

Headteacher's Update - Friday 3rd March 2023



SAINT BEDE'S
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers

Reflection

Our prayer theme for next week is:

Be Ambitious

We will be thinking about the Gospel values of **Compassion** and **Service**: "Love your neighbour as yourself, there is no commandment greater than these."

There is a saying, taken from an old Jewish proverb, that says that 'If you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans.'

Sometimes we get so ambitious that we forget to work with God. We get impatient waiting for our lives to change. It is a good thing to be ambitious and to reflect on our past so we can change ourselves for the better. However, God doesn't want us to rush the process. He wants us to let go and trust in his timing, so he can work out everything for our good.

Headteacher's Commendations

Congratulations to our recipients this week:

Chloe Naylor (Year 7): Charity Swimathon

Nathaniel Albanese, Mickey Moran, Oakley Sanderson (Year 7): Outstanding contribution in Religious Education

Francesca Bickerdike, Hettie Bridgeman (Year 7): Outstanding effort in the Year 7 points competition

Bella Callaghan, Lee Moran (Year 8): Excellent progress in Maths

Thomas Eames (Year 10): Act of kindness towards another pupil

Theresa Boylan (Year 10), Daniel Crompton, Eleanor Wright (Year 11): Excellent Maths revision homework

Natasja Beckett (Year 11): Outstanding Achievement - Harrop Dance School

Attendance Update

Please see below our whole-school attendance level for the current week and the academic year overall, which you can compare to the attendance level of your child in Class Charts.

Whole-school attendance this week: 93%

Whole-school attendance this year: 93%

School Production

Last week, many months of hard work culminated in two memorable nights in the hall as pupils took to the stage to perform 'Narnia: The Musical.' It is quite difficult to express just how proud I am of the whole cast and crew for the talent, passion and courage which came together to create such a joyous production. I was overwhelmed by the thanks and positive feedback expressed by so many people in the audience. Please look out for the wonderful review which has been published in the local press.

Thank you to all those pupils, parents/carers, family members and other friends of the school who joined us on each night. Thank you also to the staff and former pupils who worked behind the scenes in various ways. I am immensely grateful to Anthony Roberts and Andrew Richardson who wrote the show and, of course, to Mrs King and Mr Warrington, for their time and energy which made this experience for the pupils involved possible.

Finally, I would like to share with you the thoughts of one audience member who wrote to me following the production:

“Thank you for a professional, entertaining evening. The school production of Narnia exhibited clearly the enthusiasm, talent, hard work and dedication of all involved. Saint Bede’s clearly demonstrates how each and every person is valued and encouraged to succeed.”

Curriculum Information

Recently, the Curriculum pages on our website have been updated to provide parents and carers with more specific information about what your child is learning at school.

For each subject, there is a ‘5 Year Curriculum Overview’, which sets out the learning journey your child will be following throughout their time at Saint Bede’s. In addition, there are ‘Curriculum Plans’ for each year group, which detail the knowledge and skills pupils will acquire in each topic, and how this will be assessed.

Please click on the link below to access the curriculum information for the various departments. I hope you find this useful.

[Saint Bede’s Curriculum Information](#)

Year 9 Options Information Evening

A reminder that Year 9 pupils, parents and carers are invited to attend our Options Information Evening next Wednesday, 8th March at 6.30pm. The event is expected to last around 45 minutes. Please see the letter issued separately for further details. I look forward to seeing you on the night.

Castlerigg Residential

On Monday morning, 60 Year 10 pupils will depart for our annual retreat to Castlerigg Manor in Keswick. I wish the pupils and staff involved a fantastic week getting to know God and each other better in this beautiful Lake District setting. I look forward to joining the group on Thursday.

Cricket Success

Yesterday our Under 13 Girls Indoor Cricket team continued their winning run by emerging as joint victors in the North Lancashire Tournament. They will now proceed to the County finals in a few weeks' time. Congratulations to all the team: Emily Craddock (Captain), Darcey Tate (Vice Captain), Evelin Biro, Francesca Burrough, Hannah Sergeant, Freya Wilson, Daisy Lamb, Olivia Ellis, Emma Killick and Lorna-Jane Bell.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr P Marsden
Headteacher