

WHAT'S THE LATEST FROM ST BEDE'S?

Another busy fortnight at St Bede's

Welcome to another blog. We have been visiting our partner primary schools over the last two weeks and on Tuesday 24th October we hosted our annual open evening. The event was very well attended and we were delighted to hear so many positive comments about our student helpers. It was a joy to see our departments alive with activity and our students so confidently articulating their passion for their school. I hope you enjoy the stories from our school over the last fortnight. You can also keep up to date with day to day events by following us on Twitter ([@stbedes1957](https://twitter.com/stbedes1957)).

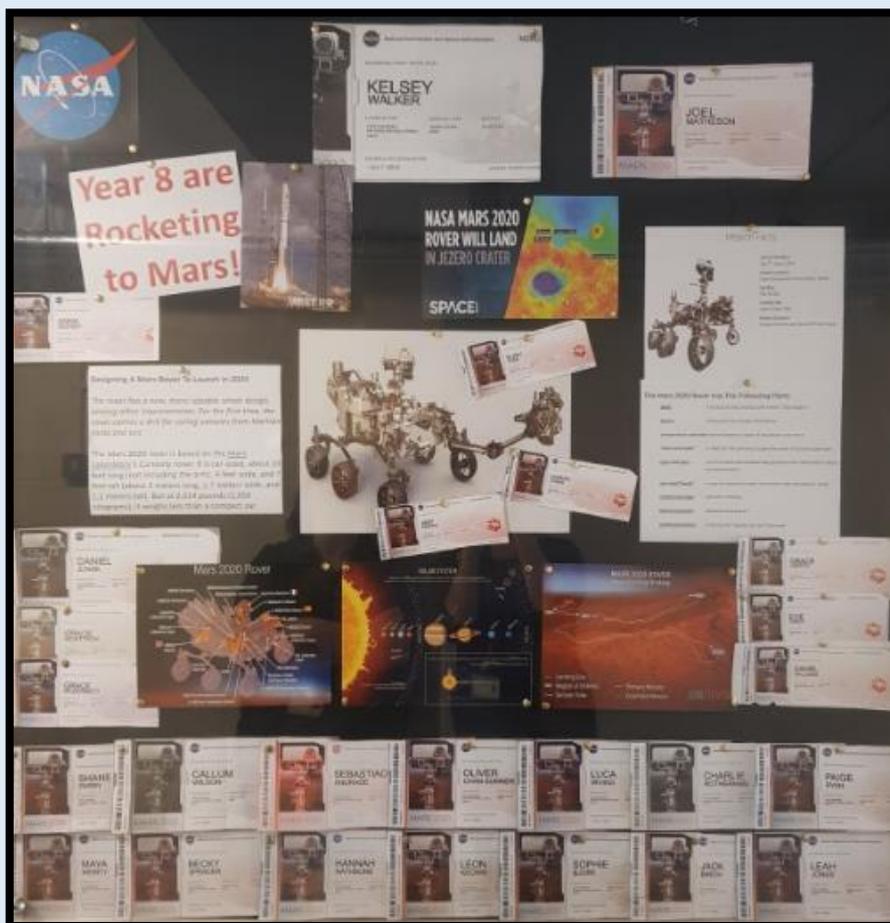


Parent focus group returns

Last year we set up our first parent focus group. This is an opportunity for a group of parents to meet with me and discuss their thoughts on how we can continue to improve our school. There was much conversation around issues that concern parents, as well as plenty of areas in which parents were very happy about. It is a really important group that can help our school to continue its journey towards becoming world class. I will always stress that this is our school community and if we work together productively, it can only benefit the children that attend St Bede's. If you would like to be a part of this group please email admin@sbchs.co.uk and put your interest forward.

Science in the news

Whilst studying a space topic in the summer term, some students in our current Year 8 signed up for NASA's "Send your name to Mars" scheme! The scheme is designed to raise public awareness of NASA's space programmes. The names of the pupils who have registered will be etched onto tiny microchips, which will be sent with the rover on 17th July 2020 to Mars itself. Their boarding passes are now on display along the Science corridor. This exciting opportunity is available to the public only until the end of September 2019 - so sign up quickly to travel with us!



Football teams off to a flyer

The Year 8 football team started off the season well with a 6-1 win over Tarleton. A brace of goals from Dan Kirwan and Seb Andrade plus efforts from Curtis Carberry and Isaac Burford secured the victory. There were many good performances but Rowan Parker secured MOM.

Year 7 started off their school life as a team with a 13-0 win over Burscough Priory. The team showed great promise with performances of note from players throughout the team. With such a great start, hopes are high for a successful league and cup campaign this season.



