



# 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: 26 September 2025

### Faith

In this Sunday's Gospel (Luke 16: 19 -31) we read about Lazurus, suffering at the rich man's gate and the rich man does nothing to help him.

It's easy for us to become so caught up in the busyness of life that we still that we don't even notice the needs of others or worse still ignore them. Jesus repeatedly teaches us about fairness, sharing and kindness to others particularly to the poor. Let us think this week how we can be kind and show fairness towards others.

### Excellence

#### Headteacher's Award

This week, **Valerie Onogholo 9C2** was presented with our Headteacher's Award.

Valerie's exercise books are beautifully presented and full of production - her books exemplify the St. Bede's Standard.

Her attitude is first-rate too - achieving many credits for excellence without picking up a single behaviour point.

Well done, Valerie - we're proud of you!

#### Tutor Group of the Week

Our Tutor Group of the Week is **11C2**. The pupils in 11C2 have worked hard and collectively lived out our core values of faith, excellence, responsibility, determination, citizenship and respect.

#### Proud of our Work

Pupils keep coming to see Mrs Cessford and Mr Logan each Friday at breaktime to show them work they're proud of. Please encourage your children to show us their books.





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### House Awards

Columba Student of the Week: **Carl Dawson 10C3**

Columba Highest Credits: **Elsie Magee 9C2**

Columba Attendance Hero: **Katie Garrick 9C1**

Hilda Student of the Week: **Sebastian Treanor 9H1**

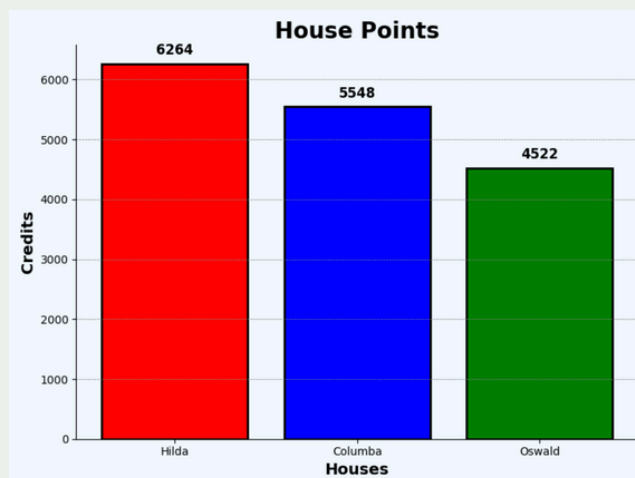
Hilda Highest Credits: **Brody Goodricke 8H1**

Hilda Attendance Hero: **Charlie Wilson 10H3**

Oswald Student of the Week: **Thom Fishwick 11O2**

Oswald Highest Credits: **Lily Pennick 10O2**

Oswald Attendance Hero: **Ezekial Fasasi 8O1**



### Exciting Virtual Work Experience with HSBC next week

We're excited to inform you about an upcoming virtual work experience opportunities with HSBC, taking place next week for students in year groups 7-9 (First Step) and 10-13 (Next Step). These events take place outside of school hours, making them easily accessible for all students. Click the underlined links to access the websites.

#### FIRST STEP - Student year groups 7-9

- Wednesday 1 October at 4.30pm (virtual session hosted on MS Teams)

#### "Pitch for a Purpose: Plan the Ultimate Charity Event with HSBC"

- A 45-minute briefing with the HSBC team
- Complete the career challenge at their own pace
- Certification awarded on completion
- [Register now!](#) (students)

#### NEXT STEP - Student year groups 10-13

- Thursday 2 October at 5pm (virtual session hosted on MS Teams)

#### "HSBC the National Trust - Nature Projects That Make a Difference"

- A 45-minute virtual briefing with the HSBC team
- Complete the career challenge at their own pace
- Certification awarded on completion
- [Register now!](#) (students)



Join our HSBC live online career challenge.  
Gain FREE virtual work experience and certification



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### A Memorable Evening with Future Year 7 Students

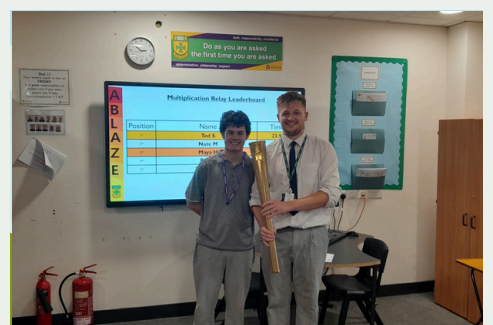
On Thursday evening we had the privilege of hosting our future Year 7 students and their families. Thank you to all of our current students who gave up their time to be ambassadors - the feedback about you was truly amazing! Our visitors were treated to a variety of engaging activities and informative sessions designed to showcase what makes our school special. From interactive science experiments to creative arts displays, the enthusiasm of our students and staff was truly infectious. It was heartwarming to see the joy on the faces of our guests as they explored our site and learned more about the vibrant community and ethos at St. Bede's. Congratulations to our Golden Ticket winners who left with a prize! We hope everyone left with a sense of excitement about the journey ahead and we look forward to welcoming our new students next year.







