

WHAT'S THE LATEST FROM ST BEDE'S?

Let's make this an advent season to remember!

Don't forget, you can keep up to date with all our latest news via our various social media platforms which can be viewed here: <https://www.sbchs.co.uk/social-media-links/>.

Bede's Reciprocal Reading Programme is a hit

St. Bede's were selected to participate in a bespoke reading programme which is a structured approach to teaching reading in small groups designed to be delivered over at least two terms, once per week for 30 minutes per session. To help us understand the impact of the reading programme on Year 7 pupils, researchers from the School of Social Sciences, Education and Social Work at Queen's University Belfast are working closely with our staff to monitor the effectiveness of this programme. Recent feedback has been very promising for St. Bede's and the quality of our students' responses has been commended. We have been informed that examples of our work here in St. Bede's will be included in this prestigious training programme for other schools.



More reading action...

Book Reviews

We are looking for brilliant book reviews to display in the LRC so fellow pupils can be inspired on what to read next! Please see your English teacher for a book review template or write your own if you prefer.

We have some vouchers to award for the best reviews- we can't wait to see what you've been reading and whether you would recommend them!

Lancashire Book of the Year 2022

I am delighted to announce that we have been chosen as a judging school towards choosing the Lancashire Book of the Year 2022! We will be receiving free books for students to take away and read before certain deadlines. More information will be shared soon but, in the meantime, please see your English teacher if you would be interested in receiving one of the books to read as part of the judging process.

Reading and Creative Writing Club- Friday lunchtimes

This new club offers the choice of reading quietly or responding to a creative writing prompt to allow you to experiment with different styles and channel your thoughts and feelings into written expression. There are plenty of creative writing competitions aimed at secondary school age students so these will be advertised in the clubs and I will submit them on your behalf. We have had several creative writing winners over the last few years so the next winner could be you!

Congratulations to Sophie Orledge who entered a Young Writers Halloween-themed poetry competition and won! Sophie received a book and some chocolate. This is the second creative writing competition she has had success in this term!

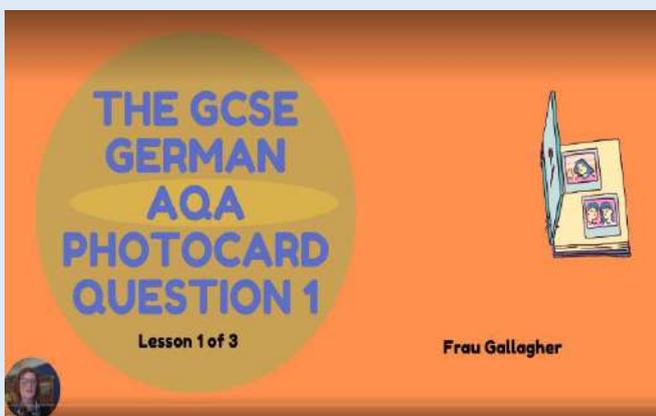
Room 8 - Friday lunchtimes - 13:10-13:35

This club is just one of several extra-curricular clubs we offer in the English department along with British Sign Language Club on Wednesdays and Drama on Thursdays and more.

What's been happening in our Languages Department?

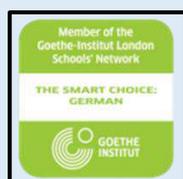
Calling all our pupils who study a language!

Check your emails as you have been invited to a shared folder of videos with voice recordings created by Mrs Gallagher. These videos cover a range of topic areas, cultural aspects of the language and grammar. They can be used as support with aspects of your learning, or for extra challenge and extension, if you feel like learning a new aspect of the language!



EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES COMPETITION winners

To celebrate this year's European Day of Languages, we ran a "languages for wellness" competition. We were inspired to run this competition as we are members of the Goethe-Institut Learning Network and it is making "Gesundheit - Health" a focus this term.



The Institut-français has done similar projects in recent months as it is such an important part of school life, as we all know.

Speaking another language and exploring different cultures can be a life-enhancing experience and have a positive impact on our health and wellbeing. It can help broaden our horizons, build new friendships, make going on future holidays more fun and lead to opportunities to study or work abroad in the future. We asked pupils to submit a photo or image of what language learning means to you and your health and wellbeing.

