

WHAT'S THE LATEST FROM ST BEDE'S?

The summer holidays are here

After a wonderful term, the summer holiday has now arrived. This week I spoke with several year groups about the gift of these holidays. I have encouraged the students to use these weeks to help others, enjoy themselves and improve themselves. We are so proud of the progress your children have made. We wish you all a very happy summer. As I said, we do not get these times back so let us all make sure we make the most of this time of relaxation and enjoyment. Please have a good read through our blog to see the wide range of exciting activities that have taken place this term. First of all, there is an opportunity to help those in need in our community.

Help local families

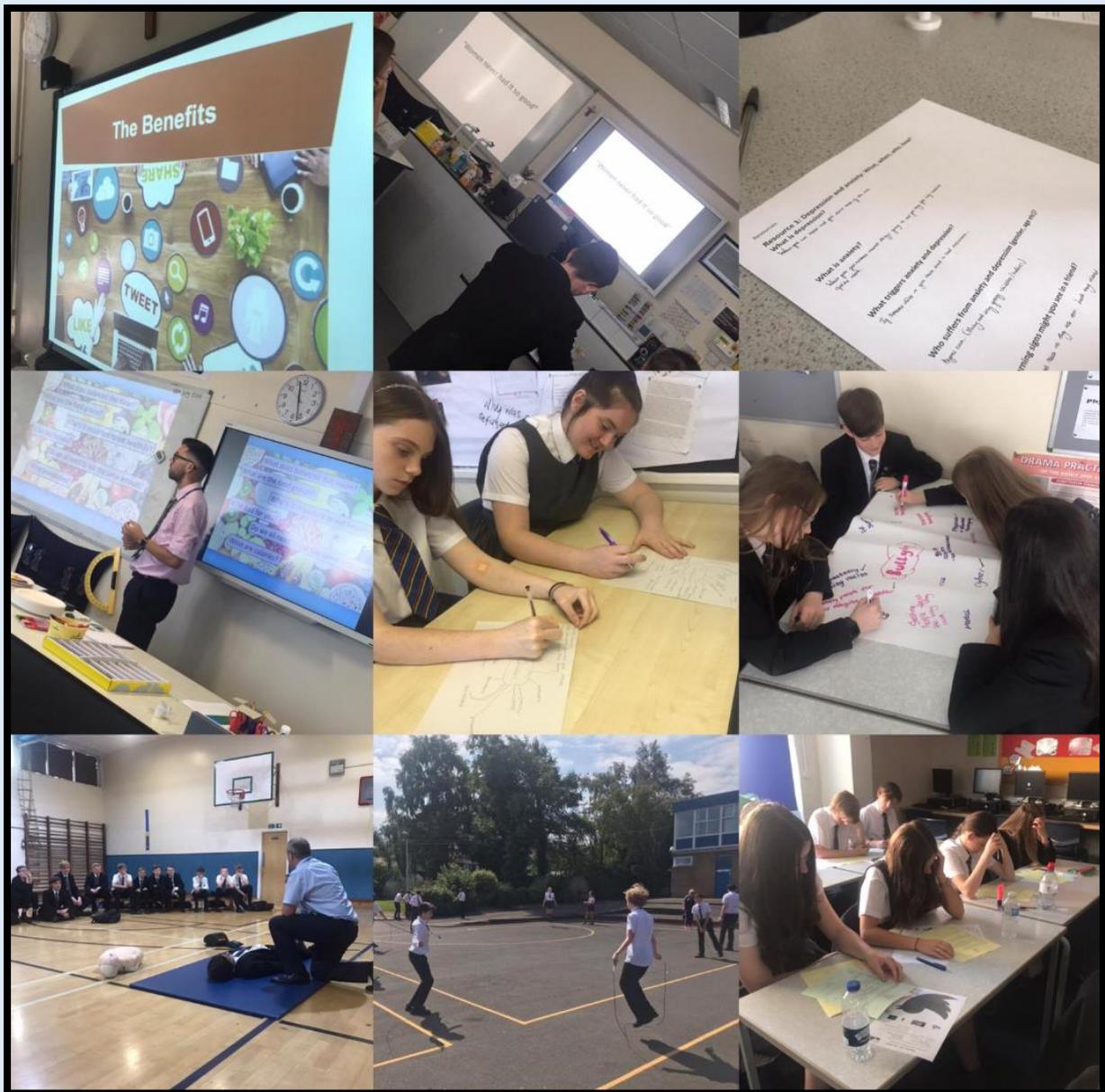
This week we received a flyer from the Ormskirk food bank. This is a place that supports families who may struggle to feed themselves, especially over the long summer break. I would ask you all to consider support our community through the food bank. Details of how you can do so are detailed in the flyer below.



