

WHAT'S THE LATEST FROM ST BEDE'S?

Welcome to another edition of our blog which sees us in the midst of exam season and ready for our half term break. I have been very impressed with the perseverance and determination I have seen with our Y11 students. Despite the external challenges put before them, they have overcome obstacles in order to be well prepared for the summer exams. The same can be said for our Y10 students who have sat their GCSE English Literature exams this week.

As for the rest of our year groups, we enter into a special time of the year after half term.

Many courses begin discussing GCSE content and working with students to best prepare them for their upcoming years of study. We will have enjoyed end of year activities with all year groups, not least our departing Y11s and welcome events for our new Year 7 cohort. I wish you all a splendid half term break and I look forward to seeing all the students back for our final half term of this academic year.

The final day for Y11 prior to their study leave will be June 15th following the final full year exam which involves all students in Y11. The Leavers' Mass will be on June 22nd and the Leavers' Prom is on June 29th.

As usual, you can see all the pictures along with many more stories on our Twitter page [@stbedes1957](#).

A royal day out for our Duke of Edinburgh Gold students

By Mrs Turpin

It was Thursday 17th May, a beautiful sunny afternoon at one of the country's iconic tourist destinations: Buckingham Palace.

Three members of Amplify Youth group each accompanied by a parent made their way into the gardens of Her Majesty's main residence for the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award ceremony.

Two of the group are past pupils of St Bede's, Holly Lang and Asha Price and the third my own son Ross. We entered from Marble Arch and wound our way through the beautiful gardens to take our place on the lawn at the back of the palace. To the accompaniment of Armed Forces brass bands, we were able to mingle with a variety of celebrities each one delegated to give out certificates to gold award winners from all over the country.



As part of the wider Lancashire group we chatted away with Prince Edward who took a genuine interest in the individual achievements of our young people. Asha spoke eloquently to the Prince about the inclusive nature of Amplify Youth group which comprises young people from a wide range of schools and backgrounds.

Our young people were privileged to receive their certificate from Hannah Cockroft, Paralympic Gold medallist, following a fascinating question and answer session with her. She was truly inspirational!

After a memorable day, we left through the main front gates of the palace drawing envious looks from the tourists outside. The day was a celebration of our young people's commitment to teamwork, charity, citizenship and hard work and I would recommend all young people to engage in the Duke of Edinburgh Award.



If you would like to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award programme, please contact Mrs Turpin to begin your adventure. Perhaps this could be you in a few years' time!

Saturday revision shows students' commitment to the cause!

The Revision Saturdays for **Year 10** have concluded and, as always, the pupils who attended made the most of them. We have seen so many teachers giving up their time over the weekend to make these weekend sessions such a success. I would urge as many of you to email a thank you or ask your child to share their appreciation with their teachers. One of the truly special aspects of our school community is the relationship between staff and students which, where it is most beneficial for all, is based upon a mutual respect and care. Well done to all of those students who have showed their determination by attending so many sessions.



Mr Belger and Mr Aoun assure me that they did a lot of work as well as devouring the pizza on offer each week! Mr Aoun reminded all students that there are still two sessions planned for **Year 11** over the half term for Media and English. There will also be many more teachers giving up time to offer support during the break where they feel it would be beneficial.

Year 7 team win the league and cup double

Mr Dawson and his talented Year 7 football team were 5-0 winners in the league and cup final very recently. It was the result of the hard work of all the boys involved. They play with an intensity but with a great spirit as well which has seen them be successful over the course of the year. Well done to all involved!



Year 8 class investigate all aspects of life at St Bede's

Miss Kelly's Y8 English class have been busy practising their investigative journalistic skills over the course of the last fortnight. They have been speaking to staff about their thoughts on all aspects of life at St Bede's. Below you can read some of their stories:

English podcast interview with Mr Cookson

As an English project we were set the task of interviewing a chosen member of staff, we chose head of computer science Mr Cookson because we are very passionate about this subject and we thought we could get some more information by using him for our podcast. Some questions we asked were why we should choose computers for GCSE and what impact it will have here at St Bede's and in our future. Whilst doing the interview, Molly and I used a mobile recording device. We learnt so much doing this podcast including him being at the school for 12 years and also that over 22 students have chosen computer studies this year and the same amount for next year too.

Overall, spending this time with Mr Cookson, we gathered that taking computers can be helpful in the future for jobs or for getting into future colleges and universities too.

