oliver Holden	Patrick Hopper
Dom Gowland	Kai Steemers	Will Taylor	James Sanford
Tim Alazawie	Elliot Knott	Lawrence Knott	Sam Morley
Henry Parker	Tom Hands		

Hockey

This term, students have worked hard to build upon the successes of last season. St Bede's girls' hockey teams have won three out of the four District Tournaments, ranking them as the top school in the district for hockey in the 2010 - 2011 season!

The energy and enthusiasm generated by the students has resulted in an increase in participation in extra-curricular hockey activities this half term. Over 120 students have represented the school so far in hockey fixtures, and we have many more fixtures and tournaments to look forward to.

U16 and U15 Girls' Hockey Teams

The girls began training this season on the first day of term and were committed to all subsequent training sessions and fixtures. This dedication has proven to be a winning formula for both squads who, prior to the tournaments, were undefeated.

U16 District Hockey Tournament

The squad demonstrated their high level of skill and teamwork in the group round of the tournament, beating Netherhall School, Swavesey Village College and The Stephen Perse Foundation. The team convincingly won the group to take them through to the final.

In the final, the girls found their form straight away and, although both St Mary's and Impington tried their best, they were unable to cope with the attacking pressure from the team. St Bede's beat St Mary's 1-0 and Impington 4-1. Congratulations to the U16 squad who are the 2011 District Champions!

U16 Squad:

Katie Spilsbury (Captain)	Alice Taylor	Olivia Turner	Rebecca Morris
Imogen Sewell	Samantha Calvey	Jessica Brightwell	Fran Morelli
Emma Huskie	Katie Spilsbury	Sophie Nottage	Isabelle Hitchcock
Catherine Owen	Lucy Riches	Ayesha Ping	Lily Matthews

Player of the Tournament: Rebecca Morris

U16 District B Hockey Tournament

The U15 Team played strongly throughout the tournament and were highly motivated. They managed to draw all their matches, and demonstrated their ability to play hockey at a high level. Congratulations to the U15 squad who came joint-second in the B Team District Hockey Tournament.

U15 Squad:

Ayesha Ping (Captain)	Amelia Norton	Francesca Ashby	Annabel McKenzie
Martha Evans	Joanna Cooper	Ciara Collins	Emily Bullock
Charlotte Lawes	Lily Matthews	Philippa Witherspoon	Isobel Ashby

U14 Girls' Hockey Team

The U14 squad had some brilliant matches this season and fully deserved their victories. In the tournament, the girls played well against Swavesey Village College, Netherhall School and The Stephen Perse Foundation. They showed a fantastic level of determination, managed to beat Swavesey and draw against The Stephen Perse Foundation. Although St Bede's had the majority of play in the match against Netherhall, they were unable to score, and in the last few minutes, Netherhall scored the only goal of the match. This loss unfortunately meant that this year the U14 Team were unable to make the final.

Congratulations to the U14 Squad who came 5th in the U14 District Hockey Tournament.

U14 Squad:

Lily Matthews (Captain)	Miriam Beattie	Lucy Pascuzzi	Anna McNally
Charlotte Lawes	Isobel Gostick	Anne Maduro	Katie Tuffin
Philippa Witherspoon	Caitlin Shevlin	Isobel Ashby	Eve Hughes
Annabel Gibbons.			

Aegon National Team Tennis tournament

The Year 8 and 9 Boys' Team (after winning this summer's County Tournament) progressed onto the regional knockout stage this term, drawing against Jack Hunt School. The match was played in very windy conditions, but the boys still managed to show their true class and win the tie 10-2. In Regional round two, we played Ipswich School, an independent school, at home. The boys played tremendously well and won all their singles and doubles to win the tie 12-0

Singles

Josh Wilson	6-1	John Taylor	6-0
Matt Daines	6-2	Patrick Collins	6-2

Doubles

Josh Wilson and Patrick Collins 6-0
John Taylor and Matt Daines 6-3

For the second year running, we have reached the National Quarter-Finals. A fabulous achievement from the boys, and we wish them well in the Quarter-Finals at Gosling Park, Welwyn Garden City on Friday, 18th November.

