

## **Headteacher's Update – Monday 13th March 2023**



SAINT BEDE'S  
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Reflection**

Our prayer theme for this week is:

### **Finding God**

We will be thinking about the Gospel value of **Truth**: “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, and no-one can come to the Father except through me.”

God's love is unconditional, and there is nothing that we can do that can separate us from his love and mercy. However, our free will can become a barrier, and we may block him out with thoughts that we are unlovable, or that what we have done is too shameful for us to be forgiven.

Yet when we repent and look for God in faith, we can be certain that we will find God's limitless mercy as he rejoices and welcomes us home.

### **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%**

### **Catholic Schools Inspection**

This week, we have been visited by the Catholic Schools Inspectorate to conduct a routine two-day inspection of our provision as a Catholic school.

The report from the inspection will be shared with you when it is published in a few weeks. I can at this stage inform you that the inspection has gone very well, and inspectors were, in particular, hugely impressed by the work of Miss Newsham and the RE department, as well as the way the school community as a whole live out Gospel values in our wider Catholic life.

As ever, our pupils were our greatest ambassadors, and the experience was a further reminder to me of how fortunate we are at Saint Bede's to have the privilege and joy of working with so many wonderful young people every day.

### **Castlerigg Residential**

Welcome back to our Year 10 pupils and staff who have returned from a very positive week in the Lake District. I was sorry that a combination of the inspection and the snow meant I was unable to join the group as I had hoped, but I am so pleased to hear from Mrs Langley and the team what a lovely week the group had and how brilliantly pupils represented our school.

My personal thanks to Mrs Langley and the staff who accompanied her, especially Miss Bolton who joined the visit at short notice on Tuesday when Miss Newsham had to return to school to prepare for the inspection.

### **Year 9 Options Information Evening**

Thank you to the very many parents, carers and pupils who joined us on Wednesday for our Options Information Evening. I am sorry once again to the small number of you who required to stand, but the level of attendance exceeded even our most optimistic expectations!

I hope you found the session useful. The Options Booklet and a copy of the information shared on the night which will be circulated shortly.

### **Curriculum Information**

A reminder that the Curriculum pages on our website now 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](#)

Thank you for your continuing support.

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Headteacher