

# St Bede's -Summer Newsletter

WELCOME TO THE LAST EDITION OF OUR NEWSLETTERS FOR THIS YEAR, IT HAS BEEN A BUSY TERM WITH MANY TRANSITIONS AND EVENTS. AS ALWAYS STUDENTS AND STAFF HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD, SO PLEASE ENJOY THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WHICH IS JUST A SNAPSHOT OF WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON AT ST BEDE'S THIS TERM.

# Message from the Head Teacher – Mr. Alistair Day



Thank you to all our families for their encouragement and support this year. We really appreciate your work at home to prepare your children for their studies at St Bede's which has helped them to progress so well since September.

Both our recent Ofsted and SIAMS inspection reports praised our students for their responsible and mature attitudes to learning and for the high level of respect they show in their work, in caring for our school environment and towards other members of our community.

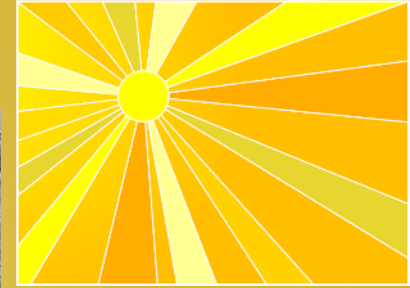
I have just returned from our annual Bede Trail Pilgrimage with Year 7, and it has been a privilege and joy to follow in the footsteps of our patron saint with such a talented and enthusiastic cohort, as shown in the images below.

I wish you all, as members of the wider St Bede's community, a wonderful summer and look forward to welcoming our students again to school in September.

Alistair Day

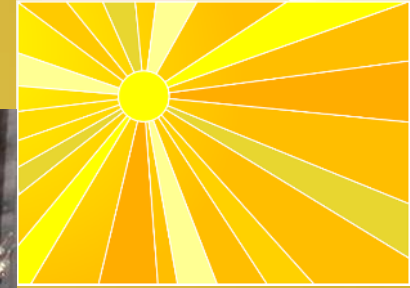


# Year 7 on the Bede Trail



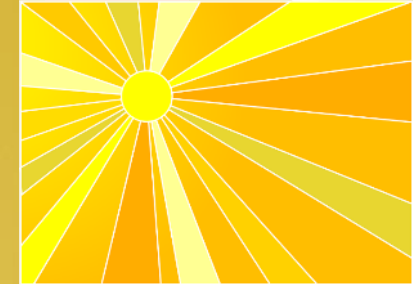


# Anglican Confirmation - Ely Cathedral - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May



Congratulations to Amaya, Giselle, Jan, Xander George, Jonty, Amy, Joe, Thea, Ella, Millie, Alex and Alfie who were confirmed in Ely Cathedral by the Rt Revd Dagmar Winter, Bishop of Huntingdon. We had been preparing for this special event in the journey of faith since January and were delighted to celebrate the sacrament in the presence of family and friends.







# Catholic Schools of Cambridge Pilgrimage to Walsingham

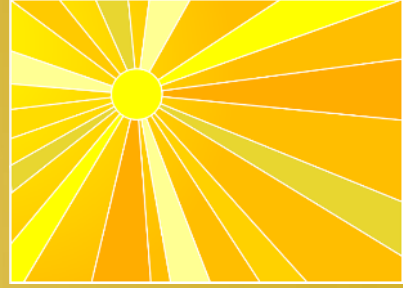


On the 13<sup>th</sup> June, together with St. Alban's Catholic Primary School, our Year 7 Chaplaincy Reps and Year 9 Theology Prefects went on pilgrimage to the Catholic shrine at Walsingham, Norfolk. We walked the last mile there through fields of wildflowers barefoot, and then refreshed our feet in a ford of the River Stiffkey. We ate lunch and then celebrated Mass (it was the feast of St. Antony). We visited the medieval Slipper Chapel and saw relics of saints. There was a well-stocked gift shop. We then went to the beach at Wells-next-the-Sea, had an ice-cream, and then some pupils decided to jump into the sea fully clothed (without their teacher's permission, it must be noted). But the coach driver didn't mind, and that was the main thing. The seals in the sea did seem to mind and swam away as our pupils launched themselves seaward. A brilliant day!



# Charities

This has been a busy term for charities. We collected toiletries to send to the local Food Hub at St James' Church, Wulfstan way. The charities group met with the curate, Rob, who told us all about the new initiatives being set up to meet the needs of struggling families.



Our non-uniform day on July 12<sup>th</sup> was held in order to raise money for EKISA – a charity, set up by a local lady, which supports disabled children in Uganda. These children need medical help and schooling which their families cannot afford. Currently we have raised

Many thanks for  
all the support  
we have had this  
year 😊



## St Bede's fundraiser for Ekisa UK

Fundraising for Ekisa UK



£630

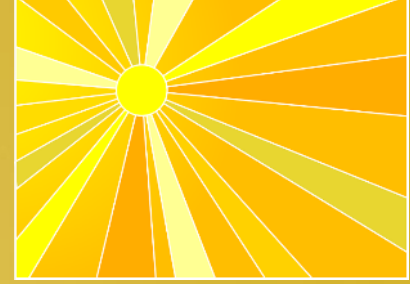
raised of £800 target  
by 60 supporters

📅 St Bede's Non-Uniform Day

Our final event of the term was 'St Bede's Got Talent'. It was great to see some excellent performers and to raise money for Mary's Meals, a charity which ensures that children in the poorest countries are able to have a hot meal once a day.



# Art & Textiles - Prayer Flags For Our Sacred Spaces

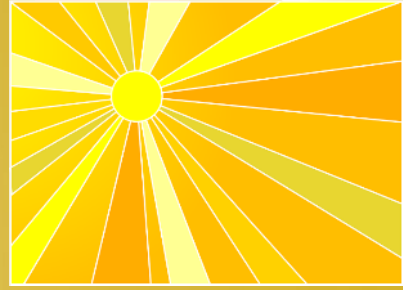


The year 7 who were not on the Bede Trail have impressed Mrs Dewar this week with their creativity and design skills. They have worked hard to design, print and sew a series of prayer flags based on the Kingdom of God and Christian Virtues to be flown in our new outdoor sacred spaces. Well done Year 7! Pictured are a small selection of finished flags ready to be joined and flown.





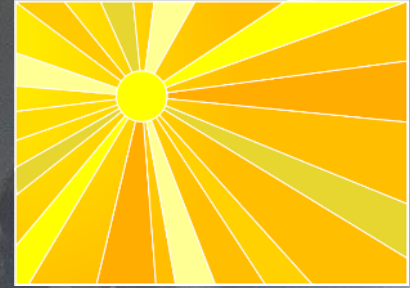
# Student Achievement - Melissa Rose John



Melissa won first prize in Suvara bible quiz competition of the Catholic Syro Malabar Eparchy of Great Britain for the 11-13 age group on Saturday 1st June 2024.







