

WHAT'S THE LATEST FROM ST BEDE'S?

Merry Christmas

As we complete the longest term of the school year, there has been so much to celebrate at St Bede's. This time of year is always one which brings joy to all of our school community. The Carol Service which we celebrated on Monday night was an incredible example of the love, faith and hope that our school exudes. We have also had discos, Christmas services, awards assemblies, Christmas dinners and much more. This blog captures some of these events, as well as the many other achievements and activities enjoyed by our students. As ever, keep up to date with all of our school news via our twitter account (@stbedes1957).

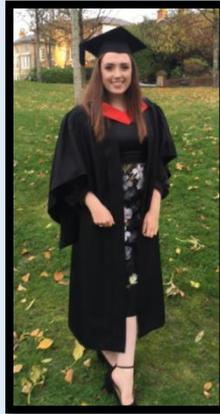
Former student hits the right notes

Sarah Prescott has gone from strength to strength following her time at St Bede's. After leaving St Bede's Sarah also achieved the following additional qualifications in her first year at Winstanley College whilst studying A Level Music prior to university:

- ABRSM Grade 5 Music Theory
- ABRSM Grade 8 Vocals

Sarah had never done any external music exams before studying both GCSE and A Level music but was so determined to succeed that she skipped the prior grades and went straight for the ABRSM Grades 5 and 8 above and her hard work paid off.

Sarah, who won the St Bede's Music Award end of year 2015, has just graduated in Nov 2019, as she did a 2 year accelerated degree. The course packed 3 years of study into 2 years, resulting in a 1st Class honours degree in Music Industry Practice specialising in vocals from the Academy of Contemporary Music Guildford.



Another fabulous musical term!

Christmas Carol Service

Our most beautiful and reflective evening definitely has to be our annual carol service. On Monday 16th December, we celebrated the outstanding talents of many pupils and staff here at St. Bede's. We definitely produced a 'wall of sound' in St. Anne's church. Over 180 pupils and staff performed in the service which was themed around the True Christmas Gift.

The church was packed and the congregation held a respectful silence after each item. It was only after Mr Denton gave permission did the congregation let rip with applause. The whole service and the pupils were definitely an inspiration to me! – A McMurray



Carol Service 2019

On Monday the 16th of December over 150 pupils, 30 members of staff and the community took part in our school's annual carol service at St Anne's church. After weeks of rehearsals and hard work the service was opened by the first performance 'Son of God' performed by all of the choirs. Throughout the service, students' individual and group talents were showcased to over 500 parents, families and members of the community. The service included stunning performances from the year 10 GCSE drama group, song, dancing, the year 7 choir, chamber choir, boys' group and band and the multiple readers who told us the story and the importance of Christmas. The night was closed with a breath-taking performance of 'Carol of the Bells' once again performed by all choirs. All pupils and staff should be very proud of the hard work they have put in to make this night such a success. Special thanks to Mrs McMurray, Jacinta and Sarah for all their time and effort they have put towards this and their continued support for the pupils and staff at St Bede's. - Isobel Morgan (Year 11)

Father Bonafice also emailed in to school to share his appreciation: 'May I offer to all appreciation for the wonderful carol service on Monday. It was truly uplifting and a great preparation for Christmas. Greetings to all for the holiday and blessing for Christmas'.

Peripatetic Music Lessons

Many of our pupils drown themselves in music; whether it is for pleasure or music exams. We have had many successes this term. I would also like to thank all the peripatetic music teachers who have invested

lots of time, energy and enthusiasm into our wonderful pupils. Special thanks go to Sarah Monteith (singing & piano teacher). Not only is she a fantastic music teacher, but she has been a great support and help to myself throughout the year. She is now running the music group/band every Tuesday lunchtime.

