

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

## Christmas is here

This term has flown by so, as we approach our festive period, please see the events over advent at St Anne's church below:



## Choir win Archdiocesan competition

We were delighted, proud but not surprised to hear Mrs McMurray's fantastic choir won a competition that involved schools from across the Archdiocese. There was stiff competition from several high schools, sixth form colleges and independent schools. We were inundated with congratulations from parents and fellow competitors who marvelled at the wonderful performance of the choir. Well done to our 'World Class' music department and brilliant school choir!



## Head Boy and Girl work hard to improve our school

When Skye and I were selected as Head Students last summer, we were very clear that we wanted to improve the school lives of pupils throughout the year, as we believe it is important that there is a pupil input to the way the school is run. It is for this reason that we have come up with three initiatives which we have been developing so far this year.

### Year 7 Homework Intervention

Out of all the initiatives we have started this year, the Year 7 Homework Intervention has been the most successful so far. We were both very keen to establish links between Year 7 and senior pupils, and from our own experiences in the lower school we understand some of the challenges faced by pupils starting secondary school. It was for this reason that we wanted to start a learning session for the Year 7 students during form time. Every week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Year 7 pupils come to 8a (a computer suite) where a number of Year 11 students help them with pieces of homework or any classwork they are struggling with. So far this has been very popular amongst Year 7 pupils (especially those who get their homework out of the way so they don't have to do at home!), but we are still looking for more students to take part. This is a great opportunity to get guidance from our brilliant Year 11s who are more than happy to help.



### Mental Wellbeing Sessions

Both in school and on a national level, mental health is becoming a much bigger priority – in the UK, roughly £12 billion is spent on mental health every year. Despite the big pledges, though, mental wellbeing begins on a small scale. As Head Students, we have decided to start a lunchtime club in which pupils from all years can talk to senior prefects in Year 11 as well as certain teachers. We have decided to have a post box system in parallel with lunchtime drop-ins. We have designed a slip for students to fill in, addressing their issue and giving them the option to either speak to a member of staff or a student about it. Notices will be coming around forms and this will start within the next two weeks.

### “Take a Moment”

This year, we don't just want to focus on Year 7s. We all know how challenging Year 11 can be for students which is why, starting from next week, there will be a Year-11-only room on

Tuesday and Friday lunchtime. Room 25 will act as our much-requested common room, in which Year 11s can relax, talk to friends and listen to music. Senior students have decided to call this exciting initiative "Take a Moment". We feel that it is important that Year 11s can stay calm and happy in the run-up to their exams.

## Lunchtime LRC Homework Club

The LRC (Learning Resource Centre) is a fantastic place for pupils to do work and read quietly. However, we thought that the provisions to help students do that work could be improved. Now, we are planning to introduce a table in the LRC which will have two senior Year 11 students to help other pupils with their homework. I have found that such help can be invaluable and think it will be of great assistance to all pupils.

## Hannah works toward Faith in Action award

Hannah Dykes has been busy sending out flyers in the local area and has collected 67 selection boxes, Christmas sweets, and lots of toys and gifts. At the last estimate she had collected over 50 gifts. She is ready to send it to the food bank, but as there is so much it needed to be collected by the food bank.

When we talk about our students at St Bede's that '...want to make the world a better place', we mean behaviours such as this. It is easy for students to be consumed with their own lives so for so many of our students, such as Hannah, to think of others is great to see.

We are all really proud of Hannah's efforts!



Hannah explained, 'As part of my Faith in Action project, I decided to organise a collection for the South Sefton Food bank. After having spoken to Debbie, the manager, I decided to collect Christmas toys and gifts as well as selection boxes and chocolates for the whole family. I created leaflets which I distributed to friends and family, as well as my drama group, Helen O Grady. Over the past few weeks, I have

managed to collect over 100 Christmas gifts, more than 75 selection boxes and a few Pet Treats too! I am extremely grateful to everyone who donated and helped me support this fantastic charity.