Meanwhile, our Y10 team defeated Latham 9-1 with goals from Jacob Garrity, Bobby Bjork, Nick Pereira and Lewis Corke. This continues the boys' fine form from the previous year. Finally, our Y9 team defeated Lathom 10-2 with Tom Gaskell being awarded the man of the match.

Paul achieves Rugby League success

I was delighted to hear that last week, Paul Parry of 10AR won the North West Counties Youth and Junior Rugby League Under 14 Cup with Pilkington Recs St Helens Club. They played Waterhead Warriors from Leeds and won 16-14. It is great to see Paul achieving this success and we hope that this continues in the future.



Eye popping lessons in science

Mr Cox and Mr Morgan worked with students this week to dissect eyes. Some students were delighted to get stuck into this particular practical work while others, understandably, decided this was an experiment they would rather observe. As ever, the science department offer a great range of practical lessons to engage our eager students.



Rachel completes 5k to help raise £2000

On Sunday 15th September, Rachel Monk completed a 5k 'muddy dog challenge' in aid of Battersea Dogs Home. It was very much like a Tough Mudder (completed by some of our staff this month) but with dogs. She was also interviewed by Blue Peter and received a Blue Peter badge! Rachel was part of a group of people that completed the course and she raised over £2000 for Battersea. Well done to Rachel for raising such a great amount for a worthy cause.



Mikey moves up another level

Last Saturday, Mikey Molloy travelled to Barnsley to take his 2nd Dan Black Belt in Karate exam. He passed the rigorous exam and was 1 of only 3 who passed out on the day. This means he is now the same grade as his instructor, which is an incredible grading at the age of 15. We send him our congratulations and wish him all the best in the European Championships in Denmark.



Adam's golfing success continues

Adam McLean finished 4th (in the boys category) last week in an U16 England Golf event. He hit rounds of 73 & 73 giving him a total of 146. This was in the West of England U16 Open 36 hole stroke play championship at Tracy Park in Bristol. He's very happy with his finish especially in the extremely bad weather conditions.

This coming Sunday at West Lancs GC SDGA, Adam is being presented with the Michael Edwards Trophy for winning the SDGA Junior Championship at the Royal Birkdale Boys Open with a score of 74 on 2nd August. He also recently qualified for the Junior European Open championships being held in Spain at the end of November, which is a WAGR event televised by Sky Sports.

Adam who plays for both Lancashire Boys U16s and U18s squads is also a team member of the England Golf Regional Boys Squad. It is fantastic to see Adam continue his success with his usual calm and humble manner. Well done Adam from all at St Bede's!

Trio of girls make the Lancashire U-16 football team

Jess Hodge, Ruby Murphy and Isla Fearon were all selected for the Lancashire County U-16 football team. The girls did exceptionally well to be called up and we look forward to hearing news of their upcoming games. Jess and Ruby have represented the team already and are pictured below.





MFL news

1. Open Evening

On Tuesday 24th September we welcomed visitors around our department and were massively supported by our year 7,8, 9 and 11 pupils! Prospective new pupils and parents were given a thorough brief about studying languages at Saint Bede's and the German food didn't last long!



2. Year 7 German

Our Year 7 German pupils got the chance to make their own Schultüte (goody gift bag) to replicate those that are traditionally given to all primary school pupils in Germany on their first day of school. In Germany pupils don't start primary school until the age of six and then move up to secondary school at the age of 10.



3. Year 11 French

Frau Williams made Flammkuchen for her year 11 French class to tie in with a topic they have been studying about regions of France.

Flammkuchen is a speciality of Alsace and the Baden-Württemberg and Rheinland-Pfalz regions on the German-French border. It is composed of bread dough rolled out very thinly in the shape of a rectangle or oval, which is covered with fromage blanc or crème fraîche, thinly sliced onions and lardons. It is one of the most famous specialties of the region.



4. Year 7 French

Year 7 practised their alphabet in order to describe what super hero characters they had to their partners!

We will be doing more activities like this tomorrow to celebrate European Day of Languages. This year marks the 17th European Day of Languages, with celebrations due to take place within Europe and beyond. Whether you live in Europe, speak a European language, or are simply interested in learning one, make sure you join the celebrations this week!



Year 7 welcome day gives official induction

Last week our Year 7 students spent the day in their forms for our welcome day. After learning about the school for the week, they spent a day reflecting on their own ambitions. They also bonded as forms and spent time talking about how they could help each other through their St Bede's journey.