WINNERS

Both entries were from pupils in 8W1 French!

One is in German from **Michael Gerard** and the other is Danish from **Charlotte Mawtus!** We were so proud of you, well done!



YOUTHBRIDGE WINNERS

The German Youthbridge Education Trust ran an award to encourage pupils to make a project which explored a topic concerning Germany. We are very proud of the winners who were picked by the association, not us at St Bede's!

All three winners received a beautiful Dorling Kindersley Eyewitness Guide to Germany as well as:

£50 for Amber Wells who won the 1st prize

£20 for Iris Fearon who came 2nd

and £20 for Joseph Ritson who came 3rd

Sehr gut gemacht!!!! 😊

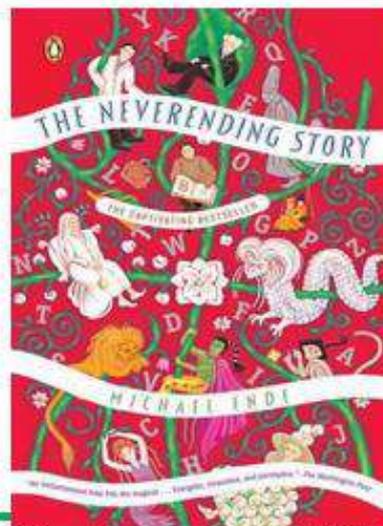


Year 8 French

Year 8 pupils have been learning to describe their house and where they live. Have a look at some of these lovely trioramas created by 8w2 and 8w3.



Literacy in Languages



The Neverending Story by German author Michael Ende is about a boy who is bullied at school. He makes friends with the owner of a book shop, who shows him an ancient book which has magical but dangerous properties. Bastian borrows the book and is drawn into the mythical land of Fantasia, which desperately needs a hero to save it from destruction. Will Bastian be the boy to save Fantasia?

Harry Potter fans should borrow this book from the LRC!

Languages at the heart of learning



Literacy matters in MFL

Language Ambassadors

Our Language Ambassadors in MFL are busy preparing for the German Christmas Market on 3rd December.



If you would like to be a Language Ambassador, please chat to your subject teacher about the kinds of events and activities they are involved in and the level of commitment required.

Russian Club

We now have two groups every Tuesday lunchtime! Beginners with Frau Williams in N4 and Advanced with Mrs Gallagher in in N3. New pupils always welcome.



Calling all Year 11 pupils:

Our after school study sessions continue every Tuesday. They will be held with your subject teacher in their room. There are snacks! Please come along as soon and as often as you can!

Need a little extra help?

Come along to our lunchtime drop-in sessions on Monday and Thursday lunchtimes. Whether you need 2 minutes or 20 minutes, come along! Everyone is welcome!



Calling KS4



FOR GCSE PUPILS ONLY, Seneca Learning offers very in -depth home learning /revision which is closely linked to the two GCSE textbooks we use for French and German, and pupils can compete with peers online!

See below for your class codes:

Year 10 and 11

French

www.senecalearning.com Year 10 French Class Code: t0sngxxhzo

www.senecalearning.com Year 11 French Class Code: 1uyx6e0t91

German

[www.memrise.com /group/425816/](http://www.memrise.com/group/425816/)

www.senecalearning.com Year 11 German Class Code: 70edc9k0qr

FOR ALL PUPILS:

www.atantot.com (lots of games)

username: bede1 password: 1953

www.language-gym.com (grammar exercises)

Keep following us on INSTAGRAM, and please comment on our posts. We love hearing from pupils and parents.

[@stbedesormskirkmfl](https://www.instagram.com/stbedesormskirkmfl)



Bede's runners lead the way

Daniel Liggat from year 8 ran a superb race and won the boys' year 8 and 9 category convincingly. It was an outstanding performance from him and incredible for him to beat boys from the year above as well!

Ella Galligan and Suzie Owens, both from year 10, had a fantastic race in the girls' year 10/11 category. They fought to the bitter end against each other, with Ella just managing to make it over the line into first place.

All the students that represented St. Bede's were fantastic and an absolute credit to the school. Well done!!



