

WHAT'S THE LATEST FROM ST BEDE'S?

Our Christmas break has arrived

It is with great pleasure that I am sharing our Christmas blog with you. I hope that the blog has kept you updated as to the wide variety of activities, events, and opportunities that our students have been involved with. I am very grateful to Miss Ferries who proofreads the blog each fortnight along with Mrs Smith & Mr Hefferan who help with distribution and uploading each week. I am also very grateful to our magnificent staff team who contribute so regularly to the blog. Without their input and dedication, we simply would not have the school we do. A simple Christmas gift you could offer them is to send them a quick email (admin@sbchs.co.uk) acknowledging anything specific they have done to support your child or the school more widely. 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/>.

Festive feeling in Art Club

Year 7 have been attending a Christmas art club on a Monday lunchtime. Over the last few weeks, they have made either a clay cross for their walls at home, or a clay Christmas tree decoration. As well as this, they have made their own Christmas tree using recycled cardboard. It has been a colourful and fun filled few weeks.



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 GYM
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 3GAstro 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 Denton & 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 Key board Club	Tuesday lunch Friday lunch	SMY 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

Lancashire Book of the Year 2022

Our allocation of 30 books (out of the 92 on the Lancashire longlist) have arrived in school to be taken away, read, and reviewed as a part of the judging process to choose Lancashire's book of the year. Amelia Mather in Year 8 has already read two books in the space of a week!

Books are being read and returned already so if a title you want isn't currently available, check back regularly.

The first review meeting will be held (either virtually or in person- to be confirmed) on the **24th January 2022**, where you will be able to provide your opinions on the book(s) you've read. All books need to each be read by at least two students by the **28th March**, when the shortlist will be compiled by us and the other participating Lancashire schools.

This picture shows 12 of our 30 books:



CHRISTMAS HOCKEY



Christmas dinner is served

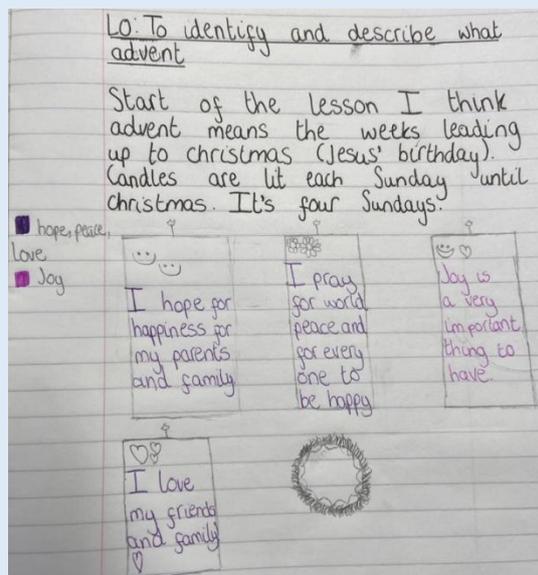
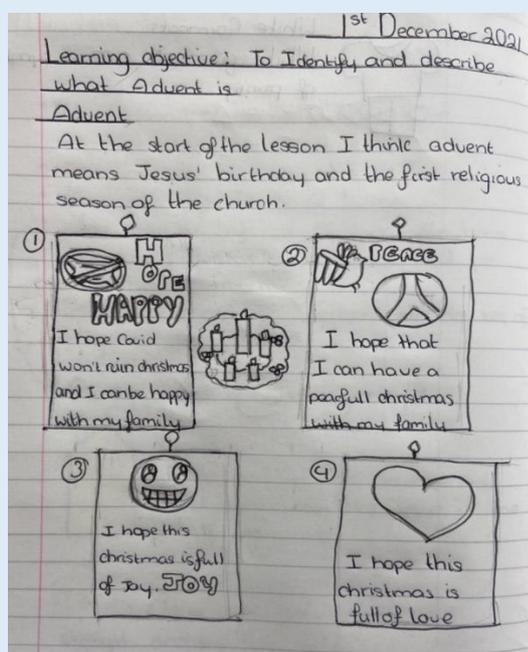
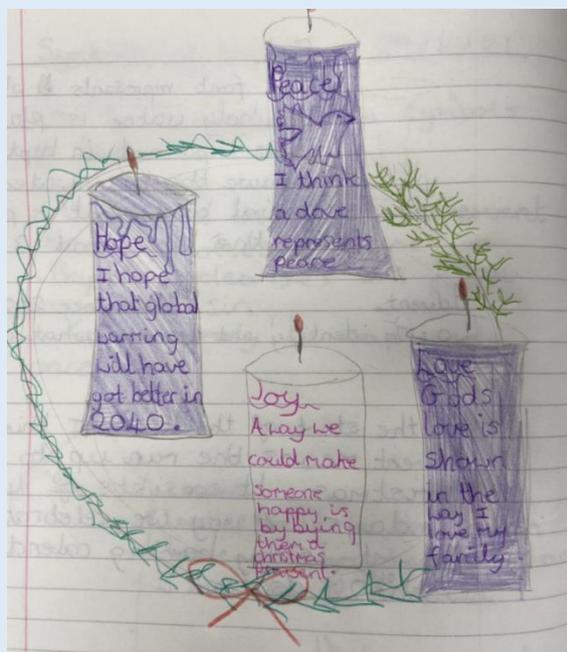
Our students enjoyed two days of Christmas dinners. For our younger students, it was their first experience of this festive treat. For our older students, namely the Year 11s, it was their last ever Christmas dinner at St Bede's! A good time was had by all with Christmas tunes and the mandatory Christmas crackers.





