

WHAT'S THE LATEST FROM ST BEDE'S?

Happy half term

The half term has flown by and we are now in the midst of our exam season. The Year 11s have been focused and calm throughout which is wonderful to see. Our younger students have been respectful and quiet as they have moved around the building. As usual, a big thank you goes to our exams officer Mrs Haigh, the site team, the invigilators and everyone else involved for making the exam season run so smoothly. Many of the students benefit from access arrangements which is a real credit to Ms Harris who carries out the screening throughout Key Stage 4 and even Key Stage 3. Well done to all the students and staff involved so far. If the students stay focused and relaxed over the break, they will no doubt see the fruits of the labours come to light in August.

We have had so much sporting success it's difficult to fit it in one blog! Please check out our Twitter feed (@stbedes1957) to see all the winning teams. We have so much more going on that I hope you enjoy reading about in this latest blog.

Oscar & Jimmy fundraise for a great cause

Oscar Rigby and his friend Jimmy Sprung are running 10K to raise money for a cold cot, in memory of Jensen and Theo Rigby. Jensen was born sleeping and Theo was a late miscarriage. When their Mum was in Ormskirk hospital, they allowed Mum and Dad to use the cold cot for the babies. This is to allow the parents more time with their babies.

Oscar, being a great big brother, would like to raise as much money as he can to be able to give back to the hospital so he and his lovely friend Jimmy are running 10k to raise awareness and raise as much money as they can.

Oscar's Mum told me, 'Oscar and Jimmy are so excited to be able to do this to thank Ormskirk for all they did for our two angels, me and our little family. A cold cot is basically a cot that has a built-in refrigerator to keep the cot really cold so parents can spend more time with their baby'.

You can support Oscar & Jimmy by clicking on this link and donating: <https://gofund.me/5530d11f>.



Girls win football tournament

We recently entered two teams into a new District Years 7 and 8 Girls Football tournament which was run by 'Miss Kick' and held at the JMO.

Both teams performed extremely well and demonstrated fantastic attitudes as always. After an unbeaten run in the tournament, team 1 were crowned champions.

Well done to every one of you, you've been amazing. Your dedication to Monday night football has most definitely paid off!!



Shakespeare lives on in Year 9

9SEC were tasked with writing their own version of Sonnet 141 for their homework. They have created some excellent poems. They are very thought-provoking.

Sonnet 141 poem -

Who is that hiding in the deep dark midst?
Do they want to know the secret that I care?
Amongst the confusion I get the gist
I want them to know I'll always be there
It's an unopened secret of undying love
I have always wanted you to be mine
Look at me from the highest clouds above
What we have for each other will always shine
Now you're comfortably sat here
Looking through the best of times and the bad
I have no reason to have any fear
Seeing it through both happy and the sad
Just me and you
Just us two

l'amour que nous partageons (the love we share)

our fate forever sealed within the stars
the celestial joy of two hearts as one
in truth, your eyes conceal the warmth of
the sun and comforting natures alike
the love I share is secret like all dark things
are
the hearts passion for something the mind
despises
the flowers fragrance enshrouded by the dark
day
the moonlight hidden by the infinite hues of
the sky
nor any blessed feeling is wanted by me
nor your adoration to be adorned
nor my ears to be penetrated by your tune
but you and only you is to be mine
so I do love you
because I know no other way

Homework
(sonnet 141)

He fell in-love with her ~~scars~~ scars,
forcing her to love them as well.

She got too comfortable with him,
as she often did in these situations.

In which he gave her no warning before
he made his way out of her life.

He found someone new;
perhaps someone better.

Someone who wasn't visibly broken
or who wasn't covered in ~~scars~~ scars.

He left her a personal scar;
straight from his 'heart'.

One that could've been easily prevented,
if she had kept her guard up and feelings hidden.

-L

Sonnet homework Rose Jackson

I don't want to feel; I don't want to care,
I wish to be unbothered by this plague.
As the weeping child cries, "it is not fair."
I despair - I despise - your inflict of pain.

I don't want to kneel to this absurd snare
I wish I was grounded from this cosmic plain
Yet the tether frays that keeps me there,
Each and every time you call out my name.

As a gut-wrenching pain you crudely
Deliver, your voice unchallenged and free
Yet my mind deceives me - do you allude to me?
I loathe you, I do. I love you, I do.