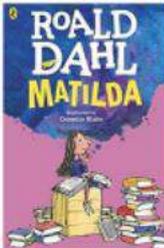
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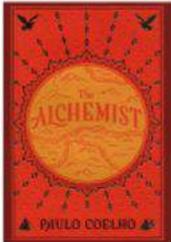
GRITTY SKILL FOCUS:
Challenge your thinking.
 ✓ *What could you do this week to explore different aspects of your thinking?*

Miss Ferries' reading recommendations:

If you are in Year 7, 8 or 9 you might like...



If you are in Year 10 or 11 you might like...



Here are just some of the activities you might do in class. How are you using your tenacity skills?

- **Flipped learning**
- **Peer assessment**
- **Group roles**
- **Teach each other**

GRITTY NEWSLETTER. 29/11/2021

A whole new language

Miss McDowall has started a British Sign Language Club which is gaining popularity at school. The students have been going over old signs they have learnt in previous weeks, looking back over the colours and the alphabet. This week we have also been looking at hobbies and creating full sentences to say what they enjoy doing. We looked at 'I like swimming' (swimming I like), 'I like reading books' ('books reading I

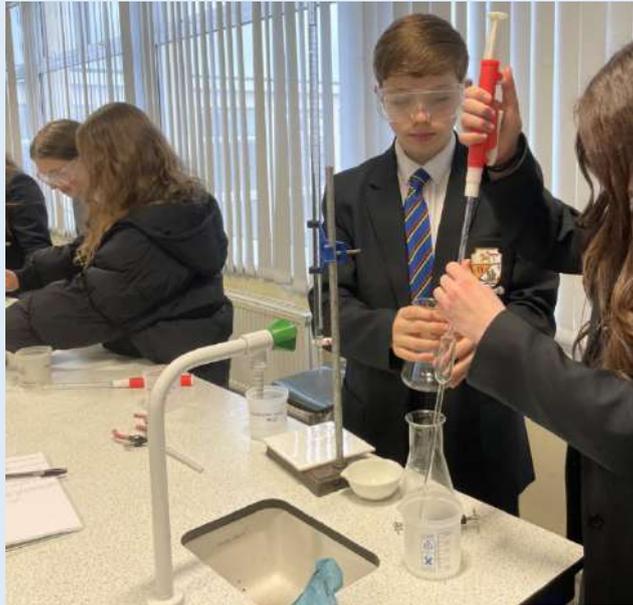
like) 'I like Tennis' (tennis I like) and 'I like going to the cinema' (going cinema I like). The students are loving learning new phrases and can communicate with each other now using sign language.

Each picture has the name of the sign or phrase they are doing. Tayla and Emily in year 11 are signing their initials.



Science shots

Here are some action shots of some Science lessons this week. Mrs Tilson has been carrying out experiments with her Year 10 group. Here they are investigating neutralisation using universal indicator paper and making a pure dry salt from a soluble base using a titration.



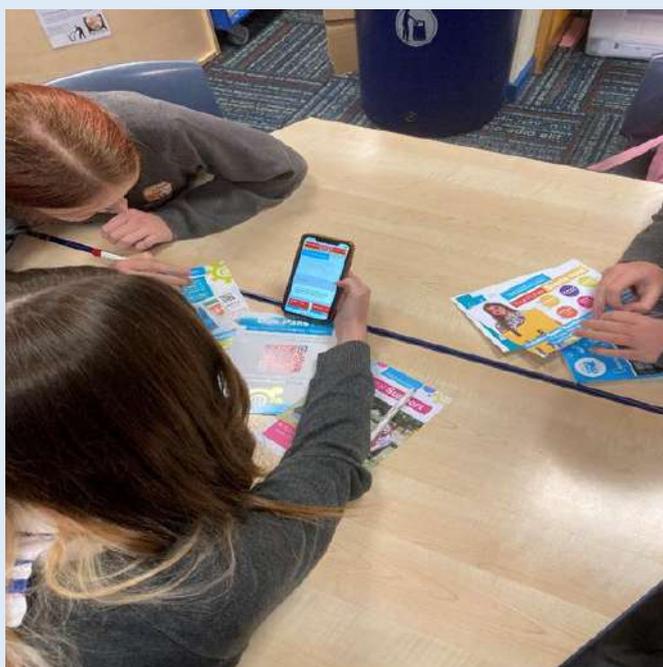
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DROP IN AT LUNCHTIME

The lunch drop ins are still very busy. Y11 attend regularly to ask questions and pick up the relevant literature. All the college representatives say that they are very happy with the attendance and mature approach our pupils take!



