

WHAT'S THE LATEST FROM ST BEDE'S?

Happy Half-Term

We have arrived at our February half term after a quick 6-week half-term. There has been so much to share with you on the blog and our twitter page (@stbedes1957). With our mock exams now complete and marked, the academic success of the school looks set to continue with our fantastic class of 2020. Across the school there have been baking successes, great work in science, wellbeing activities and much more. Enjoy this edition of the blog and have a relaxing half-term break.

Bede's bakers win Bake-Off competition

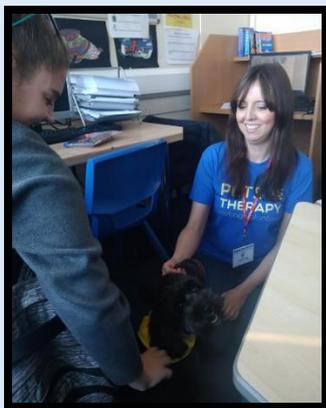
In the last edition of the blog you will have seen Hannah and Ruby won the Bede's bake off challenge. Last week they took their creations to the regional finals. Hannah came 1st and Ruby came 2nd with their fabulous creations. They beat off competition from 10 other competitors from schools across West Lancashire. We are absolutely delighted for the girls. The girls represent the work done by Mrs Wainwright and our DT department. Well done to everyone involved and all other bakers at St Bede's.



Mrs Wainwright added, 'Both girls really did the school proud against competition from The Range, Birkdake High and Greenbank. It will boost their self-esteem immensely and they were a credit to school'.

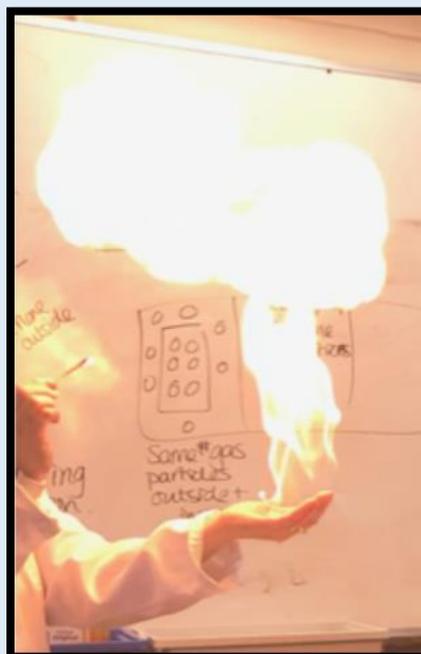
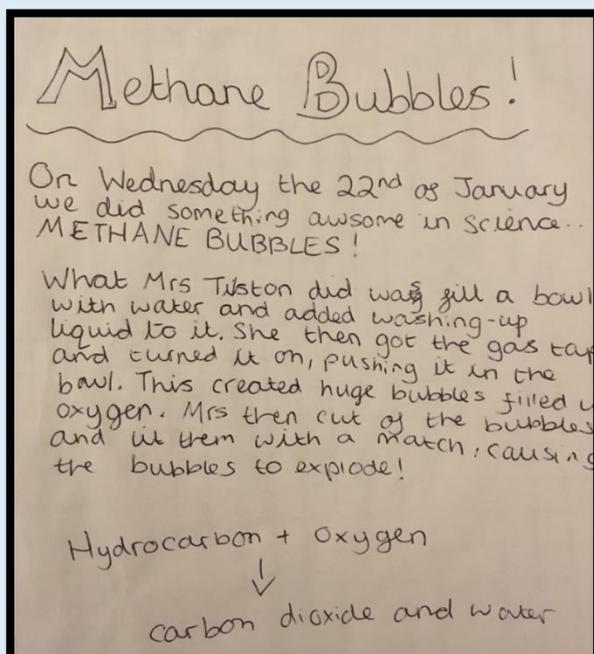
The newest member of our school community arrives

Lola the therapy dog has begun working with several students on a weekly basis. Therapy dogs are proven to reduce stress, worries and bring a smile to the students she comes into contact with. Lola will be visiting us every week thanks to one of our every supportive parents. We look forward to seeing Lola every week bringing joy to our school.



Great chemistry in the Science Department

8N1 were learning about useful chemical reactions that release heat to the surroundings; one of our examples was combustion. They learnt how to describe these reactions as exothermic and completed balanced symbol equations to show how mass is conserved in a reaction. The class have been working really well with Mrs Tiltson, who joined us just 6 weeks ago!



