

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

## Our first half term break has almost arrived

Welcome to another blog. It is incredible to think that our new Y7s have only been with us for such a short time. They have though made a tremendous impact on our school. They have brought a great energy and positivity which we could not be happier about. Around school the great array of extra-curricular activities are up and running. Make sure you have a good look at what has gone on over the last fortnight and you can also see the activities available at the end of this blog. You can also keep up to date with day to day events by following us on twitter ([@stbedes1957](https://twitter.com/stbedes1957)).

## Football success continues

The Year 8 football team continued their good start to the year with a hard earned 3-2 away victory against a good OLQP team. Played in tough conditions it was an excellent contest decided by three fantastic goals - a brace from outside the box by Michael Bartley and a long range effort from Charlie Rotherham. There were several contenders for MOM but Joe Barlow's assurance in defence secured the vote. Next game: Ormskirk 11/9/19.

Our Year 7 team continue to go from strength to strength. This fortnight they have defeated Our Lady Queen of Peace 11-1 and Lathom 10-0. They will be entered for the Lancashire 7 a side cup which starts tonight. The boys continue to play with a great attitude and enthusiasm.

## Year 7 Admissions September 2020

If you have a current Year 6 child, please remember to apply for a secondary school place online via your local authority website. Please also remember to submit a Supplementary Faith Form and proof of baptism to school; a receipt will be given to you when you hand them in to reception. If sending by post, please make sure you send by recorded delivery. The deadline for applications to be received is Thursday 31st October 2019. If you have any questions please contact us via email ([admin@sbchs.co.uk](mailto:admin@sbchs.co.uk)).

## A word from our Chaplain

### Prayer for the week

St Angela Merici Gracious God, let us remain in harmony, united together, all of one heart and one will. Let us be bound to one another by the bond of love, respecting each other, caring for each other and bearing with each other in Jesus Christ. For if we try to be like this, without doubt, you Lord, will be in our midst. Amen.

## A reflection on prayer

“My personal favourite definition of prayer? I can only think it comes from the Cloud of Unknowing; ‘Making ourselves present to the presence of God.’ Why do I like it? Because you can be anywhere, at any time, and just for that instant you think of God, making Him present and making ourselves present to the presence of God, just for a second opening yourself up to the presence of God, the awareness of God, the being with God, the being with the Father. Isn’t that lovely? Because you can do it just like that, for a moment, or for half an hour, or for longer.” Bishop McMahon

## Mikey makes the press

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### Double joy for teenage karate ace Michael

A TEENAGE martial arts ace from Ormskirk is celebrating at the double after achieving black belt second dan status and being chosen to represent his country.

St Bede's Catholic High School pupil Michael Molloy, who first took up the sport at just five years of age, was awarded the grading following an assessment overseen by the Karate Union of Great Britain's chief examiner, 9th dan Andy Sherry.

And the 15-year-old is also looking forward to representing England at a European championship event in Denmark at the end of this month.

George Morrison, instructor at the Kirkby Shotokan Karate Club, where Michael trains, says he has worked hard and along with two of his teammates is unbeaten in national team competitions.

He said: “Michael has tried really hard to get the second dan and everyone at the club is very proud of him.

“Along with his club mates Bradley and Marcus Barker, he is part of a three-man team that has been unbeaten in British championships in team competitions for several years.

“Their latest triumph was at the GB open league event in Birmingham in August. Michael took first place in the under-16s Ippon Kumite and with his clubmates won the team event.”

Michael has now been selected to fight for Kenshin Karate Organisation England in the World Union of Karate Federations European Championship in Denmark from October 24 to 27.



**Michael Molloy after earning his second dan black belt with KUGB chief examiner, Andy Sherry (left) and senior examiner, Bob Rhodes.**

## Global Mental Health and Wellbeing Awareness – Miss Kelly

Today, 10th October is Global Mental Health and Wellbeing awareness day. It is an opportunity for us to talk about our wellbeing and reduce any stigma attached to how we may be feeling at any particular time. Wellbeing in young people is an everyday thing and one in which we encourage and support through RE lessons. We equip our students with skills to feel comfortable in sharing their emotional wellbeing, their thoughts and their feelings. In a demanding world with busy timetables, after school activities, responsibilities at home and the many additional pressures of being a young person in today's society, we value and take time to be 'still'.

This is a vital part of a young person's development, to take time to reflect, gather and collect their thoughts, to be mindful of being present and to leave stresses and strains of the outside world behind. We build in time to deliver meditation techniques to encourage our students to stop, to promote emotional health, to encourage self-reflection, and to become more aware.

We guide our students using a variety of meditation and mindfulness resources such as reflection music, calming sensory activities, and it is an area of curriculum time that our students both love and benefit a

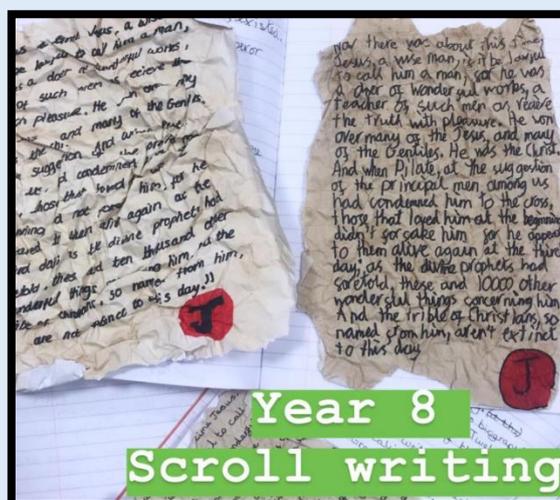
great deal from and in doing so we feel we are equipping them not only with personal skills in the here and now, but with skills for life.

