



BYRON

SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

‘With the Lords help’

Faith Excellence Determination

**Year 8 Parents’ information
evening October 2022**

Catholic Life



Fr Marc Lyden Smith



Fr Ian Jackson



Fr Peter Stoddart



Fr Sean Neylan

St Bede's is served by four Priests. They come from the Churches in the local area.

Catholic Life at St Bede's is a mixture of Worship and Community Events

Worship.

- Liturgies - within tutor group or as part of their house group.
- Liturgies are focused on key events in the Church's calendar, for example All Saints' Day
- Tutor Assembly, once a year. This is based on the school theme for that week.

Masses:

- Tutor Masses - once a year.
- Whole School Masses - Usually at the end of a school term.
- Masses such as Ash Wednesday, Feast of St Bede.

Prayers:

Daily prayers at the beginning and end of the school day.



Community Events

Fundraising:

- We use pupil voice to decide which charities we are going to support in the school year.
2022- 2023 - MacMillan Cancer, Animal Charities, Stella Maris and Cafod

Visits to local parishes:

- The parishes host activities based on the liturgical year and current events. We look for opportunities for our students to get involved in these.
- Last year students were able to take part in the Synod Meetings, Rosary events and they also took part in the Relics of Fatima Procession.

Retreat:

In year 8 students are offered the opportunity to take part in a retreat at the Diocesan Youth Village.



Academic Progress

- ▶ Progress in knowing more, doing more, remembering more.
- ▶ After each key task, pupils receive focused teacher feedback, no grades in Key Stage 3
- ▶ **What went well** - what have you learned?
- ▶ **Even better if?** - what you still need to learn
- ▶ Improvement tasks to 'fill the gaps'

Key Stage 3 assessment

Pupil progress through the curriculum at KS3 will be monitored using the following terminology:

SURFACE	DEEP	TRANSFER
<p>This should be used to indicate that a pupil can demonstrate surface knowledge of key concepts, skills and/or strategies <u>within the curriculum covered.</u></p>	<p>This should be used to indicate that a pupil can demonstrate deep understanding, application and extension of the key concept knowledge <u>within the curriculum covered.</u></p>	<p>This should be used to indicate that a pupil can transfer/apply their deep knowledge to new scenarios and different contexts. Pupils reflect on their own learning and understanding of the <u>covered curriculum and beyond.</u></p>



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'curriculum covered'

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Reporting to parents

- ▶ 3 times a year
- ▶ Surface Deep or Transfer for each subject
- ▶ Scholarly reading
- ▶ Attendance
- ▶ Credits & Debits
- ▶ Xpressions - please download the app



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Xpressions App

At St Bede's we are always looking to strengthen our links with parents and carers. An exciting new service is now available for parents/carers to ensure communication between St Bede's and yourselves is easier and more effective. **Groupcall Xpressions** is a service created by the award-winning school communication company Groupcall Limited (the company we have used previously to send text messages).

Ambition at St Bede's and Byron Sixth Form

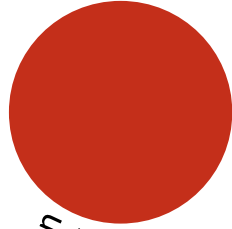
From Year 7 to Year 13, the Ambition Programme provides wrap-around support for all elements of development relating to future careers, university applications and higher-level apprenticeships

We focus our support in a variety of ways:

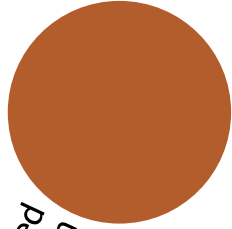
- ▶ Encouraging holistic opportunities linked to personal development and the FAITH award
- ▶ Exploring meaningful encounters with universities
- ▶ Developing subject passions.
- ▶ Linking students with future careers, particularly hard-to-reach careers like medicine, engineering, television and journalism



*Year 7 and Year 8 -
understanding choices around
future decisions*



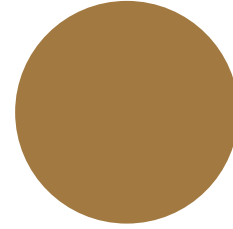
*University visits focused on
familiarity and experiences*



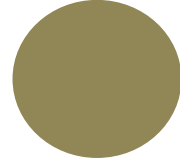
*Year 9 options supported
through the Ambition
Programme*



*Year 10 and 11 focuses more on
developing academic passions and
selecting Post-16 subject options.
Year 10 Ambition Scholars focuses
on those students ready to
commit themselves to excellence.*



*Year 12 considers
relevant access
pathways such
The Sutton Trust,
Oxnet Trust,
university and other
programmes.
Sixth Form
Ambition Scholars
supports those
applying to the
most competitive
courses and
universities.*



*Year 13 bespoke support
applying to university and
developing the skills to thrive
at university academically
and socially.*

**St Bede's Catholic
School and Byron
Sixth Form's Ambition
Programme**

Success Stories:

In its first year, the Ambition Programme supported five students at Oxbridge interviews - including one successful place (History, Pembroke College, Oxford University) - and one successful medical application (Medicine, St Andrews University)

This year, the Ambition Programme has supported seven applications to elite courses (Oxford, Cambridge and Medicine) as well as multiple applications to other Russell Group universities and other competitive courses including midwifery, paramedic science and primary education.