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### Couldn't Make Open Evening?

We'd be delighted to show you around our school and answer any questions you may have. Please contact us on [enquiries@st-bedes.org](mailto:enquiries@st-bedes.org) or 0191 587 6220. Likewise, if you were at the Open Evening but would like to visit during the school day, we can accommodate this - just get in touch.

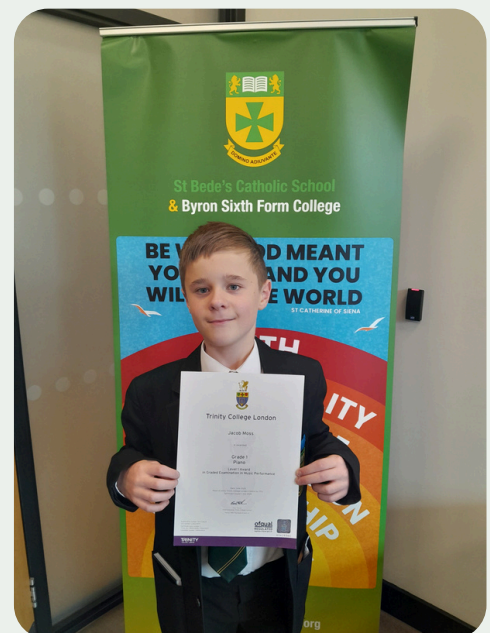
### Performing Arts Success

Well done to **Jacob Moss 7C1** (pictured). Jacob has successfully passed his Grade 1 Piano exam. What an amazing achievement!

Good luck to **Emily Nichols 7O1** who is currently starring in a production of The Little Mermaid.

**Sam Wilkinson 8H2** is this week's Musician of the Week; Sam has been supporting extra curricular activities and working hard in lessons. Well done, Sam

We are incredibly proud of all our students' achievements in the performing arts! Their dedication and talent continue to shine and inspire others. If you know of any other budding musicians or actors who would like to share their accomplishments, please encourage them to reach out to us. Let's keep celebrating the wonderful creativity and hard work of our students!



### English Stars of the Week (last week)

- Mrs Wild - **Ava Chester 9C1** - 100% effort every lesson
- Mrs Dolan - **Elidad Akinola 8O2** - 100% effort and excellent work
- Mr Johnson - **Mallie Clayton 11H1** - Excellent answers in poetry
- Miss Milburn - **Elise Guest 9H3** - Fantastic determination and effort
- Miss Barkley - **Layla Peacock 7C1** - Great attitude to learning
- Mrs Scutt - **Chloe Ebbelwhite 8C1** - Fantastic attitude to learning!

### English Stars of the Week (this week)

- Ms Barkley - **James Carolan 7H1** - Always tries his best and makes fantastic contributions
- Mr Johnson - **Macie Dixon 7C2** - Always fully engaged and contributing to lessons
- Mrs Wild - **Kayden Tupling 10H2** - Always asking for help and asking thoughtful probing questions
- Mrs Hamilton - **Oryna Zaiats 8H1** - Listening carefully and challenging herself
- Ms Dolan - **Isaac Quinn 7C1** - Lovely work and attitude
- Miss Milburn - **Rosie Holmes 10H2** - Being a great ambassador for English at the open night



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### Another week, another generation of Maths Legends!

A massive congratulations to our newest Maths Legends who demonstrated excellent effort, determination and the St. Bede's Standard for books. Each teacher can select up to 150 pupils each week, so being the named Maths Legend represents a significant achievement. Well done!

