



St Bede's Catholic School and Byron

Sixth Form Newsletter

BYRON

SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

Friday 6th October 2023

Faith – Excellence—Determination

St Bede's Attendance

Oswald House has the highest attending students this week!

Highest tutor group with an amazing 100% attendance was 701

Year 6 Opening Evening

Tuesday 3rd October we welcomed parents and year 6 students to St Bedes .

Feedback from parents was very complimentary of both staff and pupils and it was lovely to see lots of old pupils bringing along their children.

Apply now for a secondary school place -
deadline 31 October 2023

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**Some of the students
took part in our rowing
competition**



**1st Place —St Mary
Magdalene**

2nd Place—St Josephs

3rd Place—St Mary Magdalene School

Head of House

Columba

Head of House—Mrs Kennedy

Assistant Head of House—Mr Wilson

Hilda

Head of House—Mrs Wild

Assistant Head of House—Mr Hughes

Oswald

Head of House—Mr Johnson

Assistant Head of House—Miss Barrass

**If you have any non urgent queries
please email your child's Head of
House**

Columba - DBB_Columba@st-bedes.org

Hilda—DBB_Hilda@st-bedes.org

Oswald—DBB_Oswald@st-bedes.org

**For any general queries please email
enquiries@st-bedes.org**



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Passport to prom has been launched this week. Students are now able to earn points for a ticket to prom!

There is a chance for 3 students to win a ticket from their Head of House



News around the school

Week beginning 25th September 2023

93% Positive Credits

Teachers gave out an amazing 7503 Credits
Well Done everyone!

Congratulations to sisters Carrie B and Mille B on passing Singing Exams. Carrie passed grade 6 with Merit while Millie passed Grade 8 with distinction.

PE Student of the Week

Ellie W, Evie L, Joseph I, Finlay O

Rowing Competition

Students showed great team spirit and their support for one another.

Our school had the biggest turnout for competitors, our students really did us proud yesterday with their character and performances.

Important Advanced Warning

Year 11 Health and Social Care Students

Week beginning 30th October 2023, all Year 11 students studying Health and Social Care will be completing their Assignment in exam conditions for Component 2 Health and Social Care Services and Values. This will take place during lesson time over 3 weeks and will be completed by 17th November 2023. This Assignment is worth approximately 30% and contributes to students' overall grade.



Well done to our Laudato Si Group who have worked hard to achieve the Green Flag Award.



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We would like to thank you all for your continued patience and understanding

Please see the below table of year groups attending school next week.

Week B

Day	Year Group Attending	Remote Learning
Monday	7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13	9
Tuesday	7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13	8
Wednesday	7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13	9
Thursday	7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13	10
Friday	8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13	7



The majority of our parents have access to class charts, here you will be able to see your child's progress, timetable and attendance.

For parents that still do not have access please email enquiries@st-bedes.org and our office staff will send over your details.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 19th October 2023—School finishes for half term