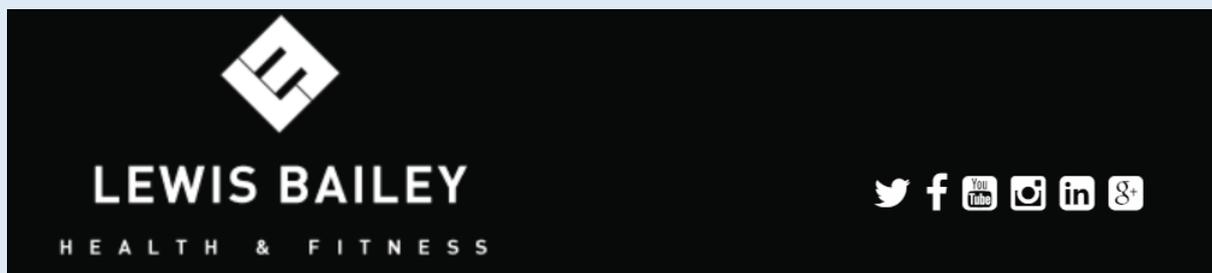
Bede's boys undertake Personal Performance programme with Life Coach

St Bede's CHS is working in collaboration with Lewis Bailey (www.lewisbailey.co.uk), creator of the Personal Performance programme. His 6-week course provides students with sound knowledge and self-development practical skills in self-confidence and attitude towards learning.

The core focus of the programme is to help students understand they have the capability to accomplish whatever they want in the world by applying a great mind-set for success. Most teenagers are unsure what they actually want to achieve at this point in their lives and the programme is designed to help them seek what professions would give them deep fulfilment utilising their true passions and natural talent.

Through active learning workshops within the classroom, students are learning the key basics on how to overcome self-limiting beliefs and develop a strong attitude for a better life. The next step for the students is to start applying their knowledge to their everyday world and also be encouraged to dramatically develop these skills through outdoor adventure activities provided by Lewis himself.

Lewis Bailey is driven to help all students find their passion, develop their self-confidence, attitude and desire to be the best versions of themselves. We believe in providing the students with this great opportunity to develop their own personal life skills and encourage them to reach their potential in life.



Stillness brings peace to our students

This week year 8s developed their stillness skills and took part in a guided meditation as part of their Vocation topic. It was an opportunity for them to spend time outside of their normal lesson environment, to take time to reflect on who they are as individuals and the God given gifts and talents they each have which make the world a better place. They went on to reflect upon all the things they are grateful for in their lives and offered Thanksgiving to God for all that they have. They behaved incredibly well and we look forward to enhancing their meditation/stillness/mindfulness skills as they develop through St Bede's.

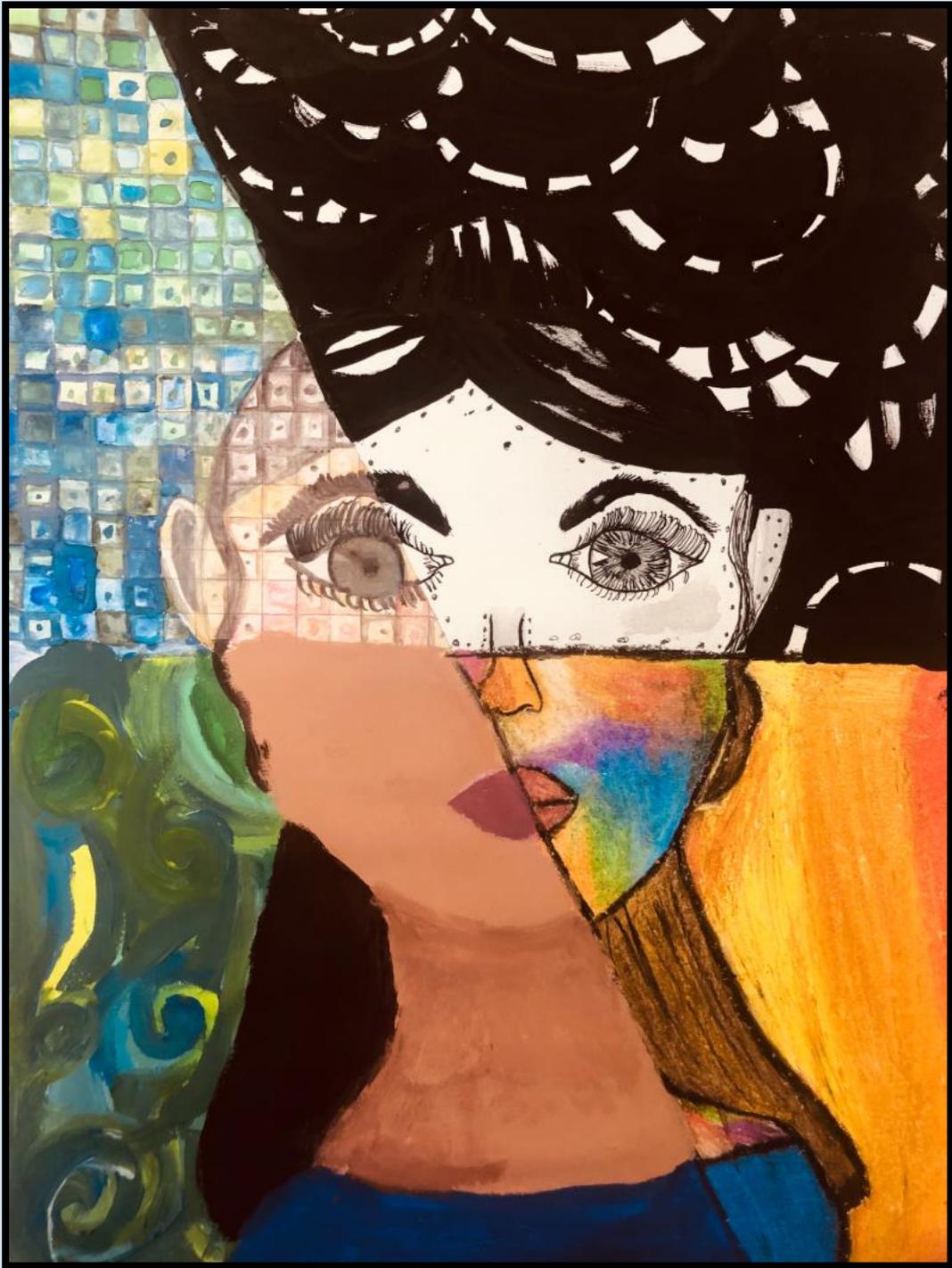
Mental health and wellbeing work with our students