Year 7 study Advent

Mrs Glover's class have been studying the meaning of the advent season. She told me, 'We have been studying advent and pupils were given the task of drawing the advent wreath and explaining the meaning of each candle and the significance of hope, peace, joy and love in their lives'. Here are some examples of the students' work:



MFL News

Well done to our Year 11 pupils!

Our year 11 linguists have just come to the end of two very hard weeks of mock exams, including a pretty nerve-wracking speaking exam for MFL, so we wish them all a great time and a big rest this Christmas.

We hope to resume our revision sessions on Tuesdays after school in the New Year!

Our German Christmas Market 2021

The German Christmas Market was a fantastic success and a great time was had by all! We were so pleased that this event could go ahead and our Year 7 and 8 pupils could experience this for the first time at St Bede's! We cannot thank our wonderful Dream Team and Language Ambassadors for their help and a donation has been made to the Dream Team for their future projects. We hope you enjoy all the Christmas treats and trinkets you bought for yourselves, friends and loved ones. 😊







Sankt Nikolaustag

Lots of our year 7 German classes had fun celebrating Sankt Nikolaustag!

On the night of December 5th, in small communities in Austria and the Catholic regions of Germany, a man

dressed as der Heilige Nikolaus (St. Nicholas, who resembles a bishop and carries a staff) goes from house to house to bring small gifts to the children. In some places today, children still leave their Schuhe oder

Stiefel by the window or the door the night before. They awaken the next day to discover kleine Geschenke and Schokolade stuffed into the shoes, left by St. Nicholas! We tried it out with year 7 who had a little sleep in class while St. Nicholas worked his magic!



ASK Ecumenical Centre

Some year 9 pupils and four year 7 pupils have written cards and made some audio videos to welcome a family of asylum seekers to the area. We put some Christmas goodies from the German Christmas Market in with the cards, too. The family we wrote to come originally from Ethiopia but speak some German after having sought refuge there. Now in Lancashire, they are having to get to grips with learning yet another language. We thought we would cheer them up with some lovely greetings and welcomes in German.

