



St Bede's Catholic High School Spring Term Newsletter 2023

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Happy Easter from everyone here at St Bede's



Welcome to another addition of our half termly newsletter. It only seems like five minutes since I was writing the last edition, this has been a fast term but one that has been packed full of lots of success and exceptional experiences for our pupils.

I would like to take this opportunity for everyone to have a thought for our Year 11 pupils. As we approach Easter their external examinations get nearer. We have been impressed with their dedication and focus over recent weeks, and we know they are working hard to achieve the success they are capable of and deserve. We wish them every success and hope they work hard but also relax over the Easter break.

I wish all of our families and our community a peaceful and holy Easter period.

Bede's Chamber Choir Archdiocese Champions!



On Tuesday 21st March, we took part in the archdiocese schools' Choir of the Year 2023. There was tough competition from 8 schools, however the Chamber Choir and Joel Norbury took the trophy. We gained first place across all the schools and we are so proud of each and every one of them.

Tweets

Tweets & replies

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St Bede's CHS @stbedes1957 · 22 Mar

Huge congratulations to our Chamber Choir who last night were crowned winners of the 2023 Catholic Secondary Schools Choir Competition.



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Year 9 The Finding God... Philosophy Projects

Year 9 students have had the opportunity to explore Arguments for the Existence of God and Evil & Suffering, in a creative and personal way. Students worked hard to produce impressive learning boards and essays during RE lessons and at home over the last half-term. The projects were displayed on the stage in the school hall and made for an interesting backdrop during the assemblies last week.

Well done to all Year 9 students for their enthusiasm and effort throughout the project.

Congratulations to the Finalists:

Isaac Charlton – Finding God in the Turkey- Syria Earthquake

Lucy Dwerryhouse – Finding God in Natural Evil

Ava Sparks & Emily Griffin – Finding God in the Favela's

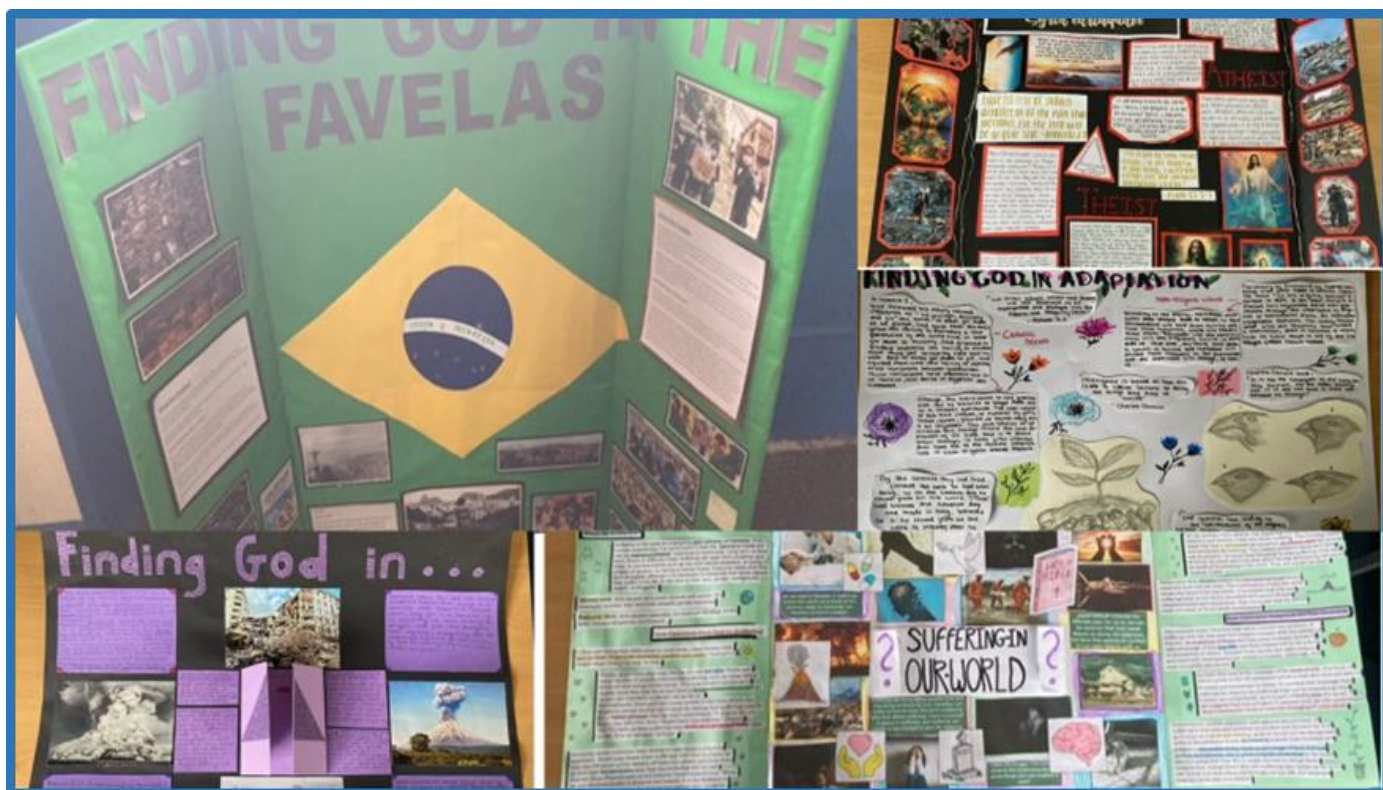
Isla Monaghan – Finding God in Evolution

