



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: 12 September 2025

Faith

In this Sunday's Gospel (John 3:13-17), we read that God loves us so much that he gave his only Son for us. God wants us to try to live like Jesus, to be 'self-giving' as opposed to being selfish. To be 'self-giving' is to be aware of others' needs or interests and to put others needs before our own.

We can all be 'self-giving' even in little ways, at home, at school or in the community. We could help out at school or around the house, we could be polite and let others go first or we could reach out to someone in need.

Excellence

JOIN NOW

Our doors are always open to prospective students and their families. At St. Bede's, we pride ourselves on fostering a nurturing and inspiring environment where each individual is encouraged to reach their God-given potential. During your visit, you'll have the opportunity to meet our dedicated staff, explore our excellent facilities, and witness firsthand the vibrant community spirit that defines our school. We look forward to welcoming you and answering any questions you may have about joining our school family.

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

**OUR
PROSPECTUS**



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Rewards

Headteacher's Award: This week's worthy winner is **Frankie J** in **10C3**. Frankie has shown exceptional dedication and a positive attitude, making a significant impact both in the classroom and around school. Congratulations, Frankie, on this well-deserved recognition!

Tutor Group of the Week: This week the award goes to both **7C1** and **7C2** who made a fantastic start to the term and both had 100% attendance. Well done!

Columba Student of the Week: Macie Dixon 7C2.

Columba Highest Credits: Archie Conroy 10C3 & Frankie J 10C3.

Columba Attendance Hero: Matthew Antilff 11C2

Oswald Student of the Week: Paul Waldron 11O2

Oswald Highest Credits: Daniel Hodgson 10O1

Oswald Attendance Hero: Scarlett Daly 7O1

All students who win an award this week will receive a queue jumper pass for them and a friend which enables them to go to the front of their lunch queue for lunch. This is a single use pass. **Hilda's** rewards will begin next week.

Hilda Wins the 2024-2025 House Credits Cup!

Congratulations to everyone in **Hilda** House.

Who will claim the titles this year? How will you strive for victory?

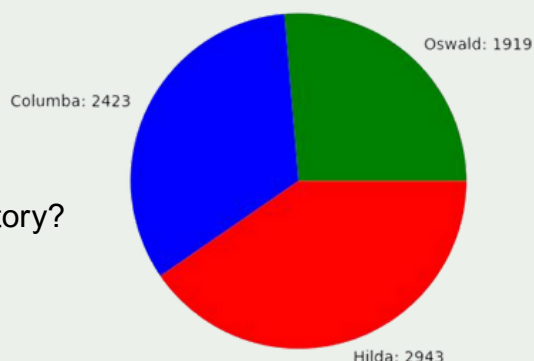
- Meet our standards
- Challenge yourselves
- Respect one another

Together, we can reach new heights and strengthen our school community. Remember, every small effort matters - whether it's assisting a fellow student, engaging actively in class, or demonstrating kindness and empathy. Keep pursuing excellence, and let's make this year truly unforgettable for everyone at St. Bede's and Byron Sixth Form College. Stay inspired and continue the fantastic work!



2025-2026 Current Credit Totals:

St. Bede's Credits



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English Stars of the Week

- **Above Okojie 7O1:** A brilliant start to her time at St. Bede's. Above has worked extremely hard, focusing on lovely presentation and extending her answers.
- **Ella Hackworth 11C2:** Ella has a fantastic attitude to learning, making a great start to Year 11
- **Myles Price 10O1:** Fantastic effort and attitude to start the term
- **Grace Scott 9O3:** Fantastic attitude and lovely start to Year 9 - well done!
- **James Hudson 10C1:** An amazing response constructed to Q5 on his first try
- **Josh Hunt 9O2:** Brilliant answers provided in lessons this week
- **Joe Beeston 9O2:** Excellence all round
- **Jack Wardropper 10O2:** Fantastic attitude to learning



Feast of St. Oswald – Celebrating Our House Saint - August 5th

This week, we celebrated the Feast of **St. Oswald**, one of our House Saints. He was a courageous king, faithful Christian, and generous leader. **St. Oswald** is remembered for using his power not for personal gain, but to serve others and share the love of Christ

As a house, we are called to follow in his footsteps: to be peacemakers, to stand firm in faith, and to lead through service and humility.