This week some pupils were able to try out the new technology that Runshaw have introduced to find out about transport. The Q reader worked really well!



Patrick gets the party started

St Bede's Year 11 student, Patrick Armstrong, recently headlined at Future Yard, Birkenhead performing an hour-long DJ set.

Future Yard is one of the most exciting new music venues in the UK, providing an opportunity for emerging local musicians and performers to showcase their talents. Performing in the venue's café space, Patrick played to pretty much a full house and was also cheered on by his family members.

In fact, Patrick impressed Future Yard so much that they've invited him back to DJ a Saturday evening slot.

When he leaves St Bede's, Patrick is hoping to study Music Production and Performance at the Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts (LIPA) and to go on and work in the music industry.



St Bede's team hands it to the opposition!

The year 9 and 10 girls handball team won the West Lancashire tournament last week! They all put in a fantastic performance and were undefeated on the night! The team were Evie Maher, Isabelle Doran, Charlotte Walsh (GK), Suzie Owens, Lily McCracken, Ella Galligan, Hollie Niblock and Aimee Coy. A huge well done to all!



Get involved at St Bede's with Extra-Curricular

	Morning clubs	Lunchtime 3G Astro Turf 1:00pm - 1:30pm	After School 3:15 – 4.30pm unless stated
Monday		Mr Dawson Year 8 Girls Badminton All years Sports Hall Miss Gray	Year 7,8,9 Trampoline Sports Hall (Carlos) 3.15pm - 4:30pm Running Club All Years (Mrs Cheston) Boys Rugby Club Years 7 & 8 Mr Lloyd Girls Football Club All Years (Miss Gray) 3G Astro Table Tennis Club All years – (Mr Dawson)
Tuesday		Mr Lloyd Year 7	Girls Handball Club Years 8-11 (Mrs Longson/Miss Gray) Sports hall Hockey All Years Mrs Turpin/Mr Oakley 3G Astro Year 7 Dance GVM
Wednesday	Circuit Training 7:55am – 8:25am All years Mr Dawson	Mr Cookson Year 11	Years 8-11 Netball Club (Mrs Longson) Sports hall/Courts Year 7&8 Boys Football Club ITQ Sports Coaching 3G Astro Living for Sport Inclusion Club – Invitation Only Mr Lloyd
Thursday		Mr Doolan Year 10 Year 7&8 Boys Rugby Hockey All Years St Helen's RLFC Coach	Basketball Club – Girls & Boys Years 7, 8 & 9 Drmskirk Saints Coach Sports hall Year 9,10,11 Boys Football Club 3G Astro Mr Murphy, Mr Danton & Mr Doolan
Friday	Circuit Training 7:55am – 8:25am All years Mr Lloyd	Mrs Turpin Year 9	

Club	Day	Staff
Sports Clubs & Sports Teams	Refer to PE extra- curricular timetable	GGR JLO PDA RLL LTU MOA SCD HCH TMU MDO PDE
Dream Team	See Jacinta	JBR
Laudato Si Environment Group –	Thursday lunch	AHO
Russian	Tuesday lunch	EGA DWI
Sign Language	Wednesday lunch	LMC
Choirs	See Music dept	AMC SMO
Guitar Club	Tuesday lunch	SMY
Key board Club	Friday lunch	SMY
Gardening Angels Club	See Mr Holt	AHO
ROAR - AHO	Tuesday after school	AHO
Art Club	See Art dept	EMI HBY
Drama Club	See Mr Keown	MKE
Science Club - MOA	See Science dept	MOA
Year 7 Lunch Club - SCD	Thursday lunch	SCD
Coding club	Tuesday after school	NCO
Homework club	Mon – Fri lunch Tues & Thurs after school	TA's

Students have their voice at first council meeting

This week I was delighted to speak to our school council. They asked questions about improving the toilets, litter on the yard and other matters important to them. Their questions were rightly challenging and their thoughts will be taken to our leadership meetings. We will look to improve these aspects of school moving forward.