Ambition events so far this academic year:

Year 7 - Game of Uni - Northumbria University

Year 7 and 8 (X1/Y1) - Colourful Chemistry - Newcastle University

Year 11 and Year 12 - Visit to the School of Healthcare at the University of Leeds

Year 11 and 12 - Where can A-Level Biology take you? - Newcastle University

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Year 12 - Applying to Competitive Universities - Trinity College, Oxford University

What's coming up?

Interview preparation - University of Oxford and a panel of North East based Medics.

Year 12 - EPQ Library visit - Durham University

Year 10 and 11 - Schools Membership Scheme

Year 10 - 2 night residential to the University of Oxford - Trinity College.

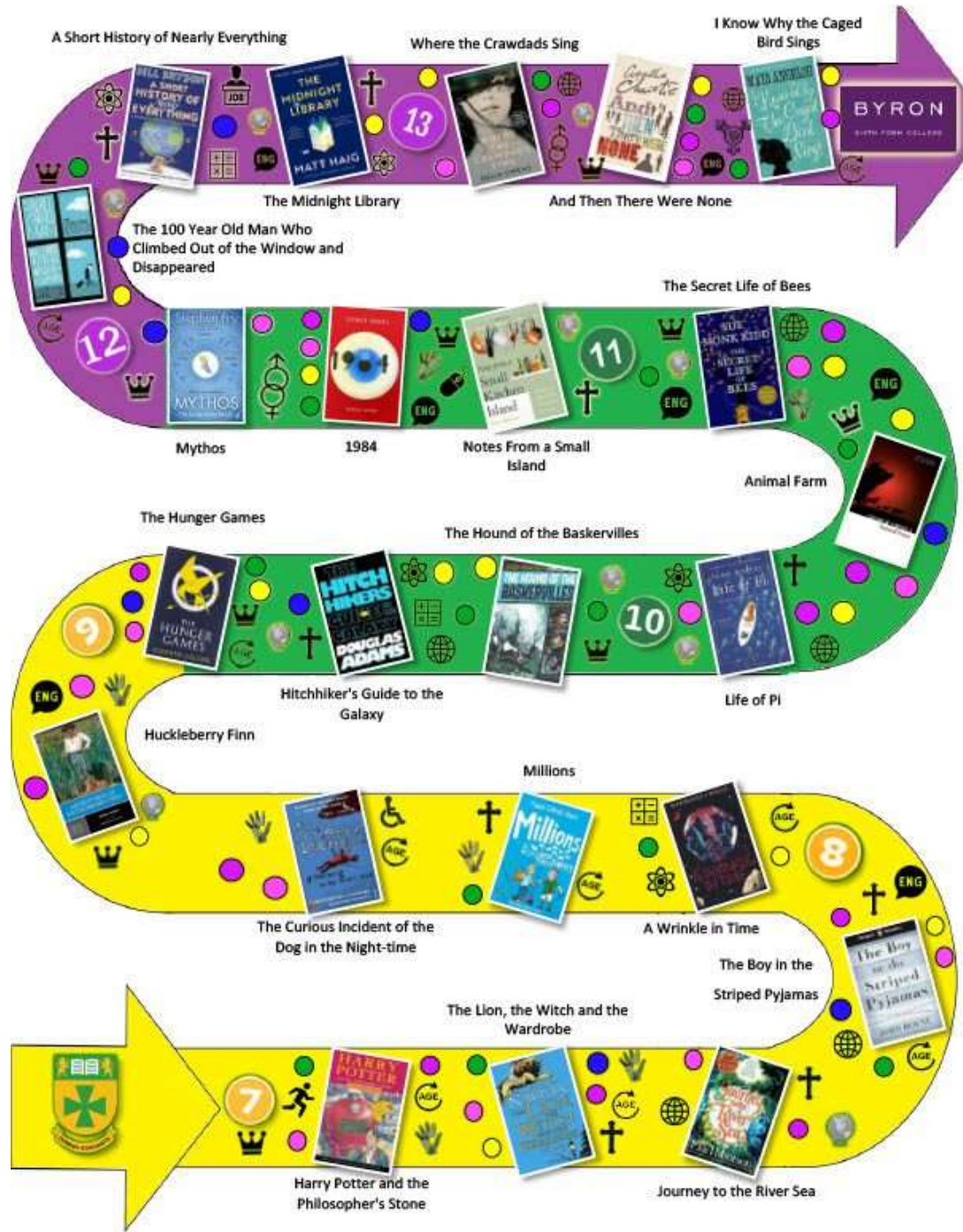


SOAR at St Bede's

- ▶ Spelling, Oracy And Reading is our whole school literacy strategy - we are very proud to be a 'reading school'
- ▶ Every term, KS3 students complete reading comprehension tests to provide reading ages so books suited for their reading age and level can be directed to them
- ▶ **Reading for progress** - In KS3, one lesson every fortnight is timetabled for *Accelerated Reader* - a programme designed to drive progress in reading ages through using a reading age to target specific texts
- ▶ **Reading for pleasure** - Every morning, every student takes part in *Tutor Reading* - group reading a text from our Reading Canon. Students with lower reading ages take part in smaller groups to facilitate more targeted discussion and support (*SOAR Reading Groups - reading for confidence*)
- ▶ **Reading for fun** - Every student has the opportunity to join a *book club*, organised by our school librarian, Miss Blakelock
- ▶ **Reading for knowledge** - in lessons, subject teachers direct students to additional articles, books or websites that students can access to improve their understanding and wider knowledge of a topic - *Scholarly Reading*



Our Reading Canon



Curriculum Links															
ENG	English	Science	Geography	DT	MFL	MFL	PE	RE	Maths	History	ICT	Music	Art	Careers	PHSE

British Values	
Blue circle	Democracy
Yellow circle	Individual Liberty
Green circle	Rule of Law
Purple circle	Mutual Respect
Pink circle	Tolerance

Protected Characteristics							
AGE	Age	Race	Religion / Belief	Gender Reassignment	Pregnancy and Maternity	Gender	Disability
			Sexual Orientation	Marriage and Civil Partnership			



SOAR at St Bede's

- ▶ Every week, in every subject, all students are introduced to a *Word of the Week* (Tier 2 or Tier 3 vocabulary) - they learn the etymology of the word, how it is applied in that subject and how it is linked to that particular week's learning