Below are a year 10 class taking time out at the end of a busy lesson to take part in a meditation session.



## Y8s hard at work in RE

In RE year 8s have been enjoying putting their detective, archaeological and historian hats on to research and gather information that supports Evidence for Jesus. This topic has seen our year 8s creating wonderful dead sea scrolls from writers such as Josephus, Suetonius and Tacitus proving that events that are claimed to have happened, did in fact take place. They enjoyed staining their scrolls and making them look old and very delicate. They are currently producing fantastic guides of Herod's temple and can clearly and convincingly share their knowledge on each area of the temple and its purpose. We will soon be learning about political parties that existed at the time of Jesus such as the Pharisees, Sadducees, Scribes and Zealots where they will plan and deliver a political campaign! Excellent work produced from our year 8s this half term.





## Creative with cakes in Art

The cake images are from our Year 8s. They are currently working on a cake project based on an Artist Wayne Thiebaud. They have drawn cakes from observation using chalk on black paper focusing on proportion, whilst trying to make the cake look three dimensional. The year 8s really enjoyed this lesson, even more so as they got to eat the cakes at the end.

The second work attached is from our year 7s. The year 7s are working on a portraiture project. For this sketchbook work, they used a mirror to look at their features and make a study of their face trying to include as much detail and information as possible. This task will help them develop their skills for when they go on to make an A3 self-portrait.

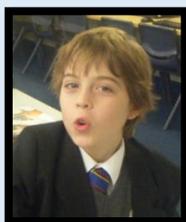


### MFL News



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## Girls' netball is as popular as ever

Our girls' netball teams are brimming with talent and enthusiasm. Both the Y7 and the Y8 girls' teams have started the year off well. Follow us on twitter to keep up to speed with their results.



## Art is alive at St Bede's

There is a real buzz up here in the Art department. Year 11 have been working on their mock exam project. They have created some inspiring work based on a theme of their choice. We have been drawing fish from observation and looking at the texture of shells with clay, some pupils have been creating mono prints and others, painting. The work being produced is to an exceptionally high standard and I am so impressed with the hard work and dedication Year 11 are showing.



## What's on offer at St Bede's

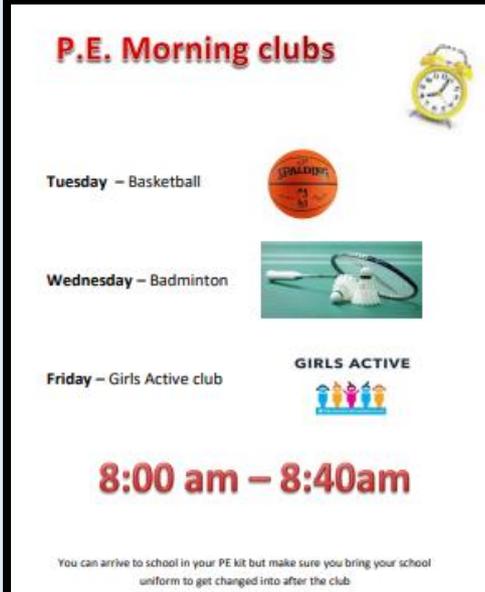
Beyond the classroom there is something for everyone at St Bede's. Those students that fully engage with activities in school will always tend to enjoy their time here and come out with a holistic education. Please have a look at the programme of events and activities below and encourage your child to get involved.



**GCSE Art Support**

Mrs Mitchell N8  
Thursday & Friday lunch 12.50-1.35

Thursday & Friday after school  
3.15-4.15



**P.E. Morning clubs**

Tuesday – Basketball 

Wednesday – Badminton 

Friday – Girls Active club 

**8:00 am – 8:40am**

You can arrive to school in your PE kit but make sure you bring your school uniform to get changed into after the club



Year 8  
Creative Arts  
Club  
Wednesday  
Lunchtime N9

Speak to Mrs  
Morris for more  
details

**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 a side – Mr Denton Sports hall	Mr Cookson Year 9	Trampolineing (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
<b>Lunch</b>	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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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](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)

Lancashire Constabulary  
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change 4life  
Sign up to Change4Life at [www.change4life.co.uk](http://www.change4life.co.uk)

## Simple, straightforward behaviour policy adopted

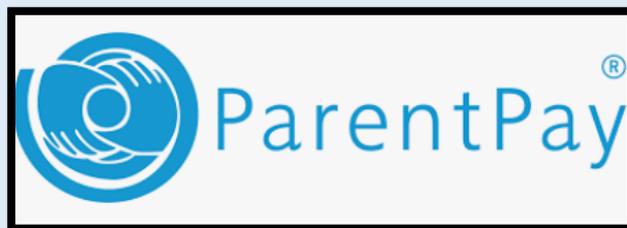
Around the school we have a clear and more consistent behaviour policy for both staff and students to follow. The revised approach has come from discussions amongst staff. It is hoped that this new system makes our expectations clearer and allows students to see how they may be rewarded for great work. 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 spend 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 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/>

## 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