Friday 20th October 2023—Staff INSET day

Monday 30th October 2023—Student return to school after the half term break

Black History Month 2023

1. Rosa Parks, civil rights activist. https://eu.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2020/02/04/rosa-parks-famous-birthday-5-facts-you-should-know/4653590002/	2. Maya Angelou, poet and writer. https://www.biography.com/writer/maya-angelou	3. Mary Seacole, nurse. https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p07pw3z	4. Juan Garrido, explorer. https://face2faceafrica.com/article/7-amazing-black-explorers-who-made-a-mark-in-history	5. Michelle Obama, former First Lady and campaigner. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wePNUjL7nDU	6. David Olusoga, Historian. <i>David was born in Gateshead and grew up there</i> https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/profiles/2pT94YQVvGllJpdYDrMn6t/david-olusoga	7. Billie Holiday, singer. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Web007rzSOI	
8. Chris O'Neil, Turner Prize winning artist. https://artuk.org/discover/stories/ten-black-british-artists-to-celebrate	9. Dr Shirley Jackson, physicist. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mKAgAdHtaIw0	10. Joseph Bologne, classical musician 'Black Mozart' https://www.classicfm.com/discover-music/black-composers-who-made-classical-music-history/	11. Reasonable Blackman, Tudor silk weaver. https://www.historyextra.com/period/tudor/black-faces-of-tudor-england/	12. Barbara Walker, artist. https://artuk.org/discover/stories/celebrating-black-british-artists-in-public-collections	13. Matthew Henson, Polar Explorer. https://www.nationalgeographic.com/news/2016/02/160224-polar-explorer-matthew-henson-photos/	14. Jesse Owens, Olympic medalist. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=quOopImOry4	
15. Toussaint L'Ouverture, leader of the Haitian Revolution https://www.blackpast.org/global-african-history/loverture-toussaint-1743-1803/	16. The first Black Briton, taken from Black and British. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v4oXLB0i0Q	17. Otis Boykin, inventor. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YXqOoALq5fs	18. Charles Drew, scientist. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vt-ddM7pZRH4	19. Florence Prince, classical musician. https://www.classicfm.com/discover-music/black-composers-who-made-classical-music-history/	20. Bernadine Evaristo, writer. https://literature.britishcouncil.org/writer/bernadine-evaristo	21. Diane Abbott, politician. https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/article/section/history-of-politics/the-first-black-parliamentarians-in-times/	
22. Black Poppies, soldiers in WW1. <i>Year 9 History students reading extracts of this at the moment</i> https://media.nationalarchives.gov.uk/index.php/black-poppies-britains-black-community-great-war/	23. Dame Doreen Lawrence, campaigner https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/article/section/bhm-firsts/baroness-lawrence-theres-no-halo-just-say-hello/	24. Betty Campbell, Wales' first black headteacher. https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-58721710	25. Donald Rodney, artist. https://artuk.org/discover/stories/ten-black-british-artists-to-celebrate	26. Chadwick Boseman, actor. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Vxk2E7WE50	27. Saint Martin de Porres, Patron Saint of racial justice, harmony and mixed-race people. https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Martin-de-Porres	28. Private Arthur Roberts, WW1 soldier. https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/learn/history/black-aries/black-history/arthur-roberts/	
29. The story of Windrush. https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/inspire-me/the-story-of-windrush/	30. Dr Anthony Roberts, QC. https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/article/section/bhm-firsts/dr-john-anthony-roberts-qc/	31. James Peters, rugby player. https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/article/section/bhm-firsts/james-peters-the-1st-black-rugby-player/	Further resources:				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hamilton, theatre by an all black cast: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DSCkFxpAGHe Black History Month website: https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/ African Kingdoms: https://africankingdoms.co.uk/ Painting Our Past: https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/learn/painting-our-past/ Black and British, A Short Essential History by David Olusoga Black and British - BBC, https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p04995mp National Archives, Black British History on Record, https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/black-history



