

# WHAT'S THE LATEST FROM ST BEDE'S?

## Students hit the ground running

We have had a wonderful beginning to our school year. Our new Year 7s have given us a lot of hope and optimism for the future. Below is a picture of Year 7 enjoying their first experience of using Bunsen Burners in Science. They are a real credit to their families and primary schools. The number of Year 7s struggling to navigate the school is decreasing by the day! It is always such a pleasure to see their smiling faces and observing the older students directing them to their classrooms. We saw some strong results from our outgoing Year 11 students and our new Year 11 students look set to excel. We predict that their results could be amongst the best in the school's 60+ year history. If you are new to the blog, please enjoy the good news stories from school. Please pay particular attention to the end of the blog where you will see the great variety of extra-curricular activities your child can get involved with.



## Jacinta Brown joins as our new school chaplain

We are delighted to welcome Jacinta Brown to our school community as our new chaplain. We had been blessed with the exceptional Clare Guidi as chaplain for many years. Clare's work has transformed chaplaincy at St Bede's. Her work will now act as a foundation for Jacinta to continue the development of chaplaincy across the school.

I asked Jacinta to introduce herself to you all and here is what she had to say: 'After 23 years as a teacher, I am absolutely delighted to have joined St Bede's Catholic High School as Lay Chaplain. I have been overwhelmed by the friendly and supportive welcome from all pupils and staff. Thanks for making my first couple of weeks here a real joy!

As Lay Chaplain, I look forward to reaching out to our young people and helping them to develop a personal relationship with God which will strengthen and sustain them through school and the years that lie ahead. Along with a truly dedicated staff, my role involves being a friendly and supportive presence

around school, a caring and attentive listener and a coordinator of collective worship activities, charitable events and Liturgical celebrations which will deepen the faith and wellbeing of our community at St Bede's.

The vision of our school is to create a world class Catholic education that encourages our students to want to make the world a better place and to ensure that we exhibit and demonstrate faith, love and hope in our daily lives. I feel incredibly excited and blessed to be part of this mission and I sincerely look forward to meeting as many of you as possible over the coming weeks and months'.

## A word from our chaplain

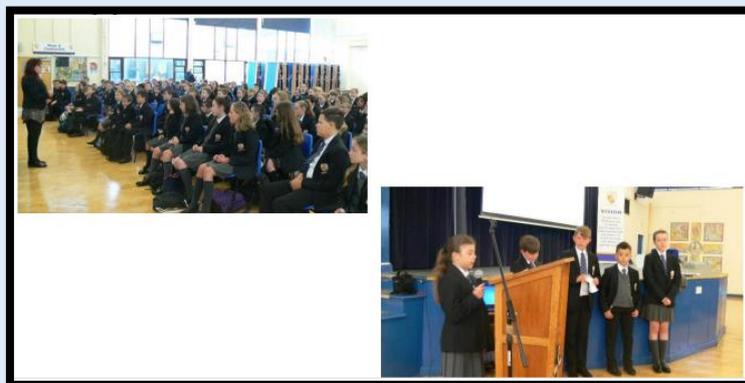
'I've always loved the first day of school, better than the last day of school. First days are the best because they are the beginning'- Anon. The smiles on our year 7 pupils last Monday as they entered St Bede's gate suggested they agree with this statement. Whilst obviously a little nervous, change can be overwhelming; the prospect of new beginnings, new opportunities and new friendships have been enthusiastically embraced by our wonderful, new year 7s.

As they entered the school's gates, naturally a mixture of excitement and nervous anticipation rushed around their heads and tummies. Yet, once they were welcomed, guided and supported by their form tutors and Mrs Wainwright, their head of year, it was not long before hesitant glances were replaced by reassured smiles and the odd sigh of relief.

A lovely year 7 welcome assembly set the tone and expectations for the year ahead; St Bede's is a place of achievement and aspiration which nurtures established talents and talents not yet found. It is a school where Gospel values are lived and exhibited, they are not just words. In form rooms, new friendships began, concerns were eased and routines discussed. Perhaps the biggest smiles were found in the dining room at lunch time as pupils tucked into delicious lunches.

Transition is a hungry business. For those pupils in year 7, who are still feeling apprehensive about finding their place in their new school, we want to reassure you that this is natural. It is okay to take your time; change is tricky, but know that there is always somebody to ask, somebody who will listen, and somebody to help you. Before you know it, everything will click into place and remember- this is just the beginning, you might not have even found your best friend yet! What an exciting prospect.

Always remember, St Bede's is a community and a family; we will always look after our pupils.





