



Saint Bede's

Catholic High School

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Reflection

This week we have celebrated the Patronal Feast of Saint Bede the Venerable.

Born in 672 Bede is regarded as one of the greatest scholars of the age and generations of monks and historians have been trained using his teachings. Saint Bede died on 25th May 735 and was canonised by Pope Leo XIII in 1899 as a Doctor of the Church, that is, a saint whose writings are of great significance to the theology of the Catholic church. There are many beautiful prayers honouring our patron saint and I have chosen one for this issue.



Prayer

Venerable Saint Bede, Patron of our Catholic School

thank you for being an example of holiness, goodness, and wisdom.

Thank you for inspiring us to be lifelong learners who are always eager to learn more. Inspire us to read and hear the Word, which helps us to know Jesus and to follow His ways.

Help us all to love God with all our hearts, and to love and respect our classmates, teachers, and families.

Guide us to use our words kindly and wisely so that we can be effective communicators who listen carefully and speak thoughtfully. Above all, give us courage to live like Jesus lived.

We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord.

Saint Bede, Pray for us.



Mr Marsden

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils

Thank you for your support over the last half-term since the Easter break. It's been a relatively short term, broken up by Bank Holidays, but I know both for pupils and staff this can add to the level of challenge because it can feel like there is so much to do in so little time! For the first time since 2019, we have taken Year 11 pupils through the final stages of revision for GCSE exams, which are now well underway. Given all the uncertainty and disruption of the two years they have spent studying these courses, pupils have coped simply magnificently and we are hugely proud of them all. The guidance and encouragement of parents and carers at home has been more crucial than ever – it really is a team effort. I hope our Year 11 pupils find time to rest and recharge their batteries before the final push to the end after half-term.

At half-term we are saying goodbye to our Bursar, Mrs Hollows, who is moving on into semi-retirement but with new challenges and experiences awaiting. Her financial expertise has been greatly valued by the school since she joined us in 2018, and particularly important to me as a new Headteacher this year. We wish her well.

There is a great deal to look forward to before the end of the academic year. I know that the whole school community cannot wait to see the return of traditional events such as the annual Rewards Trip, Sports Day and the visits of the Year 6 pupils who will be joining us in September. It's a great time of the year to 'Be a Bede'.

Have a lovely week with your families.

Mr Marsden



Being A Bede



Blackpool Sixth Form's Excellence Programme

Mrs Smith and Mr Joyce were incredibly proud to take a group of Year 10 pupils to an Excellence Programme at Blackpool Sixth Form. The pupils took part in four sessions on the theme of Peace and Conflict. During the programme they engaged in academically challenging and rigorous work to give them an understanding of 20th Century conflicts.

The pupils also had the privilege of meeting and interviewing veterans of the Second World War, the Troubles in Ireland, the Gulf War, and the War of Terror. They were well-researched and prepared asking thoughtful and respectful questions of the veterans. They all remarked at how honoured they felt to have been able to experience such a fantastic insight into the lives of veterans. The programme ended with the pupils taking part in Oxford Union debates around emotive topics on Peace and Conflict against local schools. The pupils were an absolute credit to our school arguing articulately and eloquently under what can only be described as nerve wracking conditions.

I am sure you will join me in celebrating the remarkable achievements of the following pupils who really exemplified what it means to 'Be a Bede':

Isabel Brierley

Darcy Ellis

Lottie Harrison

Alessia Mannino

Erin McGlue

Charlie Ormerod

William Pinnock

Olivia Tingle

Kerry Walsh

Lydia Walker





Being A Bede

The Summer BBQ

The Summer BBQ made a welcome return to the school diary this year. The weather was glorious and it gave our talented Year 11's one final chance to perform. We had a band and several soloists entertaining the diners outside during the extended lunchtime. They had an appreciative audience who sung along to the varied programme with songs by The Stone Roses, Lynyd Skynyrd and The Killers. Special thanks to the technicians Henry Follett and Alfie Dowle who set everything up for the performers and of course the kitchen staff for providing the fabulous food.



