



# 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: July 11 2025

### Faith

In this Sunday's Gospel (Luke 10:25-37), we hear the story of the Good Samaritan. Through this parable, Jesus answers a question from a lawyer and tells us that our neighbour is any person who needs our help, regardless of who they are or where they come from.

At the end of the Gospel, Jesus then tells the lawyer to go and act as the Good Samaritan did. It is a message for us all today. It is a question that we can all ask ourselves. Who will I be a good neighbour to this week?

### Excellence

#### Headteacher's Award

This week's Headteacher's Award has been earned by **Riley Newton-Wharfe** in Year 8. Riley has been really helpful and caring towards members of the St. Bede's Community and we are really proud with the decisions he has made and the way he has demonstrated our core values of faith, excellence, determination, responsibility, citizenship and respect. Well done Riley and Thank you again!

#### Tutor Group of the Week

**1001** are this week's Tutor Group of the Week! Well done to all of the pupils in 1001 - keep up your good work.

#### House Students of the week

Columba: **Josh Oakley 9C1**

Hilda: **Alfie Saunders 8H2**

Oswald: **Charlotte Wylie 7O2**



## RESPONSIBILITY – DETERMINATION – CITIZENSHIP – RESPECT

### Crochet Club

On Saturday some of the members of Crochet Club delivered the octopuses that they had made to the neonatal unit at Sunderland Royal Hospital. The hospital was chosen by the pupils at it was the hospital that meant the most to them and had looked after them in the past. They all worked really hard to learn the pattern and to make them. None of the pupils knew how to crochet until this year so it really is incredible what they have achieved. It was a lovely kind gesture and the nurses were so happy to receive the gift of the octopuses. It was great to give something back to the community.



### Penultimate Week for Maths Legends!

We are delighted to announce this week's Maths Legends who have appeared on our Wall of Legends. These pupils have personified our school values, creating exceptional work and being true role models - well done!

- Miss Houghton - **Madox Cullen 7H2**
- Mr Taylor - **Harrison Martindale 9H3**
- Dr Treanor - **Shamah Mawonde 9O1**
- Mr Still - **Leila Davies 8O2**
- Mrs Keniry - **Pipeloluwa Adebayo 7O2**

## RESPONSIBILITY – DETERMINATION – CITIZENSHIP – RESPECT

### Beamish Trip

Our Year 10 students recently enjoyed a fantastic trip to Beamish Museum as part of their GCSE History studies, focusing on Health and the People in Britain Through Time. The visit brought the past to life, giving students the chance to explore historical settings and deepen their understanding of how health and medicine have evolved.

The students were a credit to the school throughout the day, engaging enthusiastically with the exhibits and demonstrating great interest and respect. Staff were incredibly proud of their conduct and curiosity – it was truly a pleasure to accompany them. A wonderful day out for all involved!"



### **New survey launched to capture parents' views: please follow the link below if your child is in Years 9-11!**

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 those of you with children in Year 9-11 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).



## RESPONSIBILITY – DETERMINATION – CITIZENSHIP – RESPECT

### PE Kit

It is important that our children show they belong by wearing the appropriate PE Kit to school - both on sports day and in all PE lessons. Our PE kit fosters a sense of unity and pride among pupils, ensuring they are well-prepared and comfortable for their activities. This includes wearing the official school black t-shirt and shorts from [www.theschooloutfit.co.uk](http://www.theschooloutfit.co.uk) or plain black equivalent. Suitable sports footwear must also be worn. Each item is designed to encourage optimal performance while promoting school spirit. Pupils are reminded to maintain their kits in good condition and to label them with their names to prevent any mix-ups. By adhering to the school's dress code, students contribute to a cohesive and respectful learning environment. Pupils must bring kit even if they are not able to take part in sporting activity as they can participate in other ways. This is particularly important when outside and the weather may wet their school uniform. Pupils not participating must have a note from parents / carers in their planner. The school has laundered kit for those few occasions when pupils do forget their St. Bede's black kit.

### Uniform Swap Shop

A reminder that our uniform swap shop will be taking place on **Friday 18 July between 9.00am and 12.00am**. All donated uniform has been washed and school is closed to pupils that day. Kylie Austin from East Durham Trust is also attending to offer confidential advice in areas such as grants/benefit advice.

If anyone has any used uniform that they would like to donate, please send this to Mrs Ball.

### Free School Meal Eligibility Application

Emails have been sent this week regarding eligibility for free school meals. Please could all parents complete the online FSM application as soon as possible, even if you think you may not be eligible, as it helps the school to receive additional funding to support your child's education. If you are unable to complete the online application forms are available from the main office and can be returned for the school to complete on your behalf.

### Lunch Accounts

Polite Reminder As we come to the end of term, please ensure that any outstanding lunch accounts are cleared by **Thursday 18 July**. Thank you.



## RESPONSIBILITY – DETERMINATION – CITIZENSHIP – RESPECT

### 8X4/PHSE

A special mention goes to 8X4 for their excellent contributions this term to discussion of the UK electoral system. The class were set the task of coming up with some manifesto pledges and policies that they would like to see if they were in charge of the country. Three groups of students then presented their manifestos to the rest of the class. All were well thought out with a focus on education, health care, defence and the problems affecting the UK today. Special mentions go to Grace Scott, Elise Parkinson and Lucy Baker for their comprehensive presentation on how to reform the education system in the UK. Thomas Price and Leo Watson/Leo Cairns also deserve an extra special mention for their superb presentations of their manifestos which were extremely well thought out and demonstrated the two boy's maturity. They were even able to answer some difficult questions on their policies posed by the class.