Jack continues to be a driving force

Jack Birch competed over two days at Anglesey Race Circuit for the last event of the season, driving his first night stage in terrible wet conditions. Jack drove really well over both days and gained more confidence on each stage. At the end of the weekend Jack finished in 7th place. The points from all events were calculated and Jack finished 7th place in the championship. An amazing achievement for his first competitive year.



Karate success across the year groups

Annie Molloy in year 7 took part in a Karate competition this weekend and came third, winning a bronze medal. She was competing against 14–15-year-olds, which is an amazing achievement.



A few other students competed in this competition as well. Noah Marston-Yim won the under-15 fighting category and Mr Marston-Yim bagged himself a bronze in the adult fighting category. Annie's brothers Michael and Ryan (ex St Bede's students) continue to do wonders representing GB and winning a number of international tournaments.

Year 7 Girls Football

The year 7 girls had their first competitive experience as a team this year and did not disappoint at all. They were runners up in the West Lancashire Schools tournament and they were extremely unlucky not to gain first place. The team worked very well together and were unbeaten throughout the tournament. They didn't even concede a goal!!

Keep up the fantastic work girls, your hard work is paying off.



Living for sports students win!

Our Living for Sport students had two successful teams in a Boccia and Curling competition, and both finished top spot in West Lancashire. Mr Lloyd shared his pride with me about the effort and application of the students. We could not be prouder of you all.



Music alive again at St Bede's

Pupils in the music clubs are working extra hard in preparation to record their music for the Christmas celebrations.

It's never too late to start! After Christmas, just come along to the music department on the appropriate day and join in.

No auditions!





Year 7 Choir
Monday

Senior choir
Tuesday

Chamber Choir
Wednesdays

Guitar Club
Tuesday

Keyboard Club
Friday

It's never too late to join – just come along on the day or have a chat/email Mrs McMurray or Sarah Monteith. You'll not regret it!

PERIPATETIC MUSIC LESSONS AT ST. BEDE'S

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noun 1. a person who travels from place to place, especially a teacher who works in more than one school or college.

We are delighted to be able to offer the following music lessons with our experienced musicians:

Paul Thomas: Woodwind Instruments eg- Clarinet, Saxophone and Flute

Shaun Geldart: Guitar (acoustic and electric) and Ukulele

Mark Howard: Drums

Sarah Monteith: Piano, Singing and Theory

Lessons are tailored to suit the specific needs and abilities of each pupil. Graded examinations are available, and pupils are encouraged to perform both in and out of school. If your chosen instrument is not listed, please let us know.

If you would like your son or daughter to have music lessons please email s.monteith@sbchs.co.uk or a.mcmurray@sbchs.co.uk, include your child's name and form, which instrument they would like to learn and whether you would prefer individual or paired tuition, and I will forward your details directly to the teacher.

Sarah Monteith



Mark Howard





Paul Thomas
(Woodwind)



Sean Geldart
(Guitar & Ukulele)



Here are some pictures from year 7 music lessons with Mr Marston-Yim. The pupils have been learning all about rhythm, beat and the elements of music.

Have a look them creating 'Pencil Case Compositions' using only the contents of their pencil cases to create fantastic music!





Gardening Angels hard at work

The Gardening Angels Preparation for Spring 2021

The Gardening Angels have been very active this Autumn. Over 700 bulbs had been planted over the last term by pupils in years 7 to 11. These plants are part of the school's response to Cop 26 Glasgow Climate change conference in November. They were planted so that there will be bee-friendly plants ready for early spring such as snowdrops, daffodils, crocus, and alliums.



The Gardening Angels had been clearing the ivy and other plants from the sensory garden ready for planting up in the spring.



Also, in the Laudato Si sensory garden the school environment group have been putting up bird feeders made out of recycled plastic bottles, to help support the wildlife through the winter. They have had to be refilled several times so the birds are receiving some much-needed nutrition in the cold winter months.





Amazing Art



Year 9 have worked extremely hard on their extend the image work. They have been learning about the Austrian artist and architect Friedensreich Hundertwasser. They have developed their painting skills when using watercolours and developed their knowledge and understanding of colour theory and colour mixing. I'm really looking forward to seeing the finished pieces which I'll hopefully share with you in the next blog.







Year 8 have been glazing their bisque fired clay cakes this week. They have learnt how to apply the glazes and about firing the clay work in the kiln. We are hoping these will be finished in time for Christmas gifts. The clay cakes will have a shiny finish to them and will look beautiful adorning your mantelpiece!