Wuthering Heights

In April, a group of Year 7 students had the opportunity to visit 'The Lowry Theatre' in Salford Quays to watch 'Wuthering Heights'. The production was highly entertaining and was a minimalistic version of Emily Bronte's classic. The visit coincided with Year 7's unit of study on 'classic fiction'. All pupils enjoyed the visit and were a credit to the school.

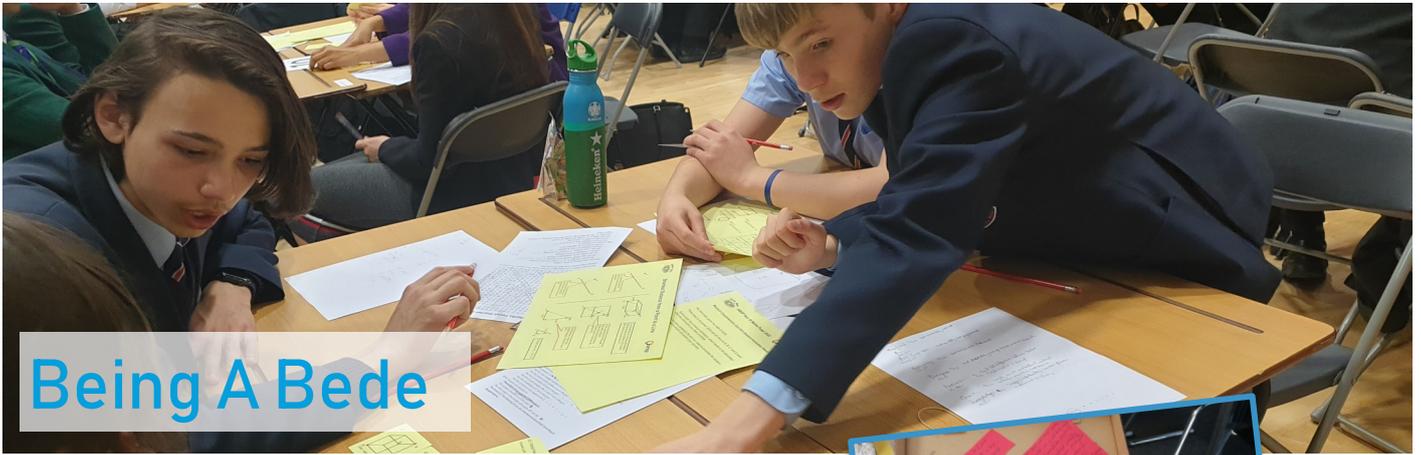
Latin Club

The following Year 8 pupils: Isabel Jack, Isabel Tuck, Grace Tyson, Maisie Wright, Jamie Nicholson and Amy Billington, have been working hard continuing with their Latin masterclass. They have recently been using Vindolanda tablets, investigating real Roman families to develop their English and Latin vocabulary. They have been working on noun declension and pronunciations to help them understand the Latin roots of English words.



Lancaster University Visit

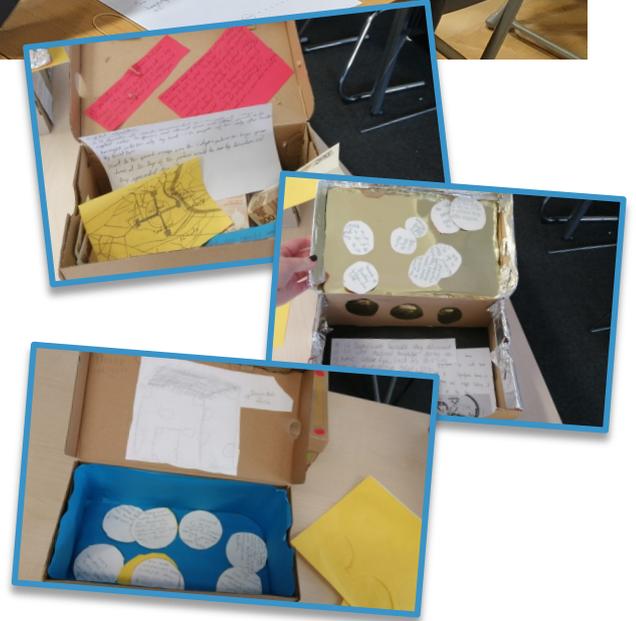
The English Department welcomed lecturers from Lancaster University to work with two groups of pupils from KS3 and KS4. These sessions included an insight into the psyche of characters that feature in 'Frankenstein' and 'Dracula', to complement pupils' studies of gothic literature with Year 8. In addition, Year 11 pupils completed some creative tasks and received vital exam technique tips involving literary techniques.



