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ST BEDE'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

All the news from the last half term



WELCOME TO THE FINAL EDITION OF OUR NEWSLETTER FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR AND WHAT A YEAR IT HAS BEEN! THIS YEAR HAS SEEN OUR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT JOURNEY GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH AND WE WERE GRATEFUL THAT THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS INSPECTORATE SAW HOW SPECIAL OUR SCHOOL IS WHEN THEY VISITED US IN FEBRUARY. WE ARE STILL ONE OF THE ONLY SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY TO GAIN AN "OUTSTANDING" JUDGEMENT IN ALL AREAS. THIS ACHIEVEMENT IS DOWN TO A WHOLE SCHOOL, COMMUNITY EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT OUR PROVISION FOR OUR CHILDREN IN THIS AREA IS EXCEPTIONAL, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE AS PART OF OUR SCHOOL FOR ALL THAT THEY DID TO SUPPORT THIS.

WE CONTINUE TO GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH IN OUR DEVELOPMENTS IN TEACHING, LEARNING AND THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION WE PROVIDE TO OUR PUPILS. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THIS WILL LEAD TO AN IMPROVED OFSTED JUDGEMENT WHEN WE ARE NEXT VISITED. SCHOOL IS A CALM AND PURPOSEFUL PLACE WHERE PUPILS GROW AND FLOURISH BOTH ACADEMICALLY AND PASTORALLY. THIS HAS BEEN FREQUENTLY COMMENTED ON OVER THE YEAR BY OUR EXTERNAL SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PARTNERS AND OTHER GUESTS, INCLUDING OTHER HEADTEACHERS THAT WE HAVE WELCOMED TO THE SCHOOL OVER THE YEAR.



OUR YEAR 11 PUPILS ARE NOW 4 WEEKS INTO THEIR LONG SUMMER HOLIDAY. THEY WERE A VERY SPECIAL GROUP OF PUPILS ON BOTH AN ACADEMIC AND PERSONAL LEVEL. SINCE THEY LEFT THEY HAVE BEEN MISSED BY STAFF AND PUPILS ALIKE. THEIR APPROACH TO THEIR EXAMINATIONS WAS EXCEPTIONAL AND WE NOW EAGERLY AWAIT THEIR RESULTS IN AUGUST.

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THE LEAVING MASS FOR THESE PUPILS WAS A MOMENT THAT WILL LIVE LONG IN OUR MEMORIES, IT WAS A SPECIAL DAY AND MOMENT TO SHARE WITH THE PUPILS AND THEIR FAMILIES. THE PUPILS ALL LOOKED INCREDIBLE AT THEIR PROM AND ALL STAFF WHO ATTENDED ENJOYED BEING ABLE TO CHAT WITH THEM, SHARE STORIES OF THEIR TIME AT BEDE'S WITH THEM AND WISH THEM WELL IN THEIR FUTURE ENDEAVOURS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THEM AT OUR AWARDS EVENING LATER IN THE YEAR. CLASS OF 2024, ALWAYS REMEMBER YOU WILL ALWAYS BE WELCOME AT BEDE'S WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU IN THE FUTURE.

IT WAS AN HONOUR TO INTERVIEW 11 CANDIDATES LAST WEEK WHO ALL WANTED TO BE OUR HEAD STUDENTS. THE TWO SUCCESSFUL, EXCEPTIONAL CANDIDATES WERE APPOINTED AFTER THE GRUELLING INTERVIEW PROCESS. I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE EVIE CADDICK AND JACK YATES WHO WILL BE OUR HEAD STUDENTS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025. ALL PUPILS WHO INTERVIEWED WERE SUPERB AND A REAL CREDIT TO THEMSELVES. WE ARE LUCKY TO HAVE SUCH AN INCREDIBLE STUDENT BODY



OUR EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS AND TEAMS HAVE AGAIN FEATURED HEAVILY IN OUR ACHIEVEMENTS THIS YEAR, WITH MANY EXCELLENT PERFORMANCES ON BOTH INDIVIDUAL, TEAM AND GROUP LEVELS. OUR YEAR 10 BOYS AND THE CHAMBER CHOIR NEED A SPECIAL MENTION FOR ALL THAT THEY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS YEAR. OUR YEAR 10 BOYS WERE LANCASHIRE CUP WINNERS AND CONTINUE TO DOMINATE IN EVERY MATCH THEY ARE INVOLVED IN. OUR CHAMBER CHOIR HAS ALSO TAKEN PART IN THE ARCHDIOCESE SCHOOL CHOIR COMPETITION WHERE WE FINISHED IN 2ND PLACE, BUT I THINK EVERYONE IN ATTENDANCE WOULD AGREE WE DESERVED TO WIN! THE CHAMBER CHOIR HAVE ALSO REPRESENTED SCHOOL AND THE ARCHDIOCESE IN THE ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MASS WHICH TOOK PLACE AT THE CATHEDRAL CRYPT. THESE ARE TWO STANDOUT ACHIEVEMENTS BUT THERE HAVE BEEN MANY. AN EXCEPTIONAL INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT WAS REALISED BY YEAR 9 PUPIL ROBERT O'CALLAGHAN, WHERE HE WON A NATIONAL COMPETITION THAT SAW HIM DESIGN A COMPUTER MODELLING SYSTEM THAT WOULD SUPPORT THE CONTROL OF TEMPERATURE AND HUMIDITY WITHIN BUILDINGS. ROBERT'S IDEA AND DESIGN WAS SO SPECIAL THAT IT ACHIEVED SPECIAL RECOGNITION FROM A LEADING SOCIAL HOUSING CONTRACTOR WHO WERE INTERESTED IN USING THE MODEL TO IMPLEMENT IT IN THEIR PROPERTIES!