The same difference: our two halves not right
Leaves me wishing I could return your hate

papillons
a sonnet by Finn Glover

I dreamt of a person who;
Had flowing, beautiful hair
Eyes that shone like a flair
Sincerely, nothing like you.

But here you are
Rambling through my thoughts
My heart a capture
My head distraught

My eyes are desperate to get away from you
Yet my heart remains attached
Sometimes your presence turns me into a statue
Other times my body feels snatched

It feels like my love for you is a prognosis
Which makes me ponder... Do I hate this? Do I love this?

Sonnet 141 rewriting

Mistress of all the dead things I loathe,
who my eyes wash over only in acts of spite

A woman bathed in the same dark pits in which I dove,
the depths of which blocked all sunlight.

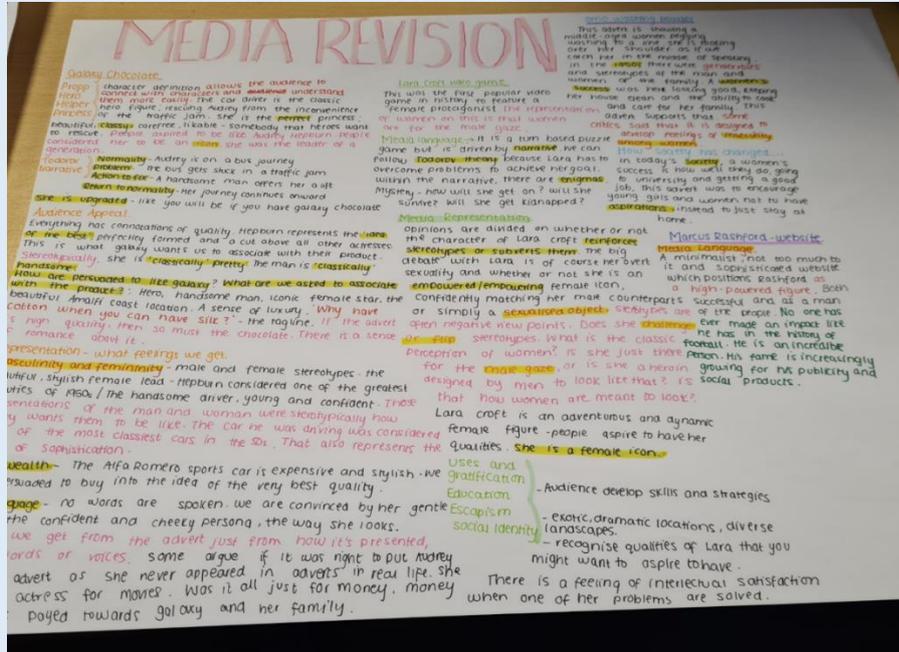
I want to walk with you to that lonely lake
the one which moonlit angels danced upon
and watch as they choke you until my heart aches
then leave your flesh to rot as if we were some elaborate con

But your flaws are not enough to cease my desire,
a cancer living in my lungs inflicted my smoke
inhaled from a rabid tenacious fire
that leaves me weeping as your personal joke

You are my nightmare ravished in gold,
love I only hope I am not stupid enough to hold

Brilliant media revision examples

Year 11 students have been working really hard in all subject areas. Just one example of what this looks like is Alex Kershaw's media revision. The detail and organisation is exactly the type of approach Mr Belger has been championing in his lessons.



Reading Champions

Our second round of Reading Champions have been chosen for this blog for demonstrating a variety of reading skills.

Firstly, we have Theo Jones in Year 7 who has been taking part in the 'Reciprocal Reading' programme lead by Ms. Oates in conjunction with Queens University Belfast. Ms. Oates said that Theo has consistently shown enthusiasm and a lot of effort in his reading and discussion of what he has read during these weekly sessions.

Next, we have Zach Longden Brown in Year 8 who was chosen for a notable increase in the regularity of his reading, his participation in the Literacy Leaders paired reading scheme with Year 10 volunteers, and how Ms. Oates has noticed an improvement in the quality of his reading. Well done!

In Year 9, Ms. Oates has recognised Chloe Richards for consistently working hard in literacy lessons and doing very well in her reading.

Well done to all our reading role models!



More football success

Both our Y7 and Y8 Boys became Lancashire champions after tournaments this month. Their attitude and behaviour are only matched by their performance on the pitch. Well done to all the boys and their managers.





On top of those boys and girls in teams, we have had a really wide extra-curricular sports programme. One such example is the rugby programme with Ormskirk Rugby Union which our students took part in for 6 weeks. These students stayed behind and learnt about this great sport. Well done to everyone who has participated in an after-school sports programme this year.



