



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: 4 July 2025

Faith

This Sunday's Gospel (Luke 10:1-1, 17-20) reminds us that Jesus came to establish a kingdom and with Jesus' blessing, his friends are sent on an urgent mission to all who will listen. They are sent to announce the good news of God's kingdom- to make present God's blessing of peace and healing.

God loves all people equally and invites everyone to share in his kingdom.

Excellence

Headteacher's Award

This week's Headteacher's Award has been earned by **Thomas Price** in Year 8. Thomas has received a significant number of credits in the past fortnight, recognising that Thomas does his best to live out our core values of faith, excellence, determination, responsibility, citizenship and respect.

Well done, Thomas - we're proud of you.

Tutor Group of the Week

9C3 are this week's Tutor Group of the Week! Well done to all of the pupils in 9C3 - keep up your good work.

House Students of the week

Columba: **Zac Darleston 8C1**

Hilda: **Sam Wilkinson (7H2)**

Oswald: **Ruby Robinson (7O1)**



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Rugby Club - Player of the Season!

Ephraim Kidd Y9 has been an outstanding member of our rugby club and team since joining. When Ephraim first came to training, he didn't have any experience of playing rugby and was quite nervous. He quickly found his feet even if he didn't always know what direction he was going.

After a short time, Ephraim established himself as an important member of the team and an excellent team player. He has worked hard, both on and off the pitch, to develop his rugby skills. Always keen to listen and take feedback Ephraim has demonstrated an excellent attitude throughout. He has now been playing for Horden Rugby Club where he has just completed his first season. Ephraim was also an incredible player during the Secondary School T1 Rugby Festival. After the tournament Ephraim was presented with his prize for Player of the Season, a pair of 1st team shorts from Newcastle Falcons! Well done Ephraim!



Maths Department's Wall of Legends gets bigger!

We are incredibly proud to announce the following pupils as this week's Maths Legends. These pupils have displayed excellence in everything they have done and acted as role models for other pupils. Soon, we will be revealing a way to permanently recognise all of this year's Legends... keep watching!

- Miss Houghton - **Rita Csuri 10C1**
- Mr Taylor - **Corey Hardy 9O2**
- Dr Treanor - **Harry Young 10C3**
- Mr Still - **Jayden Li 7C2**
- Mrs Keniry - **Nasir Hashimi 7O2**

Jubilee Pledge Day 27 June 2025

Last Friday, as a school community, we all made our Jubilee pledges.

It was a meaningful moment where each of us, students, staff, and teachers, committed to actions that reflect hope, unity, and renewal. These pledges symbolise our dedication to building a better future, both within our school and beyond. Whether our promises focused on kindness, sustainability, learning, or service, each one plays a part in shaping a more compassionate and connected world.



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Secondary School T1 Rugby Festival Kingston Park

We are really proud of the pupils who took part in the Rugby Festival at Kingston Park. They won a lot of matches, and were told that they were the best team there!★

We were so impressed at the turnout despite the school closure; it really did show us what incredible pupils we have at St Bede's. A special thank you to parents and guardians for helping pupils get to school in order to go on the trip.

The pupils really set Kingston Park ablaze, all looking out for each other, making sure everyone got to take part, sharing kit (even with other schools), sharing snacks, and cheering each other on. They were incredible!

🌈🌟🌟 Well done team St Bede's 🌟🌟🌈



A Special mention

A special mention to **Carl Dawson** 9C3 who demonstrated resilience and extreme kindness at home this week. Carl's mam was rushed into hospital and ended up having emergency surgery and is currently on bed rest for a while. Carl has been so helpful around the home and with his younger sisters as well as helping myself get around the house. He has done this without any complaints. Well done Carl!

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Inter-House Art Club Success! 🎨

Year 8 students from Oswald, Columba and Hilda houses took part in a special Inter-House Art Club Day, where they showcased their creativity and teamwork. Using clay and Plaster of Paris, pupils explored sculpture techniques to produce beautiful tile impressions.

Their impressive manipulation of materials and attention to texture and form made for some truly striking outcomes.

Well done, Year 8 – a fantastic effort and great house spirit!



Congratulations

Congratulations to **William Benjamin 7H2** who gained a merit in his Grade 1 Violin Exam.

Uniform Donations

A huge thank you to all of our community for the uniform items that have been donated. Any further donations can be taken to Mrs Balls.

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Year 11 Prom

Dear Students and Families,

Thank you so much for joining us for the Year 11 Prom on Friday 27th June. The evening was truly amazing for everyone involved, and it was a joy to celebrate such a special milestone together.

We're so grateful to our students for the lasting impact they've had on our school – their character, their growth, and their resilience have shaped our community in ways we'll always remember. The night was filled with positivity, dancing, cold-air intervals, laughter, companionship, and even some karaoke – with MC's pitch perfect performance of Sweet Caroline bringing the evening to a perfect close!

Our school simply won't be the same without this incredible year group. Thank you again, and we wish all of our students the very best for what's still to come.

With warmest regards.





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Sixth Form

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Sixth Form shine as Year 6 transition mentors:

Twenty Sixth Form students worked hard to support our new Year 6 students in their transition to secondary school. Students acted as guides around the school, answered questions and presented themselves as incredible role models.

Eve explores architecture:

Eve Antliff in Year 12 spent time this week at Northumbria University exploring the architecture course. She had some time to consider the different elements of the course and to take some advice on compiling her portfolio.

Pathways to Law:

On Wednesday, five Year 12 students visited Durham University for a Pathways to Law event in conjunction with top UK law firm - Slaughter and May. The day ended with a mock negotiation in which our students got to exhibit their debating skills.

Kaylm visits Oxford:

Kaylm Rowland is currently visiting the University of Oxford with the North East Oxford Residential Programme. The programme allows students to visit the University, attend the open day and stay overnight in one of Oxford's impressive colleges.

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



Key Dates

Monday 7th July: Week B

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

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Designated safeguarding leads:



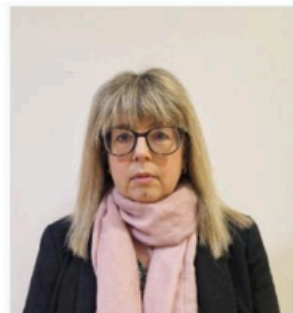
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