## **SCHOOL ELECTIONS: Election Fever reaches St Bede's!**

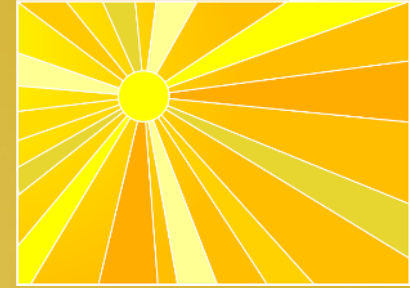
*This half term we have run an election campaign to mirror the General Election, and involve the whole school in the democratic process. Five year 10 students volunteered themselves as party candidates, and have been supported by campaign managers, and staff mentors. They have been campaigning for votes, presenting their manifestos in hustings to each year group, as well as producing a party political broadcast, and taking part in 2 heated and energetic 'Question Time' style debates!*

*Isaac (Conservative), Katie (Green), Dan (Labour), Callum (Liberal Democrat) and Thomas (Reform) have risen to the challenge superbly, researching the policies, arguing their points eloquently and passionately, and facing tough questioning from students and staff in the debates. It has been a wonderful way to engage the whole school in the processes of democracy and encourage them to look further into the politics in our country. Votes were cast and counted on Election Day - 5th July, as the whole country went to the polls. Within the St Bede's constituency, the **Green Party** were victorious!*

*Well done to all five candidates - they have done a phenomenal job, and have embraced this opportunity with real enthusiasm in order to inform the students and win their votes.*



# Y10 & Y9 Joint French/Art Trip to the Fitzwilliam Museum

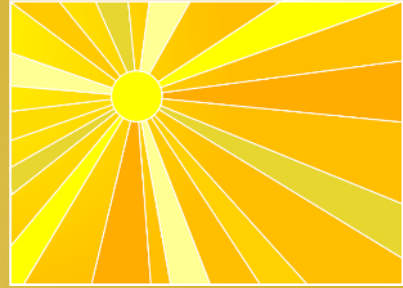


On Friday 7 June a group of Y9 and Y10 went to a French and Art workshop run by the PGCE students of the University of Cambridge at the Fitzwilliam Museum. Our first workshop was about the theme of 'Identity'. We were in a portrait gallery with 17<sup>th</sup> century classics and more modern portraits. The PGCE students gave us a worksheet, whilst all the time talking to us in French. Firstly, we had to match a French phrase to a portrait and explain (in French) why we had chosen that particular portrait. Then we went to two family portraits – one from the 18<sup>th</sup> century and one from the 21<sup>st</sup> century – and we tried to describe them. The students also asked us many questions which we tried to answer. We were then given 6 descriptions in French of people in the portrait gallery, and we had to match them up. Finally we were given a postcard of one of the portraits in the gallery which we also described in French.





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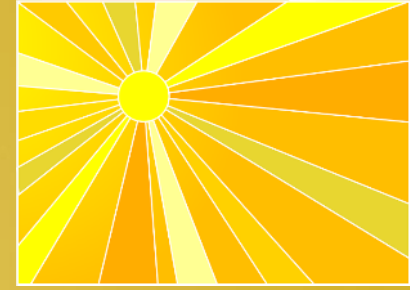
After a break that we spent outside on the lawn as it was such a beautiful day, we spent the next hour in the Armoury. This was the highlight of the trip for most of us as the PGCE students made it really interactive and easy to understand. We were put into groups of 3-4 'chevaliers' (knights). The Cambridge students running the workshop posed as shopkeepers next to various displays (helmets; swords; daggers; breastplates) and the St Bede's students would ask which objects they would like to choose from the display and why. We would be discussing why we liked it in French, but if it was obvious that we were struggling, the students were happy to translate for us. We learned new vocabulary such as the French for 'helmet', 'spear', and 'shield'. There was also a grammar session where we learned about adjective agreement and pronouns. At the end there was a 'phrase off' between groups of the chevaliers, with points awarded for excellent sentence construction. The PGCE students were really encouraging and gave us advice such as adding intensifiers to our opinions, or including a negative structure. A fun closing task was making our own armour out of aluminium foil! Overall, the trip was a brilliant success and I personally loved it, especially the hour we spent in the Armoury.

Many thanks to Mr Westgate for organising such a memorable day.

**Written by Valentina Weston-Quattrocchi and Zola Scott (Y9)**



# Year 9 Art & Textile Trip - Fitzwilliam Museum



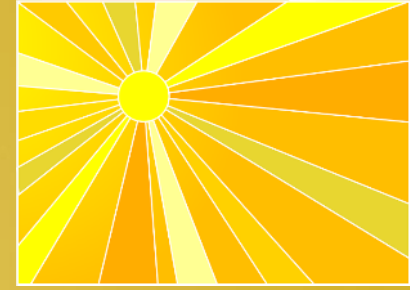
All of the year 9 students that took Art and/or Textiles were taken on a trip to the Fitzwilliam museum. I personally really enjoyed this trip because it gave me and other students a chance to see well known artists work such as Cezanne's. When we arrived, we were taken to one of the main galleries where we could see portraits. We focused on certain pieces of art and what was exactly in them but also what they symbolised such as red was a sign of wealth and the person wearing it could often be referred to as a Lord. We found this particularly interesting as you could learn someone's whole personality by what was in the portrait. We were then given free time to look round the gallery and draw some of our favourite pieces. There was a brilliant range of pieces in the museum, in a fantastic range of styles from modern to historical, abstract to realistic, solemn to bright and lots more.



Jessica Schofield and Noah Williamson 9C – Art



# Art Department - Expressive Arts Showcase



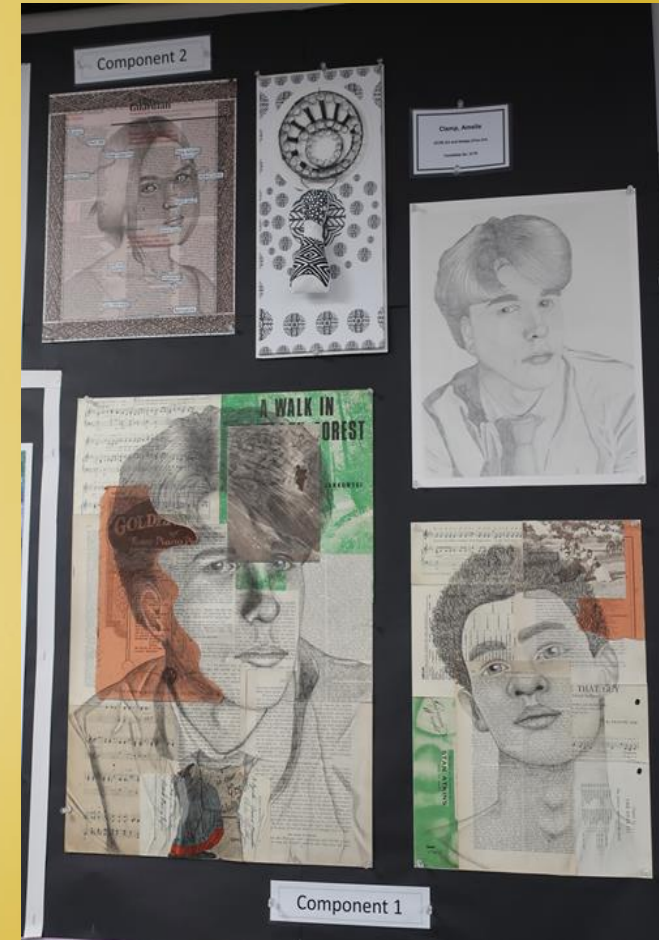
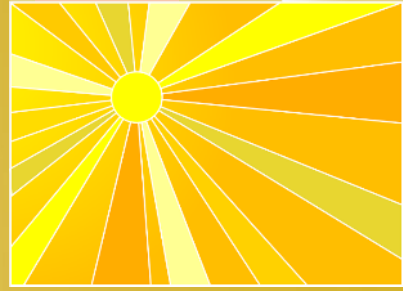
On Thursday 23 May we held our annual Expressive Arts Showcase. The event is an opportunity for pupils to showcase their skills across the specialist areas of Drama, Music, Art, Design Technology, Textiles and Food Technology. The displays of work, music recitals, drama performances and practical demonstrations by the Expressive Arts pupils, were all well attended by family, friends and peers.

The GCSE Food Technology students provided beautifully prepared appetisers. The PTFA provided refreshments throughout the evening. A welcome addition to the evening was the gardening club, who sold their home-grown plants. A celebration of the great wealth of artistic talent within our school. Thank you to all parents and pupils for supporting the Expressive Arts Day and to all the staff who help make the event such a success.