MFL News

Language Club

In language club, we have been finding out more about Ukraine, and last week talked about the Ukraine Eurovision entry and the meaning behind the lyrics.



разом з Україною (Together with Ukraine).



Y11 Revision

Revision sessions are held every Tuesday after school until the MFL exams have been sat. Come along!

Youthbridge Competition:

Below are details below about a competition that pupils at St Bede's enter every year and we wondered if you would like to try this year?



It is from the British-German Association and there is a Youthbridge DEAKIN Award for Excellence in German 2021-2022. If you want to enter, please send me your project (in GERMAN) by the 31st May. Don't worry - they know what level of German learning you're at, so it doesn't have to be perfectly fluent, just appropriate for your level in Year 7, 9, 11 etc.

The details:

The British-German Association is pleased to announce the opening of this year's Youthbridge Awards for German, presented to the winning three pupils in each participating school. There is also now a national element to the awards: in addition to the books, cash prizes and certificates for the pupils you nominate, we will make a special award to the entry judged to be the best in the UK overall, taking into account pupils' age and stage. This will consist of an additional cash prize of £60 (bringing the total prize money to £100), and an overall winner's certificate.

The project:

Each project must be the pupil's own work, in German and on a topic concerning Germany. It might examine the language or culture (in the broadest sense of the word) of Germany, or explain a pupil's

interest in or relationship to Germany. But it could equally be about one aspect: for instance, an artist, German music, history, sport, or travel.

The project could be in the form of an essay, or something quite different: talk-to-camera, filmed interview, voiceover, a PowerPoint presentation, poetry....

The awards:

- 1st Prize: £40, plus the Eyewitness Guide to Germany, and the Youthbridge Award certificate
- 2nd Prize: £25 plus the Eyewitness Guide to Germany, and the Youthbridge Award certificate
- 3rd Prize: £15 plus the Eyewitness Guide to Germany, and the Youthbridge Award certificate.

Every year, we see projects of very high quality which show great creativity and imagination. We're looking forward to as good or better this year!

Closing date:

31st May

Language Ambassadors



Our Language Ambassadors in MFL continue to meet to plan activities for the remainder of the school year.

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.

Calling all linguists

Why not sign up to one of the vocabulary learning websites suggested below? These can be downloaded as apps to use on portable devices, and are very popular, as learners can set their own recommended learning time per day (say 5 minutes).

Regular practice really will improve your understanding and acquisition of vocabulary, will improve pronunciation, listening and spelling. If you like the challenge of beating your peers, you will enjoy the MEMRISE leader board!

You can also access these websites in school, if you are unable to do so at home, and furthermore, we can assist you! If you are below the age of 13 you will require



Quizlet

parental permission to set up an account on either Quizlet or Memrise.

These websites are also excellent for adults wanting to learn a new language, or to brush up on existing language skills!

Here are the links depending on your year group. See a member of the MFL department if you get stuck.



MEMRISE

FOR ALL PUPILS:

www.atantot.com (lots of games)

username: bede1 password: 2824

www.language-gym.com (grammar exercises)

Year 10 and 11

French

<https://app.sencelearning.com/dashboard/join-class/1uyx6e0t91>

<https://www.memrise.com/group/2722/>

<https://quizlet.com/join/RgKdt4nsN>

German

<https://www.memrise.com/group/2725/>

<https://quizlet.com/join/SvhBarzGp>

Year 9

German

<https://www.memrise.com/group/4442/>

<https://quizlet.com/join/t3CbPn9r5>

Year 8

French

<https://www.memrise.com/group/4441/>

<https://quizlet.com/join/RawPZYray>

Year 7

German

<https://www.memrise.com/group/2729/>

<https://quizlet.com/join/mJc2mW88M>

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Noah's the man in the middle

Well done year 10 pupil Noah Marston-Yim who qualified as an FA Referee last summer.

Noah has refereed in a number of leagues this season including Burscough JFL, Belle Vale JFL and Skelmersdale JFL. He was selected by Liverpool County FA to officiate the recent Merseyside Under 13 Cup Final at Everton Ladies home ground. His appointment was based on his impressive performances throughout the season.

There is much need for referees in many local leagues and this role can be a great part time job. Noah would recommend this qualification to any other young person aspiring to become a referee in the future.