Music Exam success

Several of our pupils have achieved excellent scores on their recent music examinations:

- Theo Williams – Grade 8 singing
- Joanna Thompson – Grade 5 theory



- Isobel Barclay – Grade 2 singing for musical theatre
- Alex Carroll - Grade 2 singing for musical theatre
- Alice King – Grade 4 piano
- Sophie Orledge – Grade 1 piano

Well done to all the pupils for their hard work and dedication in rehearsing and taking these exams.

Mrs McMurray & Sarah Monteith

Red Wednesday

Our wonderful Faith in Action pupils recently organised fundraising events in school and an Ecumenical prayer service in St Anne's Catholic Church in order to raise awareness of the persecution of Christians, people of faith and people of principle around the world.

A huge £430.23 was raised by pupils and members of the community.

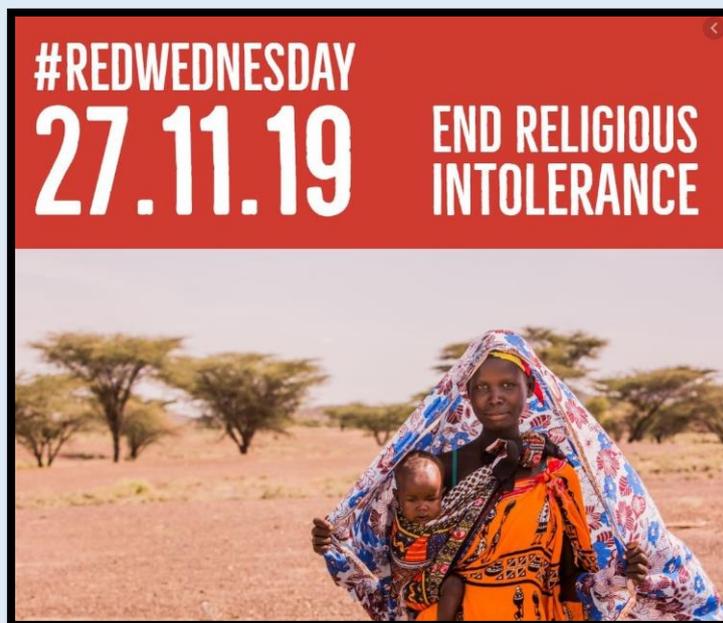
In partnership with Aid to the Church in Need and Christian Solidarity Worldwide, pupils joined millions of Christians around the world for #RedWednesday and organised a range of events in school on the 27th November. It is hoped that the event will shine a light on the injustices perpetrated against Christians and people of other faith groups. The day's events culminated in an Ecumenical Prayer Service at St Anne's Church.

Noah Marston Yim, a pupil involved in the organisation of the event stated, "All people of any faith and none deserve our respect and charity where needed. The campaign we are supporting at St Bede's is not about one religion against another but solidarity with all people who are suffering for their faith."

According to the International Society of Human Rights, 80% of religious discrimination worldwide is directed against Christians. Discrimination, kidnap, forced conversion, torture and death are realities for millions of Christians around the world.

Evie Maher, a year 8 pupil, said "Realising what is going on around the world to innocent people who simply want to express their faith spurred us into action. As young Christians we just wanted to stand up for faith and freedom".

The prayer service was an ecumenical event and we therefore extended this invitation to all local churches. We would like to extend our thanks to everyone in our community who supported the pupils in the events of #RedWednesday. We hope this can become an annual event in our local area. Thank you also for your generosity as £430.23 was raised. We are overwhelmed by the generosity of pupils and members of our community. Thank you.



MFL News



MFL News



12 verbs of Christmas MFL Competition

YEAR 11 LINGUISTS

Learn the full paradigm of each of the 12 verbs on verb sheet (SEE YOUR MFL TEACHER FOR THIS) – one per day – and take part in the final completion on December 19th at 1pm in room N3!

1st prize £25 amazon voucher

2nd prize £15 amazon voucher

3rd prize £10 amazon voucher.

All entrants win a small prize, and mince pies and 'mulled wine' will also be served.

Get learning! Be an MFL super linguist!