WE HAVE A NUMBER OF STAFF LEAVING SCHOOL THIS SUMMER AND I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THEM FOR THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE AND COMMITMENT TO ST BEDE'S AND OUR COMMUNITY. MRS ROBERTS, MR MURPHY AND MRS BENNION ALL RETIRE AND WE WISH THEM A LONG AND HAPPY RETIREMENT. MR DAWSON, MISS PALMER AND MRS CHESWORTH ALL LEAVE US FOR PASTURES NEW, AGAIN WE WISH THEM WELL IN THEIR NEW ROLES IN THEIR NEW SCHOOLS. ALL OF THESE STAFF HAVE PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT PART IN OUR SCHOOL AND THEY WILL BE MISSED.



THROUGHOUT THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR WE ARE LOOKING TO MAKE SOME CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR ALL PUPILS. THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO CHANGES THAT WE FEEL ARE NEEDED AS A SCHOOL BUT ALSO IN RESPONSE TO PARENTS ASKING FOR CONSIDERATIONS BE GIVEN TO THINGS LIKE A SUMMER UNIFORM. I WILL BE CONSULTING WITH STAFF, PARENTS, CARERS AND GOVERNORS ON THE CHANGES EARLY IN SEPTEMBER. AS A STARTING POINT PUPILS WILL NOW HAVE THE OPTION, FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR, TO WEAR EITHER A BLAZER OR JUMPER, THEY DO NOT NEED TO WEAR BOTH ITEMS. HOPEFULLY THIS WILL GIVE PUPILS MORE OF A CHOICE, AND IT WILL CUT DOWN ON COSTS FOR FAMILIES TOO.

THIS HAS BEEN A FAST PACED YEAR AND ONCE AGAIN ALL OF THE STAFF AT ST BEDE'S HAVE DELIVERED DAILY TO GIVE THE BEST TO OUR PUPILS. I COULD NOT ASK TO LEAD A MORE DEDICATED GROUP OF PEOPLE. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!

FINALLY, THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR PARENTS, CARERS AND PUPILS. WE HAVE AN INCREDIBLE GROUP OF STAKEHOLDERS THAT REALLY DO SUPPORT THE SCHOOL AND HELP TO MAKE IT AS SPECIAL AS IT IS.

I WISH EVERYONE A HAPPY, ENJOYABLE AND RELAXING SUMMER BREAK. WE RETURN TO SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER, LETTERS WILL GO OUT TO INFORM OF THE TIMINGS FOR THE FIRST DAY BACK.



AFTER A VERY LONG DAY DOWN IN LONDON WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT ROBERT O AND HIS TEAM MATE WON THE RASPBERRY PI COMPETITION THEY HAD ENTERED. THIS HAD REQUIRED ROBERT TO DESIGN SOMETHING WITH A BRIEF OF HELPING INDIVIDUALS TO IMPROVE THEIR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING. ROBERT AND HIS TEAM MATE ISAAC DECIDED TO INVENT AN AIR QUALITY CONTROL FLAP THAT COULD SIT INSIDE THE TOP OF YOUR WINDOW AT HOME AND WOULD OPEN OR CLOSE DEPENDING ON THE BETTER AIR QUALITY EITHER INSIDE OR OUTSIDE. HE USED AIR QUALITY SENSORS TO MONITOR INDOOR AIR AND DATA FROM DEFRA WHO MONITOR OUTDOOR TO USE AS A COMPARISON. THIS REQUIRED ROBERT TO LEARN THREE COMPUTER LANGUAGES TO CODE THE EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING PYTHON, JAVA SCRIPT AND R, BUILD THE MODEL IN HIS OWN TIME AND LEARN HOW TO DISPLAY THE INFORMATION USING LOG GRAPHS. HE LEARNT TO DO THIS ALL BY HIMSELF WITH NO TEACHER INPUT.



THE DAY WAS ALL ABOUT THE TEAM DISPLAYING THEIR MODELS AND TALKING THROUGH THEIR IDEAS WITH INDUSTRY EXPERTS THROUGHOUT THE DAY. THE JUDGES PANEL INCLUDED EXPERTS FROM WITHIN THE NHS AND GCHQ- THIS JUDGE IN PARTICULAR WAS SO IMPRESSED WITH ROBERT, ESPECIALLY WHEN HE REALISED HE WAS ONLY YEAR 9, THAT HE OFFERED HIM HIS EMAIL ADDRESS IF ROBERT WANTED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM (THIS MADE ROBERTS DAY OF COURSE!). ANOTHER EXPERT ASKED FOR A PICTURE WITH HIM TO EXEMPLIFY HOW EASILY A MODEL COULD BE CREATED FOR USE IN SOCIAL HOUSING. WATCHING THE BOYS TALK SO EXPERTLY TO AROUND 30 DIFFERENT EXPERTS THAT VISITED OUR STAND THROUGHOUT THE DAY MADE US PROUD.



UNEXPECTED VISITORS

STUDENTS WERE SURPRISED TO FIND A FAMILY OF SMALL DUCKLINGS AND LUCKY FOR THEM THEY WERE WELL CARED FOR BY STUDENTS AND STAFF AND THEN SUCCESSFULLY REHOMED HAPPY AND HEALTHY.



