

WHAT'S THE LATEST FROM ST BEDE'S?

Happy half-term!

It's been a long old half-term and the sunshine of September seems a long time ago. We've had a brilliant half-term during which we've managed to cope with getting our learning back on track, dealing with attendance challenges and most importantly, helping our students to return to a sense of normality. I've been so proud of the way they have risen to the challenge of high school, whether they're new to us in Year 7 or entering their last year at St Bede's. We've seen real improvement after our behaviour focus fortnight. The students have finished the half-term calm, well dressed, and focussed. It's now time to enjoy a well-earned rest but not before we've had a chance to look back on an excellent last 8 weeks.

Good luck Mr Morgan & welcome Mrs Woods

At half-term, Mr Morgan, our deputy headteacher will be moving to a secondment position. He will become the headteacher of Sacred Heart College in Crosby. This has been at the request of the Liverpool Archdiocese. It is a great reflection of the high regard the archdiocese has for Mr Morgan and for our school. Mr Morgan will be replaced by Mrs Woods. Mrs Woods is an experienced deputy headteacher, a serving Ofsted inspector and an excellent teacher of Modern Foreign Languages. She will no doubt challenge us and make us a better school. We welcome Mrs Woods and wish Mr Morgan all the very best!



Make Talk Your Goal Continues

What a fantastic opportunity for 20 of our pupils to be invited with Chris Kirkland to Tranmere Rovers training ground and main stadium. This was truly an amazing experience for our pupils to see the commitment and dedication footballers put in daily. Our tour started with Michael Kinsella greeting and making our pupils feel hugely welcomed. Michael shared his vast amount of knowledge and experiences working for Tranmere Rovers. Our pupils then got straight on the pitch to watch the team train and play. We also got to observe how the players are assessed daily on their ability, sleep/routine, and fitness.

Once we completed the tour of the training ground, we were delighted to be given time with Tranmere Rovers Manager, Micky Mellon. Unknown to Micky we were well prepared with our microphone and pupil questions and put him on the spot to join our Podcast recording. Immediately one of our podcasters, Aidan got Micky talking about male mental health and his experience dealing with it. Micky spoke openly and honestly about how he and the players have or will have gone through mental health at some point in their lives. Micky spoke of what strategies they use when dealing with this and how important it is for him as a manager to build the positive, trusting working relationships with his players. Micky spoke of the effect Covid/lockdown had on him and his players and how they are dealing with it daily.



The main impact of this interview showed us is that whoever you are and whenever you don't feel ok, it's ok. Talk to someone, a friend, family, teacher. Share how your feelings and emotions, we can deal with this together. Make Talk Your Goal.

This interview with Micky Mellon will be shared on our school website shortly.

Poet Joel returns to inspire our students

On the 7th of October 2021 Joeseph Robert's who is a public figure of spoken word artist and musician attended St Bede's High School. A small group of Make Talk Your Goal pupils were invited to attend a 45minute session. Listening to the poem that Joesph had written called 'A man's manual' The pupils were

engrossed from the start and even took time out to write their own poem. This was such a powerful experience listening to Joseph describe the invaluable masculine stereotype male but also highlighted the negative impact on mental health.

Click on this link, listen for yourself, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfIH3noVnrJfjb5IkOo1uZw> and follow Joseph on www.youtube.com