We have teamed up with 'Key', a charitable Mental Health and Wellbeing organisation who work to support schools in raising Mental Health and Wellbeing awareness. Shar Blake who works as an Emotional Wellbeing Practitioner for Key has been working with a selection of our year 9 students each Wednesday as they embark on their MH&WB qualification. Once qualified they will become our whole

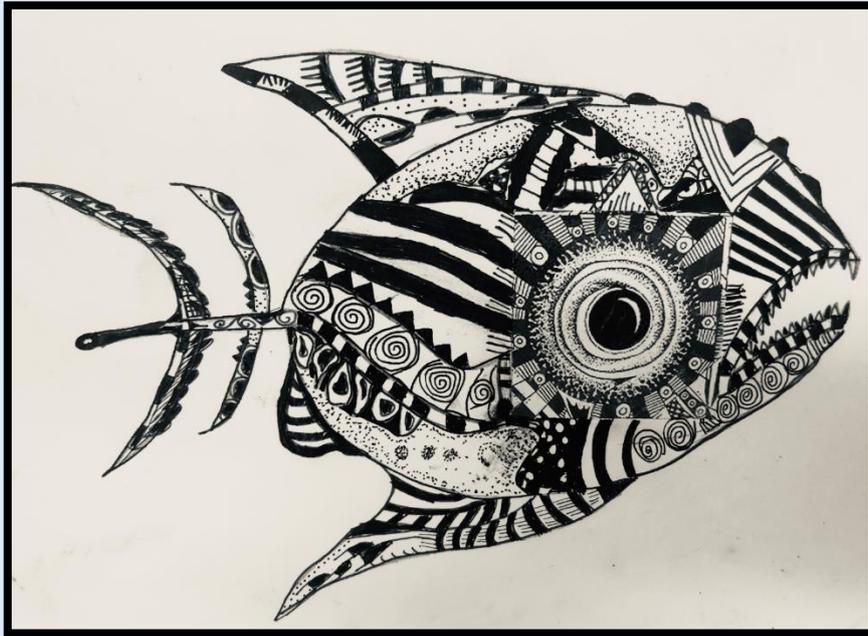
school wellbeing ambassadors and will present their whole school initiatives to our Senior Leadership Team as well as to each year group in assemblies. Well done everyone, keep up the fantastic work! We can't wait to hear of your proposals!

More great Art at St Bede's

In Miss Byrom's class the Year 7s have created self-portraits split into 4 quadrants, using 4 different types of media and 4 different artist styles. One quadrant is acrylic paint in the style of Van Gogh, the second is with black Indian ink in the style of Aubrey Beardsley, the third in watercolour squares in the style of Chuck Close and the fourth is in Oil Pastel in the style of Jawlensky.