# Art Department - Expressive Arts Showcase

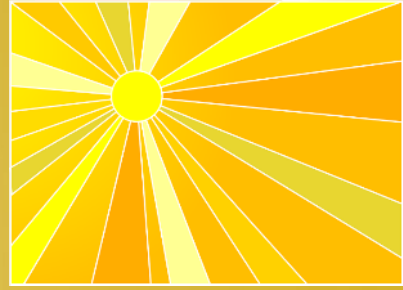




# Drama - Peter Pan Performance

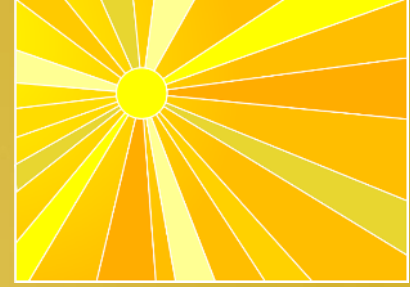
The whole school production of "Peter Pan" performed on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June was a huge success. A cast and stage crew of 7, 8, 9 and 10 St Bede's students engaged, entertained and amazed their audience.

The antics of the Darling family and their precious Nana was very entertaining. The special effects used in the flying scene were stunning. The actors' transitions with roof tops, planets, clouds and a lagoon were beautifully interwoven and had an impressive visual impact. The cosmic lighting and interaction of Wendy Peter Pan Michael and John as they flew to Neverland was magical. The explosion and their frantic descent was unexpected. Tinkerbell used demonstrative acting effectively to explain her own made-up language which was often rude, outlandish and funny. The hair pulling moment and the banishment pram were definite highlights. Captain Hook was delightfully over exaggerated and the chase with the crocodile was very comical. The Lost Boy's entrance was very lively; their frivolity was soon brought to an end by the sinister entrance of the wolves and Tiger Lily. The Mermaids were enticingly dangerous. The freeze-frames of the fight at Marooners' Rock and the slow motion defeat of the pirates were very expressive.





# Drama - Peter Pan Performance



## Comments from the audience were very complimentary:

“Eight weeks and two casts – Wow! Impressive!”

“It was a vibrant celebration of theatre with some very gifted performers”

“There were lots of really lovely moments in the production”

“An excellent production we thoroughly enjoyed it”

“Another fabulous show!”

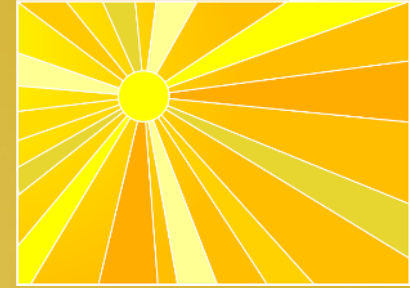
“Thank you for such a wonderfully entertaining performance of Peter Pan - I really enjoyed it!”

“I saw the play on Monday and they were all amazing! Great job!”

“It was a wonderful production and very much enjoyed by all of us who came along to see it”.



# Drama - Peter Pan Performance



## Comments from the cast and stage crew:

"I really liked the modern interpretation – great fun to use trampolines for flying. Even when I came into after-school rehearsals tired I was inspired by the energy of cast".

"It was great to see everyone's confidence grow and shine through in the final performances".

"It was such a fun production to put on. I made lots of friends too!"

"We became one big happy family!" 😊

"Great props especially Ticky-Tocky-Tim"

"It was great to see inter-year friendships"

Congratulations cast and stage crew on your energy, enthusiasm, commitment and support. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with you. Special thanks go to Dawn Pell, Pau Hunt and Alex Nancekievill

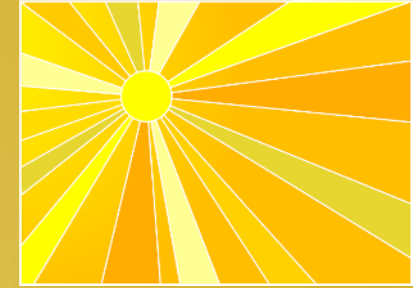
**Best wishes**  
**Mrs Vanderstay**



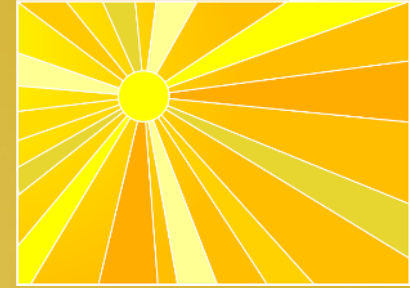
# Summer Term in the Food Department

## Year 7s make Linda's Smoky Hotdogs!

St Bedes was lucky enough to be selected by Cook School in conjunction with Linda McCartney's Foods to have a workshop making Linda's Smoky Hotdogs. They provided fantastic kits of ingredients for the whole year group and we had enough for the year 9 and 10 Life Skills groups to make them as well. The theme for year 7 is vegetables and fruits so the vegetarian food was very apt and showed how vegetables and alternative proteins can make tasty dishes. For many of us, it was the first time we had used miso as a flavouring. This enhanced the dishes and gave them a good savoury delicious flavour. We were delighted to welcome staff from Cook School who came to one of the sessions and said how delightful our students are, how well they cooked. They were also pleased to see the students devouring the hotdogs!





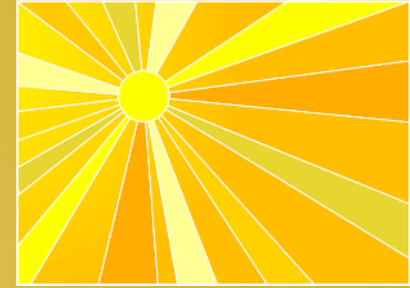


## St. Bede's Library

The Mission of St. Bede's library is to foster a warm, calm, inclusive environment, where all students are valued for who they are. The library will promote a love for reading, holding a wide range of resources that celebrates diversity, allowing students to walk in another person's footsteps, helping to build empathy and respect. The library will continue to inspire, inform, empower, and educate our school community.



# LIBRARY CHALLENGE



Since September 2023, over 11,000 books have been loaned to students and staff.

Each half term the library runs a challenge. Students can enter to win either a £10 Waterstones Gift Voucher, as first prize or a box of chocolates as a runner up.

For World Book Day, we ran a special challenge where students had to 'Guess the Staff Shelfie!'





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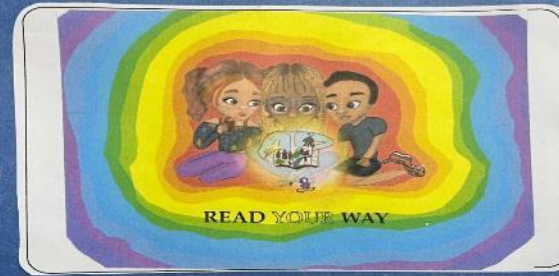
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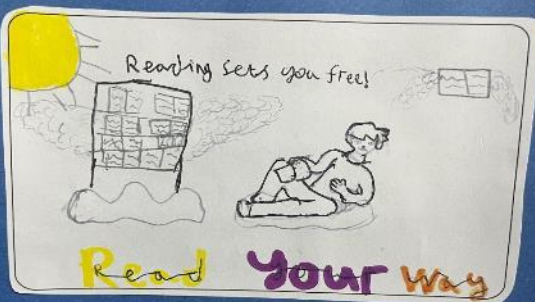
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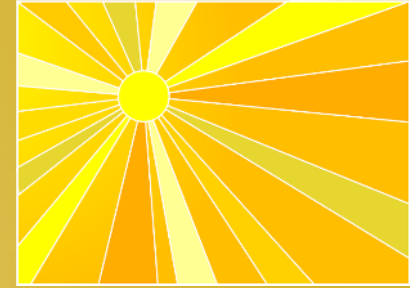
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**CIANNA  
OBERIANO**



Some students entered a National Book Token competition, organised by World Book day, to design a book token. The theme was *Read Your Way*. I'm sure you'll agree the designs are beautiful.