Lunchtime Scripture Study Group

EVERY WEDNESDAY, A GROUP OF YEAR 10 BOYS GATHER IN OUR PRAYER SPACE TO READ, REFLECT AND DISCUSS SCRIPTURE. AT THEIR REQUEST, FATHER GODRIC NOW JOINS THEM AND TOGETHER THEY EXPLORE SCRIPTURE FROM THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT. WE CANNOT IMAGINE A BETTER USE OF OUR NEW PRAYER SPACE. SINCERE THANKS TO FATHER GODRIC WHO, DESPITE HIS BUSY SCHEDULE, SHARES THIS LUNCHTIME STUDY WITH THEM. ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN.



IN MAY, YEAR 9 AND 10 PUPILS ENJOYED A WONDERFUL RETREAT IN KESWICK AT THE DIOCESAN YOUTH CENTRE, AT CASTLERIGG MANOR . FROM FRIDAY TO SUNDAY, OUR YOUNG PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN A NUMBER OF THOUGHT PROVOKING AND REFLECTIVE ACTIVITIES LED BY THE CASTLERIGG TEAM AND SUPPORTED BY RE STAFF, MISS NOON AND JACINTA.

CASTLERIGG Retreat



WE WERE BLESSED WITH GLORIOUS SUNSHINE AND OVER THE TWO DAYS WE WALKED, TALKED , PRAYED AND SOCIALISED FORGING RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER PEOPLE WE DIDN'T KNOW. THE RETREAT ENABLED US TO EXAMINE OUR FAITH, OUR PURPOSE AND OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. A HIGHLIGHT WE WEREN'T EXPECTING WAS THE BREATHTAKING NORTHERN LIGHTS WHICH LIT UP THE KESWICK SKY! A BEAUTIFUL MASS WAS CELEBRATED IN THE CHAPEL AND MANY OF THE PUPILS COMMENTED THAT IT WAS A GREAT CELEBRATION THAT BROUGHT EVERYONE TOGETHER.

Outstanding Judgement

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL INSPECTION. THE INSPECTORS WITNESSED FIRST HAND WHAT WE AND OUR PUPILS ARE FORTUNATE TO EXPERIENCE EVERY DAY. THE REPORT IS A TRUE REPRESENTATION OF OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AND THE IMPACT THAT THIS HAS ON EVERY ONE OF US.

PLEASE READ THE INSPECTION REPORT BELOW:
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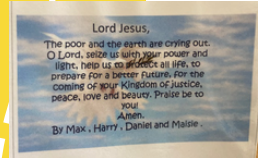


St Bede's Live Simply Day

- IN COLLABORATION WITH ST ANNE'S CHURCH PEACE AND JUSTICE GROUP -



OUR SCHOOL MOVED FURTHER TOWARDS THE COMPLETION OF THE LIVE SIMPLY AWARD FOLLOWING AN ENJOYABLE BUT HUGELY PRODUCTIVE LIVE SIMPLY DAY IN JUNE. OVER THE PAST YEAR OUR SCHOOL HAS WORKED COLLABORATIVELY WITH MEMBERS OF ST ANNE'S PEACE AND JUSTICE GROUP AND OUR WONDERFUL ORMSKIRK STREET PASTORS ON A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES INSPIRED BY LAUDATO SI AND OUR CALL, AS PART OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING, TO CARE FOR CREATION. IN THE PLANNING OF OUR JUNE LIVE SIMPLY DAY, PUPILS WERE KEEN TO THANK THE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY WHO WORK TIRELESSLY IN OUR PARISHES, SERVING OTHERS. AS A WAY OF SHOWING OUR GRATITUDE, ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY GIFTS WERE CREATED BY THE PUPILS TO SHARE WITH PARISHIONERS IN OUR LOCAL PARISHES. THE DAY ENDED WITH A LIVE SIMPLY PRAYER LITURGY IN ST ANNE'S CHURCH ATTENDED BY PUPILS, PASTORS, STAFF AND OUR FRIENDS FROM THE PARISH.





KITTY IN YEAR 8 WHO HAS CEREBRAL PALSY SPENT THE WEEK DELIVERING ASSEMBLIES TO EDUCATE STUDENTS AND STAFF ABOUT HER CONDITION. EXPLAINING WHAT CEREBRAL PALSY IS, THE EQUIPMENT SHE USES, TREATMENTS TO HELP HER AND SUPPORT SHE RECEIVES FROM HER FRIENDS, MRS WILSON AND HER MUM. SHE EVEN GAVE EVERYONE A CHANCE TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS THEY MAY HAVE

KITTY DID AN AMAZING JOB !

KITTY EXPLAINS IT ALL





A GROUP OF OUR WONDERFUL YEAR 7 FAITH IN ACTION PUPILS HAVE FORGED NEW FRIENDSHIPS AFTER A BEAUTIFUL AFTERNOON SPENT WITH THE RESIDENTS OF SPRINGFIELD RESIDENTIAL HOME.

PUPILS WERE DELIGHTED TO BE ABLE TO ATTEND MASS WITH THE RESIDENTS TOO.



