



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: 27 June 2025

Faith

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of St Peter and St Paul who both did great work for the Church. Both of these men were Apostles who met with Jesus and were given authority to build Jesus' Church on earth. Jesus established his Church as a reminder of God's love for all people.

In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 16:13-19), Jesus asks the disciples 'Who do you say I am?'. Peter professes him as Christ as Jesus then gives Peter the important task of leading the Church.

Excellence

Headteacher's Award

The worthy winner of this week's Headteacher's Award is **Taylor Clayton 10H1**. Taylor has humbly lived out core values throughout the year and is a wonderful role model. Congratulations, Taylor, on this well-deserved recognition!

Tutor Group of the Week

This week's winners are **9C3** - an excellent effort by everyone in the group - well done to all of you!

House Students of the Week

Columba: **Mischa Carr 7C1**

Hilda: **Heidi Laidler 10H2**

Oswald: **Pipeloluwa Adebayo 7O2**



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New survey launched to capture parents' views: please follow the link below

At BCCET, we know that regular school attendance plays a vital role in helping children thrive both academically and socially. As a valued parent or carer, your insights on attendance and other, wider school policies and approaches are incredibly important to us. We invite you to complete a short survey (no more than 10 minutes) to share your thoughts and experiences about school. Your feedback will help us better understand any challenges families may face and how we can work together to support consistent attendance across our schools. Please follow this link to access the survey: <https://forms.office.com/e/yBx2HgK3ye>

There are no right or wrong answers — we're simply listening and learning from you. Your feedback will be used only to improve support for students and families across the trust. The survey will remain open for 2 weeks. Thank you in advance for completing the survey. We look forward to analysing your responses (individual responses will be anonymised when we write up the findings).

Fundraising

Well Done to Daisy from Year 7 who won the Jordan Pickford signed gloves and programme. Thank you to all of our community who supported this fundraising for the Lourdes pilgrimage.



Athletics

On Tuesday, students from Year 7,8 & 9 took part in the area athletics on home soil.

We had some amazing performances with our Year 7 girls team winning overall.

Well done to all who took part!



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Billingham Junior Stars Ice Hockey Club

Myles Barnes joined the Billingham Junior Stars Ice Hockey Club earlier this year, having previously played at Whitley Bay. Myles' coach wanted to take the time to highlight just how much of a positive impact he has made since joining. Last weekend, Myles was part of the team that won the Sheffield U14 Hockey Tournament. Which is a highly competitive event featuring strong teams from across the country. Not only did Myles score twice and provide crucial assists, but his attitude, teamwork, and determination stood out throughout the tournament. The team remained unbeaten and didn't drop a single point, which is a rare and impressive feat. Well done Myles!



Armed Forces Day Celebrations

This weekend, Anya was a Mascot at the Military vs Cancer rugby match at Kingston Park. (Part of the Armed Forces Day Celebrations)

Anya led out the Military team. Once they heard that Anya is considering to maybe join the RAF as a Doctor and hopefully be able to play on the military women's rugby team, instead of the Mascot traditionally standing at the end of the line, they placed her in between them saying "oh no no, you're one of us now".

Anya felt very very proud to sing our National Anthem alongside the wonderful teams and the many service men and women!

Amazing news Anya!



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Our School's Commitment to Caring for Creation

Recently, our school joined hands with our primary school community to take an important step in caring for the environment. Together, we organised a litter-picking event to clean up our local area and show respect for the world God has entrusted to us.

Following the example of stewardship taught in Scripture, this activity was more than just picking up litter, it was a way for us to live out our responsibility to protect the earth and all its creatures. By working together, students learned the value of teamwork and the impact that small actions can have in making our environment cleaner and healthier.

We are proud of our students' enthusiasm and dedication to this cause. Let's continue to nurture this spirit of care and responsibility in all we do, remembering that each of us plays a vital role in safeguarding God's creation for future generations.

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this event a success!



The Number of Maths Legends surpasses 140!