The winning designs for each age group can be found here: [National Book Token Design Winners](#)





The new Inter-House Reading Challenge has been a success with around 40 completed checklists handed in since September. Students must read all 10 books to complete the checklist, gaining points for their houses. [Inter-House Reading Challenge Checklist.docx](#)

This year we have celebrated World Mental health Day, Black History Month, Anti-Bullying Week, Holocaust memorial Day, Children's Mental Health Week, LGBTQ+ History Month, Autism Awareness Month, Women's History Month, International Women's Day, British Science Week, Neurodiversity Celebration Week, Empathy Day, Pride Month, Refugee Week and School Diversity Week.

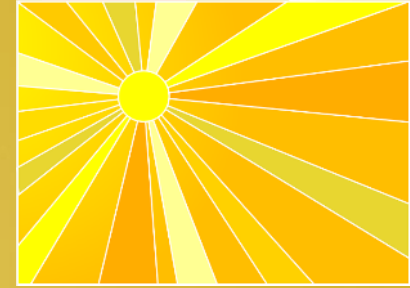


# Student Librarians

A record number of student librarians have volunteered in the library during break and lunch. A huge thank you must go to the wonderful student librarians of 2023/24:

Emelia Colchester, Phoebe Park, Laura Ullrich Aldaz, Neema Mokobi, Laetisha Brook, Laurie McCrone, Joe Prabhu, Evie Wright-Chamberlain, John Hutchinson, Ella Barton, Seb Nay-Knuppel, Jonty Nay-Knuppel, Sophie Monk, Maja Birdsall, Evie Sparrow, Cianna Oberiano, Alex Richardson, Alex Mardle, Hugo Mitton, Jack Cairns-Saranga, Theo Griffiths, Angie Tsang, Jeiana Seno, Naomi Lloyd, Jonaton Callu-Rak, Austin Richardson, Masa Mokobi, Alice Jaques Giddens, Virginia Malfitani-Roldan, Eliseus Chang, Patrick Hutchinson.

These students have worked hard this term, helping with issuing and returning books and generally keeping the library tidy. Well done Team Library!

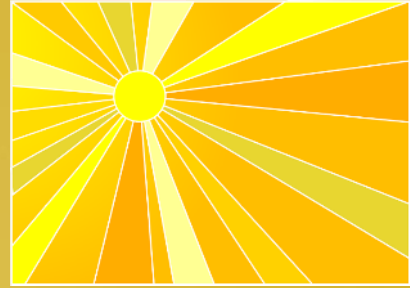


This year, we once again took part in the **Yoto Carnegies Shadowing scheme**.  
<https://yotocarnegies.co.uk>

The Shadowing Scheme engages thousands of children and young people in reading the books on the shortlist via reading groups in schools and public libraries. 60 students signed up to take part, meeting each Friday over a period of three months during tutor time to discuss the eight shortlisted books. On Thursday the 20th of June we held a celebration event in the library.

We were joined by students from Coleridge Community College and Netherhall school. The morning was spent enjoying Carnegie themed activities and a quiz, culminating in watching the live awards ceremony. The students embraced the bake-off competition, with some fabulous Carnegie book-themed entries.







# History: Visiting Speakers



We were very grateful for Generation 2 Generation speakers volunteering their time to speak to St Bede's students in Year 9 and Year 10.

Gloria Silva told the story of her father, Tony Chuwen. Please find out more here: <https://www.generation2generation.org.uk/holocaust-survivor-tony-chuwen/>

Bernice Krantz told the story of her friend, Toby Biber. Please find out more here: <https://www.generation2generation.org.uk/the-story-of-toby-biber/>



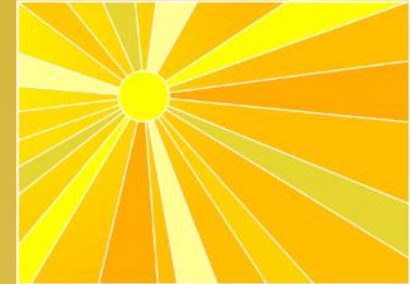
# History: The Tower of London Trip

Students in Year 10 visited the Tower of London to examine the historical site as part of their GCSE History studies. It was a fun and informative day where students started the day with a detailed tour of the site, followed by group work studying specific architectural features of the site and collecting photographic evidence for their projects. There was still time to visit the crown jewels, greet a Yeoman Warder and meet Tracy Borman, joint Chief Curator and Tudor historian at the Historic Royal Palaces!





# History: Sir Martin Gilbert History Prize 2024



Congratulations to Hope Stoneley Gradwell (Year 7) for her essay being shortlisted in the national competition. Well done to all students who entered this competition. Students wrote a 1500-2000 word essay in answer to the question: *Were Jewish refugees welcomed to Britain during the Nazi period?*

*It was a pleasure to read the entries to this year's essay competition. The best efforts stood out for their considerate use of source material, stylistic flair, and impressive extended research. Particular mention must go to the younger students in the competition, whose entries were characterised by a maturity well beyond their years. Overall, students' work has offered much encouragement for the future of historical writing, and made valuable contributions to discussions around the timely issue of Jewish identity in Britain.*

Dr Daniel Adamson, History and Politics teacher and historical researcher.

The judges had the following praise for the shortlisted essays:

*I have been extremely impressed with the consistent high quality of this year's submissions. Essays were well structured, and they engaged maturely with a wide range of source material and the work of academics. Original and convincing arguments were presented by the winners and runners-up in what was a very close shortlist. Each essay writer should be proud of their contribution to an important historical debate that has continuing relevance today.*

Dr Robert Thompson, Pearl Resnick Postdoctoral Fellow, Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.



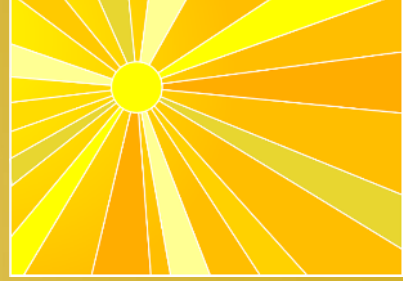
# Girls' Cricket Tournaments

## U15 Tournament

The U15 tournament involved a round robin competition as well with St Bede's facing Impington and Trumpington. Their games were closer with winning performances of 71-66 against Impington and 76-50 against Trumpington.

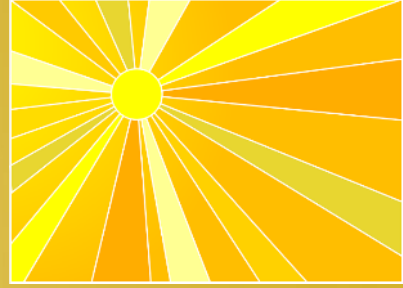
Bowling was strong again and we also hit a number of 4's to win the tournament and become district champions. We could not have done it without the fantastic coaching and support from Steve Farrukh who has given his time over the last two terms to come and coach the girls each week.

Congratulations to:  
Christina Farrukh, Annabel Lindsell, Susie McCaughan,  
Amy Morgan, Astrid Davis, Eva Leckie, Sophie Monk,  
Samara Lintott-Moss





# Girls' Cricket Tournaments



Building on the success of the girls indoor tournaments back in March, our U13 and U15 cricket teams were excited to take part in the district outdoor competitions.

The U13's were in a round robin competition with NCA, Impington, Ely and Marshland High School. The girls had worked hard in training with our coach Steve Farrukh, particularly working on their bowling to try and concede less wide and no balls. The girls demonstrated great team work whilst fielding and took a number of wickets. Their bowling was fantastic, hardly giving away any wide or no bowls. They ended up winning all their games and taking the title to become district champions.

St Bede's 76-37 Impington

St Bede's 102-22 Marshland High School

St Bede's 51-22 NCA

St Bede's 80-18 Ely

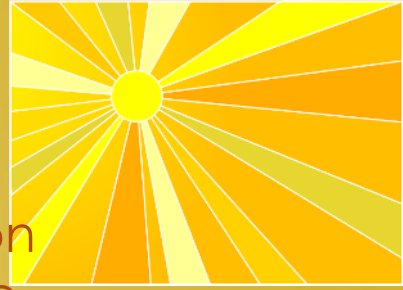


Congratulations to:

Sophie Monk, Tia Toji, Samara Lintott-Moss, Evangelina Goodall, Gabrielle Madeja, Astrid Davis, Margarida Furtado, Eva Leckie, Laetasha Brook, Olivia Park



# Football Report



## U16 Boys Football

The boys wanted a season to remember, being their last at St Bedes, and embarked on an extremely strong campaign throughout the year. They beat many excellent sides to reach the District and County cup finals, an incredible achievement.