Being A Bede

Treasure Chests!

Year 7 historians have been busy learning about the Islamic World during the Middle Ages. Recently they focused on the 'Golden Age' of Baghdad, a city described by a 9th Century historian as having 'All the Treasures of the World'. They have been analysing sources and text about Baghdad to create their own 'Baghdad Treasure Chest' explaining why the historian had this point of view. Well done to all Year 7 who have finished and good luck to those who are about to start.



Celebrating Maths

In March, four Year 10 students volunteered to represent St Bede's in a Mathematics Feast provided by Lancaster University. They visited Blackpool Sixth Form College and worked as a team against other local high schools in a bid to determine who were the best Mathematicians. Theo, James, Ethan and Alessandro performed honourably, and although didn't reach the top 3, they were given a special certificate for being constantly high performers in all of the rounds! Well done boys.

UKMT Junior Maths Challenge

A select group of Year 7 and 8 pupils were given the opportunity to take on the UKMT Junior Mathematics Challenge. They all put their best efforts in to solving Mathematical problems in different ways, ranging from finding angles in shapes to logically determining how many people in a group of friends were lying! Special congratulations go to Ethan Rimmer and Jason Sandford-Jones who have progressed on to Junior Kangaroo round, a follow on round for the top achieving pupils in the country.





Rise Against Hunger – Over 50,000 meals packed!

On Saturday, 14th May, a number of our pupils and staff joined with Lytham Rotary Club in an ambitious project to pack a target of 50,000 meals for schools in Ouagadougou in Burkina Faso for Rise Against Hunger, a charity founded in 2015 to respond to the United Nation's goals to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure prosperity for all by 2030. By the end of the day, the target was smashed with a total of 50,112 meals packed and ready to be delivered.

The packed meals are only provided to children attending schools in the countries helped by Rise Against Hunger to improve enrolment, tackle absenteeism (particularly among girls who can fall victim to exploitation) and enable communities to thrive. The food packed by our staff and pupils will travel directly to schools and we look forward to seeing images or video clips of it arriving. The meals comprise of enriched rice, soy protein, dried vegetables and 20 essential vitamins and nutrients.

Members of the Rotary Club were deeply impressed by the positive approach of our pupils and their commitment to 'making a difference' as global citizens. Although it was inevitably a very busy day, our hairnet and gloved teams who attended had fun and left with the satisfaction of doing something that would ultimately save some lives and help others to get an education and a future to look forward to.

The valuable contribution of over 50,000 meals packed here at Saint Bede's is an excellent start in the aim to pack over one million meals across the UK over the next 12 months.

A big thank-you to everyone who got involved.

The Great Sunflower Race

And they're off!

At this stage of the race the plants need to be well-fed and watered with just the right amount of light and shelter to get the best results.

Looking at the field of the runners and riders we can see that of the four plants that Paula started with, all of them have fallen in the early stages - their legs just weren't strong enough and gave up the ghost. Lucy's had a reluctant start so she's had to take hers back indoors to see if she can coax it out later behind the field, whilst Miss Rodgers Form's is racing ahead and has taken a grand leap stretching effortlessly over the first plant out and way beyond its starter pot, landing confidently and sitting comfortably for the next few furlongs. Chasing confidently behind, we have Daniel who's holding back on the first plant out though the small plant is reaching well past the 500mm marker. With Abi and Andrei racing neck and neck behind Daniel's. Abi's seems happy steaming onwards and upwards on the outside as much as Andrei's is settled indoors. Staff entries are going well; having lost one of four seedlings to a transplanting injury, Mr Townson is now steaming ahead with all his plants have passed the 4-foot (100mm) marker which takes him into the lead for the staff prize, but some of the kitchen staff are breathing down his neck so we're likely to end up in a photo finish.

