



# St Bede's Catholic School and Byron

## Sixth Form Newsletter

BYRON

SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

**Friday 19th January 2024**

### **Faith – Excellence – Determination**

#### St Bede's Attendance

**Columba House** has the highest attending students this week!  
**Highest tutor group** this week goes to **7H3** with an amazing 99%

#### **News Around The School**

##### Achievement Points

7270 Achievement points were given out this week, a fantastic 88%!

##### Student of the week

Carl D  
Joshua J



#### Congratulations

Congratulations to Sophie in Year 13 who has been offered a place to join St Peter's College, University of Oxford next year. Sophie completed additional exams, submitted written work, and was interviewed to achieve her place. She is the third Byron student in three years to achieve a place at Oxford.

More Sixth Form success from Year 12. Isaac S has been accepted onto the prestigious OxNet programme. OxNet, run by Pembroke College- Oxford University, is a series of academic tutorials designed to stretch talented students to undergraduate level. Isaac will attend a residential at Easter in Oxford. We wish him the best of luck in this programme

Carrie and Charlene have been selected as members of the Sutton Trust Pathways to Medicine Cohort for 2024-25. This programme recognises exceptional students who have the potential to go on to be doctors. Well done!



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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](mailto:enquiries@st-bedes.org) and our office staff will send over your details.

We are rolling out log in details for our students to access the student version of class charts over the next week, this will enable them to access, timetables and homework, keep a track of their achievement points. Can parents please encourage your child to

access Class Charts

Students are welcome to bring in a refillable water bottle so they can access the water fountains throughout the day, that we have at each site.



#### Polite Notice

Could we kindly ask that students who bring packed lunches to school, do not bring in food items that contain peanuts as we have a number of students who have allergies. Thank you for your support.

#### Lunch Accounts

Can parents/carers please ensure that the lunch accounts stay in credit.

Students who do not have enough money on their account will be provided with some lunch and a drink as per the school policy.

We will make contact with parents when students inform us of no lunch monies either via telephone or via email.

It is the parents/carers responsibility to make sure their child's lunch account is topped up, however if there is any problems with topping up please contact the school office, where we will help try and resolve.



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### Parent Information

#### Student Absences

Student absences must be reported via telephone by 8:45am daily. Please choose Student Absent line, if there is no one to take your call please leave a message for our attendance officer.



If you don't have access to ParentPay please email [enquiries@st-bedes.org](mailto:enquiries@st-bedes.org) and we will send over your details.

Parent Pay is a cashless alternative which gives you access to top up your child's lunch monies, buy school equipment and pay for school trips.

#### After School Clubs

Available to all year groups

**Tuesday**—Netball

**Tuesday**—Dance Club

**Thursday**—Fitness Club

**Thursday**—Dungeons and Dragons club

Open to year 7, 8 and 9



#### Dates for your Diary

Friday 9th February 2024—School closes for half term break.

Monday 19th February—School Re Opens for teaching.

#### Head of House Contact

If you have any non urgent queries please email your child's Head of House (response time of up to 48 hrs)

**Columba** - [DBB\\_Columba@st-bedes.org](mailto:DBB_Columba@st-bedes.org)

**Hilda**—[DBB\\_Hilda@st-bedes.org](mailto:DBB_Hilda@st-bedes.org)

**Oswald**—[DBB\\_Oswald@st-bedes.org](mailto:DBB_Oswald@st-bedes.org)

For any general queries please email [enquiries@st-bedes.org](mailto:enquiries@st-bedes.org)





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### Uniform Expectations/Policies

Black Blazer with School Badge  
Black formal knee length school skirt or tailored black trousers  
Regulation white shirt buttoned to the neck  
Clip on tie  
Sensible outdoor coat ( plain or dark colours)  
Plain black tights or black ankle socks  
Plain black sensible formal school shoes without logos.

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Extreme haircuts (tramlines, patterns 'V' cuts or colours) **are not acceptable**

Make up or jewellery, including plastic retainers **must not be worn.**

Mobile phones should be switched off during the school day and kept in bags.

Any phone seen will be confiscated and parents/carers will be asked to collect at the end of the school day– if not available students will collect the next day.

The school has a rigid policy concerning uniform; it must be adhered to **at all times**. If students fail to do so, sanctions will be given

## Charitable Support Spring Term



This term , we have decided to support the following two charities. Send A Cow provides families in developing countries with a source of milk which they can drink and then sell on the extra milk at the market. They can also use the cows to plough farmland and their manure to fertilise their crops. WaterAid helps to bring clean drinking water to those who need it.