On Wednesday, I took all of my donations to the South Sefton Food Bank. They were delighted with all of the items, which will be placed in festive bags for families in need this Christmas. Whilst we were there, one of the members of staff, James, showed us around. I was amazed at how much food was given out to families. Did you know that they provide food for over 1000 people a week, and this increases even more over the Christmas period? Many of the people they support are hard- working low income families, who are given essential items such as tinned fish, meat, pasta and rice. I was really surprised that items that we take for granted, such as juice, coffee and biscuits are luxury items. Over 7-8 tonnes of food are given out each week, and up to April last year, they had supported 13,000 people. Toiletries are especially important as many people cannot afford these themselves.

There has been a lot of work involved in this project, but I've really enjoyed it. My visit to the Food Bank has really made me realise how important the donations will be at Christmas'.



## University of Liverpool visit for St Bede's Scientists

On Monday the 26th of November 15 Year 10 Separate Science students had the opportunity to visit the University of Liverpool to take a tour of their imaging centre. The "Imaging Centre at Liverpool" is home to several million pounds worth of molecular imaging equipment, housing multiple state of the art electron microscopes. This tied into the work completed as part of their GCSE course, and provided a hands on opportunity for pupils that in some cases is not even possible for undergraduate students!

The day provided some challenging ideas for pupils to contemplate, but pupils really enjoyed their time at ICaL. The opportunity to get hands-on with electron microscopes is not something that is readily available, and students thoroughly enjoyed interacting with the equipment. Although I think the question of the day was asked while looking at a house fly zoomed in to the point where you could see individual hairs on its wings: "What does it look like normally?" Clearly some pupils are hard to impress!

All in all the day was a fantastic success, the staff at ICaL passed on their thanks for the impeccable behaviour and respect shown throughout the day, and also for the enthusiasm and interest pupils took in their research. Thanks to ICaL for the invitation!

Mr Oakley



## St. Bede's Bright Future team trip to Unilever

On Tuesday 13th November, 10 Year 8/9 pupils travelled over to Port Sunlight on the Wirral to help launch the annual Unilever Bright Future challenge. It is a challenge led by Unilever to look for the next generation of scientists who can answer the problems faced by the world in the coming generations. Pupils spent a day carrying out workshops and activities in the 5 main areas of Unilever responsible for the creation, development and production of a new product. Following on from this pupils have accepted a challenge that they will spend 3 months working on at school, to be presented to Unilever executives in competition with dozens of other schools from the region.

The challenge our pupils selected is based around developing new hair or skincare products that are completely plastic free. During the application process, pupils highlighted a strong will to help protect the environment from human damage. BBC's Planet Earth II documentary showed the scope of the damage that plastics are doing to our oceans, and this resonated strongly with pupils leading to their desire to do something about it.

Everybody involved had a fantastic time; pupils had a hands on experience during every stage and came away with lots of ideas for their projects! As always behaviour was impeccable, and pupils were model representatives of the school. We have since started a weekly club to allow pupils to work on their project, and to be able to provide all the support needed. I look forward to seeing how pupils get on as we approach the presentations in March!

Mr Oakley

## Y10 students become Eucharistic Ministers

Year 10 pupils Bethan Duke and Charlotte Molyneux were recently trained and commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers for school Masses. They attended a Saturday training day which was organised by the diocesan youth team Animate Youth Ministries and was attended by 30 young people from across the diocese.



The role of Eucharistic Minister is an important one in Mass and must be carried out with reverence and respect. At St Bede's we are proud of our tradition of commissioning our students as Eucharistic Ministers, through which young people feel they are valued and useful members of the Catholic Church.

