



# 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: 9 May 2025

### Faith

In this Sunday's Gospel (John 10:27-30) we are reminded that Jesus is the Good Shepherd and that if we listen to him, we can rely on Him to guide our lives in the right direction.

Sheep are unpredictable and easily startled and often run in the wrong direction, appearing to constantly change their mind. Sometimes we too can head in the wrong direction and we need Him to help us to keep our lives on the right path.



### A prayer for the new pope

God in Heaven. Hear out prayers for the new pope, Leo XIV. May he be a messenger of hope and peace to the Church and the world for many years to come. Give him the wisdom and courage to lead your people and help us to listen to him carefully. Amen.

### Excellence

#### Headteacher's Award

Congratulations to **Archie Conroy 9C3** who was presented with St. Bede's Headteacher's Award this week! Archie has yet again had a superb week at school, demonstrating ALL of our core values. In last week's newsletter we highlighted the amazing service/citizenship from Archie and this week we are delighted to celebrate his other attributes too! Well done, Archie!

#### Tutor Group of the Week

**8C1** are this week's Tutor Group of the Week. Well done to you all - well deserved!

#### House Students of the Week

Columba: **Jayden Li 7C2**

Hilda: **Heidi Cook 8H1**

Oswald: **Chanse Morgan 8O2**

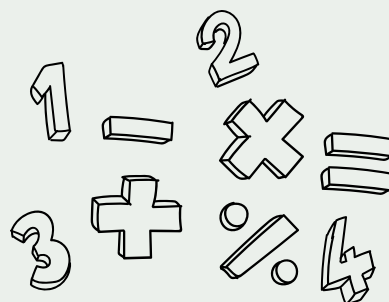


## RESPONSIBILITY – DETERMINATION – CITIZENSHIP – RESPECT

### Maths Wall of Legends Continues to Grow!

We are so proud of the kindness, hard work and resilience our young mathematicians display in their lessons and outside their classrooms. This week, the Maths team would like to recognise the following pupils, crowning them with "Legendary Status"!

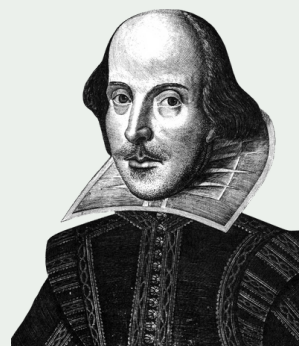
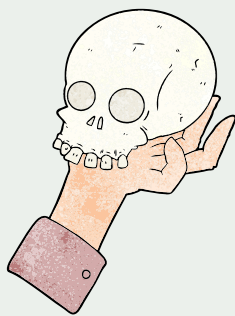
- Miss Houghton - Veronica Tervit 7O1
- Mr Taylor - Alice Brown 7C2
- Mr Fowler - Lennon Watson 10H2
- Dr Treanor - Eliis Coils 9H2
- Mr Hudspith - Jessica Smith 11H2
- Mrs Keniry - Pipeloluwa Adebayo 7O2
- Mr Marrs - Ethan Forster 9C1



### Shakespeare Competition Winners

During the last week of term before Easter, the school celebrated the anniversary of William Shakespeare's birthday with a number of activities. The English department ran a competition which students could enter by creating a portrait of William Shakespeare or writing a poem. We were really impressed with the creative talents of some of our students! There was also a Shakespeare style scavenger hunt throughout the week where a number of students demonstrated their determination and persistence. Winners of the competition and scavenger hunt were:

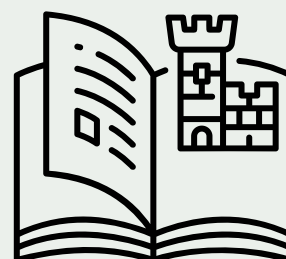
- Sophia P
- Aimee & Lily
- Charlotte W
- Ruby R
- Amber P
- Isabel W
- Grace C
- Alice C
- Julia F



### History Heroes

This week's history heroes are:

- Mrs Ahmed - Zara Laverick 11H2
- Miss Jackson - Alex Smith 10H1
- Mr Johnson - Anna Carr 9H1

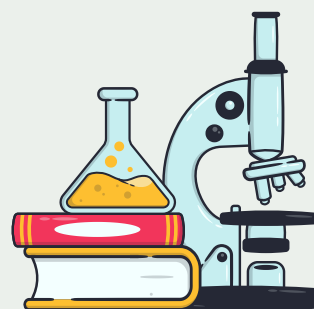
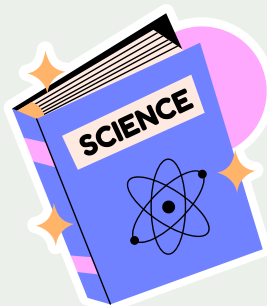


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### Lab Coat Legends

In science we want to award and celebrate the excellent effort put in by our different students. Working hard in science lessons builds problem-solving skills, encourages curiosity, and helps students understand the world around them. It shows determination by often involving analysing complex problems, predicting outcomes and conducting experiments.

- Mrs Hayward – Shay Hockaday 9Y3
- Mr Moss – Carl Dawson 9X2
- Mr Griffiths – Aiden Dobson 11X1
- Mrs Armstrong - Leo Watson 8X4
- Miss Roberts – Molly Frost 10Y1
- Mrs Lord – Olivia O'Connor 11Y2



### Cyprian Selected by Durham!

Congratulations to Cyprian Dyer 10C2 who has been selected to represent Durham County Cricket as part of their Under 15 squad. Being chosen to play at such a prestigious level is a significant milestone, and we are confident that Cyprian will make a substantial contribution to the team. We wish him the best of luck in his upcoming matches and know that he will represent St. Bede's with pride and excellence. Well done, Cyprian, and keep striving for greatness!



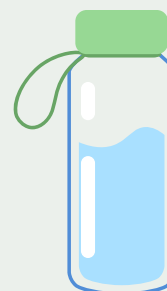
### Matthew Continues Refereeing Journey!

Congratulations to Matthew Carlisle 11O1 who has been promoted from level 7 to level 6 referee. He is now joining the level 6 to level 5 referee promotion pathway in the summer. This achievement is a testament to Matthew's dedication, hard work, and passion for refereeing. We are all incredibly proud of his progress and look forward to seeing him excel even further. Keep up the fantastic work, Matthew, and continue to inspire those around you with your commitment and enthusiasm!



### Refillable Water Bottles

Please provide your child with a refillable water bottle to bring to school daily. The weather is warm and we have fountains they can use to refill their bottles. Staying hydrated is essential for maintaining concentration and energy levels throughout the day. Encouraging this habit not only supports their health but also promotes sustainability by reducing single-use plastic waste. Let's work together to create an environmentally friendly and healthy school environment for all our students. Thank you for your cooperation and support!





## Key Dates

- Tuesday 13 June: School Nurse presentation: vaping risks
- Friday 23 May: End of Half Term 5
- Friday 23 May: Year 11/13 Leavers Celebration of the Word
- Friday 25 May: Feast of St. Bede (we will provide a special lunch to celebrate our school patron on Thursday 22 May)
- Monday 2 June: Return to school (Week A)
- Monday 9 June: Feast of St. Columba
- Tuesday 24 June: Summer Evening of Music @ 6pm

## Safeguarding

### Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

#### Designated safeguarding leads:



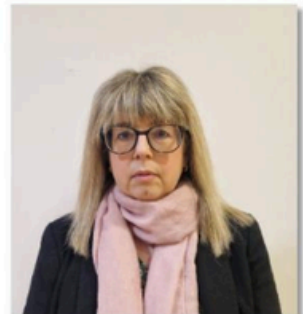
**Mr Logan**  
Designated  
Safeguarding Lead



**Mrs Cessford**  
Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead



**Mrs Robinson**  
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**Mrs Ord**  
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**Our Parish:** Our Lady of the Rosary in Peterlee and Horden

**Our Diocese:** Hexham & Newcastle