- Mr Fowler - **Anthony Emmerson 9X2**
- Miss Houghton - **Tobias Todd 7D**
- Mr Hudspeth - **Owen Charlton 11X4**
- Mr Day - **Joshua Bailey 8Y2**
- Mr Marrs - **Macie Dixon 7S**
- Mr Taylor - **Emily-Grace Readman 9X3**
- Dr Treanor - **Maksyn Hrudko 11X1**
- Mr Wyness - **Phoebe Richardson 7E**

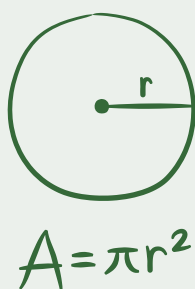
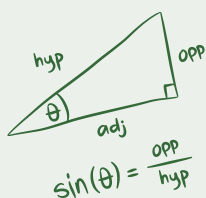
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### Maths Department unveils our first ever Maths Roll of Honour

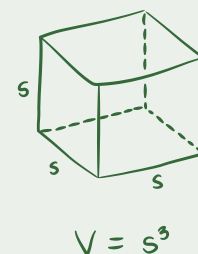
Recognising our pupils' effort and contributions in their maths lessons is exceptionally important to us. Linked to our vision of ensuring our pupils can set the world ablaze, we constantly celebrate respect, excellence and responsibility. Since January, over 150 pupils have been named as Maths Legends and we wanted to recognise these pupils permanently, not simply for one week.

This week, we revealed our Maths Roll of Honour for 2024-2025, which names every single one of the 150 Maths Legends named last year. Year on year, we will create a new Roll of Honour, so over time, we will have a proper "Wall of Legends"! We have already mounted our 2025 - 2026 frame, waiting for those named this academic year!



Maths Roll of Honour 2024 - 2025		
Celebrating excellence		
<b>Year 7</b> Bahram Nislat Bailey Butterfield Charlie Davison Charlotte Wylie Dean Blackburn Dexter Barrett Evan Turner Evan Vickers Faith Robinson Imogen Topping Isabel Wood Jacob Knowles Jayden Li Karra Tempest Lucy Hogwood Lavenna Pennick Lula Turner Lucy Thompson Madox Cullen Nasir Hashmi Oliver Dodds Oryna Ziaats Pipeloula Ashby Robbie Brown Robyn Stephenson Riley Robinson Spencer Williamson Veronica Torrie Zac Garraghan	<b>Year 8</b> Alice Brown Anna Carr Archie Davidson Ava Evans Benjamin Selby Brown Carl Dawson Charlie Tidball Charlie Wilson Claudia Collings Corey Hardy Daniel Hodgson Ellis Cole Ethan Forster Frankie Jones Harrison Martindale Chantel Morgan Elise Parkinson	<b>Year 9</b> Emily Milestone Esther Ejsanatu Eva Liles Evie Lunn Faye Miller Harry Pesch Isla-Rose Morrison Layton Andrews Leah Davies Maja Ciesla Noah Leighton Nossanmen Izevbigbe Rhea Gardner Ruby Milner Sam Ellsworth Sonny Peacock Zac Darlston

Maths Roll of Honour 2025 - 2026		
Celebrating excellence		
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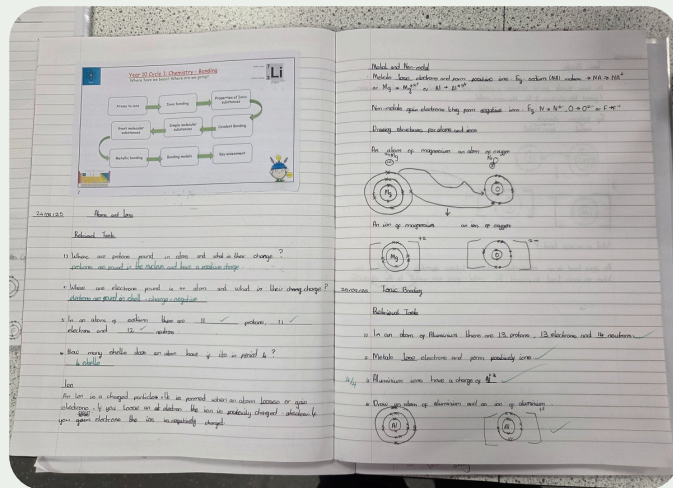
### This Week in Science

In Chemistry **Year 10** have started the Structure and Bonding topic. They have been reviewing ionic bonding and building on the knowledge from **Year 9** in which they looked at how atoms turn to ions. We have been really impressed with the recall of the knowledge from what they learnt in year 9 from some of the pupils.