Year 7 – Indian ink





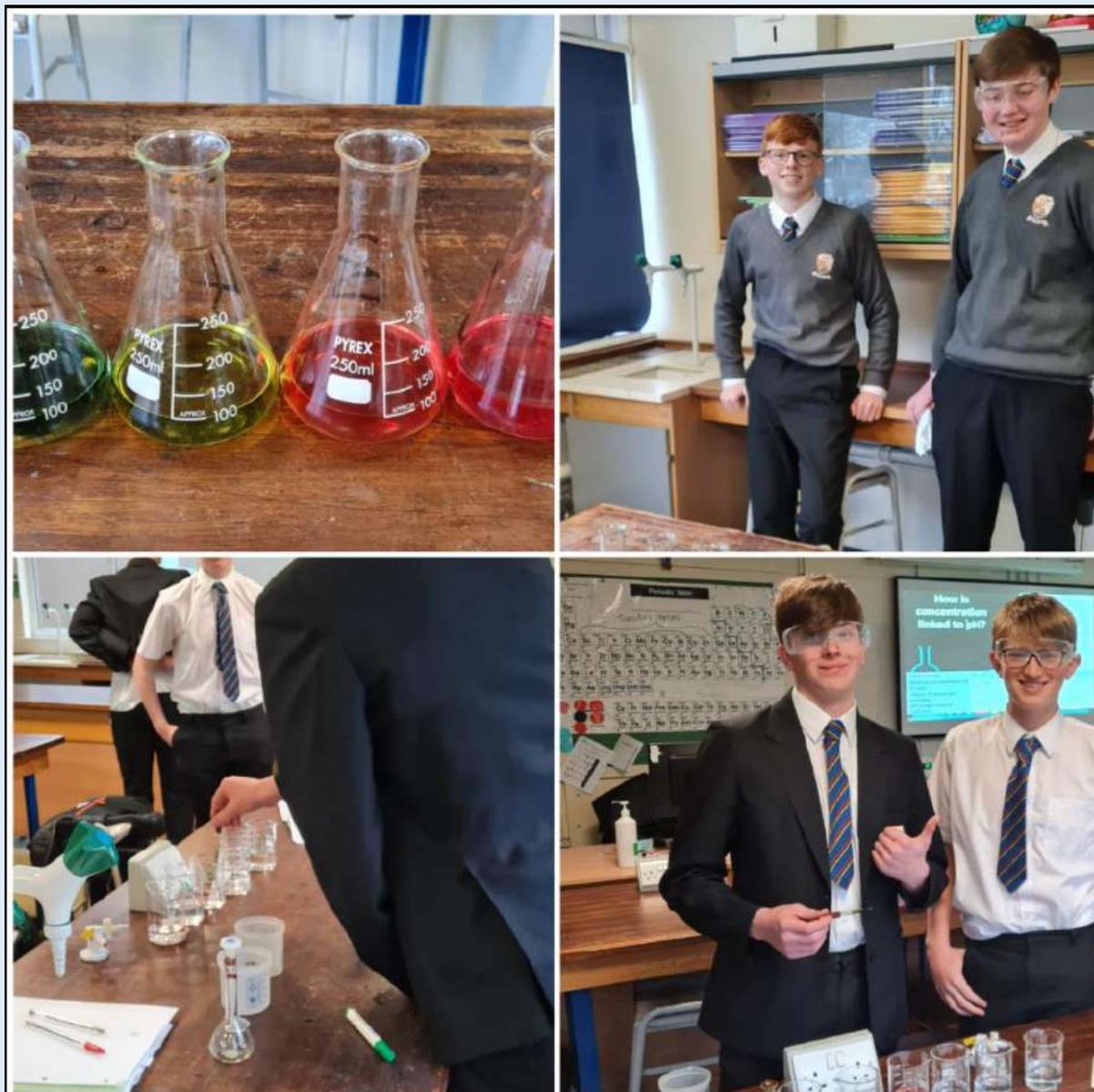


Year 10





Acid experiments in science



Year 10 have been learning about concentration of acids and different indicator types. The return to normal lessons in school has meant that we can resume great science lesson like this one.

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