On Friday 7th
December, the MFL
department held their
annual Christmas



Market in the drama studio. A transformation magically took place overnight, and on Friday, pupils walked into a grotto with Christmas lights, decorated gazebos and music. Our fantastic Dream Team assisted us on the stalls, which sold a variety of Christmas goodies. Two of our Year 10 pupils also helped our skilled make-up artists - Mrs Crompton and Mrs Hayes - with the Christmas face painting.

This year the photo booth, proved very popular. Here are a few photos from the day!



Cross Curricular Baking Competition



Last week Creative Arts - Food and MFL were really excited to host St. Bede's very first German Christmas Bake Off!

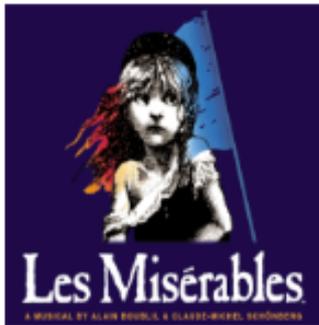
Twenty keen bakers presented a wide selection of German, Swiss and Austrian biscuits - all of which were beautifully decorated and were absolutely delicious. Mrs Wainwright and Ms Harris found it really difficult to choose the finalists, but after much deliberation and tasting (!) the following pupils went through to the bake off round.

Harry Copeland, Tyler Ramsay, Evie Maher, Freya O'Connor, Isobel Cummins & Francesca Hampson.

Last Wednesday after school our contestants donned their Bake Off aprons and created a scrumptious selection of German Christmas biscuits. The judges were impressed with everyone who took part but the overall winner was Evie Maher who will now be entered into the North West German Network finals.



Congratulations to everyone who took part! We hope you enjoyed making your Christmas biscuits and will make more over the Christmas holidays to share with family and friends!



See one of the MFL teachers to pick up a letter.

Les Misérables at the Lowry in Manchester

The Modern Foreign Languages Department is proposing to organise a trip to the Lowry in Manchester on the **evening** of Thursday 14th May 2020 to see a musical performance of 'Les Misérables'. With its 25th Anniversary in 2011, the Cameron Mackintosh/Royal Shakespeare Company production of Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schönberg's *Les Misérables* is truly a must see show.

Based on elements of Victor Hugo's epic book, Jean Valjean, released on parole after 19 years on the chain gang, finds that the 'ticket-of-leave' he must display by law, condemns him to be an outcast. Only the saintly Bishop of Digne treats him kindly and Valjean, embittered by years of hardship, repays him by stealing some silver. Valjean is caught and brought back by the police, and is astonished when the Bishop lies to save him, also giving him two precious candlesticks. Valjean decides to start his life anew. Things go well but 8 years later, an encounter with a face from the past threatens everything he now holds dear.

The performance is scheduled to start at 7.30pm and we will leave school by coach at 4.30pm. Our anticipated time of arrival back at St. Bede's is approximately 11pm and you will therefore need to arrange your child's transport home from school.

The cost of the trip will be £27.00 for the ticket, and the cost of transport will be added on once we have an idea of numbers. We are offering places to year 10 and 11 first, then to year 9 pupils. If any places are still available, we will let you know

Eucharistic Ministers

A huge congratulations to Joseph Guidi, Will Marston , Marcus Ryan and Julia Turkowski who have become Ministers of Holy Communion.

Each year we commission year 10 pupils to act as Eucharistic Ministers in school Masses. This is a sacred role within Mass and we are delighted that Joseph, Will, Marcus and Julia have taken the decision to become Eucharistic Ministers. They are wonderful role models for our young people.



Season's greetings from the hockey club!



Christmas hampers delivered

On Thursday the 12th December, the Dream Team along with Miss Keyes, Mrs Crompton and Miss Skidmore delivered our annual hampers to the elderly at Moorgate Wellbeing Centre. We made and delivered a record breaking 29 amazing hampers and indulged in an afternoon of talking, singing and dancing with a number of elderly members of our community. A great experience was had by all and we look forward to being able to do it again next year. We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all the members of the school community who showed such generosity with their donations.



