SAINT BEDE'S
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Headteacher's Update – Friday 9th October 2026

"Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find."
(Matthew 22:9)

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the Parable of the Wedding Feast. When the original invited guests refuse to attend, the king opens his doors to everyone—sending his servants into the streets to invite the good and the bad alike. Jesus shows us that God's table is not reserved for a select few; His love and hospitality are offered unconditionally to all.

Just like the king's feast, our school community must be a place where the doors are open wide, and where every single pupil knows there is a seat kept just for them. Next week, let us widen our circle, make space for those who feel on the margins, and ensure everyone at Saint Bede's experiences the joy of welcome and belonging.

Being a BEDE – Headteacher's Commendations

Congratulations to our recipients this week:

Excellence: Kiana Molyneux (Year 11) for recently passing Level 3 in Inclusive Theatre – Gold Arts Award and Dulcie Richardson (Year 11) for being awarded 'Save of the Week' for Fleetwood Town.

Attendance Update

Attendance is vital for both the academic success and the broader school experience of your child. At Saint Bede's, **we consider 96% to be a good level of attendance**. Anything below this over the course of an academic year is not good enough, because we know that this is likely to lead to lower academic progress and achievement for your child.

	Weekly attendance	26/27 attendance	26/27 national average
Year 7	97%	98%	97%
Year 8	95%	96%	94%
Year 9	95%	95%	93%
Year 10	94%	93%	92%
Year 11	91%	92%	92%
Whole school	**94%**	**95%**	**94%**

Year 7 'Being a Bede' evening – Monday 5th October

Thank you to Year 7 parents and carers for attending our 'Being a Bede' evening. We hope you found the evening to be helpful and informative. We would be very grateful for your feedback on the event through the survey sent separately.

Parent Governor Election

We were extremely grateful to receive four nominations for the Parent Governor vacancies. The election is now underway; please see the separate message sent earlier this week for details on how to register your vote.

Library and PE Changing Room Works

Our school Library is currently closed for a short period to allow some remodelling works to take place. This will result in better use being made of the space that was previously behind the large library desk and will provide a much-needed base for our new Pastoral Support Officers who joined us in September. The Library will re-open to pupils with the full service previously available after half-term.

Our new PE changing rooms are also almost ready to be opened to pupils. We currently anticipate that this will be immediately after half-term, and a further update will be provided when this is confirmed. When the new changing rooms are available we will return to our usual expectations regarding PE kit, with pupils arriving in school uniform each day and getting changed for PE lessons.

GCSE Computer Science Booster Session

On Tuesday afternoon, 19 of our Year 10 and Year 11 GCSE Computer Science pupils remained after school to take part in an extended booster session on sorting algorithms and programming logic, delivered by Isaac Computer Science through STEM.

The session was very well attended, and our pupils demonstrated fantastic dedication to their studies by giving up significant time after school hours to deepen their learning.

My thanks go to Miss Poulter for leading and organising this valuable opportunity, and we look forward to further revision sessions running later in the academic year.

St. Matthew Fund – Supporting Your Catholic School

Thank you to all parents and carers who have already contributed to the St. Matthew Fund. Your support is greatly appreciated. The voluntary annual parental contribution plays a vital role in supporting our work as a voluntary-aided Catholic school. **Every penny raised by the St. Matthew Fund is used to benefit children who are educated at Saint Bede's**.

The initial letter with further details about the St. Matthew Fund and how to pay the annual parental contribution is attached with this update.

You can also support the fund at no extra cost when shopping online via **easyfundraising**. By registering, a portion of your spending with over 7,000 retailers (including Amazon) will be donated to Saint Bede's by the brand.
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Have a lovely weekend.

Mr P Marsden