PSHE & citizenship days light up St Bede's

On Monday and Tuesday of our last week of term, our whole school community enjoyed and benefited from two action packed days of PSHE (personal, social, and health education) and Citizenship activities. This was an opportunity as a school for our students to learn about topics that are vital to each child's overall development as all rounded, empathetic, aware and active citizens.

Monday's lessons focused on PSHE topics ranging from; healthy eating and exercise, first aid training, mental health and well-being, resilience, body image, healthy relationships, online safety, road safety, bullying, career aspiration, knife crime, drugs and alcohol awareness, study skills, and equality. It was a highly informative and fun day of learning which was further enhanced by outside agencies such as stable lives, relationship experts, and a knife crime speaker. We are extremely grateful for their input and superb sessions that they delivered to our students throughout the day.



On Tuesday we also welcomed an array of visitors to school for our Citizenship day ranging from the Police, bank representatives, CAFOD, Mr Marston our lead school governor, our local mayor, local councillors and MPs. Our students were given the opportunity during break and lunch to vote in a school referendum. This was to decide upon what they preferred the school fair profits to be spent on to improve our school yard with options being; benches, lockers, improved toilet facilities, a sound system and more.

Each and every one of our visitors commented on the excellent manners, behaviour, attitude and participation of our students in each year group throughout both days. They left having had a very pleasant experience at our school, commenting on how polite and well-mannered our students were and it was a privilege to have worked with them.

Overall, the two day experience was a fantastic way to end our academic year which demonstrated amazing effort, commitment and team work of our whole school community and collaboration with members of our extended local communities.

Miss Kelly.



The students view of our PSHE days

At the start of this week Year 10s took part in PSHE and citizenship days on Monday and Tuesday. We were visited by several members of the police, local mayor, MPs and councillors; we were also visited by different charities including CAFOD and stable lives who taught us about migration and refugees in CAFOD, and stable lives talked to us about mental issues and health of members of the military and their families who were also affected by their experiences, as well as troubled children and adults who also struggle with mental illnesses.

Year 10 had a lecture from senior detective of Lancashire, Mr Marston who spoke to us about paedophilia, gang violence, rapists, knife crime, murder cases, sexual harassment and suspicious deaths. The majority of the year found his lecture very interesting and he had all of the students interacting with him and each other. We all wanted to know more and had plenty of questions for Mr Marston.

Another class we took over the two days was about LGBTQQAAIP and equality taken by Miss McGee one of St Bede's physical education teachers. Everyone was encouraged to share their opinion which caused many debates between students about women's rights, the gay community and how equality has changed over the years.



Miss McDowell and Miss Skidmore took the session about human rights and how many countries around the world are still treated unfairly and living without the right to have their human rights in order. We were also taught all of the rights to make us aware of all of the 30 rights we were entitled to.

We had a class on social media and cyber bullying; we learnt about how we have a digital footprint and how our online lives as teenagers could quickly affect our future and employment. Mr Aoun and Miss Letki told us that we will always have a safe place to go and trusting people to talk to within the school.

Brexit was also a fun topic for us to learn about taught by Mrs Mitchell, it made us aware of the political drama going on in our country at the moment and were given the opportunity to express our opinion on the matter which caused small debates between students.

We were taught about how we will have to apply for jobs in the future and how to set up a letter to future employers, which will help us massively.

Money management was a session taught by Mrs Scott and Mr Belger. They taught us how to manage our money in university showing us examples and giving us scenarios that could happen in our future and teaching us about taxes, student loans and mortgages etc.