By Molly winters and Katherine Billington

The importance of MFL

As an English project we were set the task to interview a member of staff on a topic of choice. As a group we decided to interview Frau Williams on the topic of GCSE languages. We recorded the interview on a recording device and made a podcast. The reason we did this was to find out more information about why a language is so important. We are both glad we had this opportunity because we feel that we have benefited greatly from it. After conducting the interview, we have thought a lot about taking a language at GCSE and have decided that we probably both will. We have learnt a lot after the interview and have gained lots of skills. We now know that it's important to have a language for lots of reasons such as: it opens more doors for your future and looks good on your CV. This was such an informative and enjoyable interview because it allowed us to gain more information about a topic we are passionate about.

Anya and Olivia

Jacob, Pedro and Guy's interview with Mrs Gallagher

Recently, for our English project, me, Guy and Pedro interviewed Mrs Gallagher on the topic of her life. Last week, excitedly, we interviewed Mrs Gallagher as we were eager to find out more about our language teacher! We were surprised when she told us she used to work in France doing things such as managing fashion designing and it was really interesting to find out how Mrs Gallagher had become a language teacher and why she decided to change from her other jobs she had done previously.

Mrs Gallagher told us, that before becoming a teacher, she had done a variety of different jobs in other countries. However, she decided she wasn't getting paid enough. She had her languages behind her, so she wanted to become a language teacher.

We asked questions such as 'do you enjoy teaching languages?' and she told us all the amazing things about being a language teacher. Mrs Gallagher told us that she has never regretted her choices and really relishes teaching.

In addition, we found out why it is so important to take a language as a GCSE. This is because it makes you stand out from the crowd when applying for a job. We have all decided that we will take a language for GCSE as Mrs Gallagher has inspired us to do so. Altogether, we really enjoyed the experience to interview somebody and we are positive it will help us in later life.

Annaleise, Amy and Tia's blog on the interview with Mrs Turpin

As an English project, we were set on the task of interviewing a member of staff, on a subject of our choice.

On Tuesday 15th May, we had the pleasure of interviewing Mrs Turpin who teaches Geography and PE. However, she also specializes in helping students decide on which subject options to take for their GCSEs. Even though we recorded the interview outside on the grass and at times the recording device picked up on the wind, it was still extremely informative.

We chose to interview Mrs Turpin on subject options as we feel passionate about preparing our young selves for year nine and our futures.

The perspective we have gained on certain subjects is phenomenal and we hope listeners gain as much from the interview as we did. She recommended us to take to take separate sciences if we were hoping to become a vet, a doctor, or anything in that area of jobs. We were also advised to take a language as this is perceived to widen our choices of jobs with future employers. "It doesn't matter what language, but it shows that you've got that little bit extra about you." We also learned that our school offers help to those who are less academically gifted or people who just don't know what to take.

In or personal opinions, we felt the interview was very enjoyable, informative and beneficial towards our learning.

Why no rugby for girls?

We, Ciara Kirwan, Julia Turkowska and Anneise Simpson, interviewed Miss. McGee on the topic of girls playing rugby. We developed a range of closed and open questions which formed an interview. We have gained a lot of information in our interview, for example; Miss. McGee wasn't allowed to play football in her school, that the topic of mixed PE classes has come up in some meetings before and when Miss. McGee was in school you could take a dance GCSE. This interview was part of an English project set up by Miss. Kelly. We thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity to interview Miss. McGee. We chose Miss. McGee because she did share her interest in girls playing rugby, but she did have her doubts. Altogether we have learnt that the topic of girls playing rugby is a good idea, but there are some cons. For example; some girls may not want to play and the women in the PE staff haven't had the rugby training. We really enjoyed doing this and would love to do it again.

PE at St Bede's

For our English project as a group we interviewed Mr Dawson. We picked him because he is one of our favourite teachers in the school. We chose to interview him about sport because we all love it and it is our favourite lesson. We interviewed him in the sports hall classroom and gathered information about teaching and his passion for sport. We also found out that his favourite sport to teach is rugby, which we were all surprised about. All of us have a passion for sport and he inspired us to do well in it so we gained a lot from this interview.

By Greg, Will and Ethan

Our interview with Mr Denton

We, Joseph Danher and Sean O'Neill, interviewed Mr Denton on the subject of littering at St. Bedes Catholic High School, and to find out what his view was on this topic. This took place in his office, which fortunately we have never been to before. We chose this subject because as his role is head teacher, we know that he wants to get rid of littering entirely. We used a recording device and created a podcast, which we e-mailed to Miss Kelly to be assessed. Overall we learnt that Mr Denton is very nice and has plans to reduce littering. We also learnt that he knows littering is a big issue in our school and some of his strategies are to put canteens tables in rows with the aim of each year group getting a row which will reduce how crowded the canteen is a great deal and add approximately 50 more seats. He also discussed the need for a push on recycling to get pupils to use bins more often. He also talked about sanctions on the field, meaning if pupils don't pick up the litter, they will get less time on the field. He also talked about the pupils needing to care more about the school community. He talked about the importance of respect on many occasions. He talked about how, together, we can solve this problem and make this school a better place to not only learn, but to make friends and grow up. This was a very exciting and interesting podcast to make. It was very useful to get the inside scoop on how hard the staff and teachers work to make our school the best it can be, and we learnt about what an incredible head teacher we had running our school.