Maddison Hunt & Phoebe Duffey – Finding God in Natural Evil

Dulcie Jackson- Hutton & Chloe Lewis-Jones – Finding God in Human Suffering



News from the RE department





RE Winners

**1st Place – Evie Caddick &
Olivia Birmingham**
Finding God in War



**2nd Place – Poppy Stevens
& Eleanor Greenhouse**
**Finding God in Volcanic
Eruptions**





RE Winners

3rd Place - Shea Ryan-Davies
Finding God in the 9/11 Terror Attacks



The Live Simply Award

Year 7 have been continuing their mission to live out Pope Francis' message to care for our common home. Inspired by Laudato Si', Year 7 classes have planned projects that will benefit the environment in the school grounds and beyond.

'As a group leader, I want to promote and encourage younger generations to care for our world as we only have once chance to get it right!' Eva Roberts, Year 7 Student.



News from the RE department

<p>Bedding Prayers</p> <p>Selling & planting bee-friendly bedding plants and prayer stones.</p>	<p>Bee Prayerful</p> <p>Selling wildflower seeds and prayer cards to members of the school community & local parish communities.</p>	<p>St Bede's Reusable Water Bottle</p> <p>Limited edition water bottle designed by St Bede's students.</p>
<p>Community Clean up</p> <p>Litter picking rota for Year 7 RE classes & form groups.</p>	<p>#TeamTrees</p> <p>A bake sale to raise funds to buy trees to be planted within the school grounds and beyond.</p>	<p>Eco-club</p> <p>A lunchtime club organised by students, for students. Wear Green for International Forrest Day initiative.</p>

'We really hope that community will support our ideas to save the bees and create a friendly environment for local wildlife. We believe that God's creation should not have to suffer because of the actions of humans.' Elsa Toner, Year 7 Student.



News from the RE department

Students in all classes are working hard in preparation to launch their projects after Easter. Well done to 7W3 who raised £218 by encouraging the community to wear green for International Forest Day. The RE team and Year 7 students are very excited to launch all projects next term in an attempt to inspire the community to:

Live Simply

Live in Solidarity

Live Sustainably





Year 7 Visit Robinwood



Year 7 Visit Robinwood



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Sporting Achievements

Massive congratulations to Ethan and Lucas Read.

Both boys regularly swim for Ormskirk Otters and are regularly involved in regional competitions. During the annual Ormskirk Otters awards evening both boys took home a vast array of medals and trophies from different races and events.

Lucas was named as the clubs most improved swimmer for the boys and Ethan was named as the junior boys captain for the next 12 months.

What an incredible achievement, we know their family is incredibly proud of them and as a school we are too. We look forward to hearing of more supporting success from the boys in the near future.





Sporting Achievements

Jack Birch made a great start in the first race of the season, in Anglesey, gaining a finish on the podium with 2nd place. He was also interviewed by Motorsport News who will be writing a piece about him for their newspaper.





Sporting Achievements

The Under 14 Girls Football team were crowned West Lancashire Schools champions a few weeks ago! They are a wonderful bunch of students that are dedicated to football and their hard work has most definitely paid off!! We are so proud of you all, keep up the great work.



Another fun week for our Year 10 pupils as they took part in a week long event focusing on Business and Enterprise. Over the week everyone fully engaged, developing their skills of teamwork, working to deadlines, presentation and communication. The week finished with a mock interview with 22 external business professionals visiting school to support the development of this important skill and technique.

Throughout the week all visitors to school and staff involved commented on how incredible Year 10 were. We are planning a reward to celebrate their attitude.



