

Headteacher's Update – Friday 24th March 2023



SAINT BEDE'S
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers

Reflection

Our prayer theme for next week is:

I Believe in You

In addition to our daily prayers and assemblies, there will be Easter liturgies for all year groups on Friday.

We will be thinking about the Gospel value of **Faithfulness**: “If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.”

Sometimes strange events happen in our lives where we can see no explanation for them other than God's hands at work. In these extraordinary times, it is easier to believe in God and in miracles. But it is in our day-to-day routine where our faith really matters.

God is always at work in the world around us, and Jesus tells us that if we believe in him, he will give us a deeper peace than we can ever imagine and life forever.

Headteacher's Commendations

Congratulations to our recipients this week:

Charlotte Brown (Year 7): 1st place in the World Book Day, decorate a potato challenge

Sophie Edworthy (Year 7): 2nd place in the World Book Day, decorate a potato challenge.

Emily Ready (Year 9): 3rd place in the World Book Day, decorate a potato challenge

Olivia Ellis, Samuel Marlow (Year 7): Outstanding achievement in her RE Assessment

Alexander Birt, Jason Sandford-Jones, (Year 9): World Book day competition

Dulcie Richardson, Bella James-Montano (Year 7): Two Awards - Outstanding achievement in RE and World Book day competition.

Jacob Fox, Andrew Jones, and Arturo Rihani (Year 9): Representing school at the Rotary BAE Systems Technology Tournament

Imogen Best, Laura Dilks Lottie Harrison, Dylan Newburn, Lydia Walker (Year 11):

Representing the school at Options Evening

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%

Please be aware that although school will close early for the end of term at 1pm next Friday, pupils will be registered both in the morning and the afternoon and the day counts as a full day for attendance purposes. **Pupils who do not attend school on Friday 31st March will be recorded as absent for a full day.**

Year 7 Parents' Evening

Thank you to the very large number of parents, carers and pupils who joined us for this event on Wednesday. We would be very grateful for your feedback on the event through the survey which will be circulated separately.

Year 10 Mock Exams

Well done to Year 10 pupils, who have acquitted themselves extremely well during their first week of Mock Exams. The programme continues with Physics and Geography on Monday.

Year 10 'Maths Feast'

Huge congratulations to Theresa Boylan, Jamie Darby, Heidi Greenwood, and Oliver Nunn, who represented the school with distinction in the Advanced Mathematics Support Programme 'Maths Feast' at Blackpool Sixth on Thursday. They were awarded a certificate for scoring highly across all four rounds of mathematical challenges, and overall finished in a very respectable 3rd place out of 17 schools from across the north-west. Thank you to Mr Binns for accompanying the team.

Non-Uniform Day

Friday 31st March will be a non-uniform today to raise funds for the CAFOD Lentern Appeal. Please see the letter issued separately for further details. In particular, please take note of the expectations regarding appearance and ensure your child is dressed professionally and appropriately for children in a school environment.

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](#)

Sport Update

The PE department has been busy with fixtures in recent weeks and there have been a number of successes to enjoy. Thank you to Mr Bell for the updates below.

Girls Cricket: Our Under 13 Girls Indoor Cricket Team won both the Fylde Coast and North Lancs tournaments, before finishing 3rd place in the Lancashire event, just falling short of reaching the final. Our Under 15 Girls were also successful in reaching the North Lancs round of the competition as Fylde Coast winners.

Indoor Athletics: Our Year 7 and 8 teams competed in the Wyre & Fylde Indoor Athletics at Stanley Park, providing an opportunity to prepare for the outdoor season to follow in the summer.

Rugby: Our Under 16s team and Under 14s Boys teams have both represented the school with some success in their respective tournaments. Our Under 13s Girls team managed to win 2 and draw 1 of their 4 games in their first experience of a Tag Rugby competition, with some of the girls taking part in a school fixture for the first time.

Boys Football: Several of our teams competed in Lancashire Cup fixtures this term. The Year 11s narrowly missed out on a place in the Quarter Finals, losing a penalty shootout 5-4 against Baines. We are looking forward to the Blackpool Cup competitions which will take place after the Easter break.

Cross-Country: A number of our runners excelled at the Cross-Country event at AKS, with some going on to compete at the Lancashire event.

End of term

Saint Bede's will close for the Easter break at 1.00pm on Friday 31st March. The school buses have been rearranged for the earlier time. School will re-open for all pupils at 8.55am on Monday 17th April.

My end of term letter and our Easter newsletter will be issued next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr P Marsden
Headteacher