Year 10 bake Christmas delights





English department winners

Congratulations to the following students who completed all 12 activities in our English Literature/
Language revision advent calendars:

Year 10:

1. Dan Towler
2. Michael Wilson
3. Hannah Birkett
4. Anya Hilton
5. Josh Watt
6. Annalise Bennett
7. Bailey Potter
8. Julia Turkowska
9. Bobby Bjork
10. Robert Knowles
11. Matthew Sparkes
12. Tallya Trubshaw
13. Katie Withers
14. Harry Middlehurst
15. Lucie Deakin
16. Evie Jackson

Year 11:

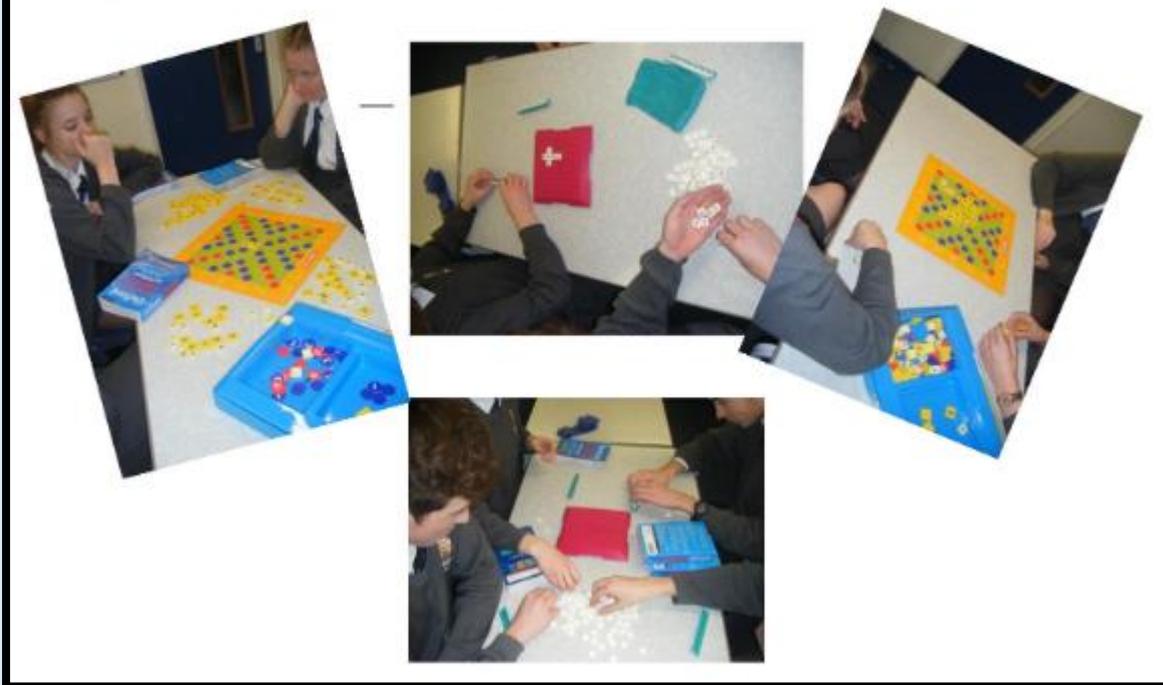
1. Dylan Butler
2. Mya Fitzgibbon
3. Tess Grant
4. David Meadow

These students have been working hard to complete challenging revision activities which push information retrieval, comprehension, language devices and critical thinking. These skills will prepare them for their mock exams in January and their external GCSE exams in the summer.

These pupils have qualified for an Amazon prize voucher which will be issued on their return in the new year. Well done!

Year 11 linguists play a classic board game, in French !

What better way to test your vocabulary learning than by playing a good old game of scrabble ! If you have the chance over the Christmas period, play at home. See who in your family has the best memory and spelling !