Year 10 Business and Enterprise Week

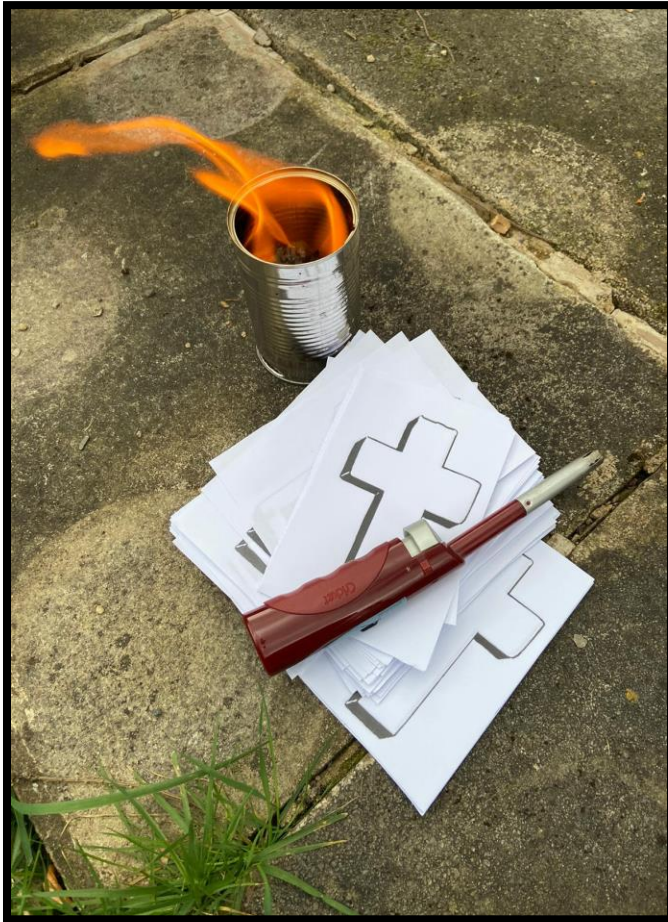


Year 10 Business and Enterprise Week





Year 10 Retreat



Year 10 reflected on choices, how we make those choices and the consequences of our actions. We also reflected on God's forgiving and benevolent nature and laid our burdens down on the cross. We were privileged to hear Pastor Billy McCurrie's testimony on how some of his decisions shaped his life. Year 10 also discussed strategies on the process of discernment. We burned the burdens that year 10 wrote and placed them in God's hands.

Again, behaviour and attitude from our Year 10 cohort was exceptional. They are a Year group making everyone proud across the school.



Year 11 Revision

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast 8.30-9.00	Music Rm 27	GCSE Chemistry Drop In <u>Mrs Jones</u> Rm 19	History Exam question drop in Mrs Roberts Mrs <u>Daulby</u>	GCSE Physics Drop In Mr Morgan Rm 19	Geography Mrs. Turpin @ 7:30am onwards open to all geographers
Lunch	English Intervention (Invitation only) MFL N4 Geography Mrs. Clare's drop-in session (all pupils) N11	GCSE ART N8/N9 <u>Maths</u> Drop-in with Mrs Scott – all pupils welcome to ask about any topic Room 3	English/Drama/Media Room 12 Geography Mrs. Reynolds' drop-in session (all pupils) N10 GCSE ART N8/N9	Religious Education Intervention Group (invitation only) Combined Science Physics – Room 9 GCSE ART N8/N9 MFL N3/N4/N5	GCSE ART N8/N9
After school	PE GCSE PDA/RLL/GGR/GCR LRC Computer Science By request only. N2 Design Technology – DT 1 and DT3 – Mr Gibson. Biology Mr Caygill R13	Religious Education Room 1 Geography Mrs. Reynolds' Intervention (invitation only on selected dates) - Room N10 GCSE ART N8/N9 Music Rm 27 MFL N4/N5 History Intervention group – invitation only Mrs Roberts and Mrs <u>Daulby</u>	English/Drama/Media Intervention (Invitation only) - Room 12 GCSE ART N8/N9 English Literature Room 7 Geography Mrs. Clare's Intervention (invitation only on selected dates) N11 Design Technology – DT 1 and DT3 – <u>Mr</u> Gibson. Food and Nutrition - DT 1/DT 2 Mrs Wainright.	Separate Science Physics – Room 9 <u>Maths</u> <u>Mr Gillon</u> Room 2 GCSE ART N8/N9 Music Rm 27 Biology Rm 10 15 max , sign up sheet on door. Starts 09.02	Religious Education Room 1 (Repeated session)

Message from Mr Doolan...

I'm delighted to be writing to you to offer you the opportunity to purchase a Class of 2023 Yearbook & Leavers' Hoody for your child.

We are working with Fizz, the UK's premier supplier of Leavers' Yearbooks and Hoodies, and are eagerly anticipating what are sure to be wonderful keepsakes to celebrate their time at the school.

The Hoodies will have a large '23' print on the back, containing the names of all students in the Year Group, and will also feature an embroidered logo on the front. Students can pick from a range of 79 different colours.

Our Yearbooks will feature messages from staff, portraits, photographs and comments from students which are sure to bring back many happy memories for years to come, and is the perfect way of capturing all of those priceless moments from the school years that have flown by so quickly.

All of the students have the opportunity to purchase a Yearbook, Leavers' Hoody, or indeed both. It is essential that their orders are placed in plenty of time so that they don't miss out. **There will only be one order**; students will **not** be able to place orders after 23rd April 2023.

To place an order, please visit the following website:

<https://shop.fizz-group.co.uk/>

Our School Unique ID is: 26796YR11

You must place an order before 23rd April 2023. I cannot stress this deadline enough, as we do not want anyone to be disappointed. The school will not be ordering any spare Yearbooks or Hoodies, so if your child later wishes they'd ordered one once they see other students with theirs, unfortunately it will be too late! So please don't miss out.

All orders will be delivered direct to school for you to collect. We will advise when this will be in due course.

**Year 11
Hoodies and
Yearbook**

Mr Doolan



We were excited to offer Year 8 the opportunity to attend a workshop with James Owen Thomas. James is a well-known artist who has appeared on Countryfile and Gardeners World. He was diagnosed with autism at the age of 3. He found a love of art at an early age and enjoyed visiting art galleries, saying that brightly coloured art would often calm him.

