

Headteacher's Update – Friday 10th May 2024



SAINT BEDE'S
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Reflection

'Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: "Holy Father keep those you have given me true to your name"'

(Jn 17:11)

This is the prayer Christ prays for us, that we will remain faithful to His teaching and He will give us His Holy Spirit to make this possible.

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%

BEDE Headteacher's Commendations

Congratulations to our recipients this week:

- Behaviour:** **Hettie Bridgeman (Year 8), Edie Bridgeman, James Livesey, Karol Pasko, Jayden Richardson and Isabel Tuck (Year 10):** Representing school at Parents' Evening
Karol Pasko (Year 10): Consistent kind and helpful behaviour to all staff and pupils
- Engagement:** **Dana Harvey (Year 8):** Exceptional effort in learning
- Devotion:** **Chloe Chesworth (Year 9):** Bringing amazing energy to the French trip and being supportive of younger pupils
- Excellence:** **Gabby Hickson (Year 7):** Making an excellent start at Saint Bede's
Luke Alfrey, Connor Ellingford, Isaac Emery and Keelan Miller (Year 10): Performance with 'Strata' at Park Community Academy Spring Fair

Year 11 Update

We continue to be exceptionally proud of our Year 11 pupils, who have made a fantastic start to their programme of exams and revision sessions this week. The last two days have seen the first exams in RE, Drama and Biology, and the week concluded this afternoon with an intensive 2-hour revision session in the hall getting ready for English Literature on Monday morning. Thank you, Year 11 – we are right behind you!

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to Year 8 parents, carers and pupils who were able to join us for our Parents' Evening on Wednesday. As ever, we would be grateful if you could provide your feedback by completing the survey which will be issued separately.

Mental Health Awareness Week

Next week is Mental Health Awareness Week, with the theme this year being 'Move for Mental Health'. We have planned a number of activities in school to promote this important cause. Assemblies will be led by our mental health practitioners from SHINE Fylde Coast, and in keeping with the 'movement' theme there will be softball tournaments and an 'Early Bird Run' round the all-weather pitch for Year 7 and 8 pupils before school on Friday! On Thursday, we will hold a charity Bake Sale, with our houses competing to see who can raise the most money. All proceeds will be donated to mental health charities.

Year 7 & Year 8 Educational Visits

It has been a busy week for trips, with all of Year 8 visiting the Grand Theatre in Blackpool yesterday to see "The Boy at the Back of the Class", followed today by Year 7 making the traditional Saint Bede's journey to Jarrow Hall to visit "Bede's World" and learn more about our patron saint. I am delighted we have been able to offer these opportunities to every pupil in each year group, and I am grateful to Miss Rodgers and Miss Bowers for leading the visits.

Supporting school funds

The school has recently registered with 'easyfundraising,' an online platform which supports good causes such as charities and schools, by collecting donations from brands and retailers such as Amazon. By registering, you can ensure that when you shop online with over 7,000 brands, a portion of what you spend will be donated to Saint Bede's by the brand (at no extra cost to the customer). This will help us make improvements to the school or purchase additional resources that we would not otherwise be able to afford.

If you would like to know more or register to support the school, please follow the link below.

[easyfundraising – Saint Bede's Catholic High School](#)

Acceptable school shoes – September 2024

A reminder that from September 2024 we will be properly enforcing our policy regarding school shoes. In particular, 'trainer-type' shoes, including the 'Air Force 1' shoe by Nike, will no longer be acceptable. We hope that these new expectations will be helpful to parents and carers, by removing the pressure to purchase extremely expensive designer trainers. A leaflet which clearly illustrates shoe designs and styles which will be acceptable from September is enclosed with this update.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr P Marsden
Headteacher