Let's mark this special occasion with prayer, gratitude, and acts of kindness that reflect the spirit of **St. Oswald**. May his example continue to inspire us to live with courage and compassion.

Great North Runners!

A huge shoutout to **Miss Atkinson**, **Mr Larkin**, and **Miss Scott** for absolutely smashing the Great North Run this year! We're bursting with pride - well done!

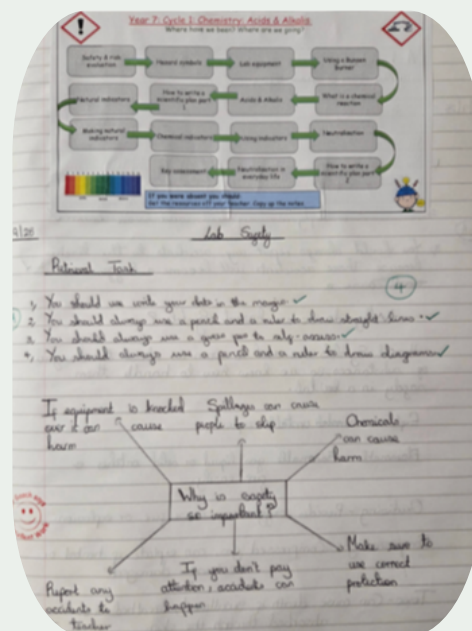


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This Week in Science

This week in science we have been really impressed with how well **Year 7** has settled in and adapted to their new surroundings. It has been lovely to see them working hard and putting in lots of effort into their work. **Year 7** has been looking at laboratory safety and hazards. This will help them prepare for future practical lessons.

We are delighted that our pupils are striving to meet the St. Bede's standard in their exercise books. Look at this shining example! Please can parents and carers encourage all pupils to present their work to the best of their ability in every single task they undertake - the St. Bede's standard is printed in Knowledge Organisers so that parents and carers understand the expectation.



Science Department Lab Coat Legends

In science, it is essential to recognize and honor the outstanding efforts of students. Dedicating themselves to their studies fosters **problem-solving skills**, sparks **curiosity**, and enhances their understanding of the world. This commitment reflects their determination, as it often requires analyzing complex issues, predicting outcomes, and conducting experiments.

- Mrs Hayward: **Logan Playle 11Y2**
- Mr Moss: **Molly Frost 11Y1**
- Mr Griffiths: **Theo Wotton 8X2**
- Mr Bowyer: **Jacob Burrell 11Y3**
- Mr Balls: **Lily Richardson 11X1**
- Miss Armstrong: **Victoria Dyer 9Y1**
- Mr Gooch: **Jia Qi Guan 8Y2**
- Mr Day: **Jeorgy Lowther 7T**
- Mrs Lord: **Israel Fasasi 9Y2**



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Anya's Work Experience

Anya Ellsworth 11C2 enjoyed a fantastic week of work experience at Fujifilm Diosynth Biotechnologies this summer.

From e-coli on slides and giant conical flasks to large fermenting vats of yeast, tiny pipettes and 0.056g measurements of chemicals, she's learned and gained knowledge and insight to a different side of the world of science and pharmaceuticals. Being on the Process Development team she was taught so many things from data analysis, computerized statistic calculations to areas of molecular biology which included DNA extraction that really captivated her. Well done, Anya!