SPRINGFIELD RESIDENTIAL HOME

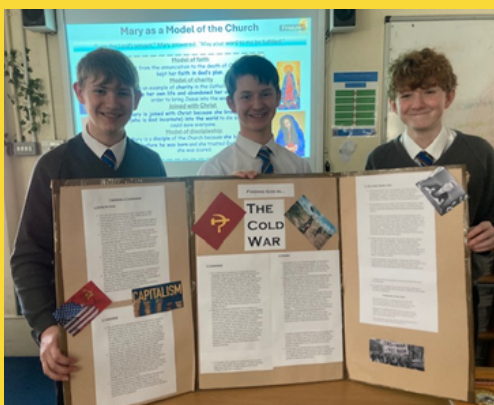
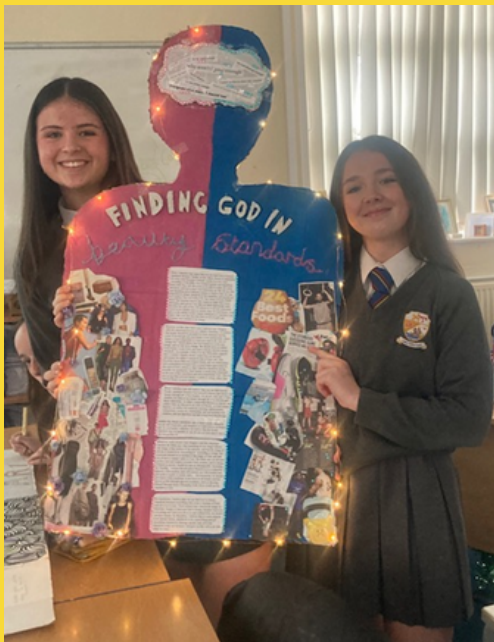
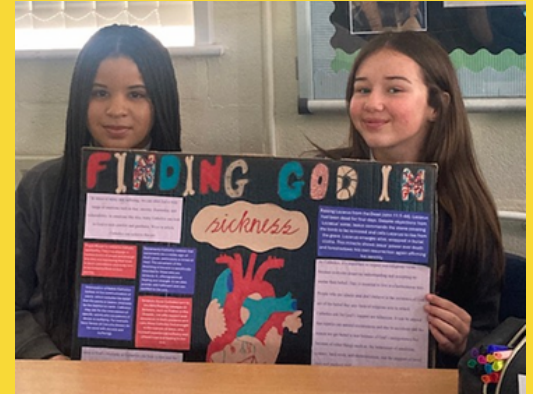
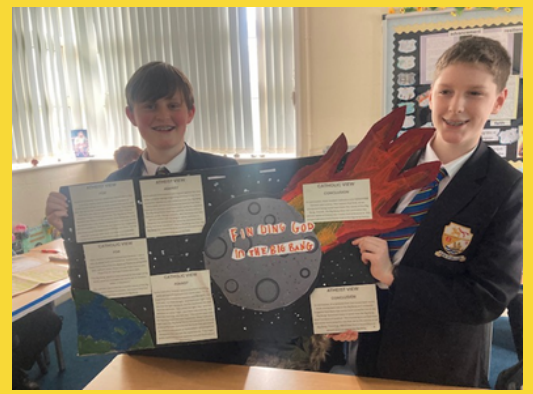
PUPILS AND RESIDENTS CHATTED DURING THE VISIT FINDING MUCH IN COMMON, DISCOVERING SHARED FRIENDS AND FAMILY CONNECTIONS. FASCINATING CONVERSATIONS WERE HAD ABOUT SCHOOL LIFE BOTH PRESENT AND PAST, SPORTING HEROES AND ART.



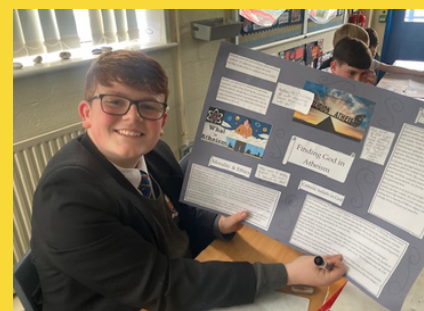
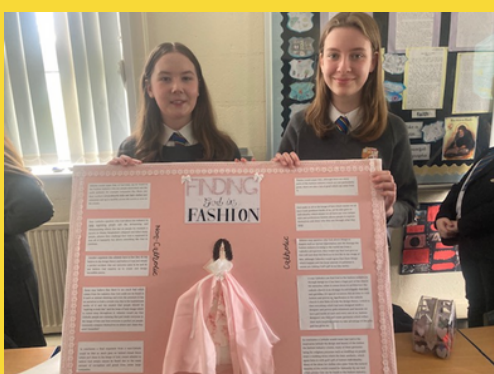
Year 8 Prayer and Reflection Workshop



OVER THE COURSE OF THREE WEEKS, GROUPS OF YEAR 8 PUPILS HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PART IN A PRAYER AND REFLECTION WORKSHOP BASED ON THE THEME OF 'LIVING A LIFE OF FULLNESS.' THE SESSIONS, WHICH TAKE PLACE IN THE NEW PRAYER SPACE, ARE PLANNED AROUND THE YEAR 8 RE CURRICULUM AND ALSO ALLOW TIME FOR CONFIRMATION FORMATION IN RE CLASSES. USING EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING, SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER, THE SESSIONS ALLOW PUPILS TO REFLECT ON WHAT CONSTITUTES A "FULL" LIFE AND TO CONSIDER WHAT TRULY SUSTAINS AND SATISFIES US IN LIFE.



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 MAIN HALL AND MADE FOR AN INTERESTING BACKDROP DURING THE LITURGICAL ASSEMBLIES. WELL DONE TO ALL YEAR 9 STUDENTS FOR THEIR ENTHUSIASM AND EFFORT THROUGHOUT THE PROJECT.