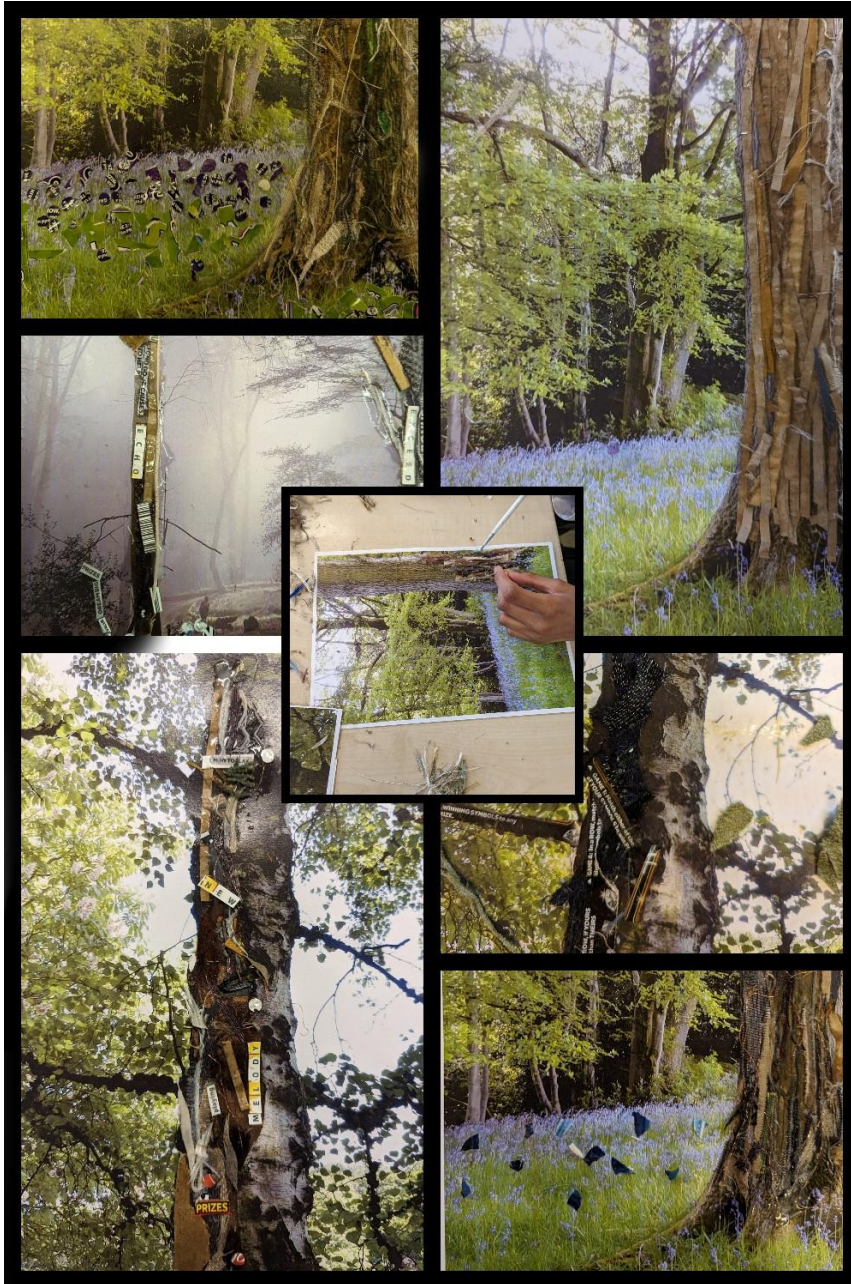
James is passionate about the environment and all of his pieces are made using recycled materials.

Our Year 8 students started off making a tile out of cardboard, scratch cards and reclaimed textiles that were waste from curtain making. They then moved on to a larger picture of various trees that James had photographed and collaged recycled materials on to the top of the image.

It was a valuable and enjoyable day and all of the students involved loved it, as did the artist.

Year 8 Artist Workshop





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Year 8 Artist
Workshop





Rosie the musical

On Wednesday 22nd March, the Chamber Choir visited a recording studio and theatre to record and film a beautiful song and video to promote a new musical that has been written by the composer Chris Broom.

“Rosie” is a new musical based on the inspirational true story of Miss Rosie Boote who was brought up in a remote Irish convent before following her dream of living an exciting and adventurous life in Edwardian London’s West End.

‘Lord We Thank You For This Day’ is a stunning hymn that is sung by a set of pupils (Chamber Choir) and Rosie (Lucy Thomas – a 19 year old professional singer) who attend the convent school. The composer and Lucy were both present on the day. What an experience for the girls!



Lucy Thomas ✓

March 24 at 7:02 PM · 🌐



I had such a **lovely time** recording and filming a new original song from the forthcoming Musical "Rosie" with the wonderful St. Bede's Catholic High School Ormskirk Chamber Choir! 🥰 I look forward to sharing the beautiful "Dear Lord We Thank You For This Day" from the Convent Scene from the show very soon!

Wishing you a lovely weekend....Lucy ❤️ xxx





Rosie the musical





Chaplaincy News

Jacinta Brown

Easter preparation.

Ash Wednesday Service.

