

Headteacher's Update – Friday 17th March 2023



SAINT BEDE'S
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers

Reflection

Our prayer theme for next week is:

Faith and Trust

We will be thinking about the Gospel value of **Faithfulness**: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?”

In today's world, we are bombarded with so much stimulation that it is easy for us to miss what is right in front of our eyes. If we were to attempt to describe, from memory, our journey into school, there would be many details that we would miss. Even when our eyes are open, there are some things that we are physically, emotionally, and spiritually blind to. Putting our faith and trust in Jesus helps us to see what is truly important in life.

Headteacher's Commendations

Congratulations to our recipients this week:

Emilia Beacham, Edie Bridgeman, Isabel Tuck, Grace Tyson (Year 9): Winning Team - Rotary BAE Systems Technology Tournament

Jack Douglas (Year 9), Archie Allan-Ford, Thomas Eames, Charlie Garnett, Freya Hope-Ratcliffe, Andrew Horne, Leo Johnson, Sophia Southworth, Georgina Walsh (Year 10):

Representing school at the Rotary BAE Systems Technology Tournament

Dillan Pixton (Year 7), Lilly-Ella Winstanley (Year 10) – For displaying acts of courageousness and resilience.

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: 92%

Whole-school attendance this year: 93%

Year 7 Parents' Evening

We are very much looking forward to seeing Year 7 parents, carers, and pupils in school on Wednesday 22nd March for our Parents' Evening. Please see the letter issued separately for further details, including the arrangements for booking appointments. Should you experience any technical difficulties using the booking system please do not hesitate to contact us.

Design Technology success

Last week, Mr Shaw accompanied 16 Year 9 and 10 pupils to the Rotary Club of Lytham Technology Tournament, which is supported by BAE Systems. The challenge issued on the day involved designing and constructing a coin sorter, which was tested and judged by representatives from the Rotary Club and BAE engineers.

All the pupils involved acquitted themselves superbly throughout the day and represented the school well. Special mention must, however, go to the Year 9 Girls' team, who won their section beating local rivals AKS into second place. Congratulations and well done to Edie Bridgeman, Emilia Beacham, Grace Tyson and Isabel Tuck.

Industrial Action Update

This week saw the final two days of the industrial action announced by the National Education Union. Thank you to pupils who have coped extremely well with the disruption, and to parents and carers for your understanding.

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](#)

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr P Marsden
Headteacher