## Lourdes pilgrimage a great success

Both Mr Oakley and Miss Skidmore accompanied a large group of St Bede's students to Lourdes at the beginning of the summer break. You may have seen their pictures on our twitter page (@stbedes1957). Miss Skidmore sent me two photos with details below:





'The fancy dress picture features current staff, pupils who have left us this year, pupils who have left us over the past year and ex pupils who are now in their 30s! The second picture is of past pupils in the domain, opposite the Grotto. The third picture is a snap of our coach mass celebrated by a lake. As you can see we were all filled with joy whilst singing 'Let there be love'! Can you spot Fr Godric? The final image is a picture of some ex pupils who were on duty supporting the assisted pilgrims.'

Yet again, an amazing year and all pupils past and present did us proud!

## Jack puts his foot down

Jack Birch has successfully completed six sessions at the Bill Gwynne rally school international on a dirt stage and has been accepted onto a training scholarship. This should enable him to achieve his racing licence and allow him to eventually compete professionally against other rally drivers. We look forward to hearing about Jack's progression in this very exciting activity.



## Exciting lessons continue in science

Mr Cox's Y11 group began the term with a heart dissection to get their year off with a bang. The students were able to see the intricate elements of a heart through this practical dissection. The lesson is part of many stimulating practical lessons delivered by our science department.



## Teachers get covered in mud

Three of our adventurous teachers competed in a Tough Mudder last weekend. Mrs Wainwright, Mr Dawson and Mr Oakley took part in the event for separate charities. They overcame many obstacles and lived to tell the tale! We congratulate all three for their achievement and raising money for charity. Mrs Wainwright clearly got into the spirit of things based on the photo below!



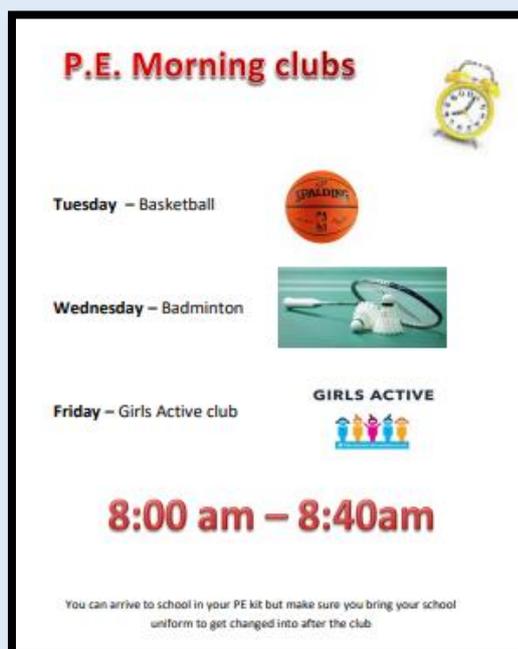
## NCS Summer for Y11 leavers

Over thirty of our 2019 leavers enjoyed a summer on a National Citizenship Programme which is organised by Wigan Athletic. The students raised a great deal of money on the programme but also had a great time meeting other students from all over the country. The programme is subsidised by the government and is available for all Y11s once they have left. We will be working with Wigan Athletic to launch the opportunity again for our current Y11. Watch this space!



## 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.

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**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](http://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](mailto:safetravelteam@lancashire.gov.uk)

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Sign up to Change4Life at [www.change4life.co.uk](http://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 spending and dinner balance using ParentScope which can be accessed via: [www.lcrltd.com/stbedesormskirk](http://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 and produced an action plan, made some significant changes to improve key areas of services and recruited new people to the team.

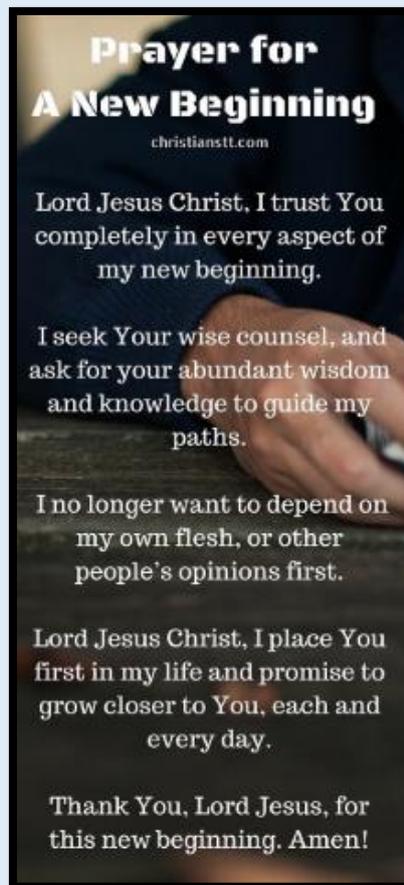
The Department for Education (DfE) will be holding regular reviews to monitor our progress'.

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/>



## A prayer from our chaplain



## 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](mailto:admin@sbchs.co.uk).

God bless,

Mr P Denton, Headteacher