Year 11s face off one last time

On Friday 20th May 2022, Year 11 boys took part in a charity football for the National Autistic Society. Players donated £5 each to play, with Year 11 spectators also donating to watch. The match was played in good spirits with St Bede's A Team recording a win on the day. It was a fantastic event which was thoroughly enjoyed by the whole of Year 11. As a year group they raised over £200. A special mention must go to Diarmuid Lawell (Y11) who managed one of the teams on the day. He worked tirelessly prior to the event to help ensure the event was a great success. Well done, Diarmuid!



Paul is fighting his way to the top

We have some brilliant sporting talents in school and many students compete outside of school in a variety of sports. Paul Smith is just one example. Paul has competed in the ABA nationals, is a UK ranked boxer and is driven to achieve great things in his sport. He gave a quick explanation of his interests to Mr Doolan:

'My name is Paul Smith, I'm an amateur boxer and I attend St Bede's. I first started boxing at the age of 10 and have been doing it every weekday since. I have always wanted to box for a living since as young as I can remember because growing up, I just wanted to be like my dad, and uncles.

I had my first bout on the 19th of October 2018 and have now had 17 fights. I want to be going to the Olympics and a world champion when I'm older, making a living out of boxing. My dream venue to box in would be Anfield or Maddison Square Garden. I box for Rotunda ABC and the gym has helped me to grow to be the person I am today. My favourite shot is probably a left hook to the body. My favourite part of boxing is probably the training with the lads and coaches in the gym and fighting and my least favourite part is eating healthy and having to make weight. The best fight I've watched is Hearn vs Hagler. My favourite boxing memories are gym trips to watch my friends box or seeing my dad or uncles box. My favourite fighter present at the minute is probably Shakur Stevenson and my past favourite fighter is Mike Tyson and close second is Evander Holyfield'.

Here is Paul pictured below with his proud Dad who also had a great career in the sport.



Member of the public gets in contact

I was delighted to receive an email from a member of the public praising the behaviour of a group of St Bede's children. It is always a pleasure when someone takes the time to let us know. We do not know who the students were but we are very proud that they have represented the school in this manner.

Dear Sir/Madam

I am compelled to contact you regarding the conduct of your pupils early today - but do not worry.

I was in Ormskirk this afternoon on business which involved me getting the bus from Ormskirk centre to Liverpool.

I (and other passengers) was/were waiting at the bus stop with approximately 15 of your pupils for the bus.

When the bus arrived all the pupils stood aside and let the waiting passengers alight the bus; when I commented to the pupils that they were in the queue before me and could proceed on to the bus, my offer was not accepted and it was insisted that I board the bus before them.

To be honest, I am not accustomed to this attitude and I must say that your pupils are a credit to the school.

Whilst I do not know the identity of the relevant pupils (and I have no doubt that this wasn't an isolated incident) if there would be some way my observation could be passed on at an assembly or the like, I would be grateful.

Once again, thank you for your diligence.

Humanutopia visit StBede's

The two activity days delivered by Humanutopia's Steve and Ryan had a great impact on Year 7 and 8. The programme for each day was aimed at improving the mental health and wellbeing of all participants by empowering them to make positive changes in their life. The programme also offered an opportunity to further develop GRITTY skills.

Pupil Comments from the Humanutopia days for Years 7 and 8

"I can make friends and talk to other people"

"I needed to lift a lot of weight of my shoulders by opening up to people"

"I learnt how lucky I am"

"There are other people like me"



“People change”

“I learnt that I could be a lot nicer”

“I am different to what I see”

“People are going through the same thing”

“I need to be more confident and kinder”

“Not sure”

“How saying things can hurt people”

“I learnt to do public speaking”

“I need to come out of my comfort zone”

“I have a better time at school than others”

“I need to not get involved with the wrong group”

“We are all equal”

“To believe in myself”



“How to treat people how you want to be treated”

“I can stand up and talk in front of a lot of people”

"I should be not afraid to be myself"

"I need to face more challenges"

"I should be careful about my decisions"

"About my mental health and how to look after it"

"I learnt that it is not just me that is struggling"

"Deep down there is a bright side"

"I'm not as shy as I thought I was"

"Words can really hurt people"

"It is important that I am mentally healthy"



"I can improve myself by being kinder to other people and that I can be very successful in life"

"I am shy around new people"

"To not be so hard on myself"

"I won't care what other people think"

St Bede's Gardening Angels plant crops in the school's raised beds

The pupils planted lettuce, tomatoes, peppers, and sweet corn. Some of the plants were grown from a seed and some were donated by a generous gardener.