HEADTEACHER'S BLOG



A word from our Chaplain

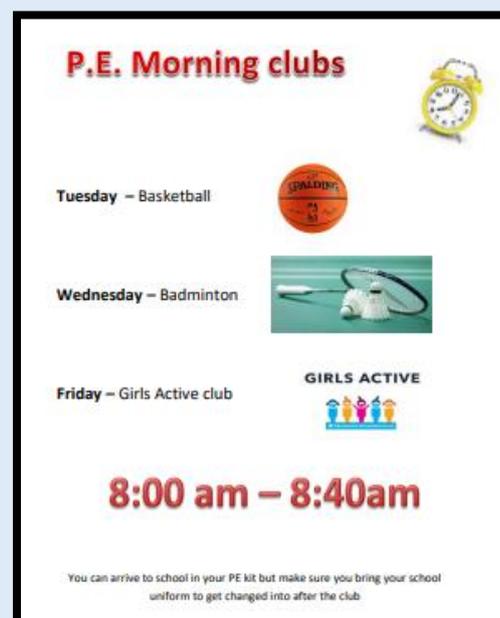
After starting their day with an assembly reflecting on the idea of belonging to God's family and our community at St Bede's, each form class gathered to create a symbol which represented their unity as a class and the Saint their form class is named after. Following this, pupils took part in a variety of workshops. The meditation workshop highlighted the need for everyone to enjoy some reflective stillness in our lives where we can be thankful and consider how we see ourselves, how we relate to God and others around us. Getting to know each other was an essential part of the day, so pupils took part in some fun team building activities and drama workshops which allowed them to deepen friendships already made and get talking to other pupils they had not yet met. By the end of the sessions new friendships had been forged and the list of names to remember had become a lot longer.

A beautiful Mass was said by Father Godric in the afternoon and it was so wonderful to see so many parents, relatives and carers there. A big thank you to all of the year 7 readers who read so beautifully and to those pupils who were involved in the offertory. The choir was amazing and the music really did captivate the whole hall.

The day really was a lovely start to our Year 7s time at St Bede's Catholic High School. Many thanks to all those who made it a success.

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 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.

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.

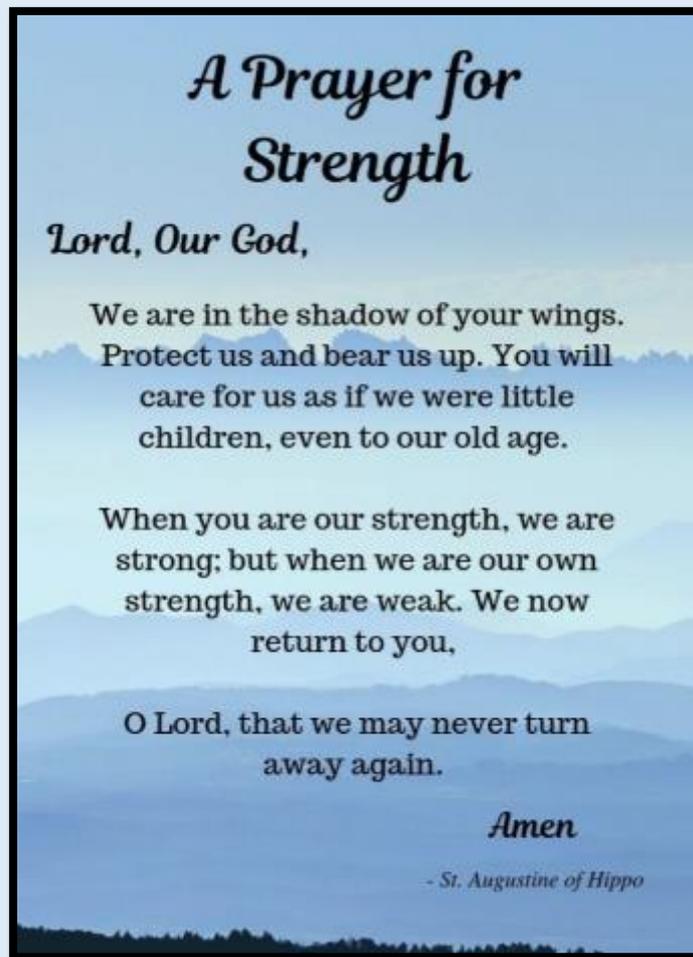
The partnership brings together all the agencies in Lancashire which provide the SEND services for children, young people, their parents and carers. It ensures everybody can work together to deliver the best outcomes for children, young people and their families.

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/>

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.

God bless,

Mr P Denton, Headteacher