



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: May 2 2025

Faith

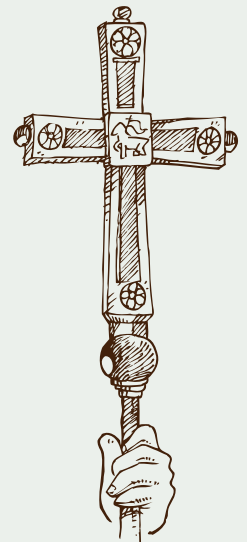
In this Sunday's Gospel (John 21:1-19) we are called to be witnesses to the infinite love of Jesus. Before Jesus was crucified, Peter denied knowing Him three times. In this scripture, Peter is given the chance to say that he loves Jesus three times, therefore preparing him to lead the Church. St Peter gave witness to what Jesus did and who Jesus really was. Because of this witness, many people have come to know and follow Jesus. Through our words, actions and through the power of the Holy Spirit, we too can be God's witnesses, through living our lives the way Jesus shows us.

Excellence

Pope Francis

This week, we have gathered today as a school community to pray for Pope Francis and to think about the example that he has set us. Pope Francis was well known for his work in several key areas, including:

- **Social Justice and Advocacy for the Poor:** He has consistently emphasized the need to care for the marginalized, criticizing economic inequality and calling for a more inclusive global economy.
- **Environmental Stewardship:** His 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si'* called for urgent action on climate change and environmental protection, marking a significant moment in the Catholic Church's engagement with ecological issues.
- **Interfaith Dialogue:** He has worked to improve relationships between the Catholic Church and other religious communities, including Islam and Judaism, emphasizing peace and mutual respect. He was also known for his work engaging with and empowering young people in a variety of ways, including:
- **World Youth Day:** He has actively participated in World Youth Day events, encouraging young Catholics to be agents of change, live out their faith boldly, and build a more just and compassionate world.
- **The Synod on Young People (2018):** Pope Francis convened a special synod titled "Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment," where he listened to the voices of youth from around the world and emphasized the Church's need to walk with them in their struggles and hopes.
- **Focus on Listening and Inclusion:** Francis has consistently called for the Church to be a place where young people are heard and valued, particularly in matters of justice, peace, and care for the environment.





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Awards

Congratulations to our award winners last term. Our Headteacher's Award will resume again this week.

Attendance Winners

Year 7: Pipeloluwa Adebayo, Elidad Akinola, Michael Amusat, Joshua Bailey, Harvey Barnes, Georgia Bell, Leah Bird, Jacob Briggs, William Bryson, Maddox Cullen, Lily- Anne Dowse, Conny Iley, BNrax Kirk, Abraham Laogun, Jayden Li, Katie Morland, Harry Nguyen, Isla Staley, Szymor5 Studzinski, Evan Vickersm Sam Wilkinson, Isabel Wood

Year 8: Kwan Loi Chan, Heidi Cook, Evie Lunn, Riley Richardson, Georgia Watson

Year 9: Annabell Bland, Jasmine Brown, Carl Dawson, William Dove, Isabella Hawes, Cody Hutchingson, Joshua Johnson, Eddy Joicey, Corey Lamond, Shamah Mawonde, Ella West

Year 10: Annamol Biju, Owen Charlton, Sam Darlaston, Max Griffiths, Isabel Hanson, Aaron Tervit, Jack Turner

Year 11: Grace Brown, Owen Holliday, Thomas Wright

Subject Awards

- Art Emily Milestone Y8
- Business Neve Clark Y11
- Enigineering Jack Garrick Y13
- English Alfie Saunders Y8
- Design and technology Honey Clayton Y13
- Geography Ruby Robinson Y&
- Health and Social Care Sophie French Y11
- History Ella Hackworth Y10
- I.T John James Frances Y9
- Maths Charlie Wilson Y9
- Music Lucy Ord Y9
- P.E Robert Brown Y7
- Psychology Carrie Hanson Y13
- R.E Mikey Wilson Y11
- Science Lincon Homer Y7
- Spanish Alice Andrejczyk Y7

Fast Feet Awards

Year 7: Dylan Sandhom

Year 8: Harriet Clarkson & Reuben Barwick

Year 9: Evie Cochrane & Harry Wright

100% Attendance Award: Leon Richardson & Joshua Bailey

Ablaze Awards

- **Faith** Leon Richardson 7C2 173
- **Responsibility** Joshua Johnson 9C3 252
- **Excellence** Layton Andrews 8H3 299
- **Determination** Elise Parkinson 8C1 29
- **Cittizenship** Eddy Joicey 9H3 82
- **Respect** Carl Dawson 9C3 254

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3G Pitch: Football Foundation Consultation

We are launching a consultation with the local community and partners with a view to enhancing the facilities at the school by installing a 3G football turf pitch.