### Labcoat 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.

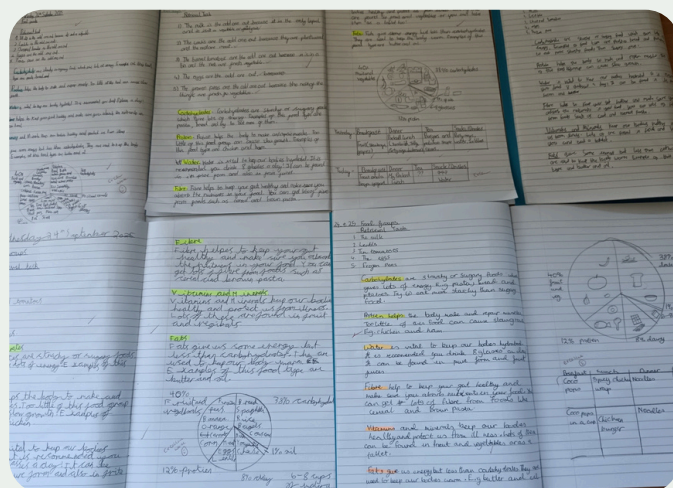
- Mrs Hayward - **David Horner 10Y3**
- Mr Moss – **Owen Charlton 11X4**
- Mr Griffiths - **Daniel Hodgson 10Y2**
- Mr Bowyer - **Emily Scollin 11X2**
- Mr Balls – **Neve Muir 8X3**
- Miss Armstrong – **Kiera Ridley 11X1**
- Mr Gooch - **Beau Rochester 11X4**
- Mr Day – **Samuel Wilkinson 8Y2**
- Mrs Lord - **Isla-Rose Morrison 9Y2**



### This Week in Food Technology

This week in Food Technology we have been looking at the different food groups.

Focusing on the Eatwell Guide, we have looked at the different food groups and considered what constitutes a healthy diet. Pupils have been demonstrating the core values of excellence and determination. It has been a pleasure to see.





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### Rewards System: Credits

Supporting our revised Behaviour and Relationships Policy, our rewards system gives your child the opportunity to win weekly house awards, such as House Student of the Week, Attendance Hero and additional rewards outside of the classroom.

Pupils can also gain positive credits throughout each day, which accumulate towards half termly rewards. These credits are linked to our values (ABLAZE) and examples of how they can be achieved are outlined below.

You can see your child's rewards and credits on Arbor.



### Citizenship

- Treat others fairly
- Do good for others
- Take care of the school environment
- Make the right choice

### Determination

- Accept Support
- Learn from obstacles
- Break down your goals

### Faith

- Be a Friend
- Do your best
- Radiate positivity
- Show gratitude
- Use your gifts

### Respect

- Be kind
- Be a friend
- Demonstrate British Values
- Display good manners
- Strive to make progress
- Work to the best of your ability.

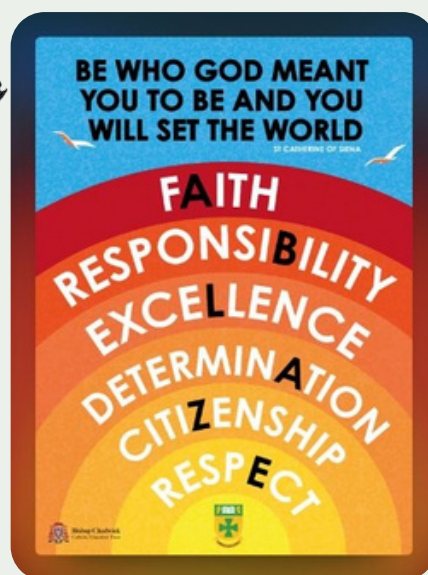


### Excellence

- Believe in yourself
- Follow your passion
- Have the right mindset
- Discover your purpose
- Reading
- Homework
- Set your goals

### Responsibility

- Be Honest
- Be prepared
- Ownership of mistakes
- Organise time well

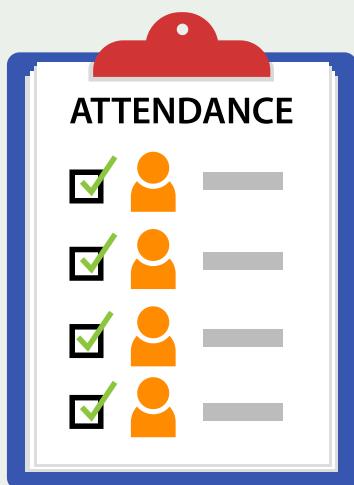


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### Attendance

Our school attendance target is 97%. The overall attendance for last year was 91.37%. It is imperative that we continue to work together to do all we can to prioritise our children's attendance at school.

**We ask that Parents/Carers support good attendance in the following ways:**



- Make school attendance a priority.
- Arrive at school on time - the student entrance opens at 8:30am and closes at 8:45am.
- Contact the school to report each daily absence by 9.15am via telephone on 0191 587 6220 (option 1 to report student absence).
- Children should return to school as soon as they are able to do so after an illness.
- If you have ANY concerns about attendance, please do not hesitate to speak to our attendance officer, Miss Gunn, in the first instance or your child's Head of House.