There are times when we live as if God were far away when in fact he never leaves us. Our Ash Wednesday service allowed all pupils and staff the opportunity to reflect on the constant presence of God and the necessity for all of us to return to Him, to grow closer to him, through prayer, fasting and alms giving. As young Catholics, the opportunity to reflect through prayer and Liturgy on the truth that God is with us and ready to meet us where we are and as we are, is an essential and hope filled part of their faith journey. Many thanks to the pupils who helped to prepare and deliver the Ash Wednesday service, as ever, they continue to be an example to follow.

Reconciliation Prayer Service.

As part of our preparation for Easter, all pupils and staff participated in a non-sacramental service of reconciliation. Through scripture, music, media and contemplative prayer, the service invited pupils to reflect on their relationship with God and the habits and behaviours which can distance us from God. A guided examination of conscience allowed them to reflect upon their own behaviours, the truths about themselves and their relationships with others and God. It is hoped that the service enabled us all to move closer to God, our neighbour and the people God created us to be. Our Liturgy group played a key role in planning and delivering the service so many, many thanks to this wonderful group of young people.

Year 10 Retreat

Our young people are expected to make choices and decisions every day. Amidst the many challenges facing our young people, the need to explore appropriate ways to help our children make wise choices and discern and hear God's voice in a range of circumstances is essential. This is the aim of our Year 10 retreat on Discernment.

Over the course of the day, year 10 pupils took part in a number of sessions all designed to develop their understanding of discernment, reflect upon the impact of choices and consequence and above all, to enable them to grow closer to God, their neighbour and an understanding of their 'true' self.

A huge thank you to Pastor Billy McCurrie, Mr Oakley and Mrs Glover whose participation meant a thoroughly beautiful, thought provoking and empowering retreat day was enjoyed by all of our pupils. We are blessed to have such wonderful people accompanying our children in their faith journey.

The pupils themselves were exceptional. They exuded engagement and positivity and their thought provoking questions and positive feedback at the end of the day confirmed the value of the day. They were a credit to themselves, the school and their parents and carers.



Chaplaincy News

Jacinta Brown

Good Shepherd Appeal 2023- St Bede's Masked Dancer

For the first time ever, St Bede's staff took to the floor in our very own Masked Dancer Competition.

As part of our Good Shepherd fundraising appeal, 12 tremendous members of staff took part in our whole school dance competition. Form classes raised funds which allowed them to guess the disguised members of staff, some of whom danced in a manner which can only be described as.... unforgettable. A huge thanks to all involved and especially to our 12 dancers, identities will be revealed in our next newsletter with pictures!





Chaplaincy

Jacinta Brown

Bede Fest

Bede Fest is a St Bede's tradition and is one of our biggest fundraisers for The Good Shepherd Appeal. Last year we raised over £3000 and if we can raise anywhere near that this year we will be delighted and so grateful. We look forward to sharing pictures and a total with you, in our next newsletter. A huge thanks to our wonderful Staff band who make the event possible. The time and effort they put in to ensuring the pupils enjoy the event is brilliant and hugely appreciated.

Above all, thanks to all of you, our parents and carers , whose generosity means that we can support Nugent Care , and The Good Shepherd Appeal. Many, many thanks

We wish you and your families a blessed and peaceful Easter. God Bless.



Year 8 - Speed modelling of irregular objects and finding their density using Eureka cans and top pan Balance.



