



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: 23 May 2025

Faith

In this Sunday's Gospel (John 14: 23-29) reminds us that the peace Jesus gives us is a special inner peace which comes from receiving the Holy Spirit into our lives.

True peace comes only from God. This peace is not dependent on peaceful conditions: we can experience it even in the midst of trouble or uncertainty. Peace, like love is a gift to share and we have the ability to bring peace to others.

Excellence

Headteacher's Award

Congratulations to **Daniel Stevens 801** who has been awarded our Headteacher's Award this week! Daniel has worked to the best of his ability and had an excellent attitude. He has displayed good manners and been kind to others. His mindset has been excellent and the standard we expect for all students. Well done, Daniel!

Tutor Group of the Week

This week's Tutor Group of the Week is 10C2. Congratulations to all of you for your efforts and for living out our core values,

House Students of the Week

Columba: **Anya Ellsworth 10C2 & Benjamin Brown 9C3**

Hilda: **Dexter Barrett 7H1**

Oswald: **Victoria Tervit 7O1**

Chad: **Sophie Cuppitt 12Ch2**

Y11/Y13 Exams and Revision

Well done to all of our students for their efforts in exams so far. Remember to sustain this effort and make effective use of the coming week to revise.



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Feast of St. Bede

The Feast of St Bede is on the 25 May. As we are on half-term we have celebrated our school patron saint this week.

Some members of our community have led Celebrations of the Word all week and on Thursday we have a celebration lunch in school. Sharing a special meal can be such a meaningful tradition, bringing people closer and deepening the sense of community.



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Alex Playing Football in Belgium!

Congratulations to **Alex Boden** 9C1 who has been selected to play football at a European tournament for his club Belmont United Under 14 Kestrels. Good luck, Alex!



Will Recognised for Services to Charity

Congratulations to **Will Oakley** 8O1 who has been acknowledged by Peterlee and Horden Rugby Club for his fundraising efforts. Ten months ago Will embarked on a fundraising journey, splitting the proceeds across two causes: Newcastle Rugby Foundation and Peterlee and Horden RFC Minis and Juniors.

In that time, Will has led numerous bake sales, completed a 24 hour silence, bucket collection, rugby cards, sold temporary tattoos and badges, organised a huge party, climbed Roseberry Topping and many more events!

He has found it exhausting but worth it. Will would like to thank every who has supported him through donations and for wishing him luck or saying 'well done'. Will's final total was an amazing £4000 which will provide lots for the juniors and Peterlee and Horden and support the fantastic work that Newcastle Rugby Foundation does for the community. Well done, Will.



Isla's Athletics Success

Congratulations to **Isla Staley** 7H1 who participated in the North East Athletics Championships and won three medals. Isla came second in both the 60 metres and 800 metres and third in the 100 metres. A star in the making! Well done, Isla.



Y7 RE

7X3 are learning about the Church as the Body of Christ, we created our own individual bodies including our skills and talents and then brought them all together in the main Body of Christ to show how our class community together has many strengths.



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Dungeons and Dragons Club

D&D Club has been as lively as ever, with students working together to solve problems, tell stories, and explore new adventures. This term, the group has found themselves deep in a dungeon, trying to uncover exactly what a group of suspicious Gnomes are up to. Newer members like Leo and Karl have settled in quickly, while regulars like Eddy, Lily, Lucas, Isabel and Annabell continue to bring energy, creativity and a good sense of humour to every session. Progress through the campaign remains slow—but entertaining—as ever.



3G Pitch Proposal

Today is the final day of our consultation with the local community and partners with a view to enhancing the facilities at our school by installing a floodlit artificial pitch that will be suitable for a variety of sports.

If you have not yet completed the short survey, please help us by scanning the QR code with your phone or by clicking this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/MRqkHh3w9G>

The more responses we have, the better our chances are of making a successful bid.

St Bede's School 3G FTP Consultation Spring 2025



Y7 Science

Throughout this week our Year 7 students have been working on how to separate mixtures. This has including identifying and carrying out new practical skills.

In one of the practicals the students had to separate green crystals which had been dissolved in water, using different equipment including an evaporating dish and a Bunsen burner.

In another practical they were identifying the different inks which make up coloured felt tip pens. This did this by using a new skilled called chromatography.



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Under 13 Girls Cricket

Well done to our U13 girls cricket team who competed in a tournament this week. For some, this was their first try at playing cricket competitively and the team finished in 3rd place overall. A massive thank you to our Y9 leaders, Benjamin and Joshua for supporting with the officiating too.



Easington Sports Partnership Cricket Competition

Our Y7/8 girls and boys cricket teams played in the Easington Sports Partnership Cricket Competition on Wednesday 21 May. The girls won all of their games apart from one - finishing as runner up of six teams. Our boys won all but two games and finished third overall. Some fantastic cricket was played by all. Our sports leaders topped up their voluntary hours at the cricket too - some amazing umpiring!



Cyprian and Sam selected to represent Durham County

Congratulations to **Cyprian Dyer** 10C2 and **Sam Raine** 10O3 who were selected to play for Durham U15 against Northumberland on Thursday 22 May. This is an incredible achievement - we're very proud of you both.