This artificial pitch would be suitable for a variety of sports and would also be floodlit.

In relation to this project, key priority areas for the project are:

- Women & Girls provision
- Working with culturally diverse communities
- Engaging people with long term health conditions, disability users
- Engaging people from lower socio-economic groups



NEXT STEPS

The school is working with sports bodies to secure their support and we need to evidence the need for the pitch and the benefits it will bring. We encourage everyone to take part in the consultation process which runs from 1 May - 23 May 2025 via a questionnaire which can be accessed by scanning the QR code or be completed online via the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/MRqkHh3w9G>

As part of the consultation process we want to meet with local organisations, across the community to:

- Understand your aspirations
- Outline what you want to see delivered at the site
- What usage of the pitch looks like
- How the pitch can help your organisation grow and delivery its outcomes

Feedback received from this engagement will be taken into consideration as part of funding application to the Football Foundation.

If you would like to discuss this proposal in person, please contact:

Project Consultants - Facility and Sports Club Development Services Limited

Mark Woodhall: mark@facilityandsportscds.co.uk – 07818 557311

Tony Kirsop: tonyfscds@gmail.com – 07886 274532

*Feel free to share this with organisations in the community that you feel may wish to make use of the proposed facilities.

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More Legends Appointed in the Maths Department!

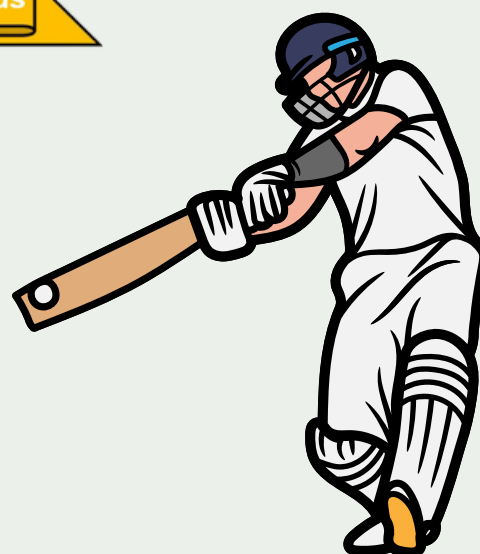
Celebrating the work and effort of our pupils is incredibly important to us - we know that recognising that extra bit of effort or that resilient mindset goes a long way to support our pupils to become the person that God meant them to be. This week, the following pupils set our Maths Department ablaze with their outstanding attitude, pride in their work and kindness.

- Mr Taylor - Kian Dunn 11H3
- Mr Fowler - Jessica Hunter 11C2
- Dr Treanor - Noah Scott 10O3
- Mrs Keniry - Bailey Butterfield 7H1



Myles and Sam Selected by Durham!

Congratulations to Myles Price Y9 and Sam Raine Y10 who have been selected for the Durham County Cricket Under 14 and Under 15 squads respectively. This is a tremendous achievement, and we are incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication. Both Myles and Sam have shown exceptional talent and sportsmanship, and we are confident that they will represent our school with pride and distinction. Their success is a testament to their commitment both on and off the field, and we look forward to following their progress in the coming season.



As mentioned in our previous newsletter, there is an opportunity to purchase discounted tickets for the first Durham Cricket T20 game of the season on 1 June 2025. Our unique school code is on the flyer to the left.



PE Uniform - polite reminder

For PE, students may not wear 'pro shorts' - tight lycra short shorts. They should be wearing normal PE kit or football shorts. Thank you.

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Diocesan Competition

Where do you see hope? Is it in the sun rising, in a flower blooming or in the animals around you? Ultimately, signs of hope are deeply personal and can be found in the everyday moments that inspire you!