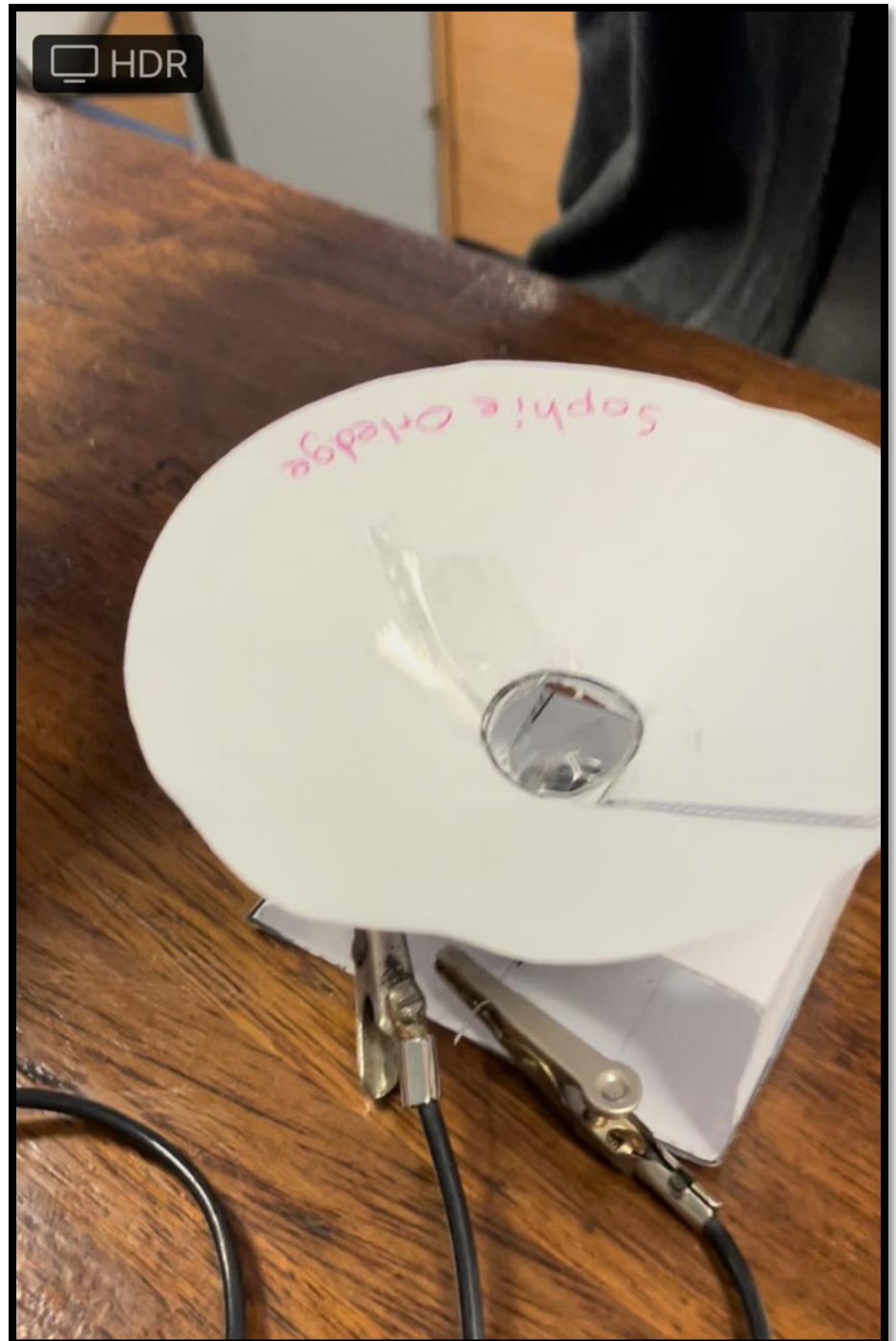
**Science
Fun**

Cabbage indicators



11 Separate Science Physics

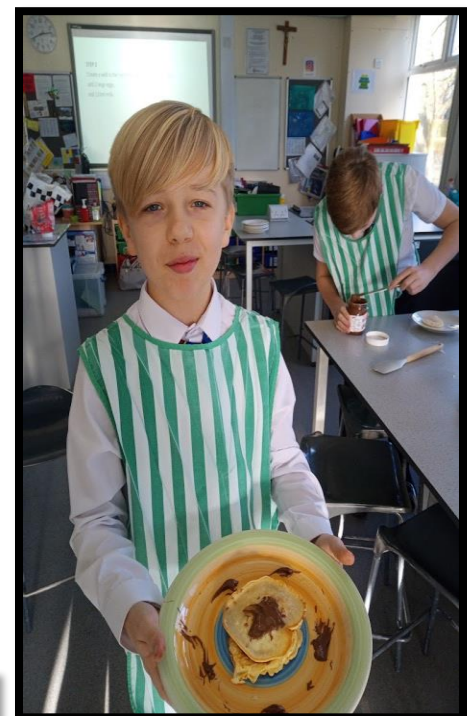
Pupils made speakers. Electrical current converted into soundwaves using a simple model of a speaker containing magnets.



The Science
of Sound



Year 8 (& Ms Rasburn)
Investigate
Conduction
by making
us all some
pancakes





Alumni Event makes it to local press

'Role models' return to St Bede's!

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Reported by: rogerblaxa

Report: Lisa Turpin, careers lead

Twenty-five past pupils returned to St Bede's RC High to take part in a careers guidance event for Year 8.

The returning role models answered questions from pupils all eager to learn about the range of professions and careers that are waiting for them as they mature and gain qualifications. Sectors involved were Education, NHS, IT, Law, Engineering, Public Service, Media, Design, Banking and Finance, Administration and being self employed.

After the event, pupils reported that they learned about qualifications and skills required, the importance of working hard in school - and of course not to worry if you don't have a career in mind while at school!

And the alumni were really happy to return, see the changes to their 'old' school and give meaningful advice to the young pupils.





Year 7 enjoyed a visit from Onatti Theater Productions

News from MFL

It truly was a fantastic event with excellent behaviour and engagement from the whole year group. We certainly learned why it is a good idea to learn a language!



Memories of the Black Forest

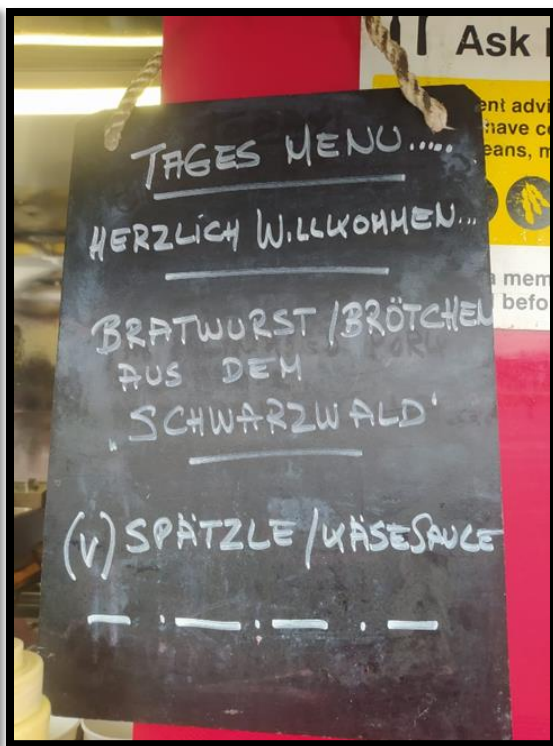
Gunther and Loretta served our Year 8 pupils a delicious lunch of Bratwurst und Pommes or Käsespätzle. Take a look at these fantastic pictures! Despite the poor weather a good time was had by all!



