

Headteacher's Update – Friday 21st April 2023



SAINT BEDE'S
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome Back

It has been lovely to welcome our pupils back to school this week for the start of the summer term – accompanied by some summery weather! We have also welcomed into our school community our new Deputy Headteacher, Mr Gabrasadig, and our new Assistant Head of Science, Mrs Small.

Reflection

Our prayer theme for next week is:

Be Creative

We will be thinking about the Gospels value of: **truth** and **faith**. 'Blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed.' (John 20:29)

In Sunday's Gospel, we will hear the account of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. As the disciples walked down the road, they were discussing the events of Jesus' death, despairing, as His burial tomb remained empty. Jesus approached the disciples, but they did not recognise Him. Jesus said, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken!"

Jesus' resurrection fulfilled God's creative plan of salvation. Like the disciples, it is easy when we have not directly seen God, to maintain the strength of our faith. However, the disciples show us, that success in our faith cannot solely come from our human attempts. We must remember to put our trust in God and turn to Jesus, as a model of truth, faith and love.

Headteacher's Commendations

Congratulations to our recipients this week:

Dana Harvey (Year 7): Extraordinary strength and resilience

Jack Holden, Victor Latorre-Pukalska, Clayton Smith, Robert Taylor (Year 7): World Book Day - decorate a potato challenge

Bridget Boylan, Amy Stone, Freya Wilson (Year 8): Contribution to Catholic School Life

Gabriella Arciniega, Theresa Barrow, Emily Craddock, Jakub Drzewiecki, Ava Everton,

Gabriella Heys, Sebastian Jones, Ben Perryman, Chloe Tidswell, Freya Wilson (Year 8):

Contribution and performance to the RSC Sandgronian Project Theatre

Ethan Scot (Year 10): Offered a Football Scholarship degree with First Point USA

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 8 Retreat Day

Our Year 8 pupils spent Wednesday away from their usual timetable, instead enjoying a retreat on the theme of peace and forgiveness. This culminated in the year group celebrating Mass together in the hall. Thank you to Miss Newsham and all the staff who supported her in leading the activities, and to Father John for joining us for Mass.

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to the Year 9 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 has been circulated separately.

We are looking forward to meeting with Year 8 parents, carers and pupils at their Parents' Evening next Wednesday. Please see the letter issued separately for further details.

School closures

A reminder of the school closures in the coming weeks:

- Thursday 27th April: School closed to Year 9 pupils (industrial action)
- Monday 1st May: School closed to all pupils (May Day Bank Holiday)
- Tuesday 2nd May: School closed to Year 8 pupils (industrial action)
- Monday 8th May: School closed to all pupils (King's Coronation Bank Holiday)

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr P Marsden
Headteacher