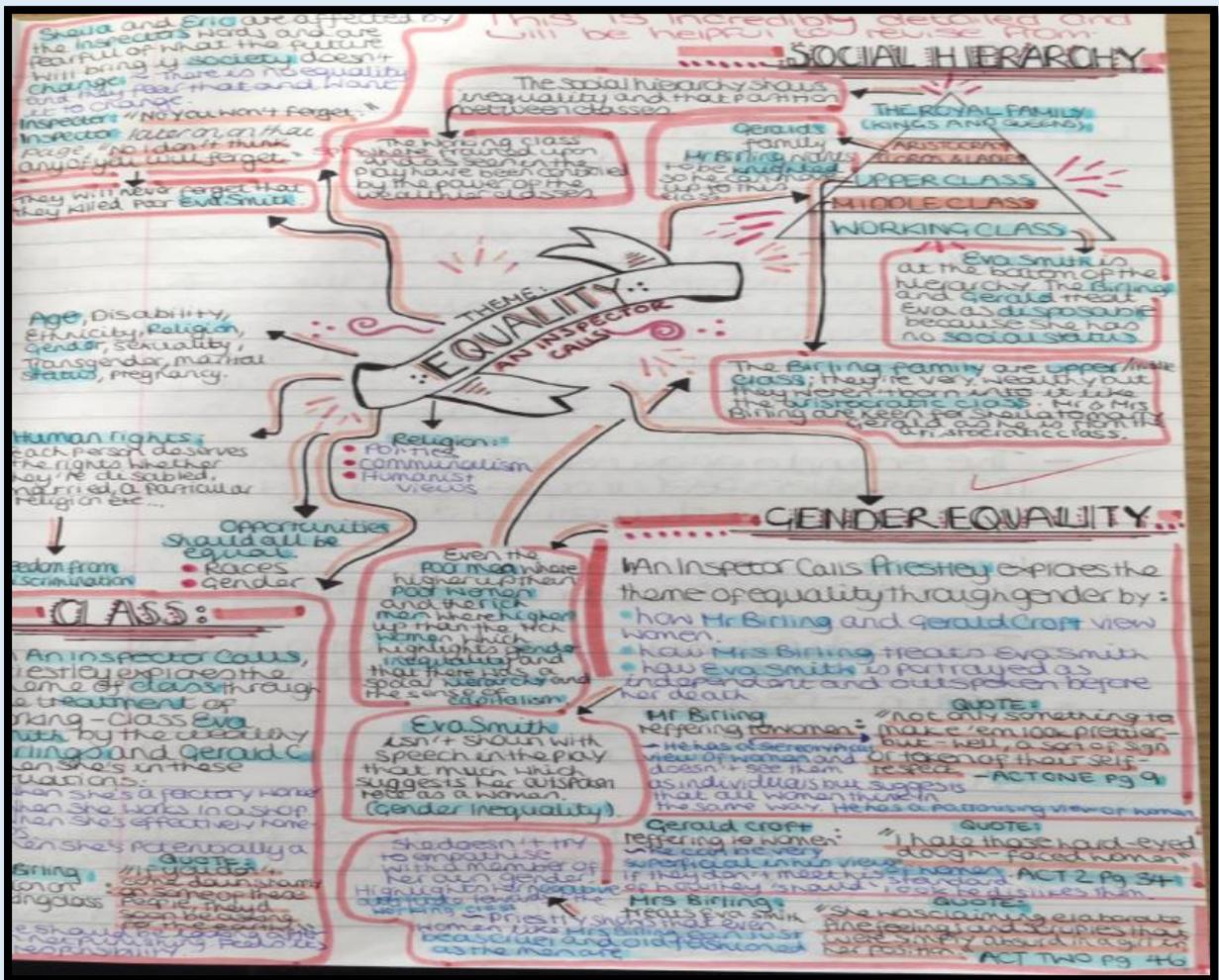
## Continuous development of teaching and learning