News from
MFL



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MFL



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MFL News

Gunther also wrote a Black Forest quiz for our pupils and brought German chocolate in as prizes – could you get 10/10?

Name: _____

Memories of the Black Forest Quiz!

Gunther has very kindly made this quiz and has prizes for 10 pupils who get them all correct! Hand your completed sheets to the teachers to mark and give in if you successfully achieve 10/10!

1. We've packed all our walking gear and can't wait to get to the Black Forest. In which state of Germany must we visit in order to get there?

◇ Saxony ◇ Baden-Württemberg ◇ Thuringia ◇ Schleswig-Holstein

2. As a base to visit the southern part of the Black Forest we have chosen a large city on the south western edge of the forest. It features a notable Gothic minster and a health and safety nightmare - uncovered water carrying runnels called Bächle! Where will we be staying?

◇ Dresden ◇ Bremen ◇ Freiburg ◇ Dortmund

3. For our first foray into the Black Forest, we decide to trek through the Höllental. What does the name of this natural wonder mean when translated?

◇ Glorious Gorge ◇ Wolf Canyon ◇ Dragon Glen ◇ Hell's Valley

4. You couldn't go to the Black Forest and not see one of these. A particular favourite of Orson Welles, which of the following objects might you be aiming to purchase in the multitude of shops in Triberg?

◇ Pencil ◇ Nodding Dog ◇ Cuckoo Clock ◇ Rubber Duck

5. One of Europe's longest and most important rivers rises in the Black Forest. Its flow commences close to the town of Donaueschingen. Which river?

◇ Danube ◇ Loire ◇ Po ◇ Elbe

6. A visit to the Black Forest is not complete without paying a visit to Triberg. Which natural feature are we going here to see?

◇ Lake ◇ Waterfall ◇ Volcano ◇ Swamp

7. It looks like we forgot to pack something! Not only is the Black Forest a walker's paradise, but it is also a destination for another sporting activity. Which of the following has specific facilities sited at Hinterzarten?

◇ Zorbing ◇ Kayaking ◇ Surfing ◇ Ski Jumping

8. Fancying a break from walking, we take a train ride through a beautiful valley. The Kinzig Valley is home to several small towns and villages with a rural, traditional German feel to them. What type of houses would you expect to see in this part of the Black Forest?

◇ Half-timbered ◇ Stilt ◇ Manueline ◇ Georgian

9. Calw is one of the Black Forest's prettiest towns. It was also the home of an important German writer, who was full of longing for the beautiful town that he called home. Including among his works the 1920s novel "Steppenwolf", who was this literary genius?

◇ Johann Wolfgang von Goethe ◇ W. G. Sebald ◇ Friedrich Schiller
◇ Hermann Hesse

10. After all that walking, I think we've earned a nice rest. As a special treat, we are going to visit a spa town that came to prominence during the 19th century. The likes of Queen Victoria and Fyodor Dostoyevsky have made it here before us. Where might we be going?

◇ Potsdam ◇ Stuttgart ◇ Baden-Baden ◇ Rothenburg ob der Tauber

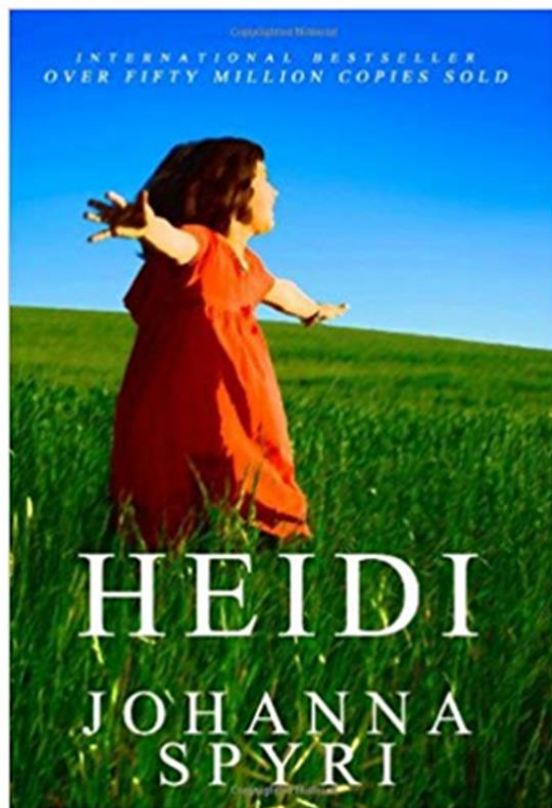
Gute Chance!

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 also 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!