After manifestos were presented, the class had a vote and Thomas Price's party was the eventual winner (after some allegations of electoral fraud). I fully expect Thomas to be representing a North-East constituency at some time in the future. Mr Hind



ST. BEDE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
AND BYRON 6TH FORM COLLEGE  
PETERLEE, SR8 1DE

# 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

**JOIN US!** **OUR PROSPECTUS**



### Music Competition

We held our first inter-house music competition. Thank you to all entrants. The music department would like to congratulate our house winners.

- Hilda House - **Daniel Wilson**
- Columba House - **Jasmine Roberts**
- Oswald House - **Noah Scott**



## RESPONSIBILITY – DETERMINATION – CITIZENSHIP – RESPECT

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the academic year, I would like to share with you the plans for the final week of term.

### All week - Year 10 Work Experience

Pupils that have not secured a work experience placement will attend school all week and will participate in some virtual work experience.

### Monday 14th July – Sports Day

We will begin the week with our annual Sports Day. Pupils should attend school in their PE kit. Please ensure they bring a water bottle and sun protection.

### Tuesday 15th July

- Pupils should attend in full school uniform.
- Some **Year 8** pupils will be enjoying a trip to **Hamsterley Forest**. Please refer to the separate trip letter for further details. Other pupils will attend their normal lessons.
- **Year 7 Celebration Assembly** will take place during the school day.

### Wednesday 16th July

- Pupils should attend in full school uniform.
- Some **Year 7** pupils will be visiting **Tynemouth** for their end-of-year trip. Details have been sent separately. Other pupils will attend their normal lessons.
- **Years 8 and 9 Celebration Assemblies** will take place during the day.

### Thursday 17th July – Last Day of Term

- Pupils should wear full school uniform.
- We will celebrate a **Whole School Mass**, led by **Fr. Marc**, to mark the end of the year.
- **School will close early at 12:30pm** for the summer holidays. Please contact reception if your child is entitled to free school meals and you would like a packed lunch prepared for them.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We wish all of our families a restful and enjoyable summer break.

Best wishes,

Frances Cessford

## Sixth Form

# BYRON

SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

### **Congratulations to Eve Antliff and Grace Purvis**

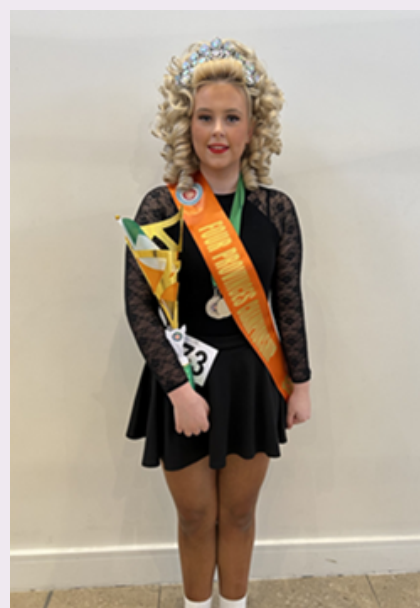
Eve and Grace have both returned from Cambridge University where they completed the Pelican Outreach Programme with Corpus Christi College. Eve explored the architecture course which included getting advice on producing an exceptional portfolio. Grace explored the history course. Throughout the year, both girls have worked with academics in seminar style sessions.

### **Lauren Balls continues to dazzle on the Irish Dancing circuit:**

Lauren has continued to impress with her exceptional performance in Irish Dancing. Lauren trains throughout the week, balancing schoolwork, work as a lifeguard and her busy competition schedule.

Here are some of Lauren's recent successes:

- 3rd All Scotland Championships – July 25
- 3rd World Championships – Oct 24
- 3rd Ulster Championships – May 25
- 3rd Four Provinces – March 25



### **A highly successful year**

It's been another exceptional year for Byron Sixth Formers. We have achieved success in all areas from our academics, volunteering opportunities, university outreach programmes, destinations. Thank you to all our fantastic staff and supporters at home.

### **'Who you gonna call?' Psychology Outreach - University of Sunderland**

On Wednesday, the University of Sunderland joined us to deliver an outreach session to our Y12 psychologists. The session focuses on the belief in supernatural especially ghosts and the psychology behind it. A spooky lesson which had everyone thinking.

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



## Key Dates

**Monday 7 July:** Week A

**Monday 7 July:** Sports Day - PE Kit (normal uniform for the rest of the week)

**Thursday 17 July:** End of term (12.30pm finish) - Summer holiday begins Friday 18 July

## Safeguarding

### Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

#### Designated safeguarding leads:



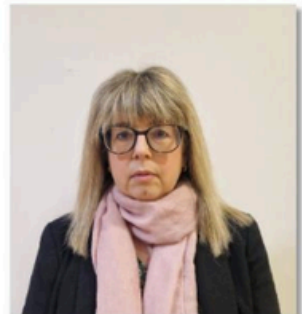
**Mr Logan**  
Designated  
Safeguarding Lead



**Mrs Cessford**  
Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead



**Mrs Robinson**  
Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead



**Mrs Ord**  
Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead

## Home and School Links

**Address:** St. Bede's Catholic School & Byron Sixth Form  
Westway, Peterlee, Co. Durham, SR8 1DE

**Email:** [enquiries@st-bedes.org](mailto:enquiries@st-bedes.org)

**Phone:** 0191 5876220

**Website:** [www.st-bedes.org](http://www.st-bedes.org)

**Facebook:** [StBedesandByron](https://www.facebook.com/StBedesandByron)

**Class Charts:** [www.classcharts.com](http://www.classcharts.com)

**Our Parish:** [Our Lady of the Rosary in Peterlee and Horden](#)  
**Our Diocese:** [Hexham & Newcastle](#)