Congratulations to Jess Hodge

Jess Hodge was representing St. Bede's playing for Lancashire U14 girls in the NSFA National Cup Final at the BET365 stadium in Stoke on Saturday, 12th May against Kent. The girls were all superb and came out worthy 4-0 winners. This year they have done the double, winning the Northern Counties cup & the NSFA National cup. Well done to Jess who will be having trials with Everton in the near future.



Gold in Austria for Joshua!

Joshua travelled to Feldkirch on Friday 18th May to compete in the International Taekwondo Championships in Austria. Whilst Feldkirch is undoubtedly a beautiful part of the world, it is not the

easiest of places to get to and so after a full day of travelling Joshua set about another long day on the Saturday when the competition began. The long journey and hours of preparation and training paid off in the end as Joshua returned home victorious as Cadet Champion.



Saturday School Continues

In preparation for their next exam Y11.4 GCSE English came in on Saturday morning to practise a mock exam in exam conditions. The dedication of our teachers and students is something that I believe will bring great success this year. In times of increasing exam challenge, our school community has risen to the task and all involved should be applauded. Please take the time to note the efforts of our teachers if your child has been taking opportunities only made possible by the good will of our teachers.



Year 10 chefs continue to wow!

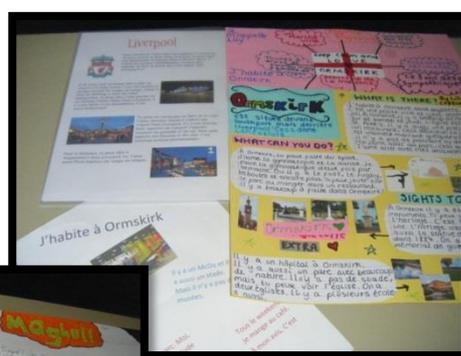
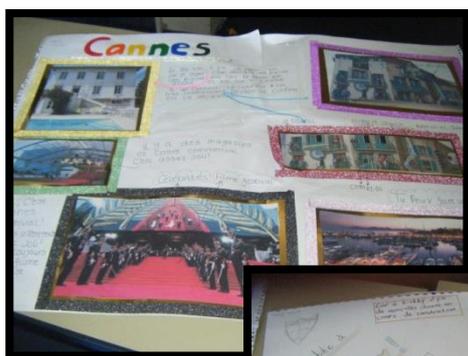
Mrs Woodcraft has a very talented group of chefs who are making the most of our food nutrition and preparation equipment which is now fully up and running. In this latest challenge took the "#teacakechallenge". The pupils were given the same set of ingredients and had to decorate a teacake in 50 minutes. Their creations have been something to make the mouth water!



En ville...

In French, Year 7 have been learning how to ask for and give directions, describe places and say what you can do there. For homework they had to write a description about a town or village of their choice. Many pupils chose to add lots of extra details about their chosen locations and included some pictures, creating fantastic fact files of places to visit.

Bravo! Travail excellent!



Art Attack!

Year 8 have been learning about Aboriginal Art and how it is based on important stories and symbols centred on the 'dreamtime', the period in which Indigenous people believe the world was created. They have re-created some paintings using the dot method. Dots were used to hide secret information: Dot painting in the main began when the Aboriginal people became concerned that the white man would be able to see and understand their sacred and private knowledge. The dots (sometimes called 'over-dotting') were used to obscure the secret iconography (symbols) underneath. This has morphed into the classical style, typified by artworks from the Pintupi tribe.

Here are a few examples by our Year 8 pupils...



Ella Prescott



Honey Al-Ramadhan



Ethan Sutter

Year 7 Art club have made these beautiful silk paintings inspired by Paisley and Indian patterns. They have taken great care when applying the gutta and have enjoyed mixing the colours. They are a dedicated, artistic and bubbly group who have produced a fantastic keep sake. Well done ladies!