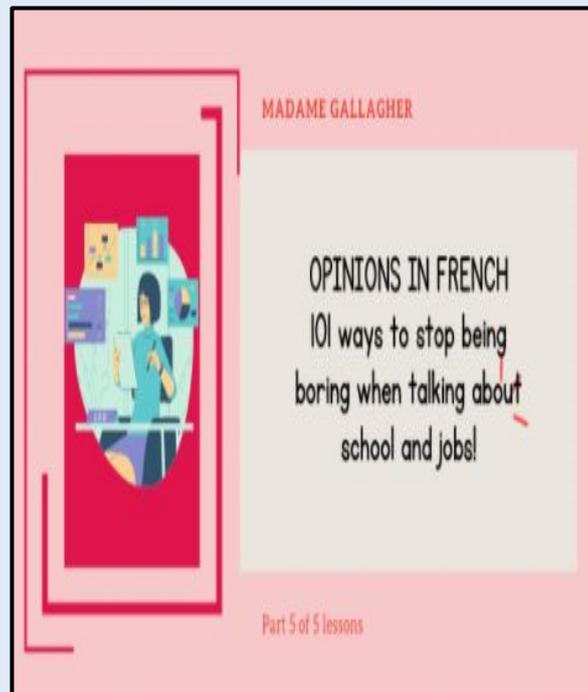
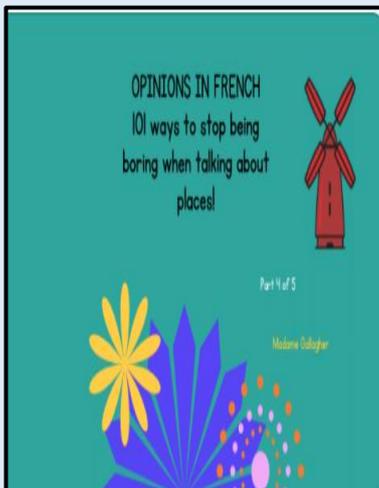
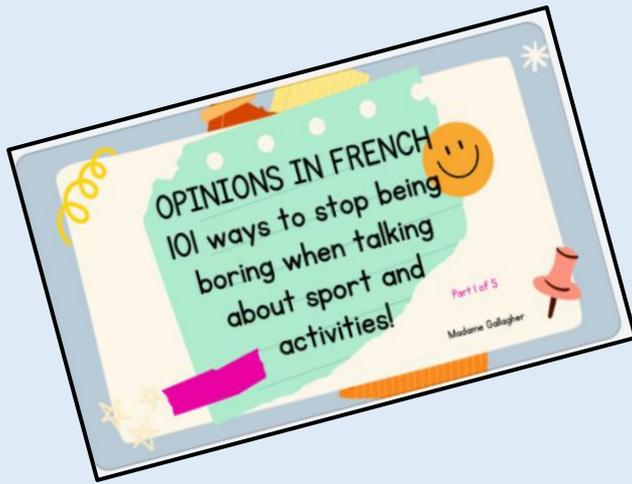


Calling all our pupils who study a language!

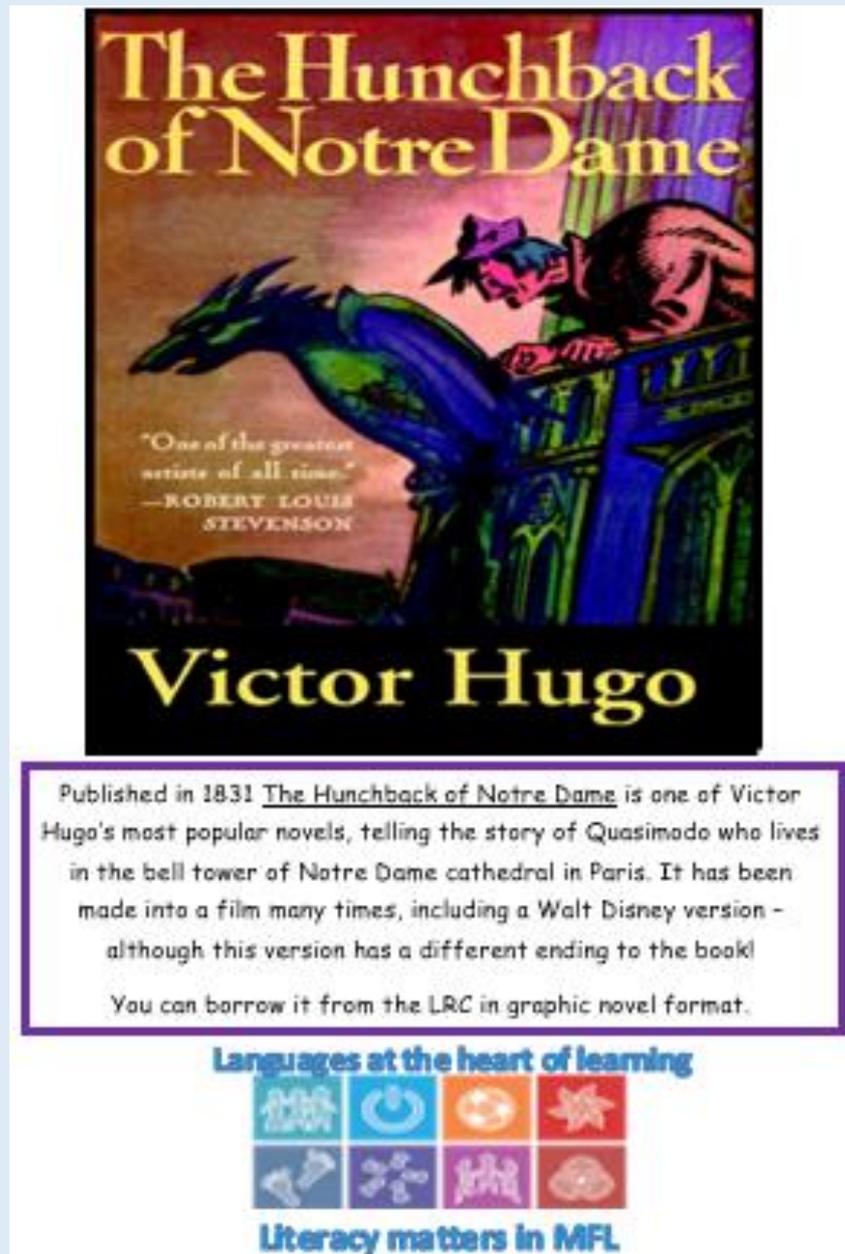
Keep checking your emails and shared folder of videos with voice recordings created by Mrs Gallagher.

