

Reflection

'The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all seeds; yet it grows into the biggest shrub so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade'
(Mt 4:30-32)

From its humble and unnoticed beginnings in Jesus Christ, the kingdom of God will grow to provide a place of refuge for all.

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: 92%

Appointment of Senior Prefects

I am delighted to announce that following a rigorous recruitment process, we have appointed twenty of our Year 10 pupils to our Senior Prefect team for the coming academic year. A number of these pupils have been shortlisted for interview the most prestigious roles in school of Head/Deputy Head Girl/Boy, and I look forward to sharing the outcome of this final stage of the process soon.

Congratulations to our new Senior Prefects:

Lucy Appleton	Emilia Beacham	Edie Bridgeman
Baxter Briggs	Amber Dixon-Smith	David Doherty
Lucinda Farrell	Ella Flanagan	Phoenix Gerrard
Elliott Hatton	Evangeline Hewitt	Ava Lawrenson
Lee Lindsay	James Livesey	Beth Mazzola
Karol Pasko	Jayden Richardson	Isabel Tuck
Grace Tyson	Abigail Wild	

BEDE Headteacher's Commendations

Congratulations to our recipients this week:

Behaviour: **Brooklyn Gerrard (Year 8):** Excellent behaviour and attitude

Excellence: **Hettie Bridgeman and Isla Hindmoor (Year 8):** Outstanding work on Art research pages
Jayden Richardson (Year 10) 1st Junior at the Beaverbrooks 10K
Lucy Appleton, Emilia Beacham, Edie Bridgeman, David Doherty, Ella Flanagan, Evangeline Hewitt, Madie Rhodes, Isabel Tuck, Grace Tyson and Abigail Wild (Year 10): Blackpool Sixth Form Excellence Academy Debate Finals

Devotion: **Ava Everton (Year 9):** Volunteering for D Day Anniversary Events
Erin Fallows (Year 10): Charity Walk to support a close friend
Jason Sandford-Jones: Volunteering for D Day Anniversary Events

Engagement: **Lila Clarke (Year 8):** UKMT Team Maths Challenge
Sophie Elliott (Year 9): Qualified for the British Gymnastics Championships 2024

Year 11 Update

Well done to those Year 11 pupils who sat their final exam this afternoon. For those studying Music, Product Design and Food Preparation & Nutrition, there is a one final push with revision sessions and exams next week. We look forward to celebrating the end of the exam season with all those pupils who have received an invitation to the 'Prom' on Thursday.

Transition events

It will soon be the time of year when we welcome future 'Bedes' from our partner primary schools to Saint Bede's. Our New Intake Evening, for pupils and parents/carers joining Year 7 in September, is taking place on Wednesday 26th June. This will be followed by our Induction Day on Wednesday 3rd July, when our new Year 7 pupils for September will spend a day with us experiencing life at Saint Bede's. Over the next few weeks we are also looking forward to seeing Year 4 pupils from our feeder primary schools for their annual RE day, and, for the first time, Year 5 pupils together for a day with our PE department.

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