Katie O'Neill



Erin Davis



Claudia Brady



Rebecca Moss



Bethany McCluskey



Isobel Turnbull



Be part of the St Bede's Summer Fair



FRIENDS OF ST. Bede's
Summer Fair



FRIDAY 22ND JUNE 2018

St. Bede's pupils from 2.30pm

Open to the public from 3.30pm till 7.00pm

Entry fee £2 adults and £1 children

Stalls, **FOOD**, *Games*, **Crafts** and
more.....

FROM FRIENDS OF ST. BEDE'S

Dear Parents/ Guardians

We are excited to announce that we will be holding a Summer Fair at school on Friday 22nd June 2018.

This is an opportunity to come together as a school and the wider community to have fun and raise money for new sound and lighting equipment for St. Bede's.

To make this event a success we need your help!

If you enjoy a challenge and can help to organise our Summer Fair, then we would love to hear from you.

Our next meeting will be held on 28th February at 4.30pm in the LRC at school.

For those of you that would be interested in running a stall, whether as a company, charity or personally then prices are as follows and include inclusion into the brochure, pitch and table: -

Food Outlets - £50 per pitch

Company - £40 per pitch

Personal - £10 per pitch

Charity - £5 per pitch

We are also looking for sports, entertainment and craft areas.

Finally, those of you that can provide auction prizes or can help on the day to set up, man the gates etc... please get in touch.

We look forward to hearing from you.

All enquiries and any questions should be sent to Jess Rimmer on 07981044910 or email fosb@sbchs.co.uk



Revision season continues!

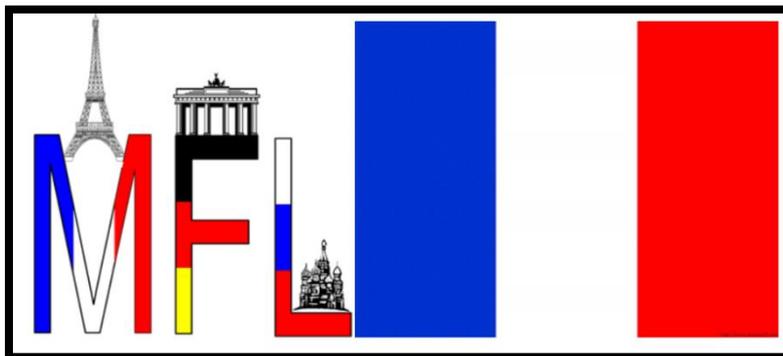
At St Bede's we are blessed with committed teachers who go above and beyond to support our students. Detailed below are just some of the subjects offering additional revision classes for our Y11 students in the run up to the summer exams.

MFL

The GCSE French **Reading** and **Listening** exam is on 15th May. The MFL Department will be offering extra revision sessions on 14th May from 3.15 - 4.15 and again on the morning of 15th May from 8am to allow pupils to get warmed up for their exam.

The GCSE French **Writing** exam is on 18th May. The MFL Department will be offering extra revision sessions on 15th May from 3.15 - 4.15 and again on the morning of 18th May from 8am to allow pupils to get warmed up for their exam.

We wish all of our linguists the best of luck in their upcoming exams. Bonne chance!



Science

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Registration (R13)	Separate Science (Physics) SBR			Combined Science (Biology) - SCA	
Lunchtime		Combined Science (Biology) – SCA Combined Science (Chemistry) LFA			Combined Science (Physics) AMD
After School	Combined Science (Chemistry) LFA Combined Science (Physics) SBR	Combined Science (Chemistry) PLO Combined Science (Biology) JCO	Separate Science (Biology) JCO Combined Science (Physics) SBR (alternative if Monday cancelled) Chemistry Revision (St John Rigby tutors)	Separate Science (Chemistry) PLO Combined Science (Biology) – SCA **moved day**	

Additional detail on the focus of each revision session is available from class teachers and Mr Caygill.

Computer Science and BACS

Subject	Day	Time
Computer Science	Tuesday	3.20 – 4.20pm
BACS	Thursday	3.20 – 4.20pm

Additional support for this challenging GCSE is offered to students on a weekly basis. Please ensure that you attend these sessions if you require additional guidance.

RE Revision Y11

Teacher	Day	Time
Miss Kelly	Thursday	3.15 – 4.15pm
Miss Skidmore	Monday	3.15 – 4.15pm
Miss Keyes	Thursday	8.10 – 8.40am

There will be college intervention after February half term for a selection of students to enhance their knowledge on Judaism (paper 3). This will be delivered by St John Rigby College here at St Bede's. Chosen students will receive a letter prior to these sessions.