CAFOD's Big Walk



A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED OR WHO PLEDGED A DONATION IN SUPPORT OF ST BEDE'S BIG WALK FOR CAFOD. ON SATURDAY 23RD MARCH REPRESENTATIVES FROM ST BEDE'S, ST ANNE'S CHURCH AND ST GREGORY'S CHURCH CAME TOGETHER FOR A SPONSORED WALK TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CAFOD'S LENTEN APPEAL. WE RAISED OVER £600 ! THANK YOU SO MUCH .A SPECIAL THANK YOU GOES TO HANNAH C IN YEAR 7 WHO RAISED OVER £100 . HANNAH, YOU ARE AN EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW

YEAR 10 RETREAT- DISCERNMENT

OUR YEAR 10 PUPILS TOOK PART IN A THOUGHT PROVOKING INTERNAL RETREAT EXPLORING THE PROCESS OF DISCERNMENT. PUPILS PARTICIPATED IN THREE SESSIONS ALL EXPLORING HOW OUR FAITH CAN ENABLE US TO DISCERN WISELY. WE WERE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME BACK PASTOR BILLY MCCURRIE WHO SHARED HIS FAITH JOURNEY WITH THE PUPILS. IN BILLY'S SESSION, PUPILS EXAMINED THE IMPACT OF CHOICES MADE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF DISCERNMENT IN AVOIDING NEGATIVE OUTCOMES. PUPILS WERE LED IN AN EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE AND ALSO CONSIDERED STRATEGIES WHICH ALLOW US TO MAKE WISE DECISIONS. A HUGE THANK YOU TO PASTOR BILLY AND ALL THOSE WHO CO-ORDINATED THE RETREAT.



Year 8 Retreat - Living Authentically

YEAR 8 PUPILS PARTICIPATED IN A DAY'S RETREAT IN ST ANNE'S PARISH CENTRE, BASED ON THE THEME OF LIVING AUTHENTICALLY. THE SESSIONS, LED BY STAFF, PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT ON THE IMPORTANCE OF RECOGNISING AND VALUING UNIQUE GOD GIVEN TALENTS AND QUALITIES AND THE IMPORTANCE OF CELEBRATING THESE AS A MEANS OF LIVING AUTHENTICALLY. IN OTHER SESSIONS, PUPILS EXPLORED THE DANGERS OF IMAGE SHARING AND NEGATIVE ONLINE INFLUENCERS AS PART OF THE RELATIONSHIPS, SEX AND HEALTH EDUCATION CURRICULUM. THE CONTENT WAS DELIVERED IN AN AGE APPROPRIATE MANNER AND WAS A REFLECTION OF OUR CATHOLIC ETHOS.THE FINAL SESSION, EXAMINED HOW SOCIAL MEDIA AND POPULAR CULTURE PROMOTES A NOTION OF PERFECTION WHICH IS INAUTHENTIC AND UNOBTAINABLE. WITHOUT EXCEPTION, EVERY SINGLE PUPIL PARTICIPATED AND ENGAGED WITH ENTHUSIASM, CONFIDENCE AND OUTSTANDING BEHAVIOUR. IT PROVED TO BE A WONDERFUL RETREAT FOR ALL INVOLVED, PUPILS AND STAFF.



YEAR 10 ADORATION



FOLLOWING THEIR RETREAT, YEAR 10 HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION. OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ARE OFTEN OVERWHELMED BY THE BUSINESS OF LIFE AND RARELY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SIT IN STILLNESS FOR ANY SUSTAINED PERIOD OF TIME. TO SIT IN STILLNESS, TO PRAY IN SILENCE IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD THROUGH ADORATION, IS A BEAUTIFUL ADDITION TO THEIR PRAYER EXPERIENCE AND FAITH FORMATION.



Year 8 Ormskirk Interfaith Community Hub Competition

WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT STUDENTS SHOULD BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENRICH THEIR LEARNING IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DURING EVERY AGE PHASE. IN YEAR 8, STUDENTS ARE CHALLENGED TO DESIGN AN INTERFAITH COMMUNITY HUB TO SERVE THE ORMSKIRK COMMUNITY. ALL STUDENTS COMPLETED DESIGNS AND PERSUASIVE WRITING PITCHES WITH SOME GOING THE EXTRA MILE BY ENTERING 3D MODELS AND VIRTUAL TOURS INTO A COMPETITION. WE WERE OVERWHELMED BY THE CREATIVITY, RESILIENCE AND INDEPENDENCE THAT STUDENTS DISPLAYED DURING THIS TERM AS THEY WORKED TO CREATE THEIR MODELS. WELL DONE TO ALL YEAR 8 STUDENTS FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND ENTHUSIASM!



WE WERE DELIGHTED TO BE ASKED TO HOST THIS YEAR'S DIOCESE LENTEN SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION AT ST BEDE'S. GUESTS FROM ACROSS THE DIOCESE LED US IN PRAYER AND REFLECTION AND REV. CANON MICHAEL FITZSIMONS CLOSED THE SERVICE WITH A BEAUTIFUL BLESSING. ST BEDE'S CHAMBER CHOIR PROVIDED EXQUISITE MUSIC THROUGHOUT THE SERVICE. MANY THANKS TO PATRICIA PEEL WHO CO-ORDINATED A BEAUTIFULLY REFLECTIVE SERVICE.

