

Headteacher's Update – Monday 8th July 2024



Reflection

“This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary?’ And they would not accept Him.”

Jesus was recognised, and then rejected, by the people in His hometown. We pray that we can recognise Christ working in our lives, and not reject Him.

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: 91%

Whole-school attendance this year: 93%

BEDE Headteacher's Commendations

Congratulations to our recipients this week:

Behaviour and Devotion: Elliott McCombie (Year 10): Continuously kind and helpful behaviour to another pupil.

Excellence: Joseph Veevers (Year 8): Coaches Player of the Season Award - Lytham Junior Blues under 13s
Alex Lund (Year 10): Excellent improvement and effort in Computer Science

Engagement: Brooklyn Gerrard (Year 8): For completing 2,014 points more than required for the Reading homework
Phillip Greenwood (Year 10): For completing 1,371 points more than required for the Reading homework

Transition Events

It was lovely to welcome Year 6 pupils joining Saint Bede's in September for their Induction Day on Wednesday, followed by Year 4 pupils from our partner Catholic primary schools for their RE day on Thursday. Both events culminated in a joyous Mass in the school hall. I am enormously proud of the considerable number of pupils who supported both events as ambassadors and set such a wonderful example to our future 'Bedes.'

Sports Day

We are looking forward to our annual Sports Day on Friday 12th July – and hoping we will be blessed with favourable weather! As usual, all pupils should wear full Saint Bede's PE kit on this day. As you are already aware, this now includes the option of either plain white socks or black sports leggings. Pupils who arrive at school in incorrect clothing will not be able to take part in the activities. We would like all pupils to enjoy this highlight of the school calendar, and so please support this by ensuring that your child arrives at school on Friday in full and correct PE kit.

Year 10 Update

Thank you to Year 10 pupils who represented Saint Bede's exceptionally well during the various visits last week. It was lovely for me to hear such positive feedback about our pupils from staff in our partner colleges. This week, most of our Year 10 pupils are participating in a 3-day Work Experience placement. Thank you to the many parents, carers and friends of the school who have facilitated this by hosting pupils for this important careers activity.

Achievement Assemblies

This week, we are holding our achievement assemblies for pupils in Years 7-9, where we recognise and reward pupils who have achieved particular success this year across a variety of aspects of school life, including individual subject areas, our Catholic life, or in PE and Sport. Our assembly for the current Year 10 will take place in September, because of the number of other events and visits involving Year 10 pupils taking place this month.

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 week.

Mr P Marsden
Headteacher