SEND Review Dates

Mrs Robson reviews SEND plans every half term. Before half term she will review **Y7, Y11, Y12 and Y13**. After half term she will review **Y8, Y9 and Y10**. Parents will receive a notification via the Arbor Parent Portal app to notify them and they can contact Mrs Robson to arrange a time to meet. Please ensure that you enable notifications for the Arbor app on your mobile phone. Thank you.

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MacMillan Coffee Morning - Parents/Carers of Y7 & Y11

We warmly invite parents of Year 7 and Year 11 to join us for our MacMillan Coffee Morning to raise funds and support for MacMillan Cancer Support.

Date: Friday 26 September 2025

Time: 10.00am-11.45am

Come along to enjoy delicious coffee, tasty cakes and great company - all for a fantastic cause!

We hope to see you there to help make a difference. If you can make it, please email Mrs Balls on oballs@st-bedes.org to book your place.

Donations: If you're able to donate any cakes, biscuits or treats, it would be amazing. Every slice helps us raise money for a great cause.. Please send your donations to Mrs Ball on the week beginning 22 September. Thank you so much for your support!



Young Carers

We are looking to identify students who may be classed as a young carer.

What is a Young Carer?

A young carer is someone under the age of 18 who helps care for a family member or loved one who is ill, disabled, has a mental health condition, or struggles with substance misuse. It's a role that requires maturity, compassion, and strength – often far beyond what's expected at such a young age.

What Does a Young Carer Do?

Every situation is different, but many young carers find themselves:

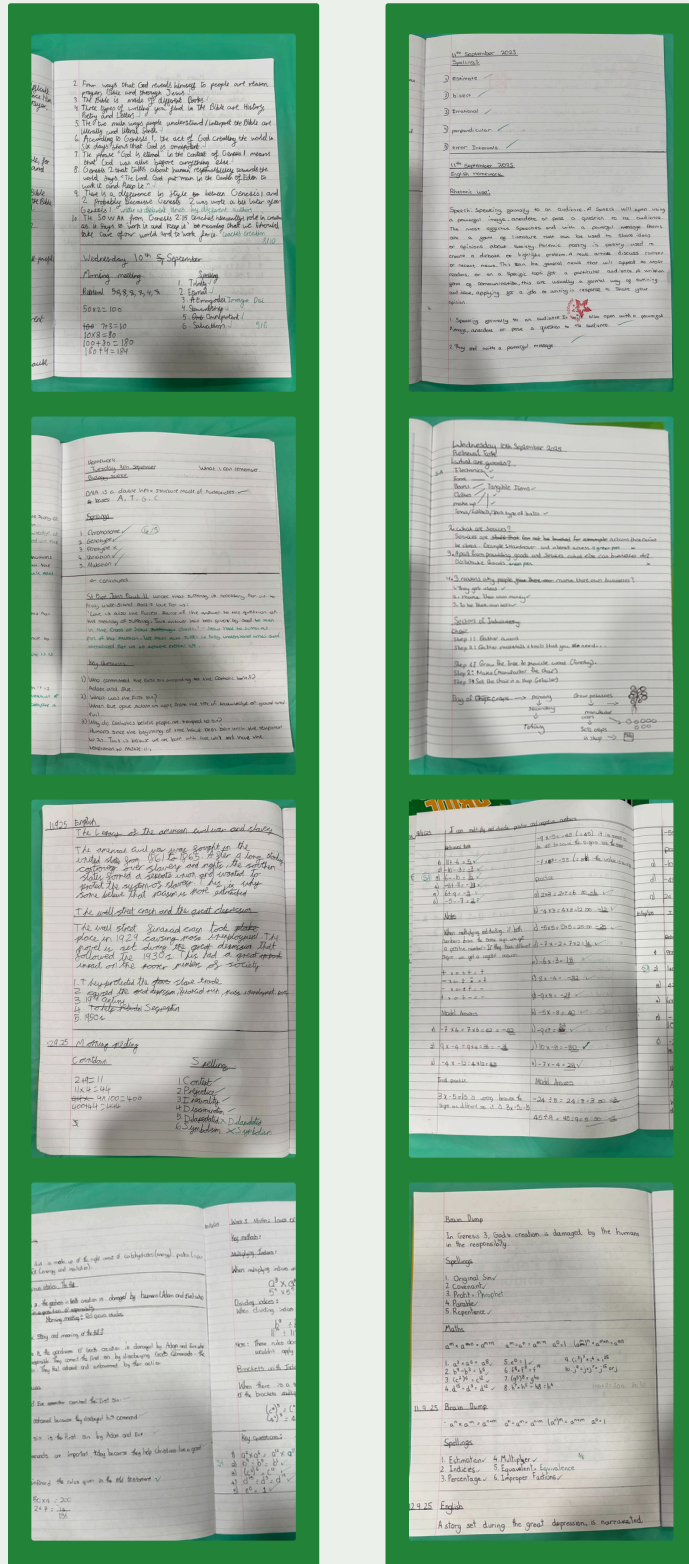
- Helping with everyday tasks like cooking, cleaning, or shopping
- Assisting with personal care such as washing, dressing, or taking medication
- Providing emotional support when things get tough
- Looking after siblings or managing household responsibilities