Music Extra-Curricular

Pupils are working hard at lunchtimes and after school in the music extra- curricular clubs. Their enthusiasm and love of music shines through the department every lunchtime during rehearsals and is apparent in the rising numbers of pupils in each group. Please see below the activities and numbers of pupils in each group. I would personally like to thank each and every one of them for the enthusiasm and energy they give to every rehearsal.

- Monday – Year 7 Choir- 45 pupils
- Tuesday- Band- 25 pupils
- Wednesday – Chamber Choir- 21 auditioned pupils
- Thursday – Boys Group - 22 pupils
- Friday – Senior Choir- 80 pupils

Many thanks to staff and governors for their continuing musical support throughout the year.

Mrs Annemarie McMurray

(Faculty Leader of Creative Arts)

Chaplain's Reflection.

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel.” Matthew 1: 21.

I always think that this passage from Matthew is one of the most beautiful and comforting pieces of scripture we will hear as we celebrate Christmas. Emmanuel means God with us. God always keeps his promises. Here the angel explains that this tiny baby, was the Immanuel promised nearly 700 years before in Isaiah. This baby is God, this baby is God keeping his promise and coming to live with his people. God didn't send someone to help us; God Himself came to help us.

But why did he come? Why did the word become flesh and make his home among us? God came down to earth so we could really know him, he lived among us to show us the way, to show us how to live, to save us from Sin and to show us how to really, really love.

God never promised our way would be easy, or that his presence with us meant a life of convenience or comfort. But he did promise this, over and over in his word and in his very name, He would be with us through it all, and would never leave us.

He alone holds the power to turn around any difficult situation. We simply need to trust him. His very name reminds us that he is always near. What a wonderful comfort to each of us, not only at Christmas time but always; God is with us always and he always keeps his promises.

Christmas Blessing

Loving God,

We ask for your blessing on all families.

Let Mary's openness to your wondrous ways be an inspiration to place in all trust in you.

Let Joseph's courage provide hope during times of anxiety and uncertainty.

Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit of life and love.

May the grace that encircled the Holy Family widen to embrace all families this Christmas time.

Amen.

Year 8 Bake-Off

The Y8 bake off went very well this past week. Our students are growing in the confidence and ability which is great to see. I hope any of you that received these tasty treats enjoyed them when the children brought them home.





In other classes, KS3 students have made fruit crumble, mince pie & jam tart during their food lessons.



Graphic design competition is a success

Year 9 have been emulating the job of a Graphic Designer – their brief was to design and make advertising and promotional graphic designs for a cinema based on a film of their choice. On Wednesday 11th Dec the outcomes were judged by Mr Swettenham and the overall winner was Sofia Cavanagh due to the 3D Model and her demonstration of designing.



Ex-Head Girl in the news

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Stardom beckons for Alexa as she wins a recording contract with LA music producer

Former dance school member got big break after chance meeting with DJ Cassidy in London fashion store

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A FORMER member of a Maghull dance school is hoping that stardom beckons after winning a recording contract with LA producer DJ Cassidy.

Alexa Oates, from Aughton - stage name Alexa Joyce - would often sing when she performed at shows with Hamilton School of Dance, based at St George's United Reformed Church Hall on Northway.

She moved to London to study at Institute of Contemporary Music Performance, where she gained a first class degree in music business.

Alexa stayed in the city in the hope of finding her fortune as a singer and her dream could be about to come true after a chance meeting with US record producer DJ Cassidy in the fashion store Fiorucci in Soho where she was working.

They talked about her love of Earth Wind and Fire and Chaka Khan, artists her music



Alexa with Mary J Blige.

loving parents had introduced her to while she was growing up, and her dreams of becoming a singer herself, Cassidy invited Alexa to send him some examples of her singing.

