

We are delighted to bring you the autumn term edition of our Ethos and Wellbeing newsletter. The aim of the newsletter is to keep you updated with the Catholic Life of the school, CEIAG, PSHE & RSHE, Mental Health and Wellbeing topics students will be studying during the Autumn term. There is also advice and further information for pupils, parents and carers.

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Catholic Life

Prayer and Liturgy: Year group role models of Faith

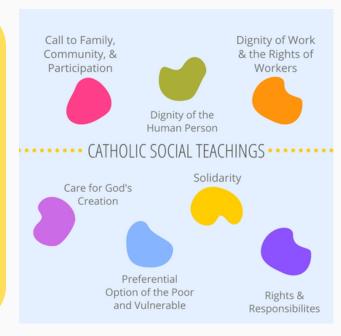
" Walk with the wise and become wise." Proverbs 13:20

Our vision at St Bede's is that every pupil enjoys a transformative Catholic education. Positive role modelling is a key element of this transformational journey. With this in mind, our pupils highlighted the importance of Catholic role models of faith inspiring us and significantly, reflecting and promoting greater cultural diversity and equality. In a bid to make this a realty, they put before governors a proposal to introduce new role models of faith who they felt reflected greater diversity. Governors supported their proposal and over the course of one term in form classes, pupils explored and reflected on the lives of ten inspirational men and women. In July ,staff and pupils and took part in a whole school vote selecting five individuals who are now our St Bede's role models of faith:

Year 7: St Carlo Acutis
Year 8: Sister Thea Bowman
Year 9: St Oscar Romero
Year 10: Dorothy Day
Year 11: Sean Devereux.

Catholic Social Teaching in the Media: Liturgy breakfast meetings.

We are blessed to have the most wonderful group of pupils who discuss, plan and deliver thought provoking and engaging collective worship to every form class. A group of yr 9,10 and 11 pupils meet for breakfast every Tuesday in chaplaincy to discuss an issue in the news which they wish to explore through the lens of Catholic Social Teaching. They then spend break and lunchtimes creating a media resource which examines how scripture and Catholic Social Teaching can help us respond to the issue in a compassionate and socially proactive way. Recognising that faith without action is not an option, they make proactive suggestions about how we can bear fruit in the coming week. All pupils are welcome to join the Liturgy group on Tuesdays from 8.30am, in Chaplaincy.



Lectio Divina Sunday Gospel Reflections

This prayer resource is prepared weekly and shared with all forms through guided power points. In our busy lives where everything is instant and immediate, taking time to be still and prayerful is something beautiful. With this in mind, every week, our pupils reflect on the coming Sunday's Gospel during form time. Taking time to reflect on the wisdom of scripture and allowing it to guide us, illuminating things from a different perspective and helping us to navigate our way through the week can be hugely fulfilling. Our young people have so many decisions to make on a daily basis, providing them with the opportunity to be reflective and develop these skills of discernment is hugely beneficial. We follow the process of Lectio Divina, which may well be an ancient Christian tradition, but the necessity and relevance of it for our young people is significant

Year 7 Welcome Day and Mass

An enjoyable day was had by all as we welcomed our wonderful year 7s into our St Bede's family. The day began with an assembly reminding us that we are each a unique work of art by God, and completely beloved by God. It is through remembering this truth, that we are able to live authentic lives, free to flourish as we walk our own unique path. After spending time making their form symbols, pupils then took part in a number of workshops, drama, craft and team games, all of which allowed pupils to get to know people in their form classes a little better. The day culminated in a beautiful Mass led by Father Godric. Pupils presented their beautifully crafted form symbols. It was beautiful to welcome so many parents and guardians to Mass and into our St Bede's family. A huge thank you to all of our lovely readers and our amazing choir

Faith and wellbeing Prayer resource.

This resource is prepared and shared with all forms via power points. Enabling our pupils to recognise the different ways in which they can live life in all its fullness is at the core of all that we do. Our a vision is to enable our pupils to flourish by seeking to develop character and wise decision making. Through this resource, pupils examine a variety of positive character traits or virtues and examine how the pursuit of these can enable them to develop as individuals both emotionally, academically and spiritually. As a Catholic school we recognise that our faith provides us with the means by which we can live a full, peaceful and authentic life. Scripture and reference to our role models of faith is therefore an essential part of this prayer resource.

Faith In Action Silver and bronze awards.

An incredible group of young people participate in our Faith In Action programme. The award enables our pupils to put their Catholic Faith into action in a variety of ways. This year an amazing thirteen pupils were awarded their silver award and 9 pupils were awarded bronze. Presentation of their awards will take place during this term. The coming academic year will see them working collaboratively and leading in order to achieve their gold and silver awards. Alongside the planning of peace and justice events, preparation of prayer and liturgy inside and outside of school, pupils also meet to reflect on how scripture and the ministry of Jesus informs and shapes their actions. We very much look forward to inviting year 7 pupils to join this wonderful group allowing them to put their faith into action.

Masses

Weekly Masses continue. Each Thursday there is a year group Mass at St Anne's period 1. This Mass is also open to Parishioners.