## U16 Boys County Cup Final

The County cup was scheduled first. The game was hosted in Huntington, and we faced a strong Swavesey side. The game started quite cautiously with both teams trying to probe for weaknesses.

St Bedes began to get a grip on the game, had most of the possession and scored first, but was disallowed due to a foul on a St Bedes player and no advantage was played. The game was heading for extra time when the Swavesey winger crossed the ball and in a swirling wind looped into the far corner. With a couple of minutes left we threw everything at the Swavesey goal but ran out of time.





# Football Report

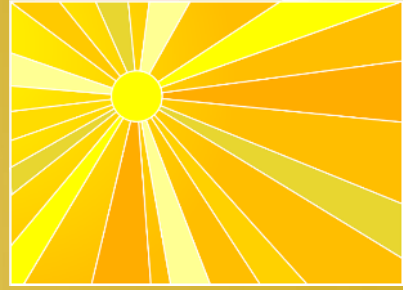
## U16 Boys District Cup Final

On 18th June we played Impington at Newmarket Town FC. They had an extremely formidable team and it proved to be a tough afternoon. We were on the backfoot but defended stoutly and began to grow into the game. From a free kick Milo Barton rose and scored a tremendous header which unfortunately chalked off for offside.

Just before half time Impington took the lead and within five of the restart scored two quick goals which essentially killed. The boys were desperately disappointed to have lost another final. However, they should be proud of all their achievements in school sport over their five years. They have been exceptional.

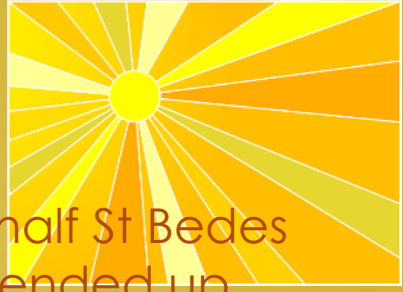
Congratulations go to:

Freddie Marshall, Elliot Taylor, Tom Dennis, Sonny Tully, Milo Barton, Ryan Denny, Chris Tom, Marco Dama, Cian Mitham, Michele Cipriani, Rico Barbieri, Edward Yost, Luke Richards, Dan McGarvey, Victor Ivaseckto, Eddie Smith, Sasha Sopyak, Theo Monk





## Year 10 football match reports.



**IVC:** In the quarter finals of the cup St Bedes travelled to IVC to face a solid side. In the first half St Bedes dominated but unfortunately went in at half time 1-0 down. St Bedes came out strong and ended up bringing it back to 1-1 after a goal from Tyler Doncaster. The game went to penalties when Mika Linehan saved one and Noah Andrews slotted the final Penalty to send us to the semi finals.

**Comberton:** St bedes travelled to Comberton to face a very well organised side, unfortunately St Bedes went in 2-0 down at half time and then quickly conceded a second goal early in the second half. St Bedes managed to bring it back to 3-2, through goals from Edward Yost and Jesus Garcia but it was too little too late. St Bedes exited the competition in the semi-finals.







# U14 County Football Champions!

In an exhilarating county cup final on Monday 1st July, St Bede's were victorious against Chesterton Village College. St Bede's dominated the first half and were rewarded with a goal scored by Susie McCaughan. Chesterton equalised in the second half and the score was level, 1-1, at full time. **St Bede's clinched the win in a dramatic penalty shootout that extended to a staggering 12 rounds!** Congratulations to all the girls involved throughout the year as well as the final, it was a spectacular showcase of talent and competitive spirit.

Quarter final result

**St Bede's 6 – 1 Sawtry**

Semi-final result

**St Bede's 5 – 1 Arthur Mellows**





# Year 9 Rounders Tournament

All the students have enjoyed participating in rounders this term and we have, it appears, some very talented rounders players! Unfortunately, the weather has hampered the rounders tournaments this term with two of the three District Tournaments being cancelled. This was disappointing to the Year 10 and 8 Teams, though the year 9 team was able to take part in their tournament.

## Year 9 District Rounders Tournament

The Year 9 Rounders tournament was held at Bottisham Village College. The 4 top teams in the District took part. St Bede's faced Chesterton in the 1<sup>st</sup> game, and it was a little bit of a nervous batting start with the team only scoring 5 rounders. Bottisham's batting proved to be more successful, with too many fielding errors by the St. Bede's team. St Bede's however won the next two games convincingly against NCA and Bottisham, showcasing the amazing batting talent of many of the players but, most impressively, Maria Negrea. The fielding has also improved with consistent bowling by Shannon Meadows and some great catching and fielding by Annabelle Hacker, Eliza Taylor, Susie McCaughan, Eva Jordan and Domino Canales-Vias.



Congratulations to the whole squad: **2nd Place District Rounders Tournament**

Maria Negrea, Eva Jordan, Susie McCaughan, Domino Canales-Vias, Shannon Meadows, Annabelle Hacker, Alyssia Felton, Eliza Taylor & Sophie Greger.



# Netball - Yr 7 District Netball Tournament



The Year 7 teams have been training hard at club and in lessons and were feeling confident entering the district tournament which took place on the 24<sup>th</sup> April at St Mary's sports ground. Twelve schools from across the District entered.

The **A team** were placed in a group with Impington B, Comberton, Bassingbourn, Parkside, Chesterton and St Mary's with the winners of the group going through to a semi-final, followed by a final. The girls played some strong Netball and our shooters Ava and Lena linked up well together to score 27 goals in just 6 games. Coupled with very strong defence from Aimee and Immy, the girls won all their group games with the following scores:

**St Bedes 3-0 Impington B**  
**St Bedes 5-2 St Mary's**

**St Bedes 3-2 Comberton**  
**St Bedes 7-0 Parkside**

**St Bedes 6-0 Bassingbourn**  
**St Bedes 3-1 Chesterton**

They won their group and went on to play a semi-final against Swavesey which they easily won 4-1

The girls were so happy to get through to the final which was against Impington's A team. The girls worked hard but unfortunately due to a strong Impington defence, did not manage to get the ball to our shooters and the girls lost 3-0.

The girls finished in **2<sup>nd</sup> Place in District Tournament** and should be incredibly proud of their achievement.

## **Congratulations to the team:**

Lena Andrews GS, Hania Chalupnik WA, Marianna Yost C, Lucia Cooper WD, Ava Stanley GA, Immy Everitt GD, Alejandra Schofield Martoglio WD, Aimee Denny GK



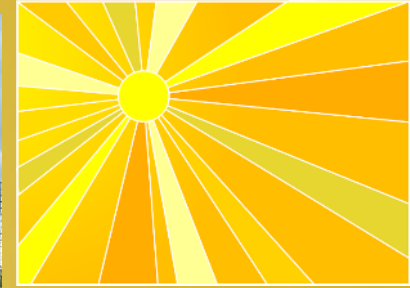


# Sports Report - Netball

**Yr 7 B Team:** Our B team were excited to play in their first District Tournament and were placed in a group with Impington C, Comberton, St Mary's, Bottisham and Chesterton. With every match they played the team grew in confidence and it was great to see them working so well together. The team finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place overall.