The DJ and record producer, who also makes his own music, is best known for spinning the decks for President Barack Obama's 2009 inauguration party and at his 50th birthday party and he was obviously impressed with Alexa's singing ability because he stayed in London to

record some tracks with her.

Alexa, who was head girl at Ormskirk's St Bede's High School said: "I then flew to LA to meet with him and a couple of other people. I also went to his birthday party which had loads of famous people such as Bobby Brown and Andre Horrell, the guy who signed Mary J Blige."

"I sang at the party and everybody was saying he should sign me."

"The next time I flew out to LA he introduced me to Earth, Wind and Fire and Mary J Blige. He then offered me a contract saying that he wanted to sign me to produce my music."

Alexa says she will be working with Cassidy on her album once her visa is processed for her to stay and record in the US. She expects the new album to be released about this time next year.

Writing to the Champion, DJ Cassidy said he was immediately impressed when he and his girlfriend first met Alexa at Fiorucci due to her knowledge of music and the "cultural impact" of Fiorucci.

"She sent us her music and her voice was equally impressive," he said, "I stayed in London for a few extra days and we recorded three songs. I knew immediately I had to work with her. She had that special something you cannot explain."

"I am beyond thrilled to be joining forces with Alexa to help bring her music to the world."



Alexa with DJ Cassidy.

Year 7 RE Christmas Challenge





German and Creative Arts bake off results



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



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.



**Year 8
Creative Arts
Club**

Wednesday
Lunchtime N9

Speak to Mrs
Morris for more
details



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 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

Science revision begins!

**Year 11 Combined Science:
Chemistry Revision
WEDNESDAY'S FROM 3:20PM ROOM 18**

Year 11 – The sessions below will be centred on a 6 Mark Question from each of the topics. We will practice the skill of planning and tackling an extended answer question whilst at the same time revising content.

Have a look at the timetable below & come along when we're covering an area you need to develop. Sessions will run approx. 3:20pm – 4:15pm

Date	Topics Covered
20.11.19	CC1-4 <i>States of matter, separation techniques, Atomic structure & the Periodic Table</i>
27.11.19	CC5-7 <i>Bonding and types of substance</i>
4.12.19	CC8 <i>Acids, Alkalis & Indicators</i>
11.12.19	CC10 <i>Electrolysis</i>
18.12.19	CC11 <i>Obtaining & Using Metals</i>
8.1.2020	CC12 <i>Reversible reactions & equilibria</i>



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!



Y11 Luchtime Speaking Intervention



An excellent opportunity to practise your French and German ready for the speaking exam at Easter 2020. Sign up in N5 for speaking practise with Mademoiselle Waterhouse on Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes.

Language Club

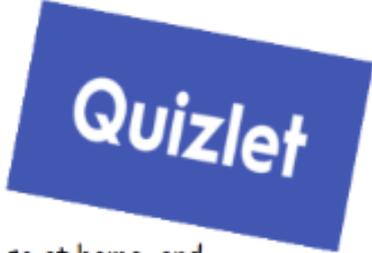
Don't forget there are two language clubs per week for drop in sessions, for both Key Stages!
Come along!



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 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/RqKdt4nsN>

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>

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.

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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

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Sign up to Change4Life at www.change4life.co.uk

Simple, straightforward behaviour policy adopted

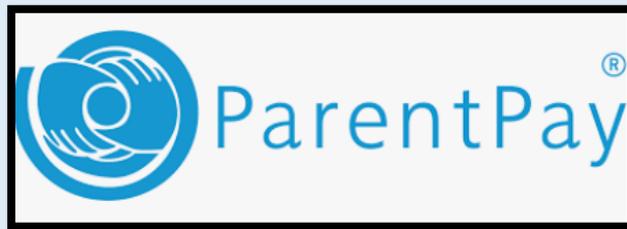
Around the school we have a clear and more consistent behaviour policy for both staff and students to follow. The revised approach has come from discussions amongst staff. It is hoped that this new system makes our expectations clearer and allows students to see how they may be rewarded for great work. 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