We will be selling cookies to raise much needed funds for these two charities. This will happen at break and lunchtimes for the next half term. Cookies are priced at £1 each.

**Toddler and Me** - For parents/carers and their child aged 1-2 years old. An informal group, each week focuses on a different aspect of your child's development.

**Triple P Teen** - For parents/carers of young people aged 12-16 years, giving simple practical skills and strategies to raise confident, healthy, and happy teenagers, and to improve family relationships.

**DurhamWorks** - Support to help 16-24-year-olds into education, employment or training.

**Staying Cool Teen** - For teenagers, looking at anger management and ways to deal with these feelings.

**Safer Choices** - For young people secondary school age to understand risky behaviours, peer pressure, consequences and how to make safer choices.

**SENDIASS** - For parents/carers of families with SEND, drop in for impartial information or advice.

**Chill Kids** - For children aged 7-11 years old, helping them to understand their big feelings and find positive ways to manage them.

**Baby and Me** - For parents/carers and their child aged 0-12 months. An informal group that includes baby massage, song and rhyme and activities to help your child's development.

**Incredible Years Toddler** - For parents/carers and their toddler aged 1-3 years old. You will learn how to support your child's language, social and emotional development, establish clear routines and effective ways for dealing with common problems such as crying, sleeping and behaviour issues.

**Budgeting Session** - Multiply Budgeting Basics Help you take control of your finances and cash flow by understanding how budgeting works and answer any budgeting queries you have. To book email [multiply@durham.gov.uk](mailto:multiply@durham.gov.uk)

**Educated from Home** - For young people aged over 11 who are educated at home. Activities include board games, arts and crafts and outdoor games. This group is to support young people to build confidence in social settings. We encourage parents to attend with the young people to help them build a support network with other parents of home educated young people. For more information, please contact Samantha Croft Youth Practitioner (NHS) on 07741 700 483.

**Daisy Chain coffee morning** - Peer support for parents and carers of children who are neuro diverse, no formal diagnosis needed.

# What's on

January to March 2024



Peterlee

*We offer support for families from pregnancy up until your child turns 19, or 25 if they have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). This includes help with all aspects of being a parent or carer, helping your child learn and develop and support for mental and physical health concerns.*

*Why not take part in one of our free, friendly groups, or drop in and ask us a question. There's no such thing as a daft question, so please feel free to ask.*

Peterlee Family Hub  
Ellison Road, Peterlee, SR8 5NJ.  
03000 266 391



Family Hubs are open Monday to Thursday 8.30am - 5.00pm and Friday 8.30am - 4.30pm  
[www.durham.gov.uk/HelpForFamilies](http://www.durham.gov.uk/HelpForFamilies) [www.facebook.com/CountyDurhamFamilyHubs](https://www.facebook.com/CountyDurhamFamilyHubs)



## Peterlee Family Hub

<b>Toddler and Me</b>	Monday 9.30am - 11am	Ongoing	Every week
<b>Triple P Teen*</b>	Monday 12.30pm - 2.30pm	Starts 8 January	10 weeks
<b>DurhamWorks (drop-in)</b>	Tuesday 1pm - 4pm	9 January 13 February 12 March	Monthly
<b>Staying Cool Teen*</b>	Tuesday 9.30am - 12.30pm	30 January 6 February	2 weeks
<b>Safer Choices*</b>	Tuesday 4pm - 5pm	Starts 20 February	5 weeks
<b>SENDIASS (drop-in)</b>	Wednesday 12.45pm - 2.45pm	24 January 28 February 27 March	Monthly
<b>Chill Kids*</b>	Wednesday 4pm - 5pm	Starts 28 February	Runs for 5 weeks
<b>Baby and Me</b>	Thursday 9.30am - 11am	Ongoing	Every week
<b>Incredible Years Toddler*</b>	Thursday 1pm - 3pm	Starts 11 January	Runs for 13 weeks
<b>Budgeting session</b>	Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm	Starts 5 January	Runs for 16 weeks
<b>Educated from Home*</b>	Friday 1pm - 3pm	Ongoing	Every week
<b>Daisy Chain coffee morning</b>	Friday 9.45am - 12.45pm	12 January 9 February 8 March	Monthly

\* Contact the Family Hub to book a place