Congratulations to the following students:

Margarida Furtado, Anna Mazzi, Aishling Gallagher, Anna Dunlop, Lola Harrison, Eidin Keenan, Chrisie Thereska, Maya Nikolic



## Year 8 District Netball Tournaments

**A Team Tournament:** The Year 8 girls were looking to build on their success from last year's tournaments and try and qualify for the county finals in November 2024. The A team tournament took place on 18<sup>th</sup> April and was split into two groups again, with St Bede's placed against Parkside, Bassingbourn and Impington. The team were undefeated in all the group matches and displayed an exemplary standard of play which was proven in the impressive 64 Goals scored by Esme and Vivian and the zero conceded goals:

**St Bedes 23-0 Bassingbourn**

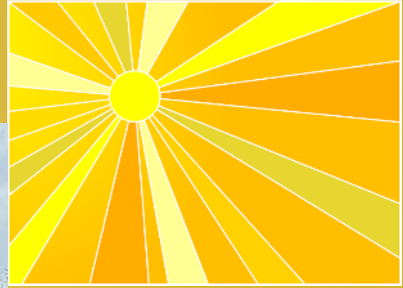
**St Bedes 19-0 Parkside**

**St Bedes 22-0 Impington**

These fantastic results meant the girls won the group and they had to face the winners of the other group which was Cottenham. **The girls easily won the game 18-1 to go through to the finals to face Comberton...**



# Sports Report - Netball - Year 8 District Netball Tournaments



The final was close with it being 7-7 at half time. Unfortunately the girls could not get the ball into our shooters in the second half and the final score ended up 12-7. **The girls came second which means they have qualified for the U14 County Schools Tournament which is a fantastic achievement.**



We wish them well for the County Schools Netball Championships in November: Esme Gray GS, Vivian Canales Dias GA, Viola Genovese WA, Ariane Macdonald C, Leila Pucino GK, Grace Collins GD, Gwendolen Doubleday GK, Amy Dolan WD



## B Team Tournament

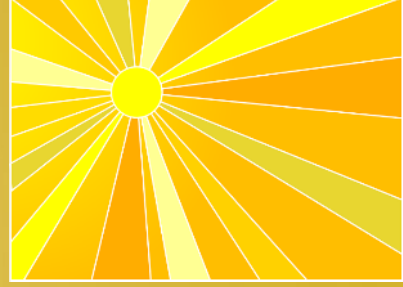
The team faced 3 teams in the B Team round-robin tournament and although the girls were a little nervous they soon showed their true potential winning their first 1<sup>st</sup> match against Comberton 7-3. This was only the start and the girls grew even stronger in the next two matches beating Basingbourn 9-0 and St. Mary's 9-2. It was a real pleasure to coach and umpire the team and they truly deserved to win the tournament.

Congratulations to the squad: **Year 8 District B Tournament Champions**

Rose McLeish – Captain, Lucile Bonnaud, Mia Genovese, Annabelle Smith, Arabella Samiento Summer Sun, Elia Acosta-Rokkou & Lucy Taylor.



# Year 9 A Team - District Netball Champions (1 of 2)



**Year 9 Netball:** It has been a privilege to coach the Year 9 Netball Teams this year, they have shown an incredible amount of commitment to training and fixtures in not only preparing for the County Tournament which was held in November but also in preparing for the District Tournaments held at the end of the Spring Term.

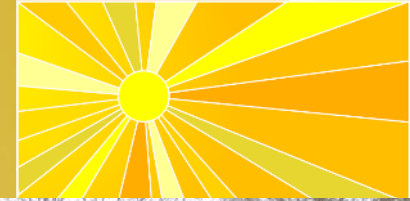
## **Year 9 A Team District Tournament:**

The District Tournament was hosted by St. Mary's School, with 12 schools entering the tournament which was divided in to 2 groups of 6 teams. The girls started the tournament quite nervously and Cottenham V.C proved to be quite a challenging team to face, however after a shaky start the team started to play better netball and won the game by 2 goals. This then provided the girls with the confidence that they needed and they went on to win the next 4 matches against, Swavesey, St. Mary's B, Chesterton & Comberton.

In winning the group St. Bede's then played Netherhall School in the Semi-Final. The game was a very close affair and it was only in the last few minutes of the game that St. Bede's took the lead and held on to it winning 8-6.



# Year 9 A Team - District Netball Champions (2 of 2)



The final was played against St. Mary's School and it was one of the most nerve wracking of the netball season. St. Mary's took an early lead in the final and were winning 3-0 before St. Bede's started there come back. At half-time the score was 3-2. More excitement was yet to come in the 2nd half with St. Mary's scoring a goal to make it 4-2 and then incredibly St. Bede's team then scored 3 goals in a row taking the score to 5-4. The game was then end to end with both teams scoring, but St. Bede's managed to hold on to the lead and the match **finished St. Bede's 8 - 7 St. Mary's**.

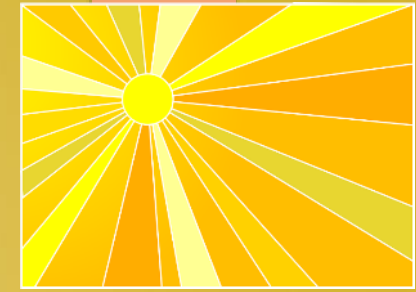
Congratulations to the whole Squad:  
**Year 9 District Netball Tournament Champions**

Prudence Gould, Eliza Taylor, Eva Jordan, Ella Munnely, Mollie King, Annabelle Hacker, Susie McCaughan, Brielle Chiy & Domino Canales-Vias





# Year 9 B Team - 4th Place District Netball Tournament



## Year 9 B Team

The Year 9 B team found themselves having to play in the A team tournament due to a lack of schools entering B teams. The only other school that entered a B team was St Mary's. The girls were in a group with Bottisham, Impington, St Mary's A, Netherhall, Bassingbourn and Sawston. The girls played incredibly well considering they were up against some strong A teams, and managed to beat Bassingbourn 5-2, Sawston 5-1 and Bottisham 9-0.

The girls only narrowly lost their other games by a couple of goals and finished an **impressive 4<sup>th</sup> place in the A team tournament.**

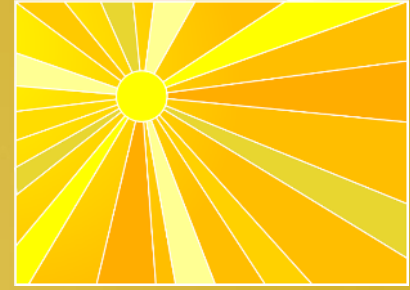
## **Congratulations to:**

Alyssia Felton, Annabel Lindsell, Marianna D'Angelo, Sophie Greger, Maria Negrea, Emmanuella Taiwo, Nicola Obolewicz & Anya Harben.





# Year 10 District Netball Tournament



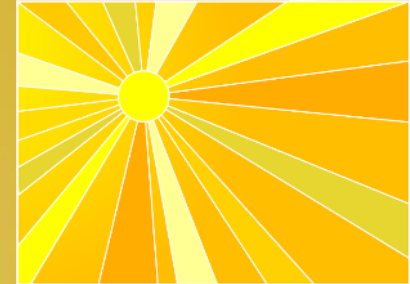
The Year 10 Team are a delight to coach and are to be commended on the way that they conduct themselves on the court. They optimise the true sporting spirit of St. Bede's School and are great sporting ambassadors for the school. The team played a good level of netball in the group stage of the tournament winning their match against Parkside School 12-2 and then narrowly losing against Cottenham 6-4. The match against St. Mary's was more challenging but they kept working hard and they managed to score 2 goals against a very strong opposition. St. Bede's qualified for the Semi-Finals and although they competed well they lost 14-5 to Comberton.

Congratulations to the whole squad: **3<sup>rd</sup> place District Year 10 Netball Tournament**

Eve McLeish – Captain, Iza Syposz, Hania Stepien, Katie Southgate, Roisin Cafferkey, Katie Pearson, Micaela Iellici-March, Evelyn Koehler & Charlotte Bickerstaff.



# Athletics Report – Jubilee Cup



We hosted two Athletic events, one for Years 7 & 9 and one for Years 8 & 10 in June and also attended two other events. Over 100 St Bedes students took part and **we managed to win all of the meets**, giving the students great preparation for the Jubilee cup.