Our Year 8s have created fish made with a fine liner pen. This image is an artist copy from the artist Jason Scarpace who they are currently studying.



Year 9 have been looking at the artist Hundertwasser in their architecture project. They have chosen a building that they have a connection with and have replicated this building with cardboard to make a cardboard relief, changing the shape of the building to the style of the artist. They then painted this in bright and bold colours like the artist.



Year 10 are currently working on a teacher led natural form project. Year 11 are working on their own projects which they are working independently, looking at their own artists and choosing their own media.



ROAR graduates celebrate

On Tuesday we had the ROAR Exhibition and Presentation evening. 24 Year 10 pupils presented the findings of their enquiry "Is the Justice System Fair?". The visitors were impressed with the quality of the presentations and the understanding that the Year 10 pupils showed. Chris and Tom from St John Rigby Sixth form presented the certificates to the pupils. Thanks to them for their time and input. Thanks also to Mr Lockyer for his support throughout the programme. Congratulations to all.



Students get involved with National Apprenticeship Week

Southport College Apprenticeship Fair

It's been a busy time for careers guidance especially during National Apprenticeship Week last week. Life beyond St Bede's doesn't have to be about college. There are plenty of apprenticeship opportunities available. On Tuesday 4th February, some Y11 pupils attended an apprenticeship conference at Southport College, where they were given a talk about apprenticeships then the opportunity to visit various information stands of our local apprenticeship providers.



Some comments after the event from our pupils

- I've learnt that you are often employed by the company afterwards
- You get paid during an apprenticeship
- I got information from the childcare stand and got to talk to an apprentice!

- I know exactly what is included in an apprenticeship now
- I enjoyed the information talk
- I really enjoyed today, I feel so much more open and ready to explore more apprenticeships
- I have to pass English and Maths

Y9 Options

Wednesday morning saw the whole of Y9 have their 1 to 1 options interviews in readiness for completing their options forms for their GCSE choices.

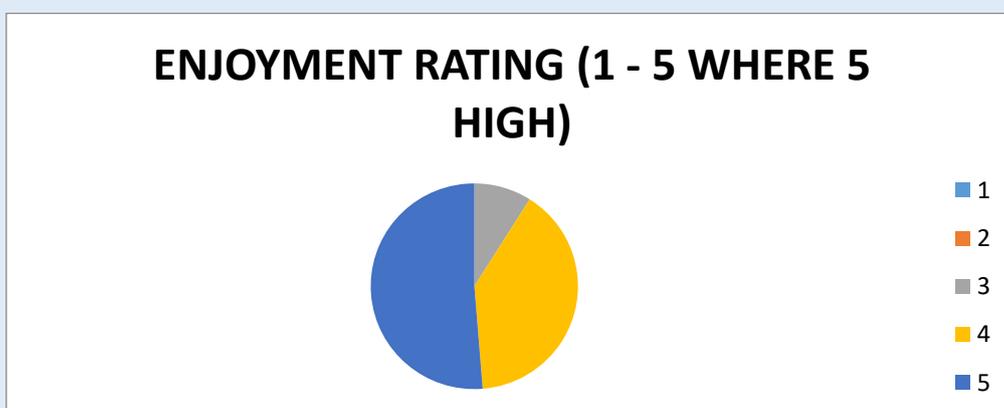
Y11 Transition

Thursday was a very busy day for our Y11 pupils yet again, with their Runshaw College Interviews in the morning and parents evening after school. This year there was an additional information stand for parents and pupils to get information on apprenticeships. Cath from the National Apprenticeship Service said it was one of her busiest nights ever at a parents evening!



Y7 Hot seating

On the afternoon of Friday 7th February, 16 past pupils returned for our Y7 Hot Seating event. They were able to speak with our Y7 pupils about their time at school and what careers they are now doing. The pupils really enjoyed the event as you can see from the pie chart below!



Example questions were:

- Did you go to university?
- Do you need qualifications for your job?
- What skills do you need for your job?
- Can you get promotions?
- Did you know what you wanted to be when you were at school?



A big thank you must go to all our alumni for giving their time to speak with our pupils. Thank you also to their employers for allowing them to participate in such a worthwhile event.



Financial Awareness Day is a great success

On Friday 31st January 2020, our Year 9 pupils took part in our annual Financial Awareness Day.



The pupils were divided up into teams and faced with the tough challenge of designing and organising their very own school prom. Pupils had to choose the venue, catering, decorations and even the entertainment all whilst sticking to their £4000 budget - but there was a catch!! Throughout the day pupils chose envelopes at random - for some this meant extra money to spend but for others money was taken away causing them to quickly rethink their budget!



