

WHAT'S THE LATEST FROM ST BEDE'S

Welcome to my third blog which includes some more great images from the last two weeks in school. I've sent this out a little early due to the sheer amount that has been going on!

A great goodbye to our Class of 2017

On Friday 23rd June we held our Leavers Mass to celebrate all of the hard work and achievements of our Year 11 pupils. It was a fantastic and emotional event which saw the pupils come together to reflect upon their time at St. Bede's. The Year 11 choir came together for one final time to showcase their outstanding talents and Jerome Ness played guitar superbly throughout. We also heard from our Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl, Aiden Lees and Eleanor Burrows who applauded everyone's efforts over the busy exam period and wished their fellow pupils luck for the future.





After Mass there was some kind words from Mr Horrocks and Miss McGee also wrote a poem for the year group before a presentation was shown and of course shirt signing!

Miss McGee's poem to all of Year 11

I met you all five years ago,
You looked so young and raring to go.
With your oversized blazers and box fresh shoes,
Getting lost around school and looking confused.

But you soon found your way and you settled right in,
And your St. Bede's journey would truly begin.
You learnt your timetable quick and which lessons were where,
And meeting your teachers, each miss and each sir.

You didn't know then what I hope you now know,
How much each teacher would care and how they would show,
That they are here to do more than just teach and mark books,
They think so much about you and they really wish you luck.

You've learnt so many subjects right from the start,
Such as history, PE, English and art.
Some lessons you enjoyed and some not so well,
Just sitting in class, waiting for the lunch bell.

Because it's Tuesday in school and you know what that means,
Its pie day so there's a rush to the canteen.
With a brownie for afters and of course a drink too,
Some even snuck in a McDonalds – and we all know who.

With no time to digest it's straight to the astro,
Kicking that ball as high as it will go.
It's East vs West, what a close game,
You can't stay there all day lads, I know it's a shame.

Some of you went to the choir to sing your hearts out,
Others relaxed with friends and had a mess about.
There's been other activities that you have enjoyed,
Such as sports day although some of you tried to avoid.

We've had B-fest, ski - trips and New York too,
Robinwood in Year 7, how time has flew!
Now you've left, Year 11, I don't know what to do with my time,
It's been a real pleasure, well, most of the time.

Because we've had a few battles along way,
Some slight disagreements I do have to say.
Over make-up and trainers, nail varnish and hair,
But setting our standards is only because we care.

But let's focus on the ups and forget about the downs,
This is a time to celebrate and not to frown.
Because there's one major thing that I've yet to say,
That's the friendships you've made along the way.
You've shared so many good times that you won't forget,
Been there for each other when you've been upset.
Lifelong friends are hard to make,
But those school bonds that you've made will be hard to break.

Just one more thing before I go,
Just one more thing I'd like to show.
Is how much you all mean to me,
Thank you for each memory.

I've watched you all grow up so much,
So I urge you all to keep in touch.
I'm proud to know every one of you,
And please believe me because it's true.
You're a part of St. Bede's and you'll be missed,
But I think by now you get the gist.

So, sit back, relax and enjoy the show,
I've got a little video before you go.
Which shows your time at St. Bede's and a few surprises too,
A little leaving gift, from me, to you.



Year 6 Taster Day

On Wednesday 28th June we held our Year 6 Taster day where we were able to welcome our new pupils who will be joining us in September. The day was jam-packed from start to finish which saw the pupils experience what it will be like to be a pupil at St. Bede's.

Their day started off with an assembly and then straight into form groups where they were able to meet one another and their form teachers.

Following on from this the pupils then took part in a variety of lessons such as physical education, science, history, geography, computer science, and modern foreign languages. During this time the pupils were enthusiastic and proved to have a real appetite for learning something new. The day of course wouldn't have been complete without lunchtime where the pupils were able to try some of the delicious food from the canteen which proved to be very popular!

We ended our day back in the school hall together as a year group where we tried our hand at origami and a reflection before the pupils were picked up. The day was a real success and was thoroughly enjoyed by both staff and pupils and we look forward to seeing you all again in September!

Y7 & Y8 attend Archdiocesan Mass

Last Sunday, 7 pupils from year 7&8 took part in the annual Archdiocesan Children's Mass. The sun shone down as the Archbishop said Mass in the grounds of St Anne's Parish Centre. Our talented group of pupils led children and their families in dance moves and action songs to the hymns. The Mass ended in a conga around the grounds!



Science trip goes with a bang!