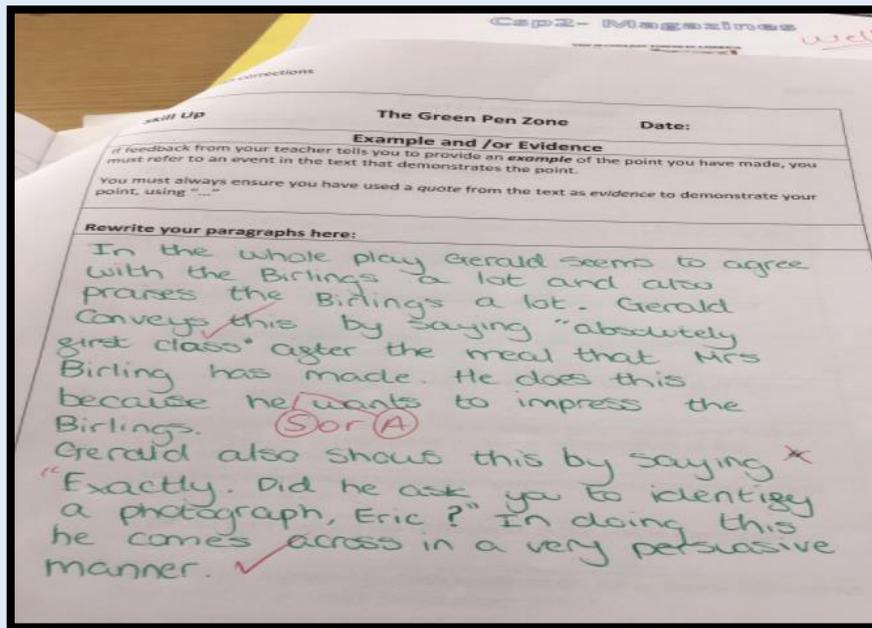
As a school we have a systematic cycle of improvement that includes training, planning, implementation, monitoring and review of every aspect of teaching and learning. As part of this process we have been reviewing marking and feedback recently. The examples below reflect the excellent marking and student feedback on show in English. We have a very skilled department who achieved among the best results in the country last year. Our subject progress 8 score of +0.63 is truly 'world class'. By looking at the work below you can see just how the students achieve these results with the support of our great English team.

When you made a clear point on Mr Birling's description and how he's portrayed in the play.

Explain what it means when he is provincial in his speech.  
 Explain how it shows hierarchy in the family.

It shows hierarchy in the family as Sheila is presented as a protected girl in the play as Mr Birling says when the Inspector comes and Sheila wants to know what has happened, Mr Birling puts in and says it's no place for a woman like you Sheila - "Nothing to do with you, Sheila. Run along." Also Eric is presented as quite low in their hierarchy too as they think he is too young and childish.





## Imogen lands big part at the Echo Arena

Imogen Johnson from 7FI, has successfully auditioned for a place as a juvenile dancer in a professional Pantomime, which will be showing at The Liverpool Echo Arena, in December.

Imogen attends The Loretta Legge Theatre School in Maghull and along with 23 of her dancing friends are appearing in Shone Productions, Peter Pan. This is the third year Imogen has been successful! We wish Imogen the very best in her shows and we look forward to hearing all about it in school.



## Faith in Action students visit care home

Faith in Action pupils went to local care home Abbeywood Lodge this Wednesday to sing carols with the residents. A great time was had by all, pupils especially enjoyed the cakes they offered us. Thanks to Mr Morgan and Alexia Stewart (Y10) for accompanying us on the keyboard and taking photographs.



## A great Term's work for Faith in Action pupils

Congratulations to the 35 year 7 and 8 pupils who have started their Faith in Action Award with great enthusiasm this term. Throughout the term pupils have given up their time in the service of others in many ways. These include;

- The Children in Need cake sale.
- Playing music, singing, serving, reading, performing drama and sign language in Masses in both school and parishes.
- Participating in a focus group about young people and church.
- Running stalls for charity at the St Anne's parish Christmas Fair.
- Organising a foodbank collection. Litterpicking on Formby Beach
- Being form reps.
- Carol singing at Abbeywood Lodge Care Home.
- Helping younger children learn to play chess
- And many more ways in their local communities.

We are looking forward to putting our Catholic faith into action in many more ways next term

Clare Guidi

Chaplain



## MFL Kicks-Off Christmas!



MFL news



On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December, the MFL department held their annual Christmas Market in the drama studio. A transformation magically took place overnight, and on Friday, pupils walked into a grotto with Christmas lights, decorated gazebos and music. Our fantastic Dream Team assisted us on the stalls, which sold a variety of Christmas goodies. One of our talented dreamers also helped our skilled make-up artists – Mrs Crompton and Mrs Hayes – with the Christmas face painting.