Mrs Roberts taught us about study skills and how to revise and use the full capacity of our brains giving us memory games and quizzes and made us know which way to revise is best for us.

Overall the Year 10s really enjoyed the two days and learnt a lot and would recommend highly for this to happen again next year.

Isobel and Holly Year 10.



Wellbeing student ambassadors complete course

A group of caring Year 10 students have undertaken a wellbeing course which will allow them to be ambassadors across the school. In conjunction with Lancashire Mind, the students have looked at producing guides for students that encourage positive wellbeing. At a time when there can be a lot of pressure on young people, it is great to see such willing students taking a stand against poor mental health. Well done to all those involved. The names of our new ambassadors are listed below:



Martha Owens
Connie Roberts
Roma McDonell
Grace Unsworth
Jess Brown
Charlotte Molyneux
Ruby Horton
Maddie Lees
Isobel Morgan
Laura Bjork
Elise Rankin Mills
Debrita Oz
Antonia Wilks
Hope Curran
Roksanna Krol
Melissa Willis
Regan Kelly
Reine Kelly
Mya Fitzgibbon
Heather Digwood

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Well done to our Bronze groups who successfully completed their expedition section with their presentations about the weekend.

Just the other three sections to complete and Silver awaits next year!



Good luck to our silver and gold candidates who will be completing their final expeditions over the next couple of weeks!



A massive well done to our past pupils who went to St James' Palace to receive their Gold award.



Parent focus group meets

During June I was delighted to meet with parents that had responded to my invitation to join our parents' focus group. We had a good discussion about the appearance of the reports that go home and homework. Their views have now been fed back and discussed with leaders across the school.

As a result, our reports will make it very clear what your child's attitude to learning grade is. This is perhaps the most important grade and so will be located at the top of the page. At Key Stage 4, your child's progress score will continue to be reflected at the top of the page with a key to explain included.

All parents are welcome to join the group. We will be meeting again in the new term. Should you wish to get involved please email admin@sbchs.co.uk At our next meeting we will again talk about homework and how we use Class Charts.

Bookworms compete in local competition

Our two Year 8 teams - *The Booklings* and *Beauty and the Books* took part in the final of the Big Book Quiz two weeks ago. 80 teams from across the region took place and St Bede's had 2 teams in the final 10. The competition was tough and there was a matter of marks that separated the teams.

Beauty and the Books (Maddie Irlam, Lizzie Parry, Yantar Kawczak and Violet Costello) came 3rd and The Booklings (Nathan Evans, Isobel Turnbull, Rebecca Moss, Jake Sinnott and Sean Hartnett) came 5th.

Both teams did us very proud.



BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE WEEK

Our Year 10 pupils have been involved in a whole week of activities that prepare them for their life after St. Bede's. For the first three days they were completing lots of tasks in different teams to replicate being at work: skills for work and life, financial capability and being enterprising. Fun tasks with deadlines to adhere to.

Thursday was spent in the hall taking part in a national Enterprise competition. Again it was important that they could work well in their teams to complete the task set. Job roles were allocated early on and then to the design the event to encourage female participation in football, costing and marketing all required and then to finish, a presentation of their work.

Friday morning was mock interview time. 20 different local business people came in to interview the pupils and it was a very positive experience for all. The business people were very impressed with how well our pupils were prepared and how confident they were to talk about the different enterprising skills they felt they possessed. The pupils commented on how they felt more confident and prepared for the future after their very full week!



CV Workshops

After their last GCSE exam the English sets had time given over to attend a CV workshop. Our school enterprise advisor was there to advise and encourage the pupils to write their own CV to bring to their 'Mock Interviews'.



College taster days

All of Year 10 spent two days attending two local post 16 providers, Runshaw and St John Rigby Colleges. They had the chance to experience what college days are like as well as the chance to attend some lessons whether A level or Vocational.