Amazing Art at St Bede's

Year 7 worked hard on their continuous line drawings of insects this week.

Continuous line drawings encourage more variety and better quality lines as well as promoting hand-eye coordination and eliminating hesitations when it comes to making mistakes. They also provide a useful exercise for improving overall control and fluidity when sketching or drawing from life.



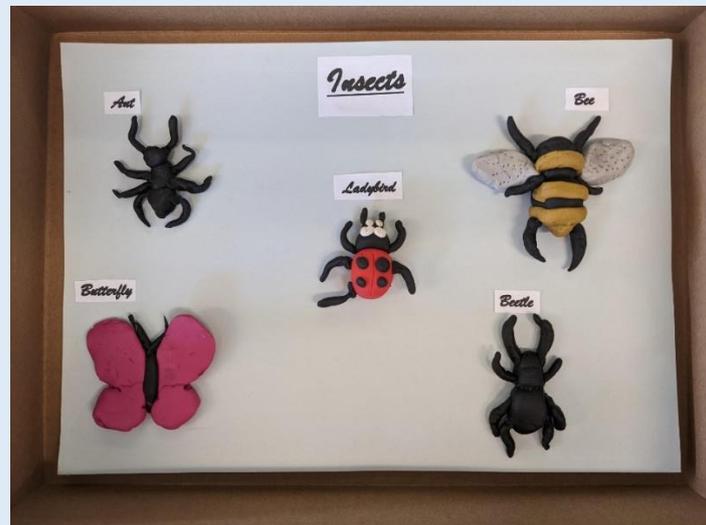


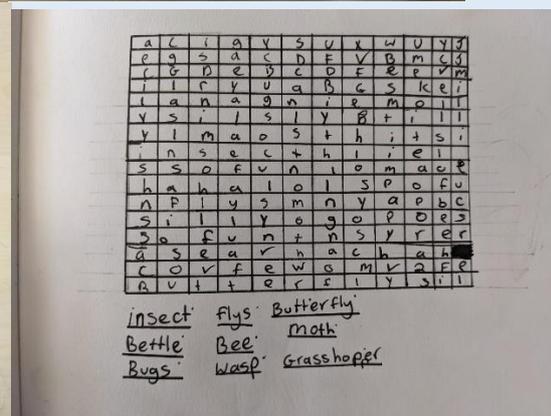






Year 7 got to choose their homework this week from a menu. Here are some of the fabulous creations they came up with. Those who made cakes very kindly shared them at the end of the lesson. They were delicious! A massive shout out to the lovely parents that helped a little with these too. A great end to our last Art lesson this term.







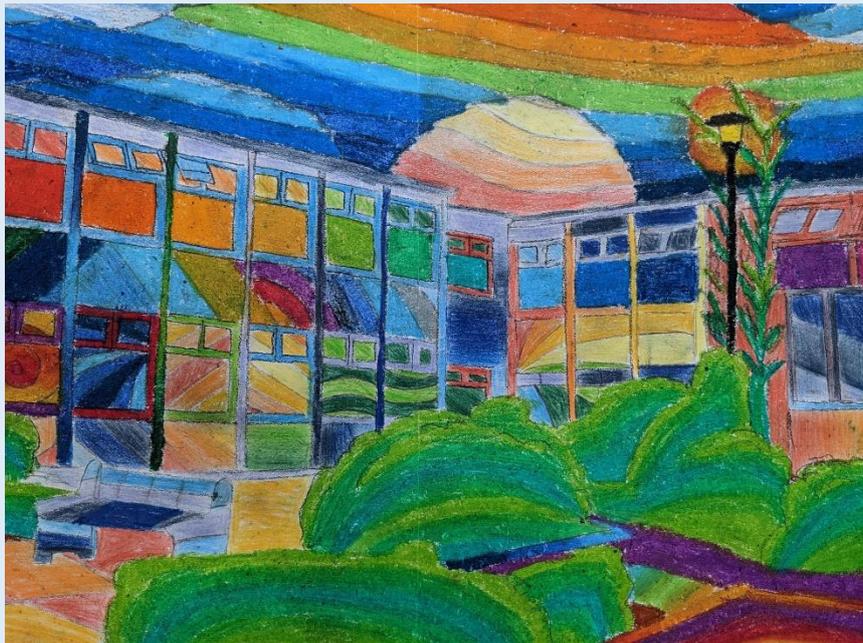


Year 9

I am blown away by the high standard of work being produced by Year 9. They have worked extremely hard on these colourful, surreal paintings of the school inspired by the artist Hundertwasser.