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9 More Mathematical Legends are created!

We are delighted to announce this week's Maths Legends, recognising their excellent effort, resilience and book work. They are role models, personifying our St Bede's values.

- Miss Houghton - **Rosie Edwards** 10C2
- Mr Taylor - **Harry Wright** 9C1
- Mr Fowler - **Elise Parkinson** 8C1
- Mr Marrs - **Caleb McCarthy** 10O2
- Dr Treanor - **Shay Lennon Smyth-Coles** 10C2
- Mr Still - **Ava Evans** 9H2
- Mr Hudspith - **Julia Gawron** 11H3
- Mrs Keniry - **Faith Robinson** 7H2
- Mr Watts - **Zac Garraghan** 7C2



Every week, our legends receive a hand-written postcard from their teacher as well as their name displayed on our Wall of Legends in the Mathematics Department! Keep up the hard work!

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 – **Saoirse Wild** 10X2
- Mr Moss – **Alfie Batty** Y13
- Mr Griffiths – **James Mallen** 8Y3
- Mrs Armstrong – **Kane Devine** 10Y2
- Miss Roberts – **Ruby Milner** 8Y1
- Mr Balls – **Karis Rowland** 10X3
- Mr Bowyer – **Anya Ellsworth** 10X1
- Mrs Lord – **Brodie Goodricke** 7Y3



Please Treat Our Staff With Courtesy & Respect

Our staff must be able to come to work without fear of violence, abuse or harassment. Please treat our people with respect. Shouting, swearing and aggressive behaviour towards our staff will not be tolerated and we reserve the right to ask you to leave our school site if you display such behaviour. Likewise, shouting, swearing and aggressive behaviour towards our staff on the telephone will result in a communication ban. We wish to work with all parents, but cannot allow our staff to be treated in this manner.

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English 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: **Amelia Cummings**, Year 8
- Mr Johnson: **Lexie Clark**, Year 8
- Mrs Wild: **Rubi Laverick**, Year 9
- Mrs Dolan: **Blake Harriman**, Year 8
- Miss Caine: **Elise Guest**, Year 8
- Miss Barkley: **Leah Bird**, Year 7
- Miss Milburn: **Poppy Wilkinson**, Year 9
- Mrs Scutt: **Ava Thomas**, Year 10
- Mrs Hamilton: **Charlie Pugh**, Year 7



Musician of the Week

This week's musician of the week is **Georgia Welch** 9C2. Georgia's engagement with music inside and outside the classroom is spectacular. Georgia is a fantastic singer, and we are lucky to have her picking GCSE music as an option, as she will be an essential asset. Georgia has currently been going above and beyond in music lessons, grasping Muse-Score easily and excelling with her work. Georgia should be really proud of herself as she has improved a lot over the past two terms, both as a student and a musician.

Uniform Swap Shop

As part of our ongoing commitment to taking care of our environment which was a key concern of the late Pope Francis, we would like to offer a uniform 'swap shop'. This is a place where parents, guardians, and students can donate gently used school uniforms and pick up items they need — all for free.

How it works:

1. Donate items of uniform that are in a good condition and your child has outgrown or no longer needs.
2. These donations will then be washed.
3. Parents will be invited into school to browse through the available stock and you can simply take what you need.
4. There is no cost involved, it is all about reuse and community sharing.
- 5.

Items can be brought into school from Monday 19 May until Thursday 4 July. These need to be taken to Mrs Ball.



Sixth Form

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SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

Good luck Year 13

We bid a fond farewell to our Year 13 students this week, reflecting on all the success, struggle and friendship of the last few years. Although exams and lessons continue, Friday marks the last time the year group will come together as a whole with many students' exams close to finishing whilst some are yet to begin. There have been so many great moments to remember and lessons to take away from our time together. This year group has truly embodied the resilience and determination of a Byron student.

Students have come together to vote for their award winners and to plan their Leavers' Dinner.

Congratulations to the student-voted award winners:

- Ray of Sunshine: **Jacob Brown**
- Most likely to be a millionaire: **Leo Turner**
- Good Friend: **Carrie Hanson** and **Emily Metcalfe**
- Most likely to win an Oscar: **Milad Al Sammak**
- Fashionista: **Isaac Smith**
- Most memorable: **Alfie Wolfe** and **Jack Barrow**

Mrs Huddleston-Scutt's Awards:

Award for Endeavour: **Honey Clayton**

Award for Progress: **Codie Atherton**

Student of the Year: **Jacob Smith**

Special award for bravery in the face of adversity: **Abbie Coatsworth**

We take this opportunity to wish all our students the very best of luck in all their adventures.



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Key Dates

- Monday 2 June: Return to school (Week A)
- Monday 9 June: Feast of St. Columba
- Friday 13 June: Year 12 Leeds University Visit

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Designated safeguarding leads:



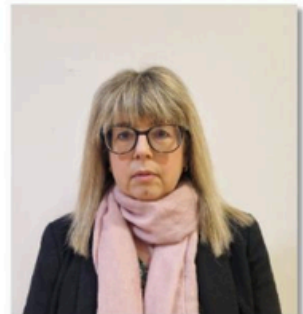
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