

15 May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

We are writing to inform you of an important update to our school uniform, which will come into effect from the 2026/27 academic year.

From September 2026, all pupils will wear a **house tie**, with each tie featuring a decorative stripe indicating the pupil's house. The house colours are as follows:

- **Blessed Edward BAMBER** – Yellow
- **Blessed George BEESLEY** – Red
- **Blessed Thomas COTTAM** – Green
- **Blessed John FINCH** – Purple
- **Blessed William HARCOURT** – Orange
- **Blessed George HAYDOCK** – Blue

With our houses named after local Lancashire Martyrs, our house system is central to our Catholic ethos. The new house tie will enhance this by fostering a deeper sense of belonging and solidarity, encouraging pupils to take pride in their house identity and witness to our school values through their daily House Points.

Over recent weeks, pupils have had the opportunity to trial the new ties. These are **clip-on ties**, as this ensures the coloured stripe sits in a consistent position on every tie, something that cannot be guaranteed with a traditional tie. Feedback from pupils has been overwhelmingly positive, and we are excited to introduce this change as part of our continued development of school culture.

Purchasing Information

The ties will cost **£7.50** will be available to purchase exclusively from the school. They will not be sold by our external uniform suppliers.

For existing pupils:

- Ties will be available for purchase via **ParentPay from Friday 15th May**.
- We ask that all payments are made by **Friday 26th June**.
- Ties will be distributed to pupils in school before the end of the academic year.

For new Year 7 pupils joining in September 2026:

- Please make your payment of £7.50 directly into our St Matthew Fund account.

HSBC Bank
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St Bede's Catholic High School

Important: please use your child's full name as the reference so we can identify your payment

e.g. ***Tie-HarryJones***

- Pre-ordered ties will be available for collection at our **New Intake Evening on Wednesday 24th June**, or from the school reception (card/contactless payment only) after this date.
- Ties will also be available for purchase (card/contactless payment only) at the New Intake Evening. To avoid a delay on the evening, please pay for your tie in advance if possible.

Key Information

- With the introduction of the house tie, we are removing the existing Year 11 tie.
- While all current pupils will need to purchase this new tie for September 2026, it **removes the need to buy an additional tie** when they reach Year 11.
- For new Year 7 pupils, this represents a cost reduction as the same tie will now be worn for the duration of their five years at the school.
- Pupils who become members of the **Society of St Joseph** or are appointed as **Senior Prefects** will continue to be gifted a different tie in recognition of their roles and responsibilities.

We believe this change will further enhance our strong sense of community and pride within the school, and we thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Mr P Marsden
Headteacher