With months left of the competition and who will win is anybody's guess.

We'd love to see photos of your progress, please email them to gsr@stbedeslytham.lancs.sch.uk



Celebrating Success

Sport at Saint Bede's

Sporting Achievements Outside of School

We are so proud to have inspiring pupils take part in sport outside of school. A special mention to the following students who are excelling in their own individual sports: Olivia Cunliffe was selected for the U18's Lancashire Girls Cricket v Cheshire, well done Olivia! Rhys Gale has been very busy captaining his team in football tournaments and fitting in a swimming microleague too, where Rhys achieved a personal best in breast stroke and back stroke. Joshua Mulligan Green has played for Accrington Stanley Academy for 7 years since he was in the U/9s, it is extremely difficult to be at an academy for such a long time and has now been awarded a scholarship at AFC Fylde. Jayden Richardson who has competed in his first 10k and ran it in 40minutes and 49 seconds, a very impressive time! Emily Wilson is travelling the world with her gymnastics team being a great teammate and gymnast, keep going Emily!



Sports Pupils Of The Month

Year 7 - Lottie Bowler/ Finlay Watts

Year 8 - Austin Atherton/ Phoebe Armitage

Year 9 - Lewis Bentley/ Amy Taylor

Year 10 - Theo Williams / Millie Fry

Football

Year 9 played a fantastic game against Lostock Hall from Preston and represented themselves and the school very well in a close fought match which they unfortunately lost 2-0. Well done to the Year 7 team as they competed in the annual Rotary football competition. They played some great football and were unlucky to not qualify for the knockout rounds on goal difference. Charlie and Isaac refereed some of the games and received praise from the coaches and parents.

Rugby

A big thank you to Fylde Rugby coaches, Ben, Alex, Amelia and Phil who have spent a lot of time at the school working with pupils on developing their skills in rugby. Pupils have worked hard and enthusiastically and some have gone on to train with Fylde rugby.

Important Dates

Football

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| Year 8/9 girls | 24/05/2022 @ Fleetwood High School 3:15 KO |
| Year 7 | 25/05/2022 Rotary 5-a-side tournament @ AFC Fylde (all day) |

Cricket

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| Year 7 | 24/06/2022 @ AKS – Big bash |
| Year 8 | 04/07/2022 @ AKS – Big bash |
| Year 9 | 05/07/2022 @ AKS – Big bash |

Athletics

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| Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 - Girls | 14/06/2022 @ Stanley park |
| Year 7, 8, 9, & 10 -Boys | 30/06/2022 @ Stanley park |

Rounders

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| Year 7 | 21/06/2022 @ Millfield |
| Year 8 | 28/06/2022 @ Millfield |
| Year 9 | 23/06/2022 @ Hodgson |
| Year 10 | 15/06 @ Carr Hill |

Mr Binns' Maths Challenge

Can you figure out the answer to Mr Binns' newsletter maths challenge? Send your answers to ebinns@stbedeslytham.lancs.sch.uk

Mr Binns' Half Term Challenge 1

1

- Which of these expressions has the largest value?

A: $1 + 2 \times 3 + 4$
B: $1 + 2 + 3 \times 4$
C: $1 + 2 + 3 + 4$
D: $1 \times 2 + 3 + 4$
E: $1 \times 2 + 3 \times 4$

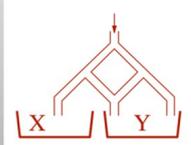


A B C D E

Mr Binns' Half Term Challenge 2

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- Mr Binns pours 296 litres of water into the top of the pipework shown in the diagram
- Each time a pipe forks, half the water flows to one side and half to the other
- How many litres of water will reach container Y?



A: 210 B: 213 C: 222 D: 225 E: 231

Extra Tough!

Mr Binns' Half Term Challenge 3

3

- The house on the south side of Crazy Street are numbered in increasing order starting at 1 and using consecutive odd numbers, except that odd numbers that contain the digit 3 are missed out
- What is the number of the 20th house on the south side of Crazy Street?



A: 41 B: 49 C: 51 D: 59 E: 61