Black History Month 2023

Fiction Texts		Non-Fiction Texts		Poems		Popular Culture	
 <p>Buffalo Soldier (13+) Tanya Landman</p> <p>Plantation slave Charley Smith is eleven when America blows itself apart, with Abraham Lincoln's decision to prohibit slavery. Charley thinks a slice of heaven is coming her way. But it's a taste of hell.</p>	 <p>The Hate U Give (12+) Angie Thomas</p> <p>Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her best friend Khalil.</p>	 <p>Black and British (13+) David Olusoga</p> <p>David Olusoga's latest edition of <i>Black and British</i> has been revised and rewritten especially for secondary school children, and explains and illustrates the much-overlooked history of Black peoples in Britain and beyond.</p>	 <p>The Extraordinary Life of Series (10+) Katherine Johnson</p> <p>Published by Penguin, this series explores the extraordinary life of many influential people such as Nelson Mandela, Serena Williams, Rosa Parks, Mary Seacole, Katherine Johnson and many more.</p>	 <p>A Change is Gonna Come (12+)</p> <p>Featuring poems and stories from 12 black, Asian and minority ethnic authors – including four previously unpublished writers – this absorbing book offers refreshing perspectives and thought-provoking questions about the meaning of change that will hit home with everyone.</p>	 <p>Still I Rise (11+) Maya Angelou</p> <p><i>"You may write me down in history With your bitter, twisted lies, You may trod me in the very dirt But still, like dust, I'll rise."</i></p>	<p>British Library – Windrush Stories</p> <p>In June 1948 the <i>Empire Windrush</i> arrived at Tilbury Docks, Essex carrying hundreds of people from the Caribbean. 70 years on, <i>Windrush Stories</i> invites us to consider a longer, more complicated and ongoing relationship between Britain and the Caribbean.</p>	 <p>TV BBC Adaptation of Malorie Blackman's <i>Noughts and Crosses</i>.</p> <p>In a dystopian London, Sephy and Callum fall in love despite the odds. Can they breach the divide between the black elite and white underclass?</p>
 <p>This Book is Anti-Racist (10+) Tiffany Jewell</p> <p>Often using personal anecdotes about her own schooling, family and experiences as a young mixed race girl, Jewell's fascinating, friendly and hugely relatable guide is essential reading for kids with questions about racism, politics and history as well as the current #blacklivesmatter movement.</p>	 <p>Grown: The Black Girls' Guide to Glowing Up (14+) Melissa Cummings-Quarry</p> <p>Being a teenager and trying to understand who you are and what you stand for is hard. But if you're a Black girl and don't always see yourself represented in the books you read, the films you watch, the adverts you see or the history you're taught, it can be even tougher.</p>	 <p>What Stephen Lawrence Taught Us (12+) Benjamin Zephaniah</p> <p><i>"As we continue emptying our pockets on the pavements, And we continue to ask ourselves Why is it so official That black people are so often killed Without killers?"</i></p>	 <p>Half Caste (12+) John Agard</p> <p><i>"but you must come back tomorrow Wild de whole of you eye And de whole of you ear And de whole of you mind."</i></p>	 <p>Podcast The Black Curriculum Podcast</p> <p>Available on Spotify and Apple Podcast, this podcast explores British Black history with short discussion on topics such as sound system culture and the Bristol bus boycott.</p>	 <p>Film Black Panther</p> <p>T'Challa is the king of Wakanda, the secretive and highly advanced African nation, as well as the powerful warrior known as the Black Panther. This is the first Marvel film with a predominantly black cast.</p>	 <p>Art Kara Walker</p> <p>Kara Elizabeth Walker is an American contemporary painter, silhouettist, print-maker who explores races and identity in her work. She is best known for her room-size tableaux of black cut-paper silhouettes.</p>	
 <p>Crompton Knights (12+) Alex Wheatle</p> <p>McKay's life on the South Crompton Estate is rough. His Mum has died, his Dad works all hours of the day to keep away the bailiffs, and his brother is always out looking for trouble. McKay never looks for trouble, but in one mad night everything changes.</p>	 <p>The Crossover (10+) Kwame Alexander</p> <p>Josh and JB are basketball legends at their school. They also happen to be identical twins, but it's easy to tell them apart if you know how to look. As the boys build up the most important matches of their lives, tensions grow between them.</p>	 <p>Timelines from Black History: Leaders, Legends, Legacies (9+) Evie Shockley</p> <p>The lives and achievements of leading lights as diverse as Stormzy, basketball star LeBron James, poet and novelist Maya Angelou are chronicled in this excellent book that follows black history across many centuries to today's contemporary world.</p>	 <p>waiting on the mayflower (14+) Evie Shockley</p> <p><i>"1. august 1619 arrived in a boat, named and unnamed, twenty, pirated away from a portuguese slaver, traded for victuals."</i></p>	 <p>How High The Moon (14+) Karyn Parsons</p> <p>In a small town in 1940s South Carolina, Ella has got some very exciting news. She'll be leaving her grandparents and cousin Henry behind, because her mother finally wants her to join her in the busy city of Boston. But can the reality ever live up to Ella's dreams?</p>			