

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

## Mock exams, snow days and other things

It has been another busy few weeks at St Bede's with lots of events taking place. Thank you for your support during our recent snow day. It was a strange situation in that our site was safe but the roads around the school had caused a great number of staff to be unable to make their daily commute. Due to concerns about the students and staff travelling through these conditions we made the decision to close. We have also completed our mock examination process and this has been a good experience for the students of Y11 and Y10. They will gain much from the process and no doubt improve their approach for their final exams in the summer.

## World Class art work

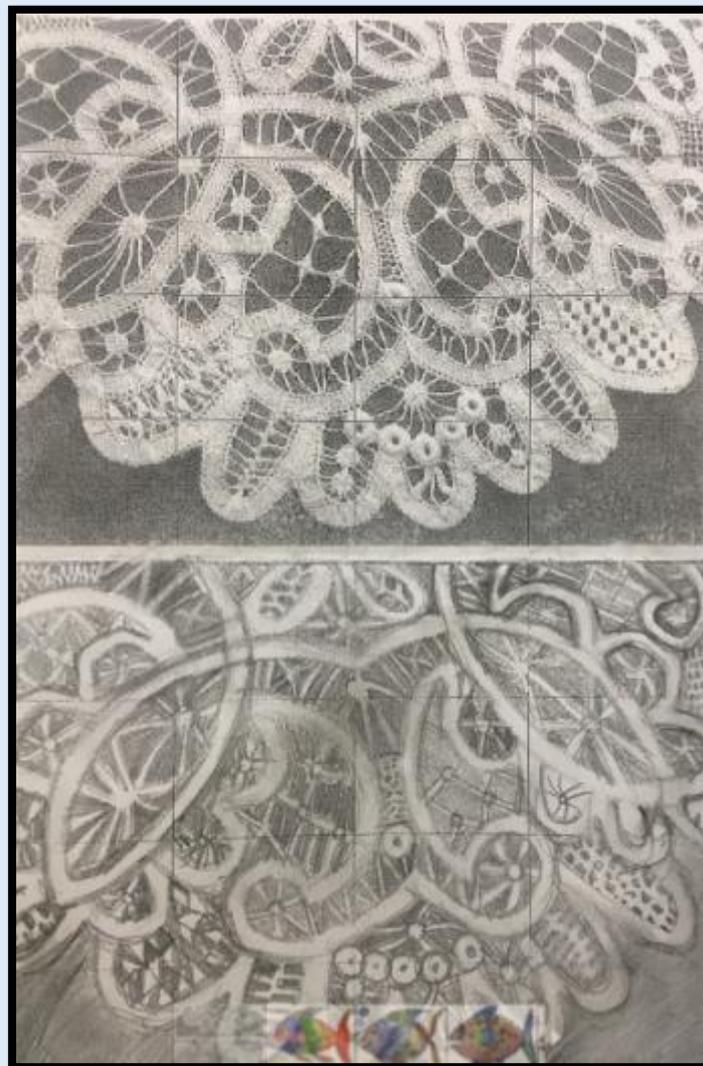
Year 7 have been putting the finishing touches to their self-portraits this week in Art. We have been learning about the structure and proportions of the face. They then divided up their portrait into four sections and for each section a different artist and medium has been used. The artists studied are Vincent Van Gogh, Aubrey Beardsley, Chuck Close and Alexej Von Jawlensky. They have taken on board the style and traits of the artist very well.

Year 10 have completed an A2 observational mixed media drawing of their chosen natural form object. They built up layers of paper and paint to create this textural abstract effect. I love the bright bold colours in their work and the range of media they have used. I am immensely proud of the high standard of work being produced this year in Art.



The fish have been designed by the students using no watercolour and pen, inspired by the artist Jason Scarpace for their sea project.

The other work is year 9 homework pieces; they have made a scale study of lace for their lace project inspired by artist Michael Brennan-Wood.



## Year 10 students complete ROAR programme

All of the students at St Bede's are encouraged to aim high. We talk to our students from year 7 upwards about fantastic futures that could include Russell Group Universities. These establishments are rated as amongst the best in the world and include places like Oxford, Cambridge, Durham, Liverpool, Manchester and York. Later this year the successful Y10s who completed the programme will visit York.

