

WHAT'S THE LATEST FROM ST BEDE'S?

Our new term begins

Happy New Year and welcome to the first blog of 2020. We were delighted to welcome the students back last week after their Christmas break. Our Year 11 students entered straight into their mock exams and the Year 10s have also taken their English Literature mock exam. All students have been hard at work and conducted themselves very well during these exams. Our Year 7 students seem like they have been with us for much longer than one term. In this blog you can catch up with the events of the first two weeks and look forward to an exciting 2020.

Year 8 Artists design cakes

In Year 8 the students have been designing, drawing and creating life like cakes. This project has helped to refine the skills required for Art GCSE and more importantly, skills that will allow them to enjoy the subject in and out of school.

The cakes have been made by Miss Byrom's 8W1 and 8E1 classes. I included images of the pupils making the clay cakes a few weeks back, and it's great to see the final outcome and progression.

What's even more impressive is, these pupils have had only one 50 minute lesson to make the clay cakes and one 50 minute one to glaze them before they entered the kiln.

As you can see the cakes have turned out great and the pupils are even more excited that they can take them home to gift to their parents.



Pupil Synod Voice

A huge thank you to our pupils who are involved in our St Bede's Pupil Synod Voice group. The purpose of this group is to allow our pupils to play an active role in Synod 2020 allowing them to think about and offer suggestions about how we can become the Church God wants us to be.

They have been reflecting upon and discussing their responses to the Synod Themes "All called and gifted by God" and "Sharing the Mission of Jesus." As ever, their responses were thoughtful, illuminating and will help to inform the way we intend to respond to the synod themes as a school. The next theme they will be responding to is how we can build community and nurture belonging.

The pupils would like to share their responses with you. We would also like to invite you as parents and carers to forward any ideas that you may have with regard to these Synod themes. The more voices the better! Further information regarding Synod 2020 can be found at www.synod2020.co.uk.

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<p>Theme one - All Are Called We think about the role or vocation God gives each of us</p> <p>This is some of what people said</p> <p>"Value the role of Priests and support them more."</p> <p>"We need to use the gifts and talents of Lay people appropriately."</p> <p>"Support young people in their journey of faith."</p> <p>"Be inclusive and welcome diversity."</p> <p>"Publicise in wider community our Laudato Si and United Nations Global Goals reward projects as a way of inspiring others to take up the call."</p>	<p>What do we, in St Bede's Roman Catholic School say?</p> <p>"Giving pupils a voice empowers us, "all are called," young and older. Could we form a youth synod party in school and collaborate with other Catholic Schools and Colleges? Could we then feed back to pastoral parish meetings? Increase our sense of inclusion, power?"</p> <p>"Lay people in our own community and wider world are amazing role models for us. Let's have collective worship, assemblies, guest speakers who highlight this and show us their example. We should focus more on female role models too."</p> <p>"We are "All Called". The Church is one body. Whilst never diluting our Catholic faith, we would like to see more Ecumenical acts of worship with other Christian Churches in the area."</p> <p>What opportunities are there for spiritual mentoring from members of the local parishes who in a lay capacity could show us how their faith has been an essential part of their success in life? Coaching, mentoring programmes.</p>
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<p>Theme Two- Sharing the mission of Jesus. We think about how we are sent out into the world to proclaim the good news to the whole of creation.</p> <p>"Go out and be seen in the community."</p> <p>"Light up the world and spread the Gospel."</p> <p>"Our purpose is to take Jesus' message into today's world"</p> <p>"Show the love and compassion of Jesus."</p> <p>"Present the face of Jesus to the world"</p> <p>"Love."</p> <p>"Evangelise."</p> <p>Continue with our environmental mission. "Publicise in wider community our Laudato Si and United Nations Global Goals reward projects as a way of inspiring others to take up the call."</p>	<p>What do we, in St Bede's Roman Catholic School say?</p> <p>Fully understand Jesus and his mission. We need spiritual formation programmes and courses specifically for young people to examine and discuss scripture. We need to scrutinise who Jesus was and examine his mission in terms of social outreach and charity. Seeing his humanity, seeing him as a revolutionary figure who knew poverty, struggle, rejection and who challenged the status quo will inspire young people and direct their mission. Could Lay people provide this role in the parish? Year of the Word is key to this. Scripture study is a source of wellbeing too.</p> <p>Foster the idea that true success and personal achievement is about kind, joyful service to others. We need to acknowledge and celebrate those individuals as peer role models in a school context. Could become a diocesan event, deepening our connection with others.</p> <p>Sometimes young people feel peer pressure and reluctant to take Jesus' message into today's world. A feeling of being connected to others who share our faith creates a sense of collective power. Can we connect with other young people from local Churches, Catholic schools and coordinate outreach charity projects together? Activities where we celebrate and reward charity. Unity creates confidence and confidence empowers us in our mission.</p> <p>We want to see the Church challenge injustice. Question and challenge those in authority. We are accountable for our actions or lack of. Poverty, environment, inequality.</p>
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Maths wall of achievement

Mr Gillon shared the names of our maths students who made it on to the maths achievement wall. Well done to all of these students.