Our squad for the Jubilee Cup consisted of around 90 students from Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 who arrived at the University's Athletics track, Wilberforce Road on Wednesday 26th June in blazing sunshine. All the St Bedes' students knew they were in for a tough time as they were up against the best 11 Athletic schools in the district, who had all qualified to be in the top tier.

The students were determined to do their best and gave 100% in every event. There were some outstanding individual and team performances with all the students aware that every point counted! Their hard work, training and teamwork really paid off. They left everything out on the track!

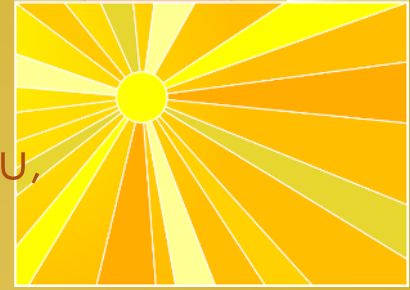
However, when all the points were counted our main rivals, The Perse, were declared the winners. The students were disappointed but generous and gracious in defeat and were a credit to themselves and the school.

## Final Placings:

1 The Perse <b>845</b>	2 Chesterton <b>838</b>	3 St Bedes <b>825</b>	4 Comberton <b>804</b>	5 Soham <b>763</b>
6 Impington <b>616</b>	7 Sawston <b>609</b>	8 Bottisham <b>594</b>	9 Swavesey <b>589</b>	10 Netherhall <b>582</b>
11 Linton <b>512</b>				



# Sports Report – Jubilee Cup



**Year 7:** Jacob Moss, Alex Robin, Oscar Martin, Giovanni Fernandes, Teddy Ngatchu, Ethan Imhagwe, Immanuel Ntale, Joshua Durham, Claudia Berrios, Lena Andrews, Immy Everitt, Margarida Furtado, Hania Chalupnik, Sara Taiwo, Luxianne Njenou, Ines Kintz Mastio, Ava Stanley

**Year 8:** Samuel Ng, Edward Page, William Townsend, Jared Cendana, Owen Williams, Felix Roche, : Xander Douglas, Noah Austin, Alex Deane, Zac Codlin, Adun Oyeniran, Olivia Park, Gwendolen Double Day, Vivian Canales Dias, Annabelle Smith, Olivia Park, Rosa McMurray, Leila Pucinno, Sze Yin Wong, Arrabella Sarmiento, Beatrix Bell,

**Year 9:** Kostas Olefir, Sam Barassi, Jeshua Gaylo, Le Roi Njenou, Nathaniel Lemanski, Antonio Piazza, Theo St Clair, Daniel Nneji, Alfie Page, Nick Knotakos, William Davidson, Leon Williams, Nikola Obolewicz, Eliza Taylor, Annabel Lindsall, Brielle Chiy, Annabelle Hacker, Amy Morgan, Susie McCaughan, Maria Negria, Alyssia Felton, Ella Munnelly

**Year 10:** David Odigie, Theo Carr, Ben John, Owen Villis, Francisco Furtado, Noah Andrews, Craig Roa, Leon Kwiatkowski, Arthue Loomer, Eddie Yost, Eve McLeish, Hania Stepien, Matilda Golag, Josefinka Janta, Jasmine Tucker, Matilda Iellici-March, Gemma Cannizzo, Matilda Gloag, Evelyn Koehler, Naomi Imhagwe, Tilly Griffiths, Katie Southgate, Ella Kiliti, Daisy Turner



**The Gardening Club** looks to encourage students at St Bede's to take an interest in the wider natural world and develop an appreciation of how plants of all forms impact our lives on earth. Much of the club's activities have focused on the upkeep of the school's outside environment: the flower beds and the planting of trees plus the installation of a bird feeder . We have also undertaken a survey of students to see what they think will enhance the school grounds, and the ideas collected will help guide future activities. Additionally, we have also contributed to other school events and ventured further afield to enhance the students' experiences



*The Gardening Club's recent trip to the Cambridge botanical gardens was an enriching and enjoyable experience. It allowed us to broaden our understanding of the natural world, while admiring it's many beautiful plants. Also, we were able to engage with fellow students and teachers from other schools. On arrival, we explored the gardens, particularly enjoying the green houses and their myriad of exotic plants: of particular interest were the ferns, which constitute some of the planet's most ancient plants. After lunch, we ventured further through the gardens visiting the fountain, rock garden and herb patch. We saw some incredible sunflowers, similar to those we grow at St Bede's. In conclusion, our trip was a joyful and pleasant visit. Writes **Isabelle Dove Year 7***



The Gardening Club were involved in the Expressive Arts Evening.

*'At Gardening Club, we pride ourselves in spreading the wonders and benefits that spending time in and caring for the natural world can bring. One example of when we did this was at the Expressive Arts Evening. We set up a stall and asked many about what we could do to improve the school's environment, and showcased some of our magnificent plants and encouraged others to join our club. As of now, our crew of gardeners has grown so much, and we now have so many amazing members that share the same passion of gardening that we do!' Writes **Cianna Oberiano Year 7***



As part of the School's local community outreach programme, we grew and planted sunflowers at Cambridge City Council's Bracondale sheltered housing on Walpole road. The students grew sunflowers from seed at school, prepared the garden and planted 20 of them. The event brought much pleasure to the Bracondale tenants.

The activity of the Gardening Club this year has been recognised by the Royal Horticultural Society. The club will continue working with the RHS to further enhance the green spaces in St Bede's.

We encourage new members to join to bring out the inner gardener in you!



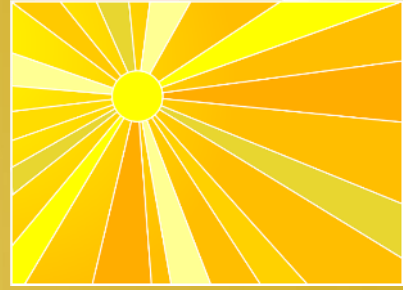


# Yr 9 Reward Trip to Chessington

165 Yr 9 students enjoyed a day out to Chessington on Monday 24th June as a reward for another great year!

“Chessington was a thrilling experience to challenge your fears alongside your peers” Shannon and Maja

“An exhilarating experience to enjoy with friends” Oscar



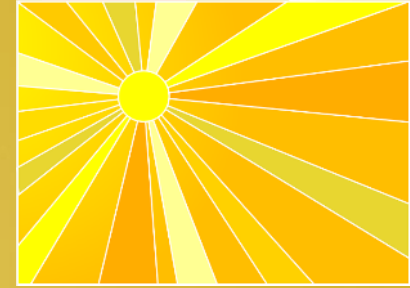


# Wellbeing News - Support in School

This year we have offered a variety of therapeutic support sessions provided by in-house trained staff as well as qualified, external practitioners

These have included:

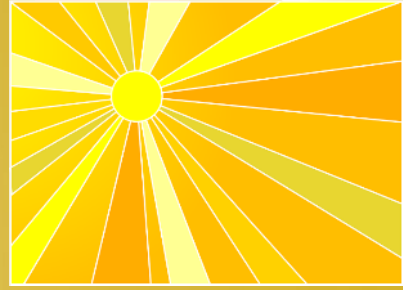
- One-to-one counselling
- Group workshops
- Art Therapy
- Music Therapy



We are pleased to confirm that we will continue to work with these agencies in the next academic year







This term, St Bede's teamed up with Cambridge Acorn Project and Anglia Ruskin University to take part in a research project using Tetris as therapeutic tool with a group of Yr 7 students.

The game will now be used to help children process trauma, anxiety and stress by the charity.