Now is the time to look at the world and see where you find hope!

Simply take a picture and share it with our diocese. There is one simple rule: no people are allowed in your picture.



Olivia's Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Olivia Mellenthin Y8 experienced a pilgrimage to Lourdes this Easter with the HCPT (Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust).

Olivia left for Lourdes at 5am on Easter Sunday and arrived in time for afternoon Mass, where Olivia was asked to read. The following days were spent in worship in the Basilica, torchlight procession to the Grotto and a humbling moment when they were standing around the statue of Mary and the bell rang three times to acknowledge the death of Pope Francis.

Olivia made some wonderful friends at Lourdes. We're proud of all of our students that attended the pilgrimage. If anyone is interested in attending future pilgrimages, please speak to Mrs Balls.



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Musician of the Week

Congratulations to Nithishan Kugan Y7 who has been named St Bede's Musician of the Week. Well done, Nithishan - keep up this excellent musical effort, we're proud of you.



Citizenship in Action:

Anya Ellsorth Y10 and Holly Burdon Y9 spent over six hours across two days volunteering at our local hub of The Bread and Butter Thing packing food bags, carrying crates and preparing packaging for recycling. The other volunteers and the Hub users were very grateful for their help.

Archie Conroy Y9 and his friend collected 220 Easter eggs for the Sunderland Community Soup Kitchen. Their initiative brought joy and smiles to many families in need during the holiday season. The generous donations were a testament to the spirit of giving and community support, highlighting the positive impact young people can make.

Congratulations to all three students, living out our core values and being the people that God intends us to be. You are an inspiration to us all.



Nathan Signs for Carlisle!

Congratulations to Nathan Wheatley Y10 who has signed a contract to play football for Carlisle United Under 15 after a successful trial. This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to Nathan's hard work, dedication, and passion for the sport. We are all incredibly proud of his accomplishment and look forward to seeing him continue to develop his skills and thrive on the field. Keep pushing forward, Nathan—your future is bright!





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OPEN EVENINGS

YEAR SIX OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2025

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING


THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER 2025


6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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Sixth Form

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SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

Our Sixth Form student of the week is Kayla Johnson! Well done, Kayla.

Huge congratulations to Carrie!

Carrie B (Year 13) has been offered a place to study medicine at the University of Sunderland. Carrie's brilliant application earned her all four interviews, something fewer than 30% of applicants achieve. Carrie's determination and resilience during the anxious waiting period following her interviews has also been admirable.

During her time at Byron Sixth Form, Carrie completed the prestigious 'Pathways to Medicine' programme through Newcastle University, did work experience at James Cook University Hospital and balances academic excellence with a paid job, role as senior student, and is a talented musician.

We could not be more proud of Carrie's achievement!

UCAS Discovery

On Wednesday, Year 12 students visited the University of Teesside for the annual UCAS Discovery event which draws together universities, employers and apprenticeship programmes for students to explore.

Students had the chance to consider pathways to careers like law and engineering as well as speak to admissions tutors about entry into university.

It was great to see students pushing themselves out of their comfort zone by looking at courses from a variety of universities.

Revision

As exams approach, students in both Year 12 and 13 are working hard to prepare. Students at Byron may take advantage of a number of study spaces including their IT room, the library, and the silent revision room.

It is vital that students make the most of their revision opportunities, however it is also important to build in opportunities to rest and relax over the next few weeks.

To view our latest Sixth Form Prospectus [click here.](#)



Key Dates

- Monday 5 May: May Day Bank Holiday - school closed
- Friday 9 May: London Visit - maths department
- Thursday 8 June: GCSE exams begin
- Tuesday 24 June: Summer Evening of Music @ 6pm (tickets on sale soon via Parent Pay)

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Designated safeguarding leads:



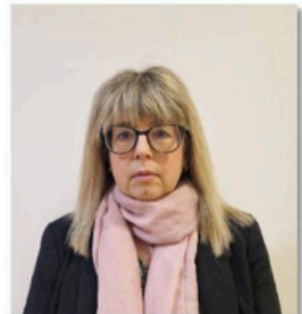
Mr Logan
Designated
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Mrs Cessford
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Robinson
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Safeguarding Lead



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Our Diocese: Hexham & Newcastle