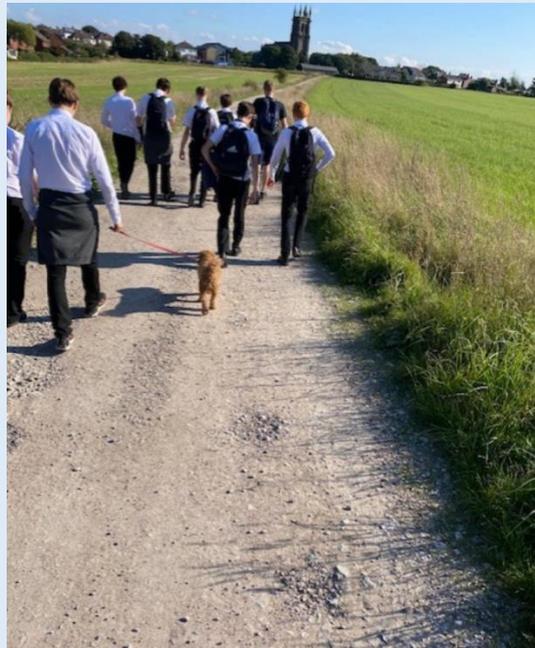
Podcast to launch soon

I am so excited to announce that Make Talk Your Goal pupils have been working on St Bede's having their own Podcast. This will be a great opportunity for our boy's to be voicing their own experiences with mental health and most importantly making others aware. Watch this space and get listening.



Walk and talking with Make Talk Your Goal

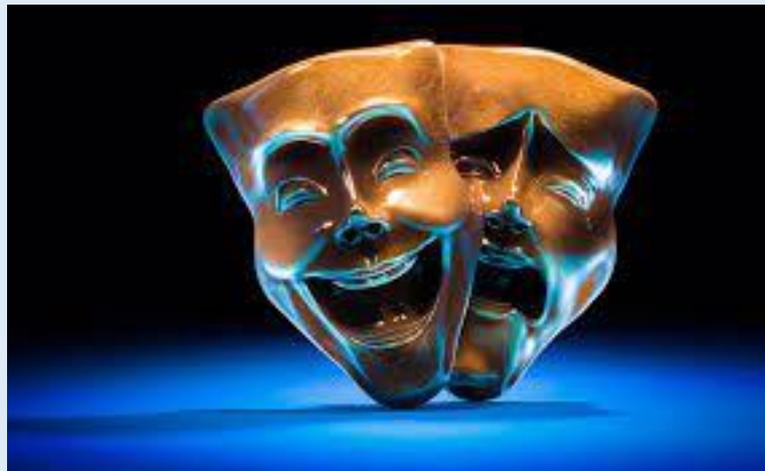
Taking the time out to walk after school in our beautiful area with some of our Make Talk Your Goal pupils. This gave us the opportunity to reflect on the day. Well, done boys you really make me so proud when listening to you all supporting one another. Let's hope we get some more sessions in before the winter.



St. Bede's Players - Key Stage 3 Drama Club

Our brand new drama club for Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils was launched this half term, and is growing week by week. We now have 21 members meeting in the Studio on Thursday lunchtimes to play drama games and participate in improvisation activities and scripted drama.

Pupils wishing to join the club should contact Mr. Keown or come along to the Studio at 1.10pm on a Thursday. Places are now limited.



Environmental campaigner both old and young to plan together

On Thursday 14th October the Laudato Si Environment Group met for a working lunch with members of the St Anne's Environment group to plan for the COP26 Prayer Vigils to be held on the 3rd and 10th November.



An invitation to COP26 St Bede's Prayer Vigil

As you may be aware, COP 26, the United Nations climate summit takes place this November 2021 in Glasgow. These talks are of vital importance. It is possibly one of the last opportunities for the nations of the world to ensure that the Paris Agreement of 2015 results in meaningful and just global climate action, ensuring that global warming remains well below the 2 degrees that scientists say must not be breached.

Recognising the vital importance of these talks, we are planning two ecumenical prayer services at St Anne's Catholic Church in Ormskirk. School. The purpose of these Prayer Vigils is to give people time to stop, reflect, and pray at a time when crucial decisions are being made. There are four key goals for COP 26 and it is our hope that people will take the opportunity to visit the church and pray for positive progress in each of these areas. They include countries providing more ambitious climate plans, adaptation measures to protect the environment, agreeing on finance to support poorer countries and agreeing a rule-book to guide their future collaboration.

We understand how important these talks are and we desperately want to see leaders and diplomats united in their determination to address these goals and move forwards. In addition to the practical steps we can do as individuals to protect our environment, we also recognise the power of prayer in the successful outcome of the conference. We would very much like to invite you, at your convenience, to join us in prayer. Our prayer service is an ecumenical event and we have invited all local churches, we very much look forward to coming together as one family. All members of our wider community are welcome. Our Laudato Si group, who are planning the event, recognise the power of prayer.