Twenty five Year 10 pupils have recently completed the 2018 – 2019 ROAR [Russell Group or Alternative Ready] Programme. This aspirational course taught by tutors from St John Rigby and Winstanley Sixth Form Colleges has given pupils the opportunity to develop their critical thinking, research and essay writing skills. Over 8 weeks pupils took part in a variety of activities designed to challenge their views, increase their self-confidence and develop the written and presentation skills required by universities and colleges. The culmination of the programme was the Exhibition Evening on Thursday 17th January. During the evening staff, parents and visitors were all impressed by the original, thought provoking and confident way in which the Year 10 pupils presented their learning on the issue of to what extent science is a threat to mankind. These ROAR 'graduates' are now looking forward to their visit to York University in March. On the day pupils will get the chance to experience university life, find out about the courses available and the qualifications required to embark on the higher education course of their choice. Well done Year 10!

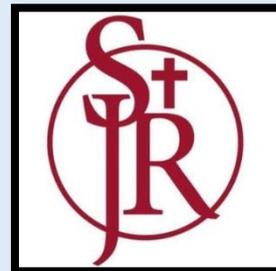
Coming soon..... Year 7 ROAR Group 2019.





## Winstanley & St John Rigby support A-level style lectures

Colleagues from Winstanley College and St John Rigby will be delivering A-level style lectures to some of our Key Stage 4 students in the coming weeks and months. This is aimed at stretching our students who are looking at the very top grades. We thank St John Rigby and Winstanley for their support and look forward to these sessions beginning.



## MFL book of the month

 The book cover for "Heidi" by Johanna Spyri. It features a young girl in a red dress running through a green field under a blue sky. Text on the cover includes "INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER" and "OVER FIFTY MILLION COPIES SOLD" at the top, and the title "HEIDI" and author "JOHANNA SPYRI" in large white letters.
 

Heidi by the Swiss author, Johanna Spyri, is a classic children's novel. The story is set in Switzerland and tells us about Heidi, an orphan girl, who is brought up in the mountains by her grandfather. When she is older she is sent to Frankfurt to work in a large house as a companion to Clara, a young girl in a wheelchair. This is the story of their friendship and a journey of self-discovery for Heidi.

The descriptions of life in the Swiss Alps make most people want to go on holiday to visit this beautiful country.

Heidi is available to borrow from the [LRC!](#)

**Languages at the heart of learning**

 A grid of eight colorful icons representing different languages and cultural elements: a group of people, a power button, a globe, a flower, a hand holding a pen, a group of people, a globe, and a flower.
 

**Literacy matters in MFL**

## 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.

## 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

## Revision starts now

With the right approach and application this could be another year of great success for students at St Bede's. Revision sessions are already up and running so make sure you are attending to support your chances of success this summer.

Year 11 Revision Classes				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1-1:30pm N3 French	1-1:30pm N10/11 Geog	12:50-1:35pm N8 Art	12:50-1:35pm N8 Art	1-1:30pm N3 French
GCSE Higher Physics starting after Christmas TBC	Lunchtime drop-in Combined chemistry Rm 18	3:15-4:15pm N8 Art	3:15-4:15pm N8 Art	11W RE3 26 RE 1-1:30pm
1-1:30 DT1 drop-in revision/homework HWA	3:15-4pm N3 German	3:20-4:20pm N2 IT + CS	3:15-4pm N12 History	
	GCSE Foundation Biology – Rm 13	3:20-4:15pm General Combined Chemistry – Rm 18	GCSE Higher Biology – Rm 13	
	GCSE Separate Science – Rm 10	3:15-4:30pm DT – DT3	GCSE Food starting 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	
	3:20-4:30pm Quiet study – DT1 HWA	3:20 – 4:30pm AS 25	3:20 – 4:30pm RE GK1	

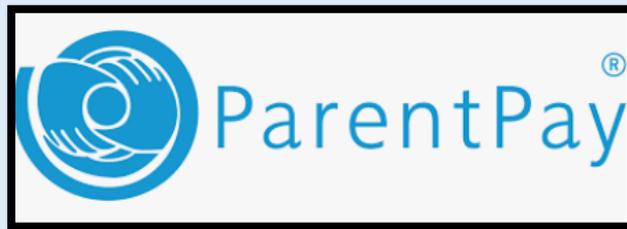
*Music – one to one and sessions will be as appropriate after Christmas*

As we progress through the year more revision sessions will begin but don't wait for them, get started now!