- ▶ On Friday afternoon, every student completes a 'SOAR Word Test' to assess their recall of the word's spelling and students' progress is recorded
- ▶ In every subject, every cycle (term), students will complete a Key Task composed of a piece of extended writing - this is to ensure they recognise the cross-curricular importance of writing as well as applying their writing skills to their specific subject learning
- ▶ An array of staff from across our departments have specialist phonics training in order to allow them to assist students in decoding new words

Personal Development

Our PSHE programme of study is designed in a way that reflects the ethos of our school that every child is uniquely created and loved by God. The Year 8 programme of study includes:

- ▶ Health and Well-being
- ▶ Work-related learning
- ▶ Relationships
- ▶ British Values
- ▶ Financial awareness
- ▶ Keeping safe

Relationships and sex is taught following the Ten Ten programme, which is fully supported by our Catholic Diocese. Our RSHE policy is on our school website.

Personal Development

- ▶ We have a wide range of extra-curricular clubs and opportunities for students to develop their talents or try something new
- ▶ Last year we launched our Faith Award to celebrate our students' participation in the extra-curricular life of St. Bede's. This year we are continuing to develop this award, with an even wider range of opportunities for students at lunch or after school.
- ▶ This half term, students have been working towards their bronze award by attending a minimum of 5 extra-curricular sessions. After the half term break students will be building on this and will be working towards their silver award.

Week A	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Early lunch	Boards games club CWS Y7 trampoline DWI	Y7/8 Art Club Y8 trampoline MBA Y7/8 rugby DWI Guitar Club – ARO/MWY	History Mystery EJA Chess – RHS Wind Ensemble - ARN	Y8 – Just dance GBN	Bede's Voices ARO
After school		Dance MBA	Netball all years – MBA Gymnastics – Y7/8/9 – DWI	Gardening club GBA Homework club CJO Trampoline - GBN	
Week B	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Early lunch	Boards games club CWS Speaking Shakespeare RSC Y7/8 Invasion Games – DWI Y8 trampoline - GBN	Irish dancing LBA Y7/8 Rugby – DWI Guitar Club – ARO/MWY	Y7 trampoline – GBR Wind Ensemble - ARN	Y7/8 Netball - MBA	Bede's Voices ARO
After school		Dance MBA	Netball all years – MBA Gymnastics – Y7/8/9 – DWI Cooking CJO	Trampoline - GBN	

Key Dates

- ▶ Thursday 16th March - Parents' evening in school
- ▶ End of each term - data report
- ▶ July 2023 - End of term examinations