"We are praying for a better future for ourselves and the environment. This is an opportunity to pray that God gives the World Leaders the strength and courage to do the right thing and make the best decisions to help heal our world. "

If you would like to take a moment out of your day to stop, reflect and pray for the success of the talks you can join us at St Anne's Church on Wednesday 3rd November at any time between 3pm and 7pm. There will be a further vigil on Wednesday 10th November, from 5pm-6pm. Please call in for as much time as you can spare and help us storm heaven with our prayers.

Prayer for Cops26

The Sun is always falling

The moon is always rising

The day is always sleeping

and so it seems are we.

The climate is advancing

The leaders are gathering

Our common home is deteriorating

we are its disease

We can decide to be its cure.

Pray for Cop 26

Pray for change.

By Carys - Year 9

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award

Year 9

Just a quick reminder to all of you that the first meeting for those who are on the list for Bronze is on Nov 3rd at 7:30 pm until 9pm over at the centre.

For those who did not make the meeting last night could you please bring with you either a cheque (payable to St Anne's church) or cash for £50 as payment towards receiving your registration.

If any of you have changed your mind and you are on the list but don't want to do it please let me know ASAP.

Any other questions you or your parents have please just email me.

Good luck with it!

Mrs Turpin



Join the pilgrimage to Lourdes

Young people aged 15-22 from all over the Liverpool Archdiocese travel to Lourdes each year in pilgrimage and as an act of service. Year 11 + can apply to be part of this in 2022. If anyone has any questions or would like to express an interest, please see Mrs Glover or Mr Oakley.

<https://www.liverpool Lourdes youth.co.uk/>

Outstanding football teams dominate West Lancs

So far this year, the Y7 Football team are undefeated in the league. They have shown a tremendous attitude and ability. Their football club has also allowed for all students to play football at school regardless of their ability or experience.

Our Y8 Football team are still undefeated and remain on an 8 game winning streak. The team has an incredible 6 players who are at academies, they are as follows:

Lewis Evans - Everton

Dylan Morrisson- Burnley

Alex Rotherham- Wigan

Lucas Tobin- Wigan

Harry Doherty- Bolton

Dylan Jenkins- Preston

We look forward to hearing about their continued success as the year progresses!

The Laudato Si programme continues

The Laudato Si Global Student Leadership Award is a unique programme which encourages students to follow Pope Francis' call for us to be missionary disciples. Many students have been gaining points towards the award by completing tasks. The tasks relate the what the students are learning in the classroom to the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Students who complete these tasks are credited with 5 Class Chart points for demonstrating Global Student leadership by relating their own learning to the wider world. Each LSGSLA task is credited with the LSGSLA Home and School Award.

An example of some great work is shown in Sophie's work which she emailed (below) to Frau Williams:

Hi Frau Williams,

I have attached the LSGSLA tasks for this half term that I have completed. They are based around goal 4 (quality education).

Thanks, Sophie

GOAL FOUR: Quality Education

1. Research into how Gender/disability issues are dealt with in French or German Schools.

In the past, there were reports about gender inequality in French schools. The French education minister, Vincent Peillon, launched a project with 500 schools in September 2013. It was called the 'ABCD of equality', encouraging no gender discrimination from an early age. Since 1970 the French education system has been promoting equality of opportunity.

2. How do German or French schools provide vocational training

Vocational training is provided in french schools, and has traditionally been one of France's main priorities to provide lifelong education and training. In the French education system, there's Nursery, Primary, Lower Secondary, Upper Secondary and Higher Education. After the first two years of secondary education, students either enter a general or vocational path. which provides the specific skills for those following their vocation. This system works well, because in 1993 about 85% of French 17-year-olds were engaged in post-

compulsory education of some sort, and so many French students follow their vocation through the vocational training.

While at home, Padraig kept up his Laudato Si work and emailed this to Mr Holt:

Good afternoon, Sir.

I have to stay at home because I have Covid so I have done one of the Laudato Si Global award tasks.

I have created a collage of different sports from around the world.

It is attached to this email.

Thank you

Padraig



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