## 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).



## Are you considering teaching?

St Bede's is part of the Catholic Schools Direct programme which trains and develops teachers within a Catholic setting. There is a combination of university input and on-the-job training. Please see the flyer below and make contact via the details shown.

**Interested in teaching in a Catholic Secondary School?**  
Wigan & West Lancashire  
**Catholic School Direct**

We believe in nurturing the whole child, to grow in faith and realise their full potential. We believe that you will have the best start in your teaching career by choosing to train within our supportive Catholic community.

Teachers trained by us make a positive difference to children's lives.

School Direct is a teacher training programme which puts schools/colleges at the heart of the process. You will be trained in two of our good or outstanding Catholic schools in the Liverpool Archdiocese (Section 48). This will lead to the award of Qualified Teacher Status (QTS).

Our partner, Liverpool Hope University, will work with us to provide additional high quality training which leads to the Post Graduate Certificate of Education (PGCE).

(Our schools / colleges work closely together to provide an on-going programme of Continuing Professional Development to enhance your career.)

We welcome enquiries and applications from committed graduates who wish to join us in shaping Catholic education in the future.

**Liverpool Hope University**

**We have training places for September 2019 in the following subjects;**

Mathematics	Religious Education
English	Computer Science
Physics	MFL—Spanish with French
Chemistry	MFL - Spanish
Biology	MFL—French with Spanish
History	MFL—French
Physical Education	Music
Geography	Drama

**SEARCH FOR UCAS COURSE CODE : 27Q**

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[enquiries@catholicsd.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@catholicsd.org.uk)  
[www.catholicsd.org.uk](http://www.catholicsd.org.uk)

St Edmund Arcuate Catholic High School, Altrincham, Manchester  
St Basil's Catholic High School, Ormskirk  
St Mary's Catholic High School, Astley  
St John Fisher Catholic High School, Wigan  
Holy Cross Catholic High School, Chorley  
St John Fisher Catholic Sixth Form College, Wigan  
Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Engineering College, Bolton  
St Peter's Catholic High School, Dorset  
St George's Catholic High School, Warrington

## 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/>



Make sure you get at least a 5 in Science



**Target 5**  
**Science**

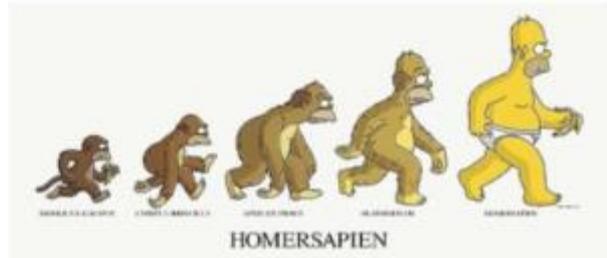
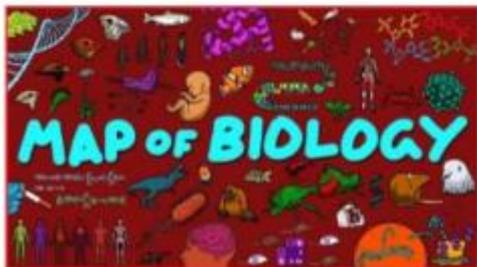


**Muddled by mitosis?**  
**Confused by classification??**  
**Terrified of transpiration???**

**Help is at hand!**

**Come to Target 5 Science support. These sessions will be suited to pupils aiming for a GCSE Grade 5.**

**Every Tuesday after school 3.20-4.00pm**  
**Room 13**





# Biology

**Don't know how to revise?**

**Help is at hand!**

**Come to GCSE Biology revision.**

**These sessions will be suited to  
pupils aiming for a**

**GCSE Grade 6-9**

**Every Thursday after school**

**3.20-4.00pm Room 13**



## Get active at St Bede's

There are a great range of activities you or your child can be involved with at St Bede's. See the calendar below and get involved!