District Schoolboys Football team

The trials for the District Schoolboys took place this term, and we are very proud to announce that a number of our boys were selected and have played for the U13's, U14's and U15's squad.

U13

Dan Maund	Deren Charlette	Oliver Mitham	Robert Huckle
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U14

Niall Durning	Tommy Mila	Harry Taylor	
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U15

Alexander Ashdjian

We wish them well for the season.

Congrats

A big well done also goes to CJ Lewis who has signed for Ipswich Youth Academy. We will watch his progress closely.

Music

With another full extra-curricular timetable and plenty of opportunities to perform, this year is already shaping up to be busy for the Music department. The auditions for the annual variety show were well attended, with over 60 students eager to share their talents. Due to the success of previous years, it will run for two nights this year:

Tuesday, 10th and Wednesday, 11th January 2012, so put those dates in your diary! Those students who were successful, will be given rehearsal dates very shortly.

At the beginning of October, we were very excited to welcome Jeffery Wilson back to St Bede's to deliver a workshop to the Jazz Band and some GCSE Music students. The internationally recognised composer and performer led an inspirational day, including a short concert at the end. It was an enjoyable and valuable experience for all those students involved, in which they developed their understanding of jazz and improvisation skills.



We continue to host peripatetic instrumental teachers from Cambridgeshire Music, with virtually all instruments covered. If your child is interested in starting an instrument, a free taster session can be provided. Please see Miss Bell for more details or visit www.cambridgeshiremusic.org

Below is the extra-curricular timetable for this term. It caters for all standards and instruments and all instrumentalists are encouraged to attend at least one group.

	9.00 – 9.30	12.55 – 1.30	3.30 – 5.00
Monday	Youth Choir (all years) Music Room Miss Byrom	Worship Band (all years) Chaplaincy Mr Chappell Junior Glee Club (Years 7 and 8) Music Room Miss Byrom	
Tuesday	Praise Rocks (all years) Music Room Mike Roca-Terry	Youth Choir (all years) Music Room Miss Byrom	Glee Club (Years 9, 10 and 11) Music Room Miss Bell / Miss Byrom Jazz Band (Grade 4 and above) Music Room Mike Roca-Terry
Wednesday	Worship Band (all years) Chaplaincy Mr Chappell Orchestra (all years / standards) Music Room Miss Bell	Chamber Choir (Years 9, 10 and 11) Music Room Miss Bell	GCSE Coursework Catchup (Year 11) Music Room Miss Bell
Thursday	Wind Group (all woodwind players) Rehearsal Room Ms Reeve	Chamber Choir (Years 9, 10 and 11) Music Room Miss Bell	
Friday	Brass Group (all brass players) Music Tech Suite Mr Hutchings String Group (all string players) Music Room Miss Bell		

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 overleaf:

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

Year Group of Student.....

Parental feedback:

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Please return to the school reception



TERM DATES 2011 – 2012

Summer Term 2011

Summer Term Opens: 26th April 2011
Royal Wedding Holiday (SCHOOL CLOSED)..... 29th 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

Autumn Term 2011

Teacher Training Day (SCHOOL CLOSED):..... 5th September 2011
Autumn Term Opens: 6th September 2011
Half Term (SCHOOL CLOSED): 24th – 28th October 2011
Teacher Training Day (SCHOOL CLOSED) 4th November 2011
Autumn Term Closes: 16th December 2011
Christmas Holidays (SCHOOL CLOSED):..... 17th December – 2nd January 2012

Spring Term 2012

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

Summer Term 2012

Summer Term Opens: 16th April 2012
May Bank Holiday: 7th May 2012
Spring Bank Holiday (SCHOOL CLOSED): 4th June 2012
Diamond Jubilee Bank Holiday (SCHOOL CLOSED): 5th June 2012
Half Term (SCHOOL CLOSED): 4th – 8th June 2012
Summer Term Closes: 19th July 2012