

Headteacher's Update – Friday 29th September 2023



SAINT BEDE'S
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers

Reflection

Our prayer theme for next week is:

Be Prayerful

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."
Mark 11:24

Because it is impossible for us to either "find" time or "create" time, we have to consciously set aside time for anything that is important to us. Prayer was clearly very important to Jesus, because he frequently took the time to go off by himself to pray, especially at critical times in his life. As Jesus' ministry developed, it became harder for him to find time by himself. For example, Mark tells us that when Jesus went off to pray by himself one morning, he was "pursued" by the disciples because the crowds were asking for him. While we may not face the same challenge Jesus faced, with crowds demanding our attention, we all have demands in our lives which may hinder us from doing what we would like to do. Here Jesus sets us a good example of simply giving ourselves some time alone to pray.

BEDE Headteacher's Commendations

Kitty Plum (Year 8): Behaviour and Excellence - Excellent behaviour, attitude and school work

Cecily Richardson (Year 11): Engagement - Emergency First Aid at Work course

Andrei Leggoe, Macee Pedley, Ethan Scot (Year 11): Devotion – Support and contribution to our weekly Mass

Theresa Boylan (Year 11): Devotion - Caring for the environment and volunteering.

Emily Southworth, Simone Unsworth (Year 7), Nevaeh Bain, Olivia Heslop, Rosie-Daryl Paraskeva (Year 8): Excellence – Representing School at Open Evening

Phoebe Curtis (Year 8): Excellence - Personal Achievement - 1 Mile Swim Award (Swim England)

Francesca Bickerdike (Year 8): Excellence - Personal Achievements (Kirkham Dance)

Bella Horsley (Year 9): Excellence - Personal Achievement - Artwork 'Serenity' at Public Exhibition

Oliver Nunn (Year 11): Excellence- Personal Achievement – Athletic Excellence (UK in U17's 200m)

Attendance update

Whole-school attendance this week: 94%

Whole-school attendance this year: 95%

Year 10 Careers event

On Wednesday, our Year 10 pupils took part in a careers-focused afternoon. They were introduced to LMI (Labour Market Information), and how this can help inform their choices when choosing a career. They also analysed the 'Pillars of Growth' in Lancashire, before moving on to focusing on Advanced Manufacturing and Aerospace, receiving job specification, CV and interview training. Later, they worked in groups to explore supply chain, having to pitch to obtain a jet production contract for the Ministry of Defence. They even had to make their own foam jets, manage finances and avoid international espionage!

House Badges

A distinctive feature of our school and 'Being a Bede' is the wearing of badges which, reflect a range of achievements or responsibilities pupils have been awarded. In addition, all pupils (as well as staff) have now been issued with a 'House' badge – a coloured badge reflecting the patron of the form and house they belong to as below. Importantly, this means that now **all pupils have a badge to wear.** The House badge will be considered part of essential school uniform and should be worn on the blazer each day. Replacement badges will be available from school for a small charge of £1.

Blessed Edward Bamber – Yellow
Blessed George Beesley - Red
Blessed Thomas Cottam - Green
Blessed John Finch - Purple
Blessed William Harcourt - Orange
Blessed George Haydock - Blue

Year 7 assessments

A reminder that Year 7 CATS and literacy/numeracy assessments will continue next week as below. The tests are completed online in one of our computer suites, and no revision or preparation of any kind is required.

As the length of time it will take pupils to complete the tests will vary, they should still bring all their books and equipment for their timetabled lessons on the relevant day, as well as their reading book.

- Harcourt: Tuesday 3rd October
- Haydock: Wednesday 4th October
- 'Catch-up' day: Thursday 5th October

Curriculum Information

A reminder that the curriculum pages on our website provide detailed information about the curriculum in each subject in each year group.

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.

[Saint Bede's Curriculum Information](#)

Have a lovely weekend.

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Headteacher