DIOCESE LENTEN SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

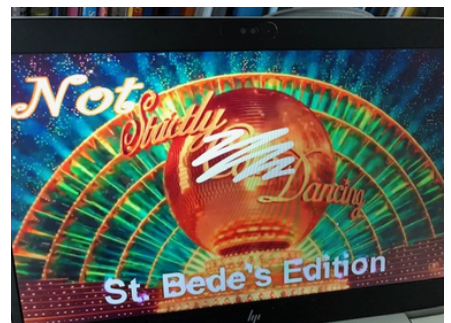
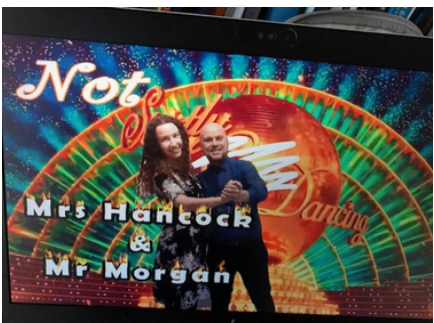
Fundraising and The Good Shepherd Mass Metropolitan Cathedral

A NUMBER OF PUPILS FROM OUR FAITH IN ACTION AND MILLION MINUTES GROUPS ATTENDED THE GOOD SHEPHERD MASS IN THE METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL IN JUNE. ALL PUPILS WORKED TIRELESSLY OVER LENT FUNDRAISING FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL. BEFORE MASS THEY SPOKE WITH BISHOP TOM WILLIAMS BEFORE PRESENTING A CHEQUE TO NUGENT CARE FOR £3100.

RAISING THAT AMOUNT OF MONEY IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME IS A TESTAMENT TO THE ENERGY AND GENEROSITY OF STAFF AND PUPILS. OUR STAFF AND PUPIL VERSION OF NOT STRICTLY DANCING WAS A TREMENDOUS WHOLE SCHOOL EFFORT WHICH TOOK A NUMBER OF WEEKS TO PRODUCE. A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL INVOLVED. SIMILARLY, BEDE FEST, OUR

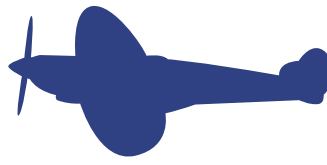


ORIGINAL FUNDRAISER FOR NUGENT CARE, REQUIRES STAFF AND PUPILS TO SPEND HOURS REHEARSING. WE ARE BLESSED THAT WE HAVE A SCHOOL COMMUNITY WHO JOYFULLY COME TOGETHER IN ORDER TO RAISE MONEY FOR SUCH AN IMPORTANT CAUSE. FINALLY, WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK PARENTS AND CARERS WHO GENEROUSLY SUPPORT THE PUPILS' EFFORTS TO FUNDRAISE, A SINCERE THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU.



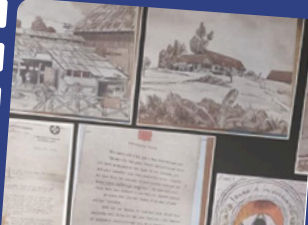
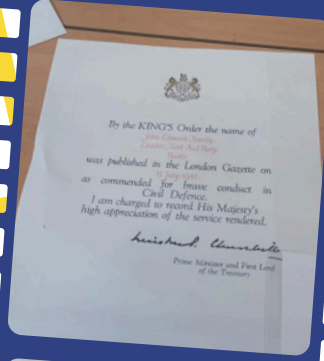
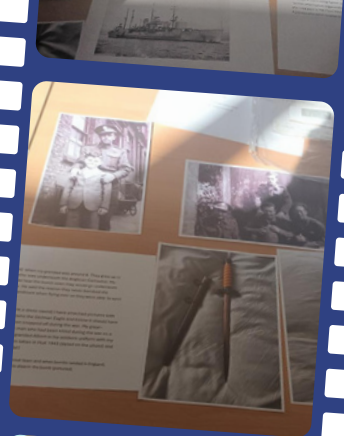
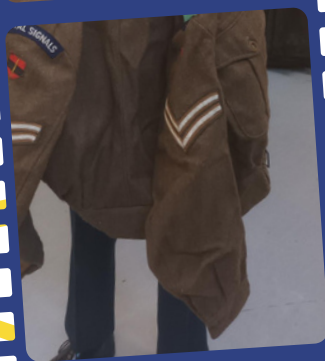
Raising money for Nugent Care





D-Day

AT ST BEDE'S





Creative Arts Celebration Evening

'OH WHAT A NIGHT'



"ON 4TH JULY, WE CELEBRATED THE WONDERFUL TALENTS OF BOTH PUPILS AND STAFF HERE AT ST. BEDE'S WITH AN EVENING OF MUSIC, DANCE AND ART. IT WAS SUCH A SPECIAL WAY TO FINISH OFF A VERY CREATIVE YEAR. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE INVOLVED."



UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL MATHS SCHOOL



ON THURSDAY 4TH JULY, MRS SCOTT & MRS HAYES TOOK EIGHT OF OUR TALENTED MATHEMATICIANS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL MATHS SCHOOL WHERE THEY COMPETED AGAINST 19 TEAMS FROM VARIOUS SCHOOLS AND EACH OTHER IN A MATHS COMPETITION. THE TWO TEAMS COMPRISED OF E1 (LUCAS S, JUDE M, CHLOE L & EMMIE G) AND W1 (ANGELINA A, KATIE C, EMMA C & CARYS R).

THE TWO TEAMS WERE BRILLIANT AND OVER THE COURSE OF THE DAY, COMPLETING VARIOUS TIMED MATHS CHALLENGES, TRYING TO SCORE AS MANY POINTS AS POSSIBLE.

THE FINAL RESULT WAS E1 CAME FOURTH OVERALL (NARROWLY MISSING THIRD BY TWO POINTS) AND W1 CAME SEVENTH OVERALL.

THE CHALLENGES WERE BY NO MEANS EASY SO A MASSIVE CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH TEAMS FOR DISPLAYING THE SKILLS & STAMINA TO TAKE PART!