	High Score (15 Achievement Points)	Progress (10 Achievement Points)	Effort (5 Achievement Points)
Year 7	Pereira Thomas	Gaterell Ella Mae	Lamont Grace
	Williams Charlie	Jones Max	Gallagher-Nixon Charles
	Maund Eve	Bellew Cobey	Blow Daniel
	High Score (15 Achievement Points)	Progress (10 Achievement Points)	Effort (5 Achievement Points)
Year 8	Owens Suzanna	Anlon Joseph	Trainor Daniel
	Parkinson Emma	Dugdale Ruby	Kelly Zac
	Ashcroft William	Martin Lucy	Monk Rachel
	High Score (15 Achievement Points)	Progress (10 Achievement Points)	Effort (5 Achievement Points)
Year 9	Parker Isabella	Gavin Kevin	Alves Gina
	Irlam Madeline	Lawal Sade	Evans Tayla
	Jones Kent Rhys	Hobin Joseph	Whitty Michael
	High Score (15 Achievement Points)	Progress (10 Achievement Points)	Effort (5 Achievement Points)
Year 10	Towler Daniel	Andrade Pedro	Willan Ellie
	Canas Jan	Livesley Molly	O'Neill Sean
	Osman Cole	Hoy Isabella	Gallagher Nathan

How can we help our children respond to the news in a Christian way?

Our children are bombarded with news stories and images and at times it can be difficult to know how to help them respond to social, political and environmental issues. As part of their collective worship, form tutors lead reflection and prayer on specific news events as they occur. The purpose of this is to ensure that our children don't just consume the news in a complacent, detached way, but rather respond to it in a compassionate, caring, Gospel rooted manner.

We would like to share this resource with you and perhaps, at home, you might like to refer to it as a means of discussing news events as they occur. It's a working document and is updated fortnightly. The power points and news clips will be available on the new up and coming website page 'values and ethos.'

Peace Sunday 19th January

Within the Catholic Church, this Sunday is known as Peace Sunday. This special day reminds us of the need to be witnesses to peace around our community and the world.

"While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart. "– St Francis of Assisi

Laudato Si Year 8 Workshop

We have been fortunate to have a composer working with our students. Jonathan is a musician and composer who is working with students in various year groups to compose an anthem for the Laudato Si Global Student Leadership Award. Jacquie, from Liverpool World Centre, conducted a workshop with some Year 8 pupils exploring the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.



MFL News



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12 verbs of Christmas MFL Competition




Just before Christmas our Year 11 linguists were challenged to learn the full paradigm of 12 verbs to take part in a Twelve Verbs of Christmas Competition. Well done to everybody who took up the challenge and congratulations to our winners :

- 1st prize - Luke Parry
- 2nd prize - Laura Bjork
- 3rd prize - Martha Owens



Year 11 German Speaking & Listening Revision Sessions

Revision Sessions will continue in the New Year on Tuesdays 3.20 - 4.10.

Sign up on the sheet outside N5. Each week there will be a role play and a photo card which you may take away to prepare prior to your revision appointment.

Year 11 French Revision Sessions

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!





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, will 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 Memorise.

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.



Year 7 Franco-German Quiz

Our annual Year 7 language and cultural quiz will take place this half term. All pupils in Year 7 will be taking part and there are some fabulous prizes to be won! Payment for the quiz may be made via Parentpay. Thank you to those who have already paid.



Year 9 Linguists

With option choices on the horizon, we wanted to share the following information reported in The Times on 10th April 2019, 'Demand for linguists has risen by 2.7 per cent since 2016 among employers'.

The managing director of Indeed recruitment consultancy said, 'Many UK employers who require multilingual staff are becoming increasingly unsettled as a perfect storm brews: fewer and fewer linguists are emerging from our education system just as Brexit uncertainty looks to be deterring workers

relocating here from the EU. English is a global language, but that cannot always offset the need for fluent speakers of other languages. While the UK market clearly continues to offer many opportunities for those with additional language skills, there is a danger of a shortfall emerging as insufficient supply butts up against rising demand.



Ideal homes in German

Year 8 have been learning how to describe their ideal homes – some of which sound very luxurious! They have also been learning about the beautiful châteaux of France in both the Loire and the Languedoc regions and have learned something about French history, from the Hundred Years War to the French Revolution!