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!

The most recent additions include short sessions on how to be less boring when giving opinions in French!



Our book of the month for December



Language Ambassadors

Our Language Ambassadors in MFL, who were so fantastic helping us with our German Christmas Market preparation, have now started on the activities for the new year. Keep your eyes peeled as we will be selling tickets for a special event very soon!



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 is with Frau Williams in N4 and Advanced is with Mrs Gallagher in in N3. New pupils are always welcome.



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

@stbedesormskirkmfl

Frohe Weihnachten and Joyeux Noël to one and all!



Winners all round at St Bede's

Our PE team have created an inclusive PE programme open to all students. We have seen a huge rise in participation numbers which is great to see. On Monday 13th December, we held our 'in-house' table tennis tournament for a boys and girls. Over 40 competitors from all year groups.



Lucus Hogan (Year 8) won the Year 8 and 9 competition while Charlie Williams (Year 9) won the 9,10 and 11 competition. It was wonderful to see so many students getting involved.

The Year 11 boys' football team were victorious in their Round 2 Lancashire Cup match on Tuesday 14th December, 2-0 winners against St Wilfrid's of Blackburn.



Year 8 History

At the end of the unit of work on the Atlantic Slave trade, Year 8 have also been relating what they have been learning to the modern context. In several lessons Year 8 have been exploring the nature of modern-day slavery.

Here are some of the power points and posters they have created.

Modern day Slavery



A long time ago, Slavery was a big thing. Millions of slaves died throughout the act of slavery. Luckily slavery doesn't happen as much now, but it doesn't mean that it doesn't still exist.

There are many types of modern day slavery, these include:
forced labour, sex trafficking,
forced child labour, bonded labour
and more.



Luckily, people are trying to help! They have created a modern day slavery helpline and the police are investigating cases. We need to help stop modern slavery!



**modern
slavery
helpline**
08000 121 700

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Modern day slavery

- Modern slavery is a multibillion dollar industry with just the forced labor aspect generating £5150 billion each year. The Global Slavery Index (2018) estimated that roughly 40.3 million individuals are currently caught in modern slavery, with 72% of those being female, and 1.1m being children.
- Modern forms of slavery can include debt bondage, where a person is forced to work for free to pay off a debt, child slavery, forced marriage, domestic servitude and forced labour, where victims are made to work through violence and intimidation.

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Forms of modern day slavery

- Human trafficking ...
- Forced labour ...
- Debt bondage/forced labour ...
- Descent-based slavery ...
- Slavery of children ...
- Forced and early marriage.