Since January, every week, each maths teacher has appointed their own Maths Legend for showing pride in their work, exceptional effort and outstanding determination in lessons. These pupils' names are displayed centrally on our Wall of Legends as well as presented with a handwritten postcard from their teacher in recognition of their work. This week's Legends are below.

Miss Houghton - **Sam Ellsworth 8C1**

Mr Taylor - **Lydia Turns 9H2**

Dr Treanor - **Maksyn Hrudko 10O1**

Mr Still - **Nosariemen Izevbigie 8O2**

Mrs Keniry - **Dexter Barrett 7H1**

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Musicians of the week

Ella West: Ella did very well in her music listening exam showing a strong understanding of musical elements such as dynamics, tempo, melody and structure and was able to describe how they were used effectively in the piece. Her written responses were clear and used accurate musical vocabulary.

April Benson: April has developed her compositions and performances which will count towards her end of Year 10 GCSE Music grade. She has been creative in the development of her composition and the attention to detail in performances has been exemplary.

Lincoln Homer: Lincoln enjoys all aspects of music making. His recent assessment showed a real understanding of Ternary Form and the detail in describing the contrasting musical features of 'The Lord's Prayer' from African Sanctus was exceptional.

Samuel Ellsworth: His recent assessment showed a real understanding of how music can be used within film to draw out characteristics of a key character in films. His description of Superman's theme showed a real understanding of the elements of music. His written responses were clear and use accurate musical vocabulary.

Secondary School T1 Rugby Festival Reminder

If your child has been selected to play at the Secondary School T1 Rugby Festival on 1 July, please can you ensure the EV4 form attached to the second letter is handed in, and payment is made by 30 June 2025 otherwise your child will unfortunately not be able to attend. Please also ensure you have made arrangements to collect your child from school as we will be arriving back after the school buses have left. Students will be required to wear their St Bede's PE kit, trainers, and will need to bring clean rugby/football boots if available. They will also need to bring a packed lunch, water, sun cream, and extra layers for the day.

These places will be dependent on good behaviour in line with England Rugby Football Union core values of Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship.

We are all very excited to represent the school in the build up to the Womens Rugby World Cup this Summer.



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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 – **Benjamin Brown 9X1**

Mr Moss – **Eve Antliff Y12**

Mr Griffiths – **Tommy Warland 7X1**

Mrs Armstrong – **Harry Mason 9Y1**

Miss Roberts – **Daniel Stevens 8Y1**

Mr Balls – **Dexter Barrett 7X3**

Mr Bowyer – **John Burgin 9X4**

Mrs Lord – **Zac Darlaston 8X3**

American Sports Festival

What a fantastic time some of our year 7 & 8 pupils had at the American Sports festival last week. They were given the opportunity to try Golf, Kin Ball, Dodgeball, Softball, Ultimate Frisbee and Skate Boarding. Lets just say lots of fun was had by all. #stbedepe



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B Powerful Education

SUMMER CAMP



B Powerful have teamed up with fun and food to provide a summer camp experience designed for September 25 year 7 -11 who qualify for free school meals.

Breakfast, Lunch and snacks included.

Every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
starting 21st July until 27th August
(excluding 4th August.)

10AM – 2PM

Unit 18 Wapping court, Peterlee County Durham
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Our sessions can be tailored to the children's interests, we can offer a mix of indoor activities including, DIY skills in the workshop, gaming and youth club style games such as table tennis, darts and cards. Outdoor activities will include, bush craft and survival skills, sports and fitness using either boxing, football or rugby.





Key Dates

- Monday 30th June: Week A
- Friday 4 July: INSET - school closed for pupils
- Thursday 17 July: End of term (12.30pm finish) - Summer holiday begins Friday 18 July

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Designated safeguarding leads:



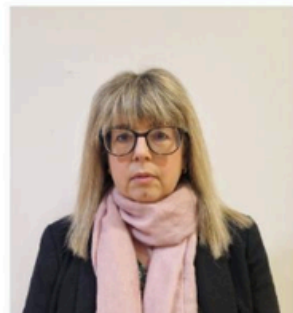
Mr Logan
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