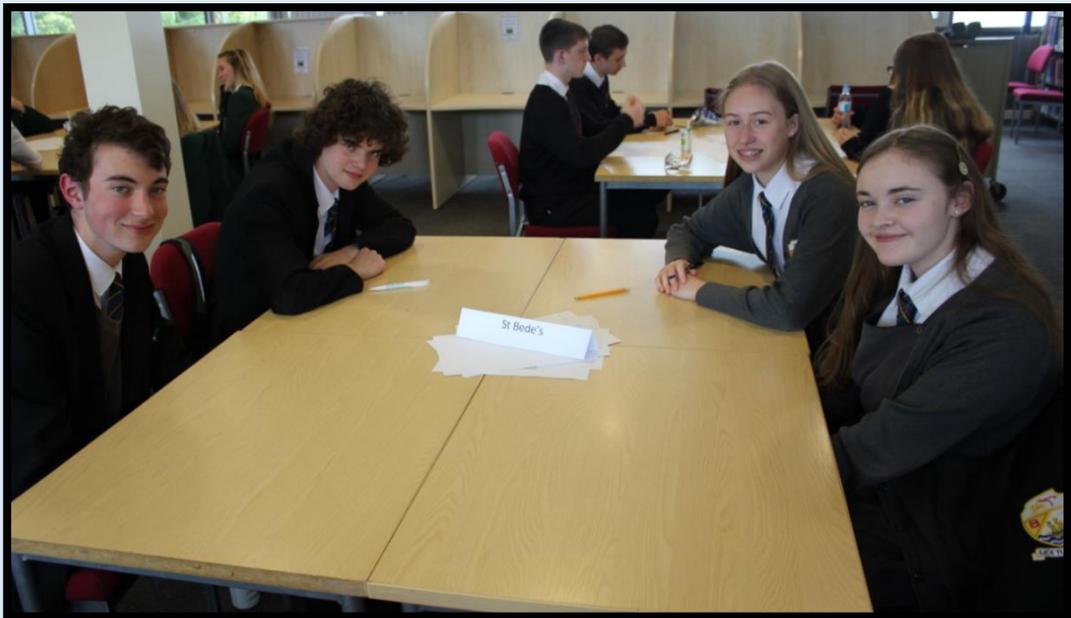


Maths aces compete in high profile competition

Year 10 students recently competed in the Mathematics Challenge held at St John Rigby College in Wigan.

4 of our best Mathematicians from Year 10 represented St Bede's and narrowly missed out on one of the top spots. Well done to our math's aces that took part. Those students were:

- Imogen Fearon
- Madelaine Lees
- Ciaran Gaffney
- Samuel Hughes



Aspirations programme another ROAR-ing success

On Thursday 4th July the Year 7 ROAR exhibition took place. This evening was an opportunity for the ROAR participants to demonstrate their learning and further develop their presentational skills. Visitors on the evening commented on the impressive quality of the exhibits, the written essays and the confidence demonstrated by the pupils. Throughout the programme the pupils involved have impressed both St Bede's and St John Rigby staff with their commitment, organisation and their creativity. By the end of the evening the pupils had clearly inspired parents, carers, staff and visitors to think carefully about the impact which mankind is having on the planet.

Massive congratulations to all of the Year 7 ROAR graduates!



Scientists attend Big Bang event

A group of 45 St Bede's students attended the Big Bang science fair on July 1st. The pupils really enjoyed having a go at the interactive activities and it was good for them to see where their Science Education can take them!



DT students make homes for local birds



Mrs Harris' Year 8 DT group have designed and now building some bird boxes. The students proudly showed off their work. The work they have produced is a real credit to them and the work of the DT department. During the process, they had to design, model and then build the boxes. Each of the students can be very proud of their work. Well done to all!

Tea Party for the community is the cherry on the cake

Every year, St Bede's hosts a tea party for members of our community. Residents from local care homes along with other members of our local community visit us to enjoy; tea, cake, music, dancing and many

other types of entertainment. Our visitors were very complimentary of our students and the welcome they received. Well done to all involved!





Dream Team chosen to represent the school

Congratulations to the new members of our Dream Team. The following pupils have been successful in their application.