Who dunnit – French Cluedo!

Year 8 linguists play a classic board game, in French!

What better way to while away the wintry days than by playing a good old game of Cluedo! Our Year 8 were caught on camera using their skills of deduction to solve the murder!



Theatre company on their way

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.

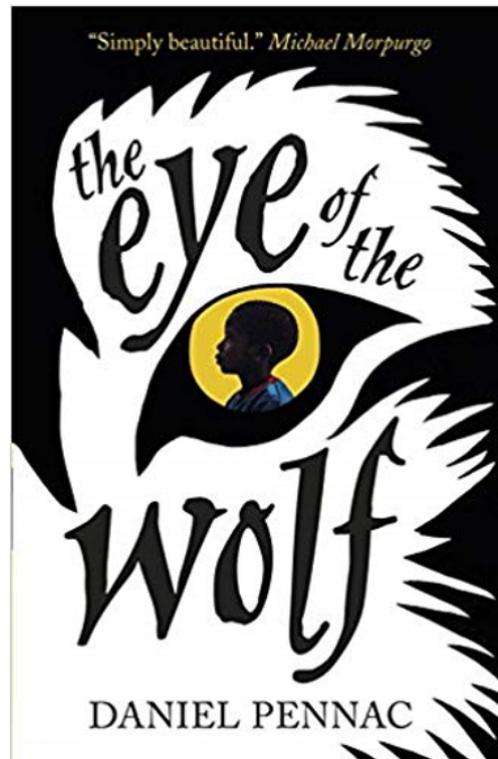


Miss Skid-no-more!

Miss Skidmore is now Mrs Glover. She celebrated her wonderful day with staff and also students who sang at the event. We wish Mr and Mrs Glover the very best for their married life together. Mrs Glover had this to say, 'Last year I invited the chamber choir to sing at our wedding. After hearing their beautiful voices in assemblies, mass and services over the past few years I just knew that they would make an amazing day even better. They were that incredible that I even got a little emotional when they started to sing 'The Lord is my Shepherd'. Our friends and family could not have been more complimentary about the choir. We really appreciate that the pupils and staff sacrificed a few hours of their Christmas holidays (and it was Molly's birthday) to represent our wonderful school. Also, a massive thank you to Mrs McMurray and Sarah Monteith who did an amazing job conducting and playing alongside the girls. Thank you so much'.



MFL Book of the Week



The Eye of the Wolf by French author Daniel Pennac tells the story of a boy and how he befriends a wolf. Each has been scarred by the cruelty of humans and yet both survive to share their gifts and help to heal the other.

A gripping story of hardship and ultimately friendship.

Available to borrow now from the LRC.

Prayer for Peace.

Blessed are you peacemakers
who say no to war as a means
to peace.

Blessed are you peacemakers
who offer hope and healing.

Blessed are you peacemakers
who care and comfort.

Blessed are you peacemakers
who help find answers.

Blessed are you peacemakers
who welcome, encourage and
inspire.

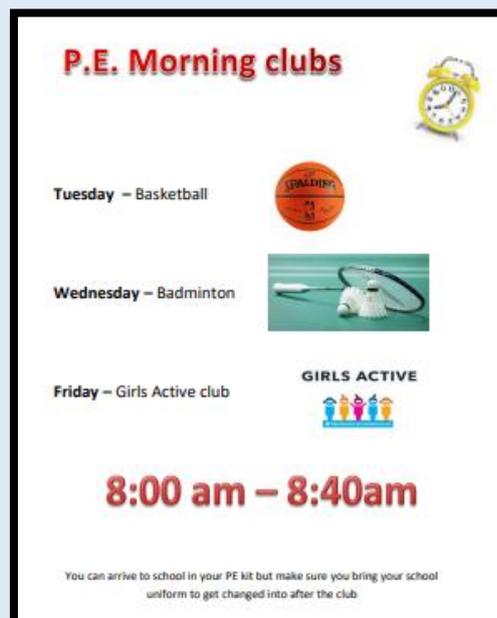
Blessed are you peacemakers
who see the good in others.

Blessed are you peacemakers
who never give up.

Fr Paul Milanowski (adapted)

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.





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 aside – Mr Denton Sports hall	Mr Cookson Year 9	Trampolining (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 4 life
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/>

MFL Resources for home

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>

Year 9

French

<https://www.memrise.com/group/2731/>

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

German

<https://www.memrise.com/group/4442/>

<https://quizlet.com/join/t3CbPn9r5>

Year 8

French

<https://www.memrise.com/group/4441/>

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

Year 7

German

<https://www.memrise.com/group/2729/>

<https://quizlet.com/join/mJc2mW88M>

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