



# St. Bede's Catholic School and Byron Sixth Form College

*'Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world ablaze'*

## Newsletter: 4 April 2025

### Faith

In this Sunday's Gospel (John 8:1-11) reminds us of the depths of God's mercy and compassion and the need for each one of us, in our own way, to make a new start with God, regardless of our past.

Lent is traditionally a time for making new starts, we can consider what they could be as we approach Easter.

### Excellence

#### Headteacher's Award

Congratulations to **Jael Badejo 8C2** who has been awarded our prestigious Headteacher's Award this week! Jael has consistently demonstrated outstanding dedication to her studies and has been an inspiring role model for her peers. Her commitment to excellence and her positive attitude have not only impressed her teachers but have also contributed to the vibrant community spirit at St. Bede's. Well done, Jael! Keep up the fantastic work; we are all very proud of you!

#### Tutor Group of the Week

**8C1** are the winners of this week's Tutor Group of the Week award. Congratulations to 8C1 for setting such a positive example and for their continued commitment to making St. Bede's a welcoming and inspiring environment for all. Keep up the great work!

#### House Students of the Week

Columba: **Rhea Gardner 8C2**

Hilda: **Luke Pedalty 8H1 & Sophie Bennett 10H1**

Oswald: **Joel Bernard 10O2**



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### Determination

As we rapidly approach the exam season, the words of Eleanor Roosevelt are pertinent: **“You must do the thing you think you cannot do.”** Revision should be well-routined by this stage and pupils must be identifying any misconceptions or areas that they find difficult so that they can seek support from our expert teachers and focus their independent study in those areas. Getting better never stops!

### Carlos Acutis Mass

Two of our Year 9 students read at the Carlos Acutis Relics Mass last week. They read with confidence, clarity and reverence and they are an absolute credit to their families and our school community.

Carlo Acutis was an Italian teenager recognized for his deep faith and devotion to the Catholic Church. He is best known for his work documenting Eucharistic miracles around the world and creating a website to share this information. Carlo passed away at the age of 15 from leukemia in 2006, and he was beatified by the Catholic Church in 2020, making him one step away from sainthood. His life and works have inspired many young people in their faith.



### Stations of the Cross

As part of our Lenten preparations 7H1/7H2 led Stations of the Cross. Thank you to all of our families who attended, fostering a sense of community and shared purpose as we journey through this sacred season together.

### Celebration of the Word

This week some members of our Chaplaincy team have led our celebration of the word during assembly time. The focus was 'The Hungry and the Needy'. To read in front of large groups of students requires a great deal of courage and determination.



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### This Week's Mathematical Legends

Congratulations to the following pupils this week who have consistently exceeded expectations in the Maths Department - we are so proud to have such talent in our school!

Miss Houghton - **Eva Lilea 8C1**  
 Mr Taylor - **Daisy Wiseman 10H2**  
 Mr Fowler - **Korra Tempest 7H1**  
 Mr Marrs - **Ruby Milner 8C1**  
 Dr Treanor - **Tyler Nichols 11C1**  
 Mr Still - **Bella Roberts 10C2**  
 Mr Hudspith - **Ayomikun Laogun 11H1**  
 Mrs Keniry - **Lavanna Pennick 7O2**



Mathematics is a subject that requires focus and dedication, improving our work and correcting errors allows us to improve and progress. Our best pupil work doesn't always mean an absence of mistakes, but it does mean noting them and working to address them! We're looking forward to recognising our most dedicated and focused pupils next week again.

### Rugby Stars Thriving

**Harriet** and **Iris Cahill 10O3** were playing for Durham County Rugby PDG16s vs Lancashire at the weekend. It's inspiring to see such young athletes thrive in their sport, showcasing not just their talent but also their sportsmanship and determination. Well done, Harriet and Iris!



### Supporting Neurodivergent Children who Play Games Online

**InternetMatters.org** has guidance for parents and carers to explore a range of resources to help neurodivergent young people to build safe and healthy habits in online games. The guide gives the following advice:

- Guide to managing screen time
- How one parent encourages safe interactions online
- One parent's advice for talking about online safety
- Encouraging neurodivergent young people to block and report
- Resources and games for neurodivergent young people
- Supporting resources

[Click here to download the parent guide.](#)

[Click here for more information](#)



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### JCQ Documents for Exam Candidates

Our website has been updated with the latest information about exams for Years 11, 12 and 13. Please can pupils and parents familiarise themselves with the information. [Click here to access.](#)

### Girls' Coding Club

This week in lessons Year 8 have been creating some games using Microsoft MakeCode Arcade. Once they created these games they were able to play them and admire their incredible work! Below are some of the amazing projects created by our female computer scientists. If this is something that interests you come along to Girls Code Club on a Thursday afternoon for Year 7 – 9, 3:30 – 4:15 and see what we get up to!



### English Dept Stars of the Week

A huge congratulations to this week's Stars of the Week in the English Department! Your hard work, enthusiasm, and creativity have truly stood out. Whether it's through insightful analysis, creative writing, or brilliant contributions in class discussions, you have impressed your teachers! you are an inspiration to your peers and a shining example of what can be achieved through perseverance and a love for learning. We're proud of you and excited to see all the incredible things you will continue to accomplish! Keep up the fantastic effort—your passion for English is inspiring! 📚

Well Done, and keep striving for excellence!

Mrs Cook: **Kaylm Rowland - Y12**

Mr Johnson: **Paige Percival - Y8**

Mrs Wild: **Joe Beeston - Y8**

Mrs Dolan: **Alfie Lynch - Y8**

Miss Caine: **Jack Ridley - Y8**

Miss Barkley: **Cyprian Dyer - Y10**

Miss Milburn: **Evie Ashcroft - Y10**



### Year 11: This is the week... to prepare for RE

This week Year 11 have been practising exam techniques with Mr McGowan, in preparation for their GCSE RE exams in the summer. All morning sessions have been recorded and are available in the Year 11 Teams group, these are available for catch up or revision of techniques. All other revision materials for all subject areas are also available in this Teams group. Next week we are preparing for GCSE maths exams again.

### Musician of the Week: Lilly-Anna Cowie 7H2

Lilly-Anna Cowie has been named Musician of the Week for her outstanding effort in the classroom and her dedication to Bede's Voices. Her commitment and enthusiasm for music continue to shine, making her a valued member of the department.



## Key Dates

- Monday 7 April: Holy Week focus in school
- Tuesday 8 April: SEND Coffee Morning
- Friday 11 April: End of term (12.30pm)
- Monday 28 April: Return to school (Week A)
- Tuesday 29 April: Year 8 Immunisations
- Thursday 1 May: Year 7 Parents' Evening

## Safeguarding

### Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

#### Designated safeguarding leads:



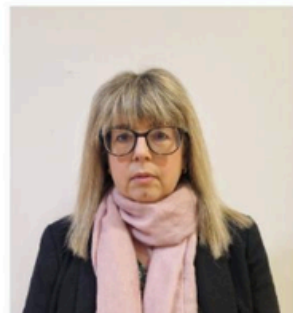
**Mr Logan**  
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**Our Parish:** Our Lady of the Rosary in Peterlee and Horden

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