

Reflection

“He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am? Then Simon Peter spoke up, ‘You are the Christ,’ he said, ‘Son of the living God.’”
(Mt 16:15-16)

As we celebrate the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, we pray that the lives of these foundational apostles will inspire us to pray for the graces we need to live a life of faith and joy.

Appointment of Head Pupils

I am delighted to announce that this week I appointed the below pupils to the senior roles within our pupil leadership team for 2024/25:

Head Girl: Edie Bridgeman
Head Boy: Karol Pasko
Deputy Head Girl: Isabel Tuck
Deputy Head Boy: James Livesey

These appointments were made following a rigorous selection process, which culminated in formal interviews in front of a staff panel and pupil panel. The successful candidates can be extremely proud of this achievement, as can those candidates who made it all the way to the final interview stage and performed brilliantly. I am very much looking forward to working with the full Prefect and Senior Prefect team over the year ahead.

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: 92%

BEDE Headteacher's Commendations

Congratulations to our recipients this week:

- Excellence:** Lilah Beetham, Jack Frew and Simone Unsworth (Year 7): Representing School superbly at the New Intake Evening
Bridget Boylan and Isaac Whall (Year 9): Performing with Over Wyre Brass Band
- Engagement:** James Barrow (Year 7): Excellent engagement and hard work throughout Year 7
Izzy Issitt (Year 7): Achieving a Level 3 NICAS Certificate
Harrison Taura-Jones (Year 9): Excellent engagement during the Geography Fieldtrip

Transition Events

Thank you to our future Year 7 pupils and their parents and carers who joined us at the New Intake Evening on Wednesday. If you have any feedback on the event, please do get in touch with me at head@stbedeslytham.lancs.sch.uk.

We now look forward with excitement to our Induction Day for pupils joining Saint Bede's in September on Wednesday 3rd July, followed by our RE day for Year 4 pupils in our partner Catholic primary schools on Thursday 4th July. Our PE day for Year 5 pupils will follow on Thursday 11th July.

Year 10 College Visits

As some children are looking ahead to joining Saint Bede's in September or in the years to come, next week Year 10 pupils will be visiting local colleges as they begin to think about life after Saint Bede's. This begins with all pupils visiting Cardinal Newman College on Tuesday, with various visits to other settings including Blackpool Sixth Form College and Preston College in the days that follow. Thank you to Mrs Holmes and Miss Bolton for their work in coordinating this extensive programme.

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