The aim of the day was for pupils to work together and for them to plan and budget in order to create their perfect prom celebration - throughout the morning pupils were set the challenge of researching key financial topics then went head-to-head in our annual financial quiz.



A big congratulations to everybody who took part but especially to our three groups of winners who walked away with the prizes!



Congratulations to the members of group 6 (pictured above): Violet Costello, Max Lyons, Bethany McCluskey, Edward Murray, Sally Abraham and George Barker for receiving the award for effort and teamwork.



Team 7: Ben O'Grady, Charlotte Hancox, Thomas Gaskell, Faye Lovatt, Max Johnstone and Sam Orlino were successful in winning our finance quiz putting their knowledge and research skills to the test.



The prize for the best organised and promoted school prom went to team 4 (pictured above): Alice King, Sam O'Grady, Tahlia Gaffney, Isaac Sweeney, Isabella Reynolds & Callum Hampton. An added thank you goes to all of the student teachers from Edge Hill who assisted our teams throughout the day.

Team and individual successes for footballers

Isla Fearon (Under 14s), Jess Hodge and Ruby Murphy (Under 16s) have all made it through to the Schools Football National Finals in their respective age groups. Last weekend, they played Hertfordshire and Oxfordshire and secured great results to reach the finals which will be held in May. The venue is to be confirmed. Congratulations to all three girls. Your hard work is paying off, thank you for being such wonderful ambassadors for the school.

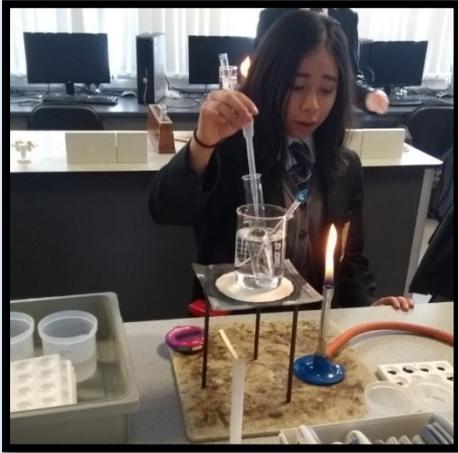


Our U14 girls came runners up in the West Lancashire tournament last week. In addition, our U16 girls won their tournament. It is fantastic to see so much sporting success across the school.



Enzyme analysis experiment in Science

Mr Caygill's Year 9 class were investigating which factors affect enzyme activity as part of their Big Ideas in Biology course. They discovered that each enzyme has an optimum pH depending on where in the body it is found.



MFL News



Year 11 German Speaking & Listening Revision Sessions

Revision Sessions in N1 every Tuesday 3.20 - 4.10.

Sign up on the sheet outside N5. Take a role play and a photo card to prepare prior to your revision appointment.

Year 11 French Revision Sessions Tuesday and Thursday

The revision sessions take place every week in N3 from 3.20 to 4.10 and are usually accompanied by a cup of tea and a delicious cake or biscuit! Come along for a variety of revision topics and a focus on exam technique!



Y11 Lunchtime Speaking Intervention

An excellent opportunity to practise your French and German ready for the speaking exam at Easter 2020. Sign up with your language teacher for speaking practice with Mademoiselle Waterhouse on Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes. Sheet on N4.



Language Club

Don't forget there are two language clubs per week for drop-in sessions, for both Key Stages! Come along!



Amazing Achievement

Eight of our year 7 pupils have just scored **100%** on their module 2 German speaking assessment. How brilliant! Well done, Ruby Benson and Ruby Williams, Flynn, Martha, Harry, Libby, Lucy and Millie!



Love is in the air! 

In their French and German lessons, pupils have had the chance to learn some phrases about love! Some have written messages on a heart for our new display!



German Conversation with Miss Waterhouse

Some of our year 10 pupils practising for the photo card and role play with Miss Waterhouse!



Calling all linguists

Why not sign up to one of the vocabulary learning websites suggested below? These can be downloaded as apps to use on portable devices, and are very popular, as learners can set their own recommended learning time per day (say 5 minutes).

Regular practice really will improve your understanding and acquisition of vocabulary and improve pronunciation, listening and spelling. If you like the challenge of beating your peers, you will enjoy the MEMRISE leader board!

You can also access these websites in school, if you are unable to do so at home, and furthermore, we can assist you! If you are below the age of 13 you will require parental permission to set up an account on either Quizlet or Memrise.



These websites are also excellent for adults wanting to learn a new language, or to brush up on existing language skills!

Here are the links depending on your year group. See a member of the MFL department if you get stuck.