- Hope Curran
- Melissa Willis
- Imogen Fearon
- Maddie Lees
- Faye Currie
- Rebecca Brown
- Rokšana Krol
- Imogen Duffy
- Connie Roberts
- Martha Owens

Thank you

Miss Keyes, Miss James and Clare

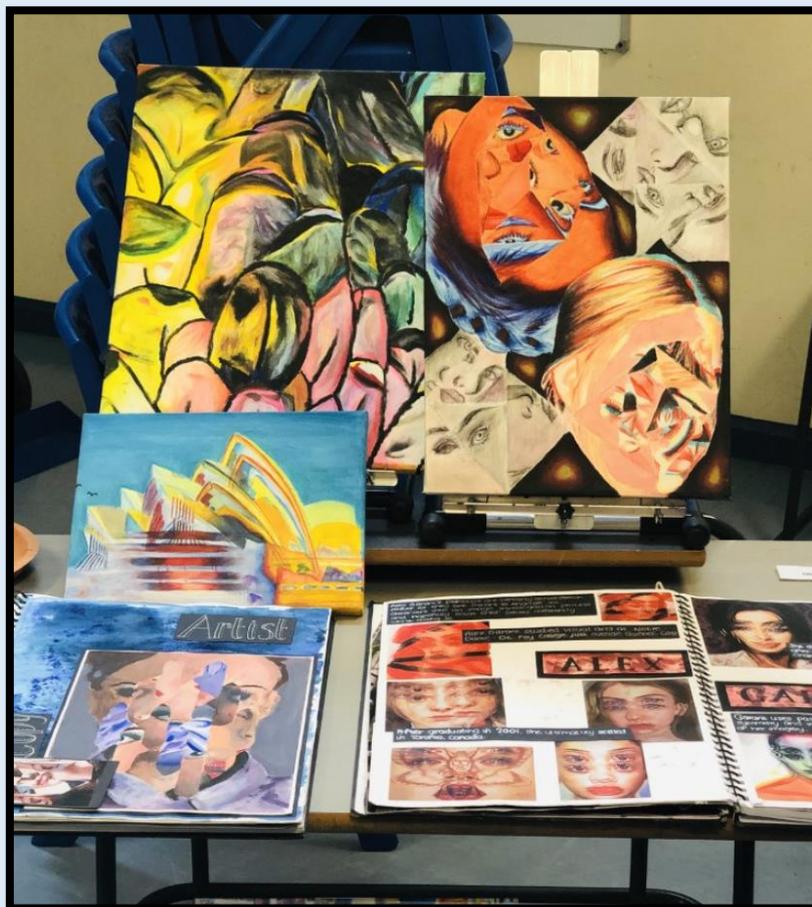
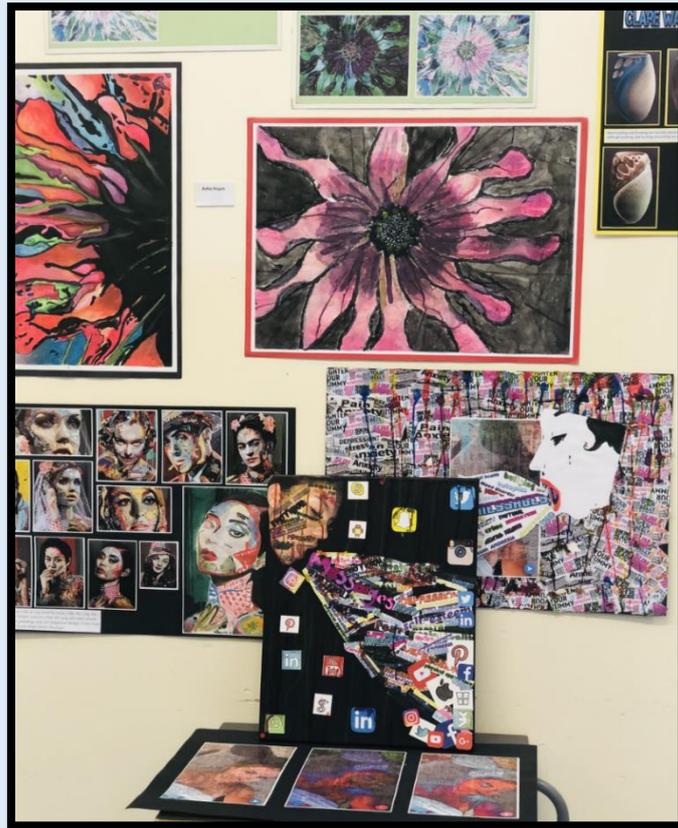


We look forward to seeing this team leading our charity work across the school.