Students from Years 7-9 visited the Big Bang exhibition at the Liverpool Arena. The trip was a great success with lots of positive feedback from the pupils. Poppy Rattle, Hannah Moen & Chloe Siner from Year 9 all said that it was a lot a fun but also good to see what Science based careers are available. They loved how interactive each stall was with particular

highlights including; being able to see and participate in a pig dissection and handling the "Oobleck" non-Newtonian fluid!



Timeless clocks made in DT

Mr Jones has worked with 9DT to produce some clocks with eye catching designs. The products include elements of product design and electronics. The students have been designing and making a De Stijl influenced clock and are completing the manufacture as we approach the end of term. They have worked really hard on the project and are now seeing the fruits of their labour in an eye catching practical outcome.



An uplifting note from one of our Year 10 students

This week I received a heart-warming letter from Harry Cox in Year 10 via our chaplain, Clare Guidi. Harry wrote to me to express his enjoyment of the Year 10 retreat day held at St Anne's Parish Centre. I am delighted to share this letter with you so you can see the inspirational day arranged by Clare.

Dear Mr Denton,

I am writing to you today to let you know that I had the most enlightening time at the year 10 retreat day. I really enjoyed each part of the day, especially when we were told the story by the Syrian man and his journey to England. His story was very moving yet informative; it changed my views on refugees. I never really understood the true struggles that Syrians and other refugees had to go through until this day, I am amazed at the journey's they have had to go through just to feel safe and to have common comforts that I take for granted myself every single day and I truly believe that my peers felt the same way. I was very moved by his story and will never ever forget it.

Alongside all of the above, It was also educational and I learnt that Syria was actually a very wealthy country before the civil war and that France never let the refugees into England.

I really enjoyed the session with Mrs Guidi's, it helped me and my peers improve our morality and gave us all lots of different scenarios to debate about. We discussed difficult situations and how we would best respond to them personally, we then discussed the correct ethical response and it made each of us think differently and in a way we may not have thought of before.

I also believe Miss Skidmore's and Miss Keyes' sessions were amazing. They helped students so much with their self-confidence and self-esteem which I believe is remarkably important. I know that lots of students sometimes feel a lack of confidence and feel maybe not as perfect

as the celebrities we see, but Miss Skidmore's session, in particular, helped us all understand that no matter what we see in the media, it may not be a true image and that nobody is perfect is but original and unique in their own way.

I honestly feel that the retreat day has brought out the best in me, I learnt so much from the day, and whilst parts of the day were sad and made me reflect on my own life, it was also lots of fun too.

*Thank you so much,
Harry Cox*

I would like to thank Mrs Guidi for organising this day and for the many teachers who supported the day. This is a clear example of the St Bede's caring community. A big thank you also goes to our Year 10 students who were outstanding examples of young people who having an intelligence and compassion beyond their years.

University of Liverpool Year 10 Summer Fair Visit to School of Histories, Languages and Cultures – Wednesday 22nd June 2017

Our Year 10 talented linguists enjoyed a great day at the University of Liverpool, where a range of interactive activities were organised. Our students discovered more about archaeology and Latin, the Cold War and Oral histories, Irish studies, Politics, Life as a Roman soldier and philosophy through Chinese art. Year 10 truly did our school proud during the day, and were able to explore other aspects of university life as well, such as the Student Union and the beautiful grounds of Abercromby Square.

At the end of our visit, a lecturer from the Department of Archaeology, Classics and Egyptology said **"Saint Bede's pupils were heads and shoulders above the other schools due to the quality of the presentations they gave, and through their engagement and enthusiasm during all sessions. I am very impressed!"**





This year's Year 7 Tour de France competition is well under way. Before the official start date of the tour on Saturday 1st July, pupils got to pick one of the 22 teams in this year's tour – by lucky dip. After each stage win, the cyclist from the winning team is announced, and pupils have been picking up prizes, and watching highlights in Room N3.

After a rainy start in Germany, the tour has also sped through Belgium and Luxembourg, and the plucky cyclists are now approaching the beautiful alps region of la belle France with some tough mountain climbs ahead. This year's tour has not been without its usual drama. A confident Geraint Thomas of British Team SKY won stage 1 of the tour in the prologue in Düsseldorf, giving our Year 7 Marcus Ryan the first prize. Team QUICK STEP cyclist Marcel Kittel has won three stages now, so Liv Middleton and Joseph Guidi have been clocking up the prizes, too.