FOR ALL PUPILS:

www.atantot.com (lots of games)

username : bede1 password: 8089

www.language-gym.com (grammar exercises)

Year 10 and 11

French

<https://www.memrise.com/group/2722/>

<https://quizlet.com/join/RgKdt4nsN>

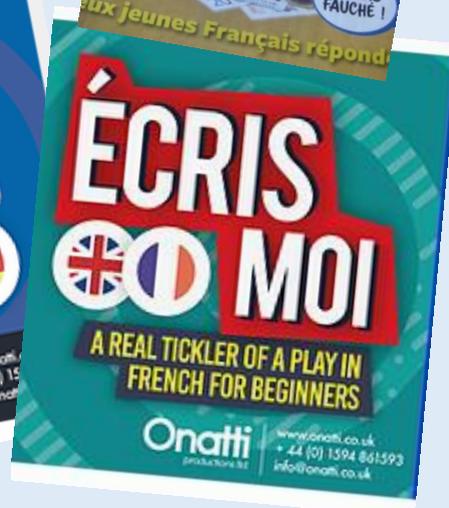
German

<https://www.memrise.com/group/2725/>

<https://quizlet.com/join/SvhBarzGp>

With Financial Awareness Day around the corner why not read up about the spending habits of French teenagers? Are they vastly different to yours?

Speak to Mrs Cain in the LRC to borrow the latest MFL magazines.



...probably the most
organised...an overwhelming
mess!"
Mill School

We are excited to shortly be hosting the Onatti Productions theatre company!

Year 8 will be watching a French play and Years 9,10 & 11(Germanists) will be watching a German play. These plays are written especially for learners of MFL and are always very interactive and funny.

Payments to help fund these productions can be made on Parentpay - thank you to those who have already paid.

Careers in Languages

For the National Apprenticeship Week, we created a new careers board in N4. Which job takes your fancy?



Call for Applications 2020 WORK SHADOWING IN SCHWÄBISCH HALL



As part of our status as Smart Choice: German School, we are delighted to invite out Key Stage 4 pupils to apply for a work-shadowing week in Schwäbisch Hall, Germany, from 24 to 31 October 2020.

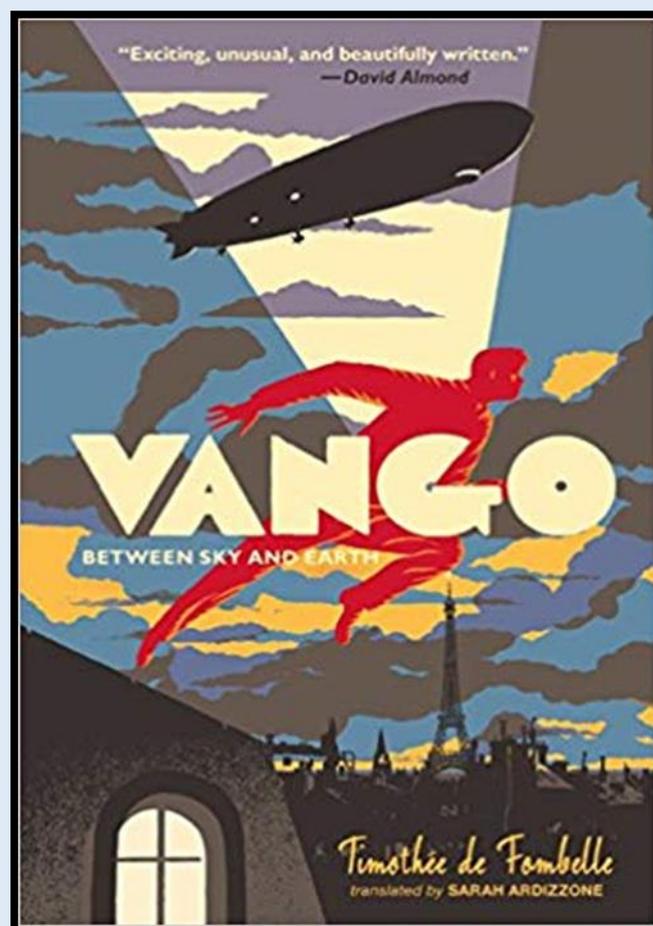
A number of companies and organisations in Schwäbisch Hall are happy to host students to introduce them to the world of work and help them understand the practical details of a profession. The students will have the opportunity to be part of a team in a small or medium-sized company and use their language skills while taking part in the company's daily operations. Participants will go to the work placement in the mornings, where an expert will accompany them on their introduction to a profession. In the afternoons, a cultural programme will help the participants discover the local surroundings and dive into German culture.

This programme would be excellent for our Year 11 pupils who are thinking about doing A-Level German.