Stop slavery

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Modern slavery is present in every single area of the UK. The number of people identified as victims of modern slavery has been rising year on year, with over 10,000 people referred to authorities in 2019. The real number of people trapped in slavery is estimated to be much higher. Slavery is more rampant now than it has ever been.



- There are more enslaved laborers than trafficked sex slaves.
- One-fourth of the slave population consists of children.
- Forty-six percent of people know their trafficker.



Slaves are cheaper than they used to be, and therefore disposable.

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What is Modern Slavery?

- Sex Trafficking.
- Child Sex Trafficking.
- Forced Labour.
- Bonded Labour or Debt Bondage.
- Domestic Servitude.
- Forced Child Labour.



Countries That Still Have Slavery 2021

Country	Estimated Number of Slaves 2021	Population
India	18,400,000	1,393,409,038
China	3,400,000	1,444,216,107
Pakistan	2,100,000	225,199,937
Bangladesh	1,500,000	166,303,498



Organized gangs keep slaves for personal needs or keep women for prostitution this can make people depressed and being enslaved can reduce their life chances

Year 9s enjoy confirmation evening

A number of Year 9 students were confirmed, 54 in total, in St. Anne's Church on the Thursday 9th December. The ceremony was led by Bishop Tom Williams, ably supported by Father Godric. Due to Covid restrictions the pupils should have received the sacrament last year, whilst in Year 8, however, it had been postponed to this year. The school and the Religious Education Department played their part in preparing the students for the sacrament. The pupils were involved in three sessions in school and a final session held in the church. The parish was also involved by providing the excellent music on the evening and three of the parish stewards were on hand to arrange where the youngsters, sponsor and family members sat. Mr. Holt, Assistant Head, Jacinta, the chaplain, and Mr. Bourke, Head of R.E. were also present on the evening. After the service, parents expressed their gratitude to the people involved on what was a very Holy and Spiritual evening. Three of the Confirmands, Carys Rankin Mills, Grace Lamont and Heather Corner, kindly volunteered to be readers which they did expertly.

Are your children ready to improve the world?

Hundreds of students at St Bede's have taken part in our Laudato Si programme. It is specific to our school and designed to reflect the learning and actions of students around Sustainable Development Goals. The details of the programme are shown below, please ask your children to get involved at home and in school.

Laudato Si Global Student Leadership Award – Sustainable Development Goals

Laudato Si' is the name of Pope Francis' letter on the environment. The phrase means "praise be to you" and the title is taken from a canticle (or hymn) written by St Francis of Assisi. St Francis is the patron saint of the environment. In this particular letter, the Pope is not just writing to Catholics, but to everyone who lives on Earth, because it is our common home.

Couch award 2 Class Chart points

This is awarded to all pupils studying Sustainable Development Goals that connect to curriculum subjects.

Home and School Award 5 Class Chart points

This is awarded for completing extra subject related tasks that explore the Sustainable Development Goals.

These can be accessed via Class Charts and email. Once you have completed one of the SDG tasks, hand it into your class teacher or student services.

Take part in an educational residential school trip.

For membership of extra-curricular groups for example:

Sports leaders	Science groups	Faith in Action	Music groups /
Choirs	Literacy leaders	ROAR	Year 11
Prefect	DT club	Art Club	MFL clubs
		Eucharistic Ministers	

Community Award 10 Class Chart points

For example:

- School Sports teams who compete against outside teams
- Membership of a school group, team, choir and are recipient of the Home and School Award- +plus contribution to several community events
- Participation on a residential school trip and are recipient of the Home and School Award - + plus publicising their experience via Blog, local media, Q Local, newsletters etc
- Membership of a school group that contributes to the community e.g Duke of Edinburgh Award
- DT club who are recipients of the receive the Home and School Award- + plus several contributions to other community events
- Year 11 who are recipients of the Prefects Home and School Award – +plus involvement in several community activities or events
- Sports leaders who are recipients of the Home and school Award - +plus some community events, e.g primary sports events

Global Award 20 Class Chart points

Senior Students -+ Plus Leading a whole school initiative can earn additional Global CC points



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 whom you would like our school community to pray for let us know via admin@sbchs.co.uk.

God bless,

Mr P Denton, Headteacher