This year saw the launch of our first ever photo booth, which proved very popular. The very artistic Hellena May drew in the crowds and took their photos. Here are a few shots from the day!



We have hundreds more photos of the day, and of staff, too, so please come and pick up your copies from the MFL department!

## Adam McLean continues his golfing success

Adam took part in a Spanish tournament last week and again did very well. They played 5 rounds at Alcaidesa Links & Heathland courses with stunning views of Gibraltar. Adam finished T15th with a total of +7 for the tournament. The highlight of the week coming in the fourth round on the Heathland Course Par 5 10th, when Adam holed out his 3rd shot from 130 yards (picture attached) for an eagle.

The tournament is to be aired on Sky Sports Golf on Sunday 16th December. Adam is on the Lancashire Boys Squad and also the England Boys NW Regional Squad. Adam's practice and resilience is allowing him to pursue his dream of being 'World Class'.



## Evie helps the North of England to chess glory

Evie Maher in Y7 is proving to be an outstanding chess player. She represented the North of England in a quadrangular match against Scotland, Ireland and Wales at under-12 level. The match was held at Liverpool College and she helped her team to victory over the other nations. We are all very proud of Evie's achievement and we look forward to hear more about her future success.



## Tom battles back to get back on his bike

Tom McLauchlan in Y10 has made a great recovery following a leg break and is now competing on his bike once again. Tom has often shared with me his passion for the sport. He raced at the Newton-Le-Willows academy for two years while riding KTM 85 SW (small wheel) and KTM 85 BW (big wheel) shown below:



However, Tom broke his leg which then required a pin to hold it in place following a race in Doncaster. He spent two weeks in Sheffield Children's Hospital at the beginning of his recovery before returning home. He shared the pictures of the break and pinning below. Fortunately, Tom has shown great resilience and determination and is now back on his bike. His determination in the sport and willingness to overcome the challenge are inspiring to those around him who may face setbacks. We wish him all the very best as he continues to improve in the sport.



## Jumbulance Visit

Last week we had the Jumbulance parked on the school yard so that our GCSE students could see how disabled people and carers travel to Lourdes. It was a fascinating visit and one which allowed well over 100 students to climb aboard the bus and see the well-equipped bus. Pilgrimage is part of our GCSE and as you are aware many of our current pupils and ex pupils come on the Lourdes Archdiocese pilgrimage in July.



## Dylan produces World Class art work

Dylan Hughes in Y10 has worked ever so hard over the last day and a half and produced a well-developed response to the theme Architecture. His portfolio is of an equally good standard too. It has been lovely to see Dylan's enthusiasm and dedication with the project, he is really proud of what he has created as are we. Mr Denton would like Dylan's work to be on the school blog and to have his work displayed in school. A massive achievement! Many thanks to Mrs Crompton who has supported Dylan throughout his Art journey.



## Celebration assemblies across school

At this time of year we celebrate the great achievements of our students via celebration assemblies. These assemblies recognise the hard work and effort of students in every subject. The names below are our winners in Year 7. Well done to everyone who has won an award this term.



## 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
<b>1-1:30pm N3 French</b>	<b>1-1:30pm N10/11 Geog</b>	<b>12:50-1:35pm N8 Art</b>	<b>12:50-1:35pm N8 Art</b>	<b>1-1:30pm N3 French</b>
<i>GCSE Higher Physics starting after Christmas TBC</i>	<b>Lunchtime drop-in Combined chemistry Rm 18</b>	3:15-4:15pm N8 Art	3:15-4:15pm N8 Art	<b>11W RE3 26 RE 1-1:30pm</b>
<b>1-1:30 DT1 drop-in revision/homework HWA</b>	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.




