

## Headteacher's Update – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023



Dear Parents/Carers

### **Reflection**

Our prayer theme for next week is:

#### **Make disciples of all nations.**

In the Bible, Jesus approached the disciples and said to them, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations.” *Mathew 28:19-20*

This teaching applies to all Catholics, across each corner of the earth. We are called to proclaim the Good News of our salvation, through Jesus Christ. We can do this by sharing the stories and teachings of Jesus, bringing a friend to Mass or offering advice and guidance with prayer. However, most importantly, we must live out our faith joyfully, confidently and compassionately, to inspire others. As St. Francis of Assisi said, ‘we must share the Gospel at all times, when necessary, use words.’

### **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%**

### **Year 11 Update**

It has been a momentous week for our Year 11 pupils, as we have marked their time at Saint Bede's drawing to a close through our traditional school barbecue yesterday and Leavers' Liturgy this afternoon. I hope all pupils found these events to be a fitting climax to their time as a 'Bede'.

On Monday morning, the GCSE exam season will begin with Religious Studies Paper 1. I am exceptionally proud of all our pupils for the determination and resilience they have shown over the course of the year, we wish them the very best of luck with each exam.

Year 11 pupils will continue to attend school full-time until Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June, with a programme of revision sessions being followed around the exam timetable. Details of the sessions have been shared with pupils separately and will be updated weekly.

### **Feast of the Ascension**

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May we will celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, a holy day of obligation. Pupils will be invited to attend Mass in the Chapel at lunchtime with Father John.

### **Year 8 Boys Football**

Huge congratulations to our Year 8 Boys' football team, who reached the Wyre & Fylde Cup Final by defeating Cardinal Allen 4-3 in a closely fought semi-final tie. Best of luck in the final boys!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr P Marsden  
Headteacher