Jess Clarke enjoyed a stage win on day 3 when Slovakian Peter Sagan confidently crossed the finish line for team BORA, only to find himself disqualified from the tour the very next day after knocking our own Mark Cavendish off his bike!!! Hope Jess is not too disappointed – her mum is also from Slovakia – because there are still some great cyclists left in team BORA.

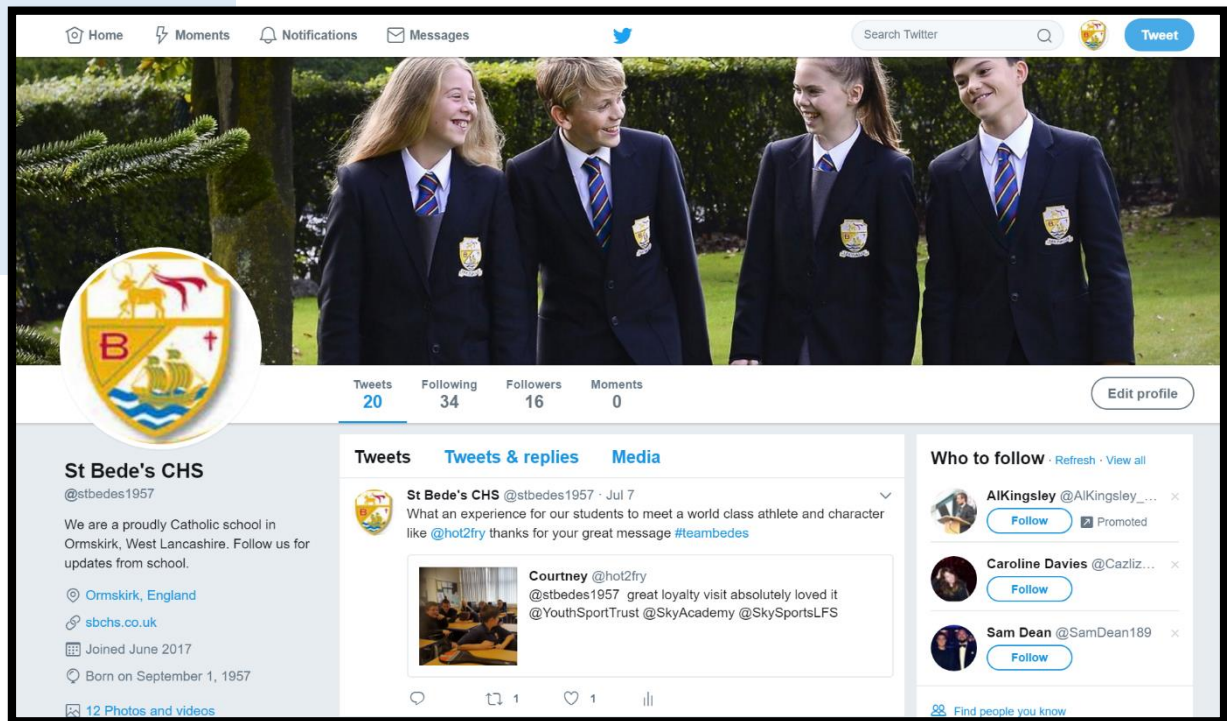
Marcus Ryan is keeping all his fingers crossed that previous tour winner Chris Froome of team SKY holds the lead right up to the finish on the Champs Elysées in Paris on 23rd July.

Monday 10th July gives the cyclists a much-needed rest day, so for now, we wish the cyclists, and our Year 7 team 'bonne chance'!

Table of winners so far....

Stage	Stage won by	Pupil winner
1. Düsseldorf	Geraint Thomas - TEAM SKY	Marcus Ryan
2. Düsseldorf - Liège	Marcel KITTEL - QUICK STEP	Joe Guidi Liv Middleton
3. Verviers - Longwy	Peter SAGAN - BORA HANSGROHE	Jess Clarke
4. Mondorf Les Bains - Vittel	ARNAUD DEMARE - FDJ	Amy Addie Kadie Culshaw
5. Vittel -La Planche des belles filles	FABIO ARU - ASTANA	Luke Golding Hayden Rowan
6. Vesoul - Troyes	Marcel KITTEL - QUICK STEP	Joe Guidi Liv Middleton
7. Troyes - Nuits St George	Marcel KITTEL - QUICK STEP	Joe Guidi Liv Middleton

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End of year events and activities

Event	Date
Blackpool Reward Trip	14 th July
60th Anniversary Event	15 th July
60th Anniversary Mass	20 th July
End of School Term	21 st July

Watch out for my last letter home which will have information on all of our exciting events in the last week of term!