Literacy in Languages



Heidi by the Swiss author, Johanna Spyri, is a classic children's novel. The story is set in Switzerland and tells us about Heidi, an orphan girl, who is brought up in the mountains by her grandfather. When she is older she is sent to Frankfurt to work in a large house as a companion to Clara, a young girl in a wheelchair. This is the story of their friendship and a journey of self-discovery for Heidi.

The descriptions of life in the Swiss Alps make most people want to go on holiday to visit this beautiful country.

Heidi is available to borrow from the [LRC](#)!

Languages at the heart of learning



Literacy matters in MFL



News from MFL



Language Ambassadors

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.



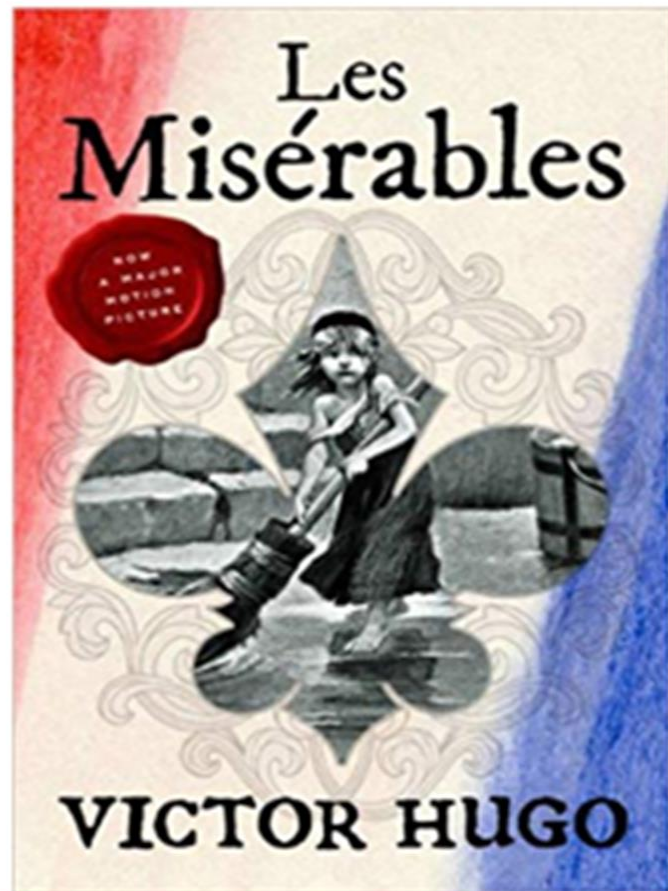
Italian Club

Every Thursday lunchtime with Mrs Gallagher and Miss Ferries in N3. New pupils always welcome.



Our book of the month for April

News from
MFL



Victor Hugo's greatest novel Les Misérables is actually three books! It follows the lives of several characters; their difficulties, loves and their hopes of a better life. It was recently made into a film and is also a musical, currently the longest running musical in the West End, London.

Borrow this famous story from the [LRC!](#)

Languages at the heart of learning



Literacy matters in MFL



**Mr Oakley
continues his
fundraising
mission**



Running 400km for Joel's Bar

Starting on January 1st, finishing on Easter Sunday I've set myself the challenge of running 400km. As part of this running challenge I've completed the Stockport 10K (47:18), the Chester 10K (43:46) and the Liverpool Half-Marathon (1:37.36), and I've completed around 380km at time of writing!

I'm doing this to raise money for Joel's Bar, which is a Catholic conference for young adults. The conference starts on Easter Sunday and provides a week-long opportunity for young adults to encounter God in a profound way and grow their faith.

We are trying to run an event that is affordable for students and young adults, as we are all painfully aware of the current cost of living crisis. This will include being able to offer bursary tickets, and discounted places. This is why I'm appealing to your generosity, if you are in a financial position to do so, I'd really appreciate your support and donations.

You can find out more info about the "why", and see my daily [Strava](#) progress updates on my [justgiving](#) page.

<https://justgiving.com/fundraising/michaeloakleyjb2023>

You can also find out more about Joel's Bar, and CELEBRATE (our parent organisation) below, or if you search "[joelsbar](#)" and "[celebratetrust](#)" on [instagram](#). Celebrate is an organisation with a mission for forming families in faith, inspiring and equipping all generations with the tools to live a life for God. I'd really encourage anyone interested to check them out!

<https://www.joelsbar.co.uk/>

<https://www.celebratetrust.org/>

Thanks for your support!

Mr Oakley

ST BEDE'S TENNIS

THURSDAYS
3:45PM - 4:45PM

Ormskirk Tennis Club

Free tennis coaching

Pupils must make their own way to the tennis club once they have got changed in school at 3:15pm

Please arrange to be collected from the club at 4:45pm

Ormskirk Tennis Club Open Day

Saturday 1st April 2023
10am to 4pm

All ages and abilities welcome

Visit our fantastic facilities, collect your coaching discount voucher and enter our prize draw for a chance to win one of our amazing prizes including:

- A free junior membership for the 23/24 season
- A brand new racket
- Free one-to-one lesson

No need to book, just turn up!
Visit our website for further details and directions -
www.ormskirktennisclub.co.uk

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