Beautiful art work flows from St Bede's

Please see some of the great art produced in the classes of Miss Byrom and Mrs Mitchell.





Plastic fashion at Creative Arts evening

Our Art Club students have been designing and making plastic fashion. The exciting fashion was then shown at the creative arts evening this week. Our student models proudly showed off their creations.



Yoga at St Bede's

Yoga at St Bede's during the summer term, Elly from Yoga Bears UK has been delivering Yoga and Mindfulness to staff and students at St Bede's. Elly has delivered a variety of sessions ranging from Yoga Fitness to a more personal and tailored approach of Yoga and Mindfulness to small groups of students. Staff and students have been very complimentary about her sessions and have reported an increase in flexibility, strength and posture along with mental health benefits such as reduced stress and increased self-esteem. We can't thank her enough for the fantastic work she has done; we would love to see her back next year.



MFL News

Year 6 Taster Day

Some of our visiting Year 6 pupils had the chance to learn a new and unusual language during our taster day last week; Russian. The children learnt to introduce themselves and to count to ten. They were very interested to learn about the Cyrillic alphabet which is used for writing in Russian and managed to write their names in Russian. We hope some of them may choose to study Russian at lunchtime in Year 8, as we run a Russian Club for those interested.

Primary German

The "German: Smart Choice" initiative, funded by the German government continues to be very successful and is warmly received by our partner primary schools. This term we have been working with St. Anne's Year 5 and Year 6 classes, who have learnt some basic German, including how to introduce themselves and talk about their pets. The children really enjoyed the lessons and the Year 6 pupils are keen to start learning German here at St Bede's.

Such is the recognised success of this initiative that the German government has agreed to extend our funding for a second year, meaning that we will continue to teach German in our partner primary schools next year.

Year 8 French Café

Some of our Year 8 pupils planned a French café event, and considered everything from the table decorations right up to the playlist! Menus were discussed then typed up, and then pupils made invitations to send to another Year 8 class. We are pleased to say that they replied with a 'oui, merci' to the RSVP!



Year 10 Murder au Restaurant Mystery

Year 10 French pupils got together to solve the mystery of the poisoned Girard family. At the end, they had to present their findings in report form in French – and the culprit was found. It was the cheese (fromage) they ate in the restaurant that did it!



The MFL department would like to wish everyone a fabulous holiday!

bonnes vacances/ schöne Ferien

Science investigations occur all over school

This week, Year 8 students have been catching and identifying invertebrates. Mr Caygill's group proved themselves to be quite the scientific investigators.



More glory for Mikey Molloy

After all the training and being in the Great Briton Squad for 3 years, Mikey won 2 medals today and is now been placed into the England Karate A team squad. He will be fighting for England in the European championships in Denmark in September 2019. He will be representing England, his karate club, and most of all St Bede's High School. We all wish Mikey well!



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 safertavelteam@lancashire.gov.uk

Lancashire Constabulary
police and communities together

change4life
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.

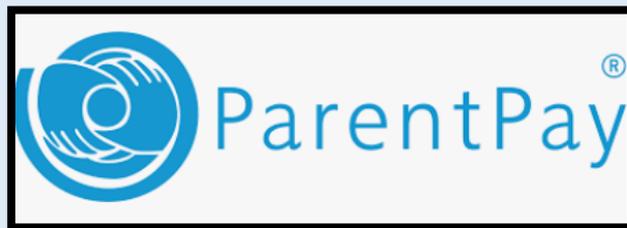
Please speak to your child about this or contact school should you have any questions. As you will see, we are asking students to be;

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/>



Prayer from our Chaplain

Oh, that YOU would
bless my *summer*,
and **ENLARGE** my
patience, that YOUR
hand would *be with*
my **FAMILY**, and
that YOU keep them
from the **EVIL** of
bickering, that I may
not **LOSE** my **temper**.

Requests for prayer

Finally, we pray for all of our school families, especially those experiencing difficult times. May you all know the Lord's presence.

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