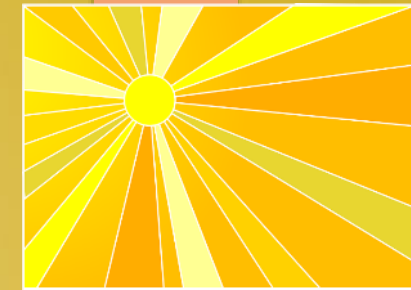
You can find out more information here:

<https://www.cambridgeacornproject.org.uk/tetris>





# Wellbeing News - Support Over the Summer



We hope that you all have a fun, relaxed summer however if your child needs some additional support while school is closed these services may be useful:

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

<https://www.kooth.com/>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>



**Cambridge YOUTH ASSEMBLY** **NOVEMBER 2024**

What is a 'Youth Assembly'?

The Cambridge City Youth Assembly is the first formal meeting of delegates with the City Council to represent the views and opinions of young people.

The Youth Assembly seeks to engage young voices in the process of improving our community through democratic process.

The Cambs Youth Panel is sending a delegation to represent your views.  
[www.cambsyouthpanel.co.uk](http://www.cambsyouthpanel.co.uk)

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**THE AIM OF THE ASSEMBLY IS TO REPRESENT THE VIEWS AND OPINIONS OF YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING, EDUCATED AND ACCESSING SERVICES INSIDE CAMBRIDGE CITY.**

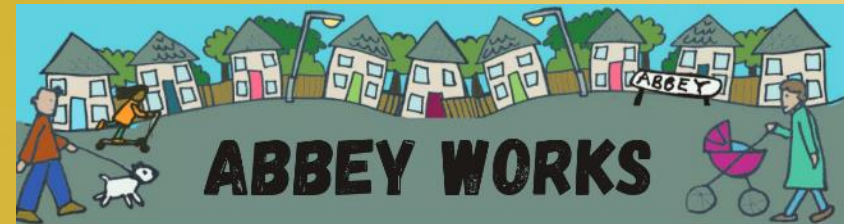
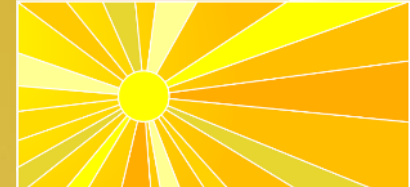
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- Liaise with organisations and businesses to get the best outcome for you, based on your interests and strengths

To self refer, scan QR code below or visit <http://bit.ly/awjoy>. For more information, contact Maria at Abbey People at Thursdays drop in sessions 10-12. We are here to help.

\*Must be able to commute to Abbey People 15 Barnwell Road CB5 8RG



## Free Science Event

21st AUGUST 2024

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Unit one Abbey Stadium  
Newmarket Road  
CB5 8LN  
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MORNING SESSION 10 AM-12.30  
AFTERNOON SESSION 1 PM-3.30 PM

Children under 13 years of age **MUST** be accompanied by responsible adult over the age of 18.

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Family activities for all ages

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Young people over 13 may attend independently

booking is required, limited number of free tickets ...

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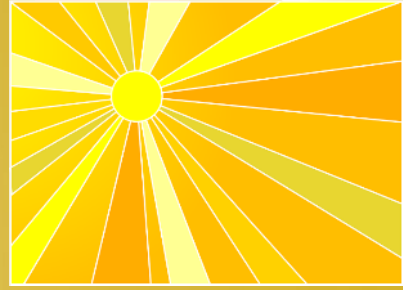
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# St Bede's Reunion



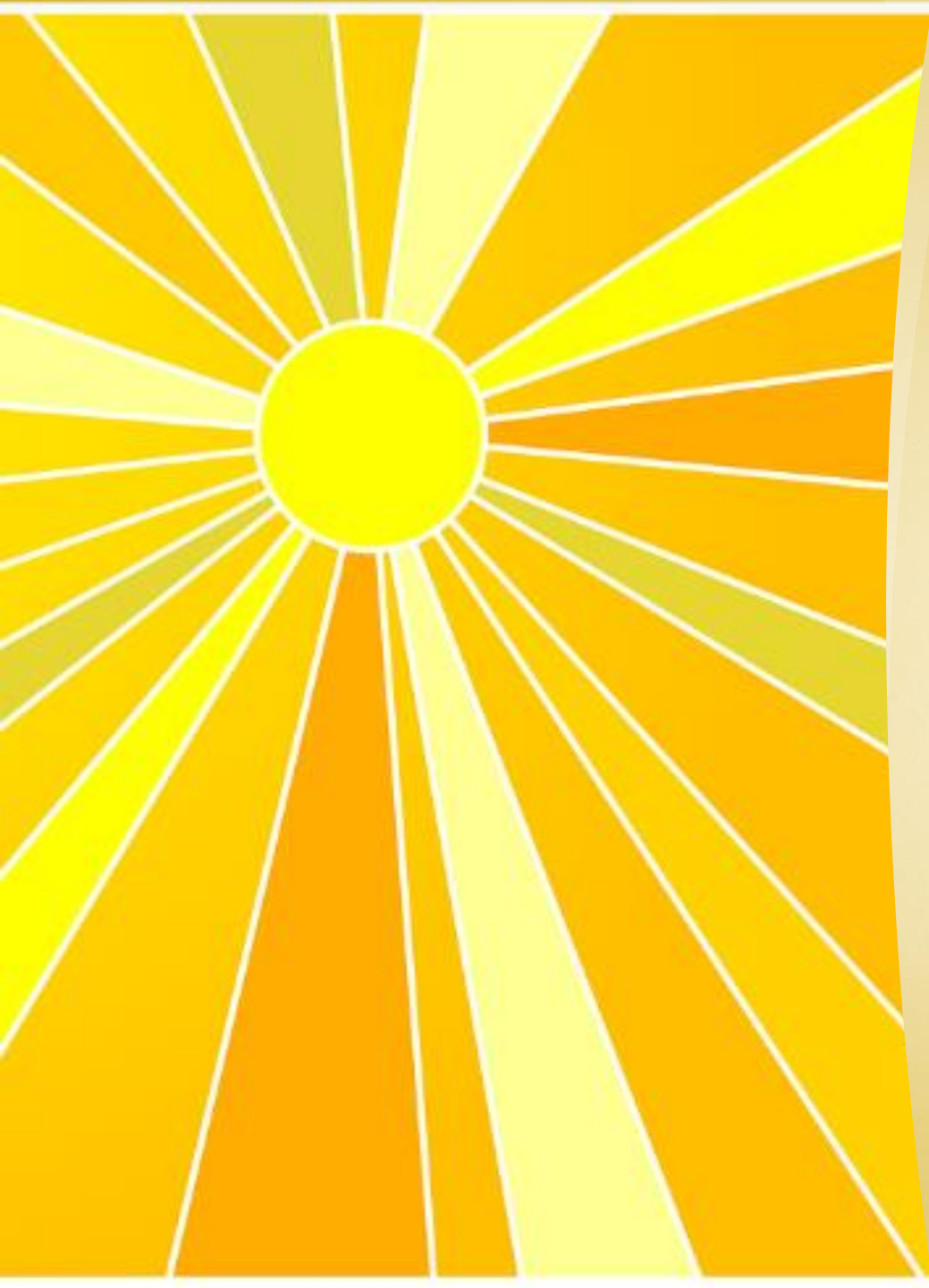
*Due to the success of the St Bede's Reunion last year, the St Bede's Reunion facebook group will be holding another:*

***Big Reunion on Saturday 7th September at Fulbourn Sports and Social Club from 7pm till late.***

*It's open to past pupils and teachers from across the years since the school opened in 1962. There'll be a £5 entrance fee to cover costs. If anyone wants to come please let us know by emailing*

***[stbedesreunion8@gmail.com](mailto:stbedesreunion8@gmail.com)*** or sign up to St Bede's Reunion Facebook events page by following this link: <https://fb.me/e/5qrXe0Bfu>





# School Prayer

Lord,

Guide us as we strive  
for wisdom and lead us into  
the ways of peace.

Make our hearts strong and  
true, our words gentle  
and understanding, our  
actions loving and just.

Help our school to be a  
place of nurture and growth  
for disciples in Christ.

Amen