A word from our Chaplain, Jacinta

Confirmation Year 8

Parents of year 8 pupils who would like their child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation have registered their child's name with the Archdiocese as directed. As a school, we are awaiting information regarding the candidates and dates for the celebration of the Sacrament. Please contact your Parish Priest for further information. We will communicate any information we receive with parents and carers via parent mail.

Many thanks

Bede Fest Generosity £3000!

It wasn't the 40th anniversary of the Hacienda that was the event of May 22nd but our very own Bede Fest. The staff band, featuring Mr Keown, Mrs McMurray, Mr Caygill, Mr Gibson, Mrs Williams, Peter Guidi, Ethan Tinsley and Robert O'Callaghan rocked the hall, creating such a brilliant atmosphere that it was simply impossible not to dance and embrace the sheer joy of it all. A huge thanks to every member of staff who helped to organise the day and to the pupils who organised and ran the stalls, all contributing to the fundraising event. Thanks also to all the pupils, parent and carers who donated to Bede Fest this year. Thanks to your generosity we raised over £3000 which will support the wonderful work of Nugent Care.









Ukraine- Questions of Faith

Often, one of the greatest barriers to our faith is the question of suffering. When life is going well, when things are going smoothly, we often find it easier to declare our faith in God. Yet the issue of suffering is very real to all of us. Whether it's illness, death, breakdown of relationships or violence, we have all encountered suffering in one way or another. And this suffering can lead us to question our faith, our belief in a loving, powerful God.

Over the past months our young people have been bombarded by images and news of conflict in Ukraine and other countries. It is natural that they look at these news events and images and question, where is God in this?

As part of our young people's faith formation and journey, we have a responsibility to address these questions. They are difficult questions but we do our young people a disservice if we don't explore and reflect on these questions.

Over the final two weeks of last term, chaplaincy visited every key stage 3 and key stage 4 class delivering a session titled 'Ukraine- The Question of suffering.' The objective was to address some of the questions, anxieties and concerns that all our young people naturally feel when they witness images and news about conflict such as this, and also, significantly, to explore where God is in this conflict.

The questions and responses from all of our pupils were thoughtful, perceptive and yes, often challenging. At times, we are reluctant to address the issue of suffering and the existence of a loving God with our young people, for fear that it may damage our faith. Yet every session, without exception, provoked lively, engaging discussion and proved to be faith affirming, hopeful and empowering not only for pupils, but for chaplaincy too.

St Bede's Peace and Justice Community Mapping Event

Last week, our Peace and Justice group were delighted to welcome friends from our local community into our school. The individuals hold a variety of roles all of them active in social outreach in capacity or another. The aim of the day was to plan a strategic and cohesive approach to our social outreach programme. It was an amazing event, constructive and most significantly hopeful.

Events of 2020, including the pandemic, the ongoing climate crisis, issues of inequality and the cost-of-living crisis, have exposed deep rooted and systematic inequalities in our society. Our young people recognise the necessity for healing and transformation, they see the need to build a fairer, more equal and sustainable world, so that we may look ahead with hope.

Pope Francis calls us to 'prepare the future', not passively 'prepare for the future.' As young people, we know that if we work together, we can 'build back better' for communities, families and for God's creation.

With this intention, St Bede's Justice and Peace group., a group of Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils started to plan and participate in a number of activities which involve social action and which are linked to the principles of Catholic social teaching. It is our hope, that through these activities we can help to bring about positive outcomes in our local and global community.

The community mapping is integral to the success of these activities. Recognising that there is an abundance of inspiring and effective social action and programmes already happening in our local community, the pupils invited over twenty members of the local community into school to listen to their ideas and share their own ideas too.

After a thoroughly enjoyable and thought provoking workshop we formulated a clear vision of some of the issues which impact negatively on our local area, the support that is already in place and how we could effectively support these programmes through our school's social outreach.

This 'community mapping' will enable us to plan our social outreach activities in a cohesive and collaborative way; it will also increase our appreciation of the amazing work already happening on our doorstep all of which we can learn from.

We are so grateful to all of the individuals who joined us for this event and we look forward to putting all our plans into practice.

St Bede's Justice and Peace Community Mapping Event









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