If you think that your child may be a young carer or you would like some more information, please contact Mrs Ball on oballs@st-bedes.org



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St. Bede's Standard



Our pupils have been producing work of an exceptional standard this week. Mrs Cessford and Mr Logan had the privilege of handing out rewards to pupils that brought work they were proud of. They were praised for their hard work and persistence, emphasizing how these efforts build a strong foundation for future success.

Each Friday, all pupils have the opportunity to visit the Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher with their exercise books to share their pursuit of excellence and celebrate their success.

Thanks to all pupils who came today - we're proud of you.

St. Bede's Standards



Date & title:



We always write the title and date and underline them with a ruler.

Presentation matters:

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We write in black pen, on the line, never doodle or graffiti, and use our best handwriting every lesson. We always cross out with a neat line, and never scribble.

Give 100%:



We fully participate in every task, every lesson.

Learning from mistakes:



We value feedback, and always respond to it in green pen.

Full sentences:



We always write in full sentences.

Spelling, punctuation & grammar:



We use capital letters at the start of sentences, full stops at the end.

Respect the environment:



We rule off our work between lessons to avoid wasting paper and ensure we care for the planet.

Pride in our achievements:



Our work represents our learning, and we are always prepared to show staff and students our books.

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East Durham Sports Clubs

JUNIOR 2025-26 SPORTS CLUB CONTACTS EAST DURHAM

Club Durham works with local clubs to create a safe and enjoyable environment for all children and young people to participate in the wide variety of sport and physical activity on offer across the county.



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Whilst Club Durham endeavours to ensure that all clubs have the appropriate safeguarding procedures in place, and are safe and child-friendly, we would advise checking with the club before participating in a session. Further advice can be obtained from the relevant sport governing body or on the Club Durham website.

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Key Dates

- **Sun 14 September:** Education Sunday
- **Mon 15 September:** Timetable Week A (uniform check)
- **Thu 18 September:** Parent Info Evening re Morning Meeting and Homework - two sessions available 4.30pm or 5.15pm
- **Thu 25 September:** Year 6 Open Evening
- **Fri 26 September:** MacMillan Coffee Morning
- **Wed 1 October:** SEND Coffee Morning
- **Thu 9 October:** Sixth Form Open Evening

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Designated safeguarding leads:



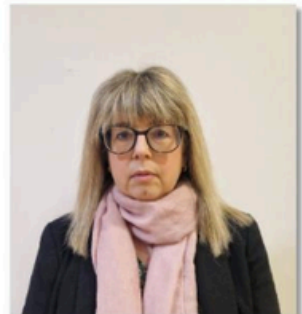
Mr Logan
Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Cessford
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Robinson
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Ord
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