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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mathematics</li> <li>English</li> <li>Physics</li> <li>Chemistry</li> <li>Biology</li> <li>History</li> <li>Physical Education</li> <li>Geography</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Religious Education</li> <li>Computer Science</li> <li>MFL—Spanish with French</li> <li>MFL - Spanish</li> <li>MFL—French with Spanish</li> <li>MFL—French</li> <li>Music</li> <li>Drama</li> </ul>
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## 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**

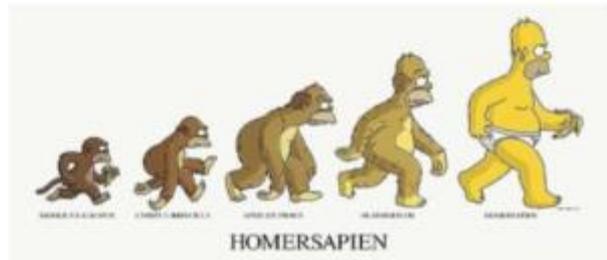
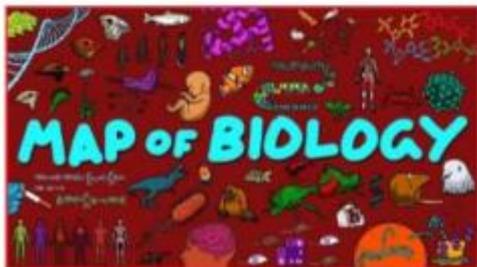


**Muddled by mitosis?**  
**Confused by classification??**  
**Terrified of transpiration???**

**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 1</b>			
Boys football fixtures and girls netball 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 Badminton <b>Sports hall</b> Miss Gray  Sports Leaders 'drop in' <b>SPORTS HALL RECEPTION</b>	Mr Cookson Year 8	Trampolining (All Years) <b>Sports hall</b> Carlos 3.15-4pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Year 11 Boys Football (5 aside) <b>Sports hall</b> Mr Denton	Mr Shepherd Year 10	Netball <b>Sports hall &amp; courts</b> Miss McGee/Ms Caldwell
<b>Wednesday</b>	Year 7, 8 & 9 Boys Basketball <b>Sports hall</b> Mr Edgar	Miss Gray Year 9	Girls Football <b>3G Astro</b> Miss Gray  Badminton – boys & girls <b>Sports hall</b> Mr Edgar
<b>Thursday</b>	Year 10 & 11 Boys Badminton <b>Sports Hall</b> Mr Caygill	Mr Doolan Year 7	Hockey (all years) <b>3G Astro</b> Mrs Turpin
<b>Friday</b>	Living for Sport <b>Sports Hall</b> Mr Dawson PE Detention 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.

## 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 poster features a dark, abstract background with a mottled texture of blues, purples, and greens. Scattered across the background are several circular, glowing spots in various colors like yellow, orange, and red, resembling light trails or bubbles. The text is overlaid in a clean, white, sans-serif font.

**GCSE Art  
Support**

**Miss Byrom N9  
Thursday lunch 12.50 – 1.35**

**Mrs Mitchell N8  
Wednesday lunch 12.50-1.35**

**Mrs Mitchell N8  
Wednesday & Thursday after  
school 3.15-4.15**

## A word from our Chaplain

Please make sure you have read about all the great charity work being carried out by our Dream Team and wider school community. This week's prayer is written by a Year 7 student. Over 40 students are currently working toward the Faith in Action award. Please speak to your child about getting involved.

### Prayer from our Chaplain

*Lord, we thank you for all the joy that Christmas brings.*

*We also think about those who are not looking forward to Christmas this year;*

*Those who will spend it on their own*

*Those who are worried about their money*

*Those who are unable to be with the people they love*

*Those with difficult family situations*

*We commit all these people to your loving care*

*And we ask that you inspire us to be generous in our support for others*

*Amen*

## Help to shape the future of the Catholic Church

The Catholic Church in our area recognises that it is at a significant moment due to the challenges and opportunities which are facing the church and society. Archbishop Malcom has therefore called a synod. All Catholics are invited to be part of this decision making process which will make decisions about goals and actions for the Catholic church in the Liverpool Archdiocese in the coming years. It is vital that Catholics of all ages and backgrounds are represented in this process.

Anyone with an interest in finding out more about the synod is invited to attend a open meeting to find out more. The meetings in our area will be held at the times detailed below. For more information about the Synod please see the attached information or go to [www.synod2020.co.uk](http://www.synod2020.co.uk)

## 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