YEAR 8 WORKING HARD



DESIGNING TOWERS

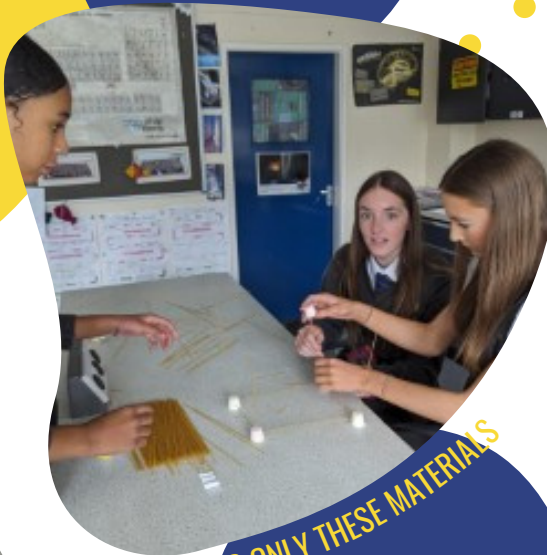


IT'S A COMPETITION



USING SPAGHETTI AND MARSHMALLOWS

TO BUILD THE HIGHEST TOWER



USING ONLY THESE MATERIALS



...WITH VARYING DEGREES OF SUCCESS

Lancashire Cup Finalists

WELL DONE TO LILY, TAYTE AND EVA FOR REACHING THE LANCASHIRE CUP FINAL - NARROWLY PIPPED TO THE POST AND LOST 4-2 ON PENALTIES.



Niamh C

NIAMH SPENT THIS WEEKEND COMPETING AT SWIM ENGLAND NORTH WEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS...AND CAME HOME WITH A SILVER MEDAL FOR THE 200M BUTTERFLY. JUST TO QUALIFY FOR REGIONALS IS A HUGE ACHIEVEMENT IN ITSELF, PLUS SHE KNOCKED AN INCREDIBLE 13 SECONDS OFF HER PB.

NIAMH IS NOW RANKED 10TH IN ENGLAND FOR 200M BUTTERFLY. I CAN HONESTLY SAY THAT SHE DESERVES THIS, SHE'S BEEN DOING EXTRA SESSIONS OUT OF CHOICE AND REALLY PUSHING HERSELF AT TRAINING RECENTLY. WE ARE SO PROUD OF HER AND GLAD HER HARD WORK HAS PAID OFF.



YEAR 9S JASMINE O AND LUKE P REPRESENTED ST BEDE'S AT THE ARCHDIOCESE PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION ON 9TH JULY. THEY HAVE WORKED VERY HARD IN RECENT WEEKS AND PREPARED INCREDIBLE SPEECHES ON THE TOPICS OF 'IS BRITAIN STILL GREAT?' AND 'IS THE UK PREPARED FOR EXTREME WEATHER?'. THEY DELIVERED THE SPEECHES AT ST JOHN RIGBY COLLEGE WITH 14 OTHER STUDENTS FROM VARIOUS SCHOOLS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE AND THE QUALITY OF THE SPEECHES FROM ALL PARTICIPANTS WAS VERY HIGH. MRS STACEY AND MISS LETKI WERE PRIVILEGED ENOUGH TO GO TO THE EVENT WITH JASMINE AND LUKE AND THEY HAVE REPORTED BACK HOW PROUD THEY WERE OF THEM. WELL DONE JASMINE AND LUKE - YOU ARE A CREDIT TO THE SCHOOL.

Jasmine & Luke



chicken leg
DISSECTION
year 7





YEAR 10 BOYS
LANCASHIRE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS



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LANCASHIRE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

Amazing results ...



SATURDAY 11TH MAY SAW THE U16'S END OF SEASON AWARDS AT LIVERPOOL ST HELENS RUGBY UNION (DRESS CODE - DAD SHIRTS)



YEAR 10 BOYS
LANCASHIRE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

JOSEPH JOINED LSH AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 2024 SEASON AND QUICKLY SET ABOUT BEDDING HIMSELF INTO HIS NEW 'ALREADY WELL ESTABLISHED' TEAM. WORKING HARD BOTH ON AND OFF THE FIELD, PLAYING OUT OF POSITION AND PUTTING THE NEEDS OF THE TEAM AND HIS TEAMMATES ABOVE HIS OWN, HE QUICKLY GAINED HIMSELF A STARTING POSITION AND MAKING THE NUMBER 8 SHIRT HIS, IN ADDITION TO BEING THE HIGHEST SCORING FORWARD. JOSEPH'S IMPACT TO THE TEAM WAS RECOGNISED LAST NIGHT AS HE RECEIVED THE 'COACHES AWARD' FROM THE TEAM'S HEAD COACH, A HUGE ACHIEVEMENT FOR A NEW PLAYER TO ANY TEAM.



DUKE OF Edinburgh



Y10 PUPILS COMPLETED THEIR SILVER EXPEDITION. 3 DAYS AND 2 NIGHTS WHERE THEY HAD TO CARRY EVERYTHING WITH THEM AND COOK THEIR MEALS TOO! WEATHER WAS COLD BUT SUNNY MOSTLY...JUST A FEW SHOWERS!! THEY WORKED WELL IN THEIR TEAMS ENSURING ALL DIFFICULTIES WERE OVERCOME...THERE WAS EVEN SOME LAUGHTER!! THEY SHOULD BE VERY PROUD OF THEMSELVES AS WE ARE OF THEM!!