For more information and to apply, visit:

https://www.goethe.de/ins/gb/en/spr/unt/ver/ver.cfm?fuseaction=events.detail&event_id=21759930

Gute Chance!



What's on offer at St Bede's

Beyond the classroom there is something for everyone at St Bede's. Those students that fully engage with activities in school will always tend to enjoy their time here and come out with a holistic education. Please have a look at the programme of events and activities below and encourage your child to get involved.

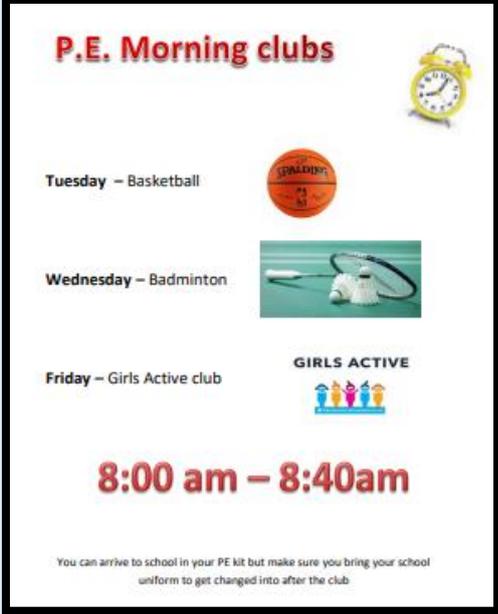


GCSE Art Support

Mrs Mitchell N8
Thursday & Friday lunch 12.50-1.35

Thursday & Friday after school
3.15-4.15

The poster features a vibrant, abstract background with splatters of blue, red, and yellow, and several circular patterns resembling bubbles or light reflections.



P.E. Morning clubs

Tuesday – Basketball 

Wednesday – Badminton 

Friday – Girls Active club 

8:00 am – 8:40am

You can arrive to school in your PE kit but make sure you bring your school uniform to get changed into after the club.

The poster includes a yellow alarm clock icon in the top right corner.



**Year 8
Creative Arts
Club
Wednesday
Lunchtime N9**

**Speak to Mrs
Morris for more
details**

The poster features a central illustration of a glowing lightbulb with colorful splatters and various icons like a bar chart, a cloud, and arrows, symbolizing creative ideas.

Physical Education 2019-2020 Extra-Curricular Term 1

Boys football fixtures and girls netball/football fixtures will also run on a variety of days throughout this term

	Morning clubs 8:00am – 8:40am	Lunchtime Clubs 1:00pm -1:30pm	Lunchtime 3G Astro Turf 1:00pm -1:30pm	After School 3:15 – 4.30pm unless stated
Monday		Year 10 boys 5 a side – Mr Denton Sports hall	Mr Cookson Year 9	Trampoline (all years) Sports hall Carlos 3.15-4:00pm
Tuesday	Basketball club All years		Mr Shepherd Year 10	Netball (all years) Sportshall/Courts Hockey (all years) 3G Astro Mrs Turpin/Mr Oakley
Wednesday	Badminton club All years	Girls Badminton Sports Hall Miss Gray SPORTS LEADERS DROP IN	Mr Doolan Year 8	Girls football (all years) 3G Astro
Thursday		Year 9 boys 5 a side – Mr Morgan Sports hall	Miss Gray Year 7	
Friday	Girls Active (8:00am-8:45am) Sports hall – Miss Gray	Living for Sport Sports Hall Mr Dawson	Mrs Turpin Year 11	

- Lunchtime Clubs - You must wear appropriate footwear (no shoes) and remove ties, blazers and jumpers.
- Afterschool Clubs – You must wear a full PE kit and appropriate footwear (no shoes).
- You **will not be allowed to participate**, if you fail to attend with the incorrect footwear and/or kit.

Extra-Curricular Music

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch	Year 7 Choir	Music Group	Chamber Choir	Disney Choir Boys group	Senior Choir

Parking message

We have had several complaints about parents parking in areas around the school at the end of the day. Please could you park carefully to ensure pavements and roads are not blocked. We have issues in front of school with parents parking across neighbours' drives and opposite the buses which causes additional congestion. The school is working with Safer Travel in order to find an effective solution.

School Parking

A Guide to Parking Safely at Our Schools

Inconsiderate and dangerous parking around our schools has become a big problem, putting the safety of children and others at risk. We all want to keep our children safe around schools, so here's some top tips on how you can make a difference.

Did you know?
One in five cars in the morning rush hour is taking children to school

How Can You Help?