 <b>Physical Education 2018-2019 Extra-Curricular Term 2</b>			
Boys football fixtures and girls netball/football fixtures will also run on a variety of days throughout this term			
	Lunchtime Clubs 1:00pm -1:30pm	Lunchtime 3G Astro Turf 1:00pm -1:30pm	After School 3:15 – 4.30pm unless stated
<b>Monday</b>	Girls Basketball Sports hall Miss Gray  Sports Leaders 'drop in' <b>SPORTS HALL RECEPTION</b>	Mr Cookson Year 8	Trampolining (All Years) Sports hall Carlos 3.15-4pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Year 11 Boys Football (5 aside) Sports hall Mr Denton	Mr Shepherd Year 10	Netball Sports hall & courts Miss McGee/Miss Caldwell
<b>Wednesday</b>	Year 7, 8 & 9 Boys Basketball Sports hall Mr Edgar	Miss Gray Year 9	Girls Football 3G Astro Miss Gray  Badminton – boys & girls Sports hall Mr Edgar
<b>Thursday</b>	Year 10 & 11 Boys Badminton Sports Hall Mr Caygill	Mr Doolan Year 7	Hockey (all years) 3G Astro Mrs Turpin/Mr Oakely
<b>Friday</b>	Girls Active (8:15am-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.

**WHAT IF FITNESS WAS FUN?**

**THIS GIRL CAN**

**FRIDAY MORNINGS**  
 8:15am-8:45am  
 SPORTS HALL

**GIRLS ACTIVE**



## Music clubs at St Bede's

<b><u>Music Extra-Curricular activities</u></b>				
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Year 7 Choir</b>	<b>Chamber Choir</b>  <b>Boys Group</b>	<b>Music Group</b> (Instrumentalists & singers) & <b>Chamber Choir</b>	<b>Boys Group</b>	<b>Senior Choir</b>
				
<b>Peripatetic Teachers</b>				
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
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	

## Get involved with Art Support Club



The art department is starting a Wednesday art lunch club producing recycled paper and plastic outfits for the end of year creative arts show. The students will be making their own recycled outfits and displaying these outfits via a catwalk. The club will be starting on the 6th Feb' and on-going weekly until the end of the summer term.



**DO YOU LOVE ART?  
ARE YOU CREATIVE?  
THEN THIS COULD BE FOR YOU..**

Do you want to be involved in  
our end of year creative arts exhibition?

We are holding an art lunch club every  
Wednesday lunchtime in N8  
starting from the 6th of February.

We will be making recycled paper/plastic clothing  
which will be modelled on a catwalk  
at the end of year creative show.

Let's show how creative we can be!

You may bring your lunch up to eat..

(Feel free to bring along any plastic bags,  
plastic, paper and items for recycle which we can use.)

## Prayer from our Chaplain

### Jesus the Refugee

After the wise men had left,  
an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream.  
"Get up," he said,  
"take the child and his mother and ESCAPE to Egypt.  
Stay there until I tell you,  
for Herod is going to search for the child to KILL HIM."  
So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night, and left for Egypt.

Matthew 2: 13-14



### Prayer For Refugees

Almighty and merciful God,  
whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own;  
look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger,  
homeless and hungry.  
Bless those who work to bring them relief;  
inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts;  
and guide the nations of the world towards that day when all will rejoice in your  
Kingdom of justice and of peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Synod Opening Ceremony, Sunday 3 February

On Sunday 3rd February at 3pm at a special service in the Cathedral, Archbishop Malcom will celebrate formally the calling of a Synod for the Archdiocese of Liverpool. This Service will begin an important period of time leading up to the Synod itself in October 2020. Many hundreds of people will attend as the Synod Members (Parish, Pastoral Area, and others) are commissioned to undertake their task and we will all be invited to pray with and for them and for the working of our Synod. We are proud to announce that a group of year 7 and 8 pupils will be performing a drama in the service about the Old Testament prophet Elijah. All are welcome to come along and join the Archbishop at this unique liturgy.

## Requests for prayer

We pray for the students who have left us last year, always remember that you may leave St Bede's but St Bede's never leaves you. Finally, we pray for all of our school families, especially those experiencing difficult times. May you all know the Lord's presence.

## 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