YEAR 10



DUKE OF EDINBURGH



SILVER EXPEDITION



GRITTY ROLL OF HONOUR

Tenacity and Your World

Year 7

EVE D
ZACK L
HARRISON P
MYLES P
GRACE H
EMMA C
POPPY C
AMBER E
KARSTON B
ELLIE MAE S
OLIVER F
SADIE C
ISLA O
GABRIELLE B
FAYE T
ANDREW B
MARCO H
MATTHEW H
KENZIE L
MAX W
IVY D
CARTER M
GEORGE H
GENEVIEVE L
ZAK M
LUCY R
MOLLY-MAY M
CHARLIE N
WILLIAM S
ISLA M
LUCIUS O
MAISIE M
JAMES H

Year 8

ABBIE L
NIAMH M
LUCY F
IMOGEN H
SCARLETT B
SUMMEH H
EVA R
EVIE T
LUCY H
LACEY L
BELLA H
DAISY D
ISIS L
OLLIE E
AVA R
SID L
SAM P
OLIVIA H
KAI Q
ETHAN R
POPPY A
ISABELLE W
JAMIE W
HARRY L
HANNAH M
JOE G
SPENCER C
GRACE W
LUCAS S
AVA C
JASMINE T
LEWIS M

Year 9

VINCENT R
JASMINE O
MAISIE C
HONOR B
CHARLIE D
OLIVIA L
DAISY N
JACK A
LUCAS R
ABIGAIL C
LEILA A
LOLA B
JOEL P
MEGAN C
HARLEY W
ISABELLE J
LUKE C
HOPE A
OSCAR R
HARRIS S
ISLA B
BELLA D
AVA J
HARRIET M
LUCY O
ROBERT O
ISABEL B
FLORENCE N
ENNIS G
PADRAIG L
HEIDI C
ROWAN M
NANCY H
EMILY B

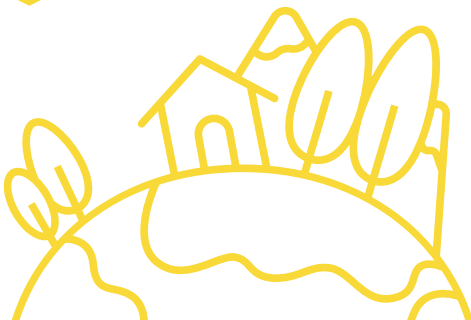
Year 10

SADIE H
CONNOR H
DAISY D
ELLA H
ELLA W
JACOB P
BELLA S
DANIEL R
CHARLIE A
JACK Y
ABIGAIL H
SAM C
ISAAC C
HARRY J
JACOB K
CHLOE L
MIA S
CAMARA V
OLLY H
LEWIS E
KEIRA T
ISAAC W
MILLIE P
JOE M
FREDDY L
EMMIE G
OLIVIA B
NIAMH M
GRACE P
PHOEBE D
ZAK B
MIKALAH M
MILLIE W
IMOGEN D
AVA S
SCARLETT K

Year 10

ELEANOR G
KATY W
ANNIKA G
FRANKIE G
MILLIE S
DANIEL L
LUCAS T
MAGGIE C
MIA J
LUCY D
MAX O
JACOB H
LAKEN P
KAYLEN D

Well
Done
to all!





Music Exam Success!



THIS HAS BEEN A VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT, AS FOURTEEN PUPILS SAT AND PASSED MUSIC EXAMS FROM ABRSM GRADE 2 PIANO TO SINGING FOR MUSICAL THEATRE GRADE 5.

MUSIC EXAMS ARE A BRILLIANT WAY TO INCREASE SKILLS AND IMPROVE CONFIDENCE, PROVIDING A GOAL TO WORK TOWARDS AND A REAL SENSE OF ACHIEVEMENT. IT IS THIS THAT MAKES MUSIC LESSONS IMPRESSIVE TO COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES AND FUTURE EMPLOYERS, ALONG WITH THE PERSONAL COMMITMENT REQUIRED TO BE SUCCESSFUL. IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN TAKING MUSIC LESSONS, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH MRS MCMURRAY. OUR PERI TEACHERS, SARAH, SHAUN, PAUL AND MARK OFFER LESSONS IN SINGING, PIANO, GUITAR, WOODWIND, DRUMS AND MUSIC THEORY. CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE WHO SAT MUSIC EXAMS LAST YEAR, EITHER WITH US IN SCHOOL OR OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL IN PRIVATE LESSONS. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!



ERIN O SINGING FOR MUSICAL THEATRE GRADE 3- DISTINCTION
ISABELLA S SINGING FOR MUSICAL THEATRE GRADE 5- MERIT
DANIEL M SINGING FOR MUSICAL THEATRE GRADE 3- PASS
KATIE M SINGING FOR MUSICAL THEATRE GRADE 4- PASS
ANNABELLA M SINGING FOR MUSICAL THEATRE GRADE 4- DISTINCTION
GEORGIA T SINGING FOR MUSICAL THEATRE GRADE 3- PASS
ERIN I SINGING FOR MUSICAL THEATRE GRADE 4- MERIT
OLIVIA D SINGING FOR MUSICAL THEATRE GRADE 3- MERIT
GRACE L SINGING FOR MUSICAL THEATRE GRADE 5- MERIT
JOEL N SINGING FOR MUSICAL THEATRE GRADE 4- DISTINCTION
EVIE P PIANO GRADE 2- MERIT
MADDIE P SINGING FOR MUSICAL THEATRE GRADE 3 MERIT
SCARLETT K SINGING FOR MUSICAL THEATRE GRADE 5- DISTINCTION
SIOBHAN D PIANO GRADE 3- MERIT (NOT PICTURED)