Additional Languages Support

Teacher	Language	Day	Time
Madame Gallagher	French (N3)	Tuesday	3.15 – 4.00pm
Frau Williams	German	Tuesday	3.15 – 4.00pm
Madame Williams	French/German	See below	

Art GCSE Support

Teacher	Day	Time
Mrs Mitchell & Miss Byrom	12.50 – 1.35pm	Wednesday
Mrs Mitchell & Miss Byrom	3.30 – 4.30pm	Wednesday
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UPDATED PE Extracurricular Timetable

Please have a look at the range of things that are currently taking place and encourage your child to get involved.

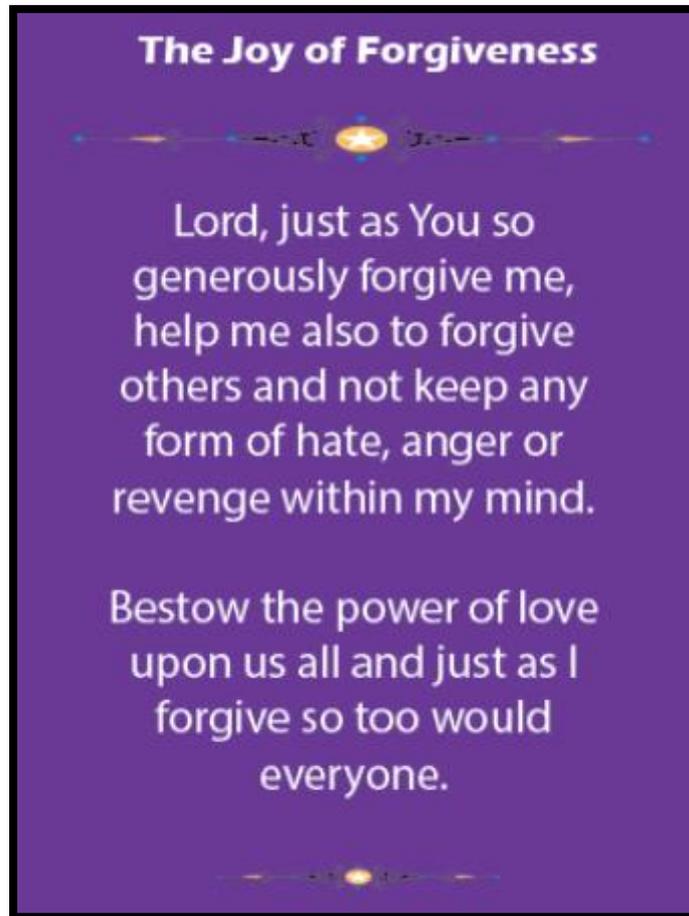
Physical Education 2017-2018 Extra-Curricular Term 6			
	Lunchtime Clubs 1:00pm -1:30pm	Lunchtime 3G Astro Turf 1:00pm -1:30pm	After School 3:15 – 4.30pm unless stated
Monday	Year 11 5 a side (Mr Denton)	Mr Cookson Year 7	Trampolining (All Years) Sports hall Carlos 3.15-4pm
Tuesday	Living for Sport – Sports Hall Mr Dawson	Mr Shepherd Year 8	Tennis (All years) Ormskirk Tennis Club 3:45pm-4:45pm Trampolining (All years) Sports hall Mr Dawson
Wednesday	Sports Leaders 'drop in' SPORTS HALL RECEPTION (Miss Gray) Girls Football – All Years (Miss Gray) Sports Hall	Mr Doolan Year 11	Athletics (All years) FIELD Miss McGee & Miss Gray Year 7&8 Boys football (3G Astro) Mr Oakley
Thursday		Miss Gray Year 10	Tennis (all years) Sports hall/Gym Mr Byrne Hockey – 3G Astro (All years) Boys and Girls Mrs Turpin
Friday	Year 9 & 10 Boys Badminton (Mr Caygill) Sports Hall PE Detention Sports Hall Classroom (Mr Dawson)	Mrs Turpin Year 9	

Music Extracurricular Timetable

Please also see our musical programme below and encourage your child to meet new people and try new things.

<u>Music Extra-Curricular activities</u>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7 Choir	Chamber Choir Boys Group	Music Group (Instrumentalists & singers)	Boys Group	Senior Choir
				
Peripatetic Teachers				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sarah Monteith-Voice & Piano Sean Geldart - Guitar	Sarah Monteith-Voice & Piano	Sarah Monteith – voice & piano Sean Geldart-Guitar	Mark Howard-Percussion Sarah Monteith – voice & piano Paul Thomas – Woodwind	

Prayer for the week



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.

God bless,

Mr P Denton

Head of School