### Unauthorised Absence includes:

- Arriving late to school
- Shopping trips
- Birthday treat which results in their absence from school
- Absence from school with no reason
- Child off school as sibling/parent is unwell
- Child off school as sibling/parent has a medical appointment

0 days of school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

### Holidays in Term Time

There are 190 school days and 175 other days in the year that can be used for holidays and other occasions. The school academic year is set out a year in advance and available on the school website

A reminder that we **DO NOT** authorise holidays during term time. Leave of absence applications are intended for families where there is an exceptional circumstance that requires a child to be away from school. If you do feel that you have an exceptional reason for requesting leave of absence, please complete a leave of absence form, available from the school office.

**PLEASE CAN WE KINDLY REQUEST THAT YOU MAKE DENTAL AND MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL TIME. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, APPOINTMENT LETTERS/TEXTS WILL NEED TO BE SEEN BY THE SCHOOL OFFICE.**



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### Safeguarding: Understanding Early Help

Early Help is about identifying and supporting children and families as soon as problems emerge. It's not just for those at immediate risk - children who are frequently absent, face exclusion, or have a parent in custody may all benefit from early intervention.

By acting early, schools can prevent issues from escalating. Our staff are alert to subtle signs and know how to refer concerns to the safeguarding team. Early Help is everyone's responsibility.

Through partnerships with local agencies and professionals, we offer a network of support that extends beyond the school. This ensures that children and families have access to the help they need, whether it's counseling, academic support, or community service - please get in touch with your child's Head of House if you think the Early Help Service could support you.

There is more information about Early Help in County Durham here:

- <https://durham-scp.org.uk/practitioners/early-help/>

### School Car Park - Road Safety

This is a polite reminder that parents should not be driving on to site between 8.30 and 9.00 am and 3.10 and 3.30 pm.

Firstly, this is to keep our children safe - we have a heavy footfall of pedestrians entering and exiting school at those key times.

Also, we have had parents pulling into bus bays - this week, one of our bus drivers informed us that a parent had driven into the school car park and blocked his bus from getting in on Monday morning, making it impossible for him to enter site.

We understand that mornings and afternoons can be busy, and we appreciate your cooperation in ensuring the safety and smooth operation of our school environment. Additionally, please be reminded that the nearby streets can serve as alternative drop-off and pick-up points.

Thank you once again for your continued partnership.



## Sixth Form

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SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

### Engineering excellence for Niyah

**Niyah Sajan, Year 13**, spent the week shadowing at a well-known engineering firm. During the week she shadowed various types of engineering involved for example, the Test and Quality Sectors. She completed tasks such as putting probes in a test fixture.

It was also a valuable opportunity to listen to other employers' experiences on how they got into engineering.

### Neve's European Experience

**Year 12 student Neve Clark** was selected to compete in the prestigious European Kickboxing Championships in Jeslow, Italy. Neve has already competed at the highest level on a number of occasions, and this time was selected to be Team GB's flag-bearer. Neve reached the Quarter Finals in the kick light and continuous division (light contact). Neve's dedication and commitment both to her sport and her studies are absolutely exemplary.



### Lauren's physiotherapy experience at Sunderland AFC

**Lauren Balls, Year 13**, has also had an exciting week completing work experience with Sunderland AFC. Lauren, a world-champion Irish dancer, has experienced sporting injury and this has spurred her to pursue a career helping others. During the week she experienced various elements of sports rehabilitation, even working pitch-side during a training game.

**SIXTH FORM** OPEN EVENING  
**THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER 2025**  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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





## Key Dates

- **Mon 29 September:** Timetable Week A
- **Wed 1 October:** SEND Coffee Morning
- **Thu 9 October:** Sixth Form Open Evening
- **Mon 20 - Thu 24 October:** Y13 Geography Field Trip
- **Thu 23 October:** Y7 Smashed (alcohol awareness theatrical production)
- **Thu 23 October:** Y7 & Y12 Welcome Mass 11am

## Safeguarding

### Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

#### Designated safeguarding leads:



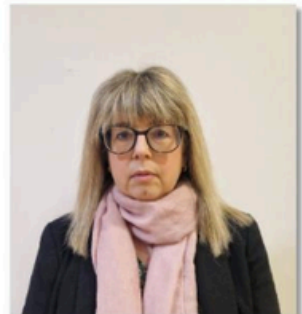
**Mr Logan**  
Designated  
Safeguarding Lead



**Mrs Cessford**  
Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead



**Mrs Robinson**  
Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead



**Mrs Ord**  
Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead

## Home and School Links

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**Our Parish:** Our Lady of the Rosary in Peterlee and Horden  
**Our Diocese:** Hexham & Newcastle