- ✓ Keep your speed down
- ✓ Turn your engine off if leaving your vehicle
- ✓ Leave the middle of the road free, with enough room for other road users to easily pass through
- ✓ Make sure your child leaves and enters your vehicle safely onto the pavement
- ✓ Check for pedestrians and cyclists before opening a car door
- ✓ Leave enough room on pavements for pedestrians to get past
- ✓ Take care when reversing

Please Keep Clear...

- ✓ Zig Zags and School Entrances
- ✓ Dropped Kerbs
- ✓ Resident's Driveways
- ✓ Opposite or within 10 meters of a junction- so that children can see cars and cars can see children

Your questions answered...

Can I double park if I remain in my vehicle?
No, vehicles parked in the middle of a road cause obstruction for all road users and may obstruct the line of sight for pedestrians and children crossing the road.

Am I okay to park on zigzag markings if I am only there a few minutes?
No, under no circumstances should you park on zig zag markings at any time, these are there to protect school entrances and leave a clear view of the street for pedestrians.

www.lancashire.gov.uk

Lancashire County Council

Don't Forget...
Congestion around schools is one of the main reasons given for dangerous parking and there are other ways you could do the school run.

Have you considered...

- Walking or cycling to school instead? This is a great way to contribute to a child's 60 minutes of activity a day and is easy to incorporate into your daily routine. Try it once a week at first and see how easy it can be.
- Parking nearby or getting off the bus two stops earlier and walking the rest of the way. If you live too far away to walk or need your car for your commute to work you can still walk part of the way. Doing this everyday could add up to an adult's recommended 30 minutes of moderate exercise, 5 times a week.
- Car Sharing is a great way to reduce congestion and save you pennies. Team up with other parents or carers who live nearby, share the cost and halve the hassle.

If you have a parking concern outside of your school report it online at www.lancashire.gov.uk/parking or Call 0800 1952774

For more information on this leaflet please email the Safer Travel Team at safetravelteam@lancashire.gov.uk

Lancashire Constabulary
police and communities together

change 4life
Sign up to Change4Life at www.change4life.co.uk

Simple, straightforward behaviour policy adopted

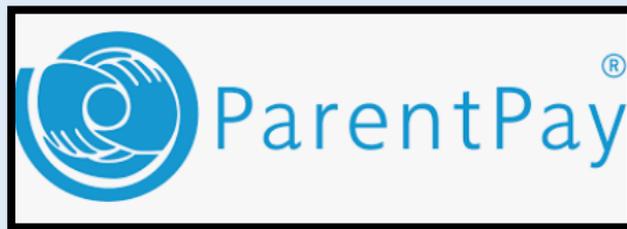
Around the school we have a clear and more consistent behaviour policy for both staff and students to follow. The revised approach has come from discussions amongst staff. It is hoped that this new system makes our expectations clearer and allows students to see how they may be rewarded for great work. It also explains clearly the steps that will be taken should the learning or safety of any child be disrupted. Please speak to your child about this or contact school should you have any questions. As you will see, we are asking students to be:

1. Ready
2. Respectful
3. Safe

Important notice for parents

In our continued move to a cashless catering system and due to having no local bank providers, we need to reduce the amount of cash brought into school. With effect from Monday 7th January 2019 pupils wanting to top up their dining account in school through the revaluer will only be able to use notes; £5, £10 & £20. Coins will no longer be accepted. Our Finance team will not be able to change coins for notes. All top ups to pupil accounts can be undertaken via our e-payment method of ParentPay.

You are able to check your child's spend and dinner balance using ParentScope which can be accessed via: www.lcrltd.com/stbedesormskirk.



Find out more about SEND provision in Lancashire

If your child has a special educational need or disability you may be interested in finding out more about what is on offer in Lancashire to support their needs.

As their website explains: 'The Lancashire SEND Partnership was formed following the Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) joint inspection of our special educational needs and disability (SEND) services. The partnership brings together all the agencies in Lancashire which provide the SEND services for children, young people, their parents and carers. It ensures everybody can work together to deliver the best outcomes for children, young people and their families.

The report by Ofsted and CQC highlighted a number of significant areas of weakness, which is a concern to everyone involved. Since the report was published we have established the SEND Partnership Board produced an action plan, made some significant changes to improve key areas of services and recruited new people to the team. The Department for Education (DfE) will be holding regular reviews to monitor our progress'. In order to access this information and all their latest news visit:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/shaping-send-together/lancashire-send-partnership/>

Let us know your news!

If you are involved in any exciting activities or you have stories of St Bede's from years gone by please contact school and we can celebrate this in our fortnightly blog. Also if you have a relative or friend who you would like our school community to pray for let us know via admin@sbchs.co.uk.

God bless,

Mr P Denton, Headteacher