Confirmation Catechesis

The celebration of Confirmation for our current year 9 pupils from St Anne's Parish will take place in the coming term. Parents/carers from St Anne's Parish who registered their children for Confirmation via the Diocese will be contacted in the coming weeks with specific details

Saltmine Theatre production 'Switchup'

We are delighted to welcome Saltmine Theatre Company to our school in October. Saltmine is a professional theatre company that creates and tours preventative educational productions and workshops to schools throughout the UK. They will perform 'Switchup' a thought-provoking show and workshop programme about the complex and interrelated issues of knife crime, county lines, shared enterprise, gang violence and self-identity. It was commissioned by Derby City Council in 2018, developed and researched with Derby Police and inspired by real-life events; it has been performed to over 31,000 pupils to date. Year 8,9,10 and 11 will watch the one hour performance and then pu[ils will participate in a 50 minute workshop following the performance. A range of key themes enhancing our pupils' personal development will be explored during the day. It is thanks to the generosity of our wonderful school pastors that we are able to stage this production. A huge thank you to Dave Mutch and the wonderful pastors

St Vincent De Paul

St Vincent De Paul is a Catholic charity who work tirelessly to support the needs of families in our community in a variety of ways. We are blessed to enjoy a very close relationship with St Anne's St Vincent De Paul's group.. We meet monthly with the group in order to secure support for families in our school who may require assistance.. Because of the wonderful work of the SVP, we are in a position to assist families with the cost of basic needs, food and energy costs should they need it. All requests for support are completely confidential. Should you need any assistance in terms of food, energy or uniform please email e.brown@sbchs.co.uk.

College Lunch Time Drop Ins

Starting Week
Beginning 30/10/24
Yr 11 pupils can
speak to Colleges in
the library.

Work Experience

All forms must be handed in as a matter of urgency.

Work Experience is compulsory.

Yr 11

<u>College</u> <u>Applications</u>

Online applications will open shortly so keep checking online.

Three Applications

All applications (to at least 3 colleges) to be complete by beginning of December.

CEIAG

Careers Education Information Advice and Guidance

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Year 9 bronze and year 10 silver will begin shortly. Pupils need to speak to Mrs Turpin if they wish to participate this year.



Personal Development Lessons (PSHE, RSHE, CEIAG, CITIZENSHIP & CHARACTER EDUCATION)

All students will study the following topics throughout the academic year:











Guest Speakers

Year 7 - Network Rail, the British Transport Police - Local dangers

All Years - Lancashire Police - knife crime

All Years – We are With You – Vaping

All pupils at St Bede's experience the Personal Development curriculum through timetabled lessons (Monday week 2), assemblies and form time resources.

PSHE Topic this Term

During the autumn term, each year group will study the following topics.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Health and Wellbeing - coping with change, diet and exercise and stillness.	Staying Safe – digital safety, first aid and negative social media influences.	RSHE - love people, use things, consent and sexual exploitation & harassment	Citizenship - Commonweal th/UN, UK constitution and electoral systems.	Careers and Aspirations – work experience, applications and college talks
Staying safe - bullying, road, rail and water safety and first aid.	Citizenship - monachry, parliament, justice and money.	Serving the Common Good - individual liberty, don't be a bystander, human righjts and CST.	Careers and Aspirations - revision techniques, CV introduction, exam stress and anxiety.	Health and Wellbeing - Exam stress, anxiety, mindfulness, medical and health choices.

Relationship, Health and Sex Education (RSHE)

This term Year 9 students will attend three RSHE sessions exploring human dignity, consent and sexual exploitation and harrasment.

The Ten Ten RSHE Parent Portal

The Ten Ten Parent Portal contains:
An overview of the programme, "Life to the Full"
Guidance for parents on the content of lessons
Activities that can be undertaken at home to support the delivery of the programme

If you would like to find out more about the RSHE curriculum, then please follow this link:

https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/

*Username and log in details have been emailed to parents.

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Pastoral Assemblies

Each week students will attend a pastoral assembly that will cover topics to complement and enhance the Personal Development Curriculum and the Catholic Life of the School. We also celebrate pupil achievements with weekly awards. Below are some of the topics covered.





Extra Curricular Timetable

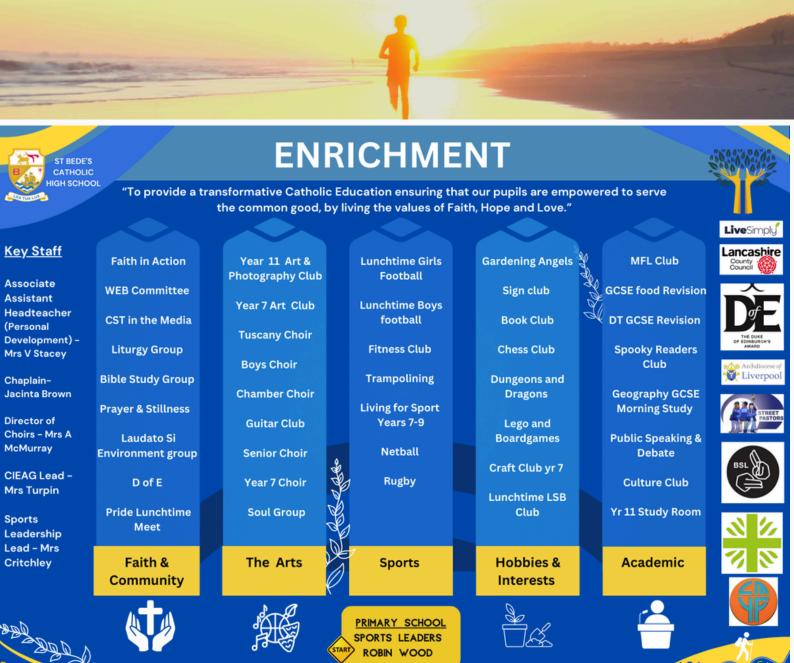
During their time at St Bede's pupils will have the opportunity to experience a range of trips, visits, clubs & groups, compete in external competitions listen to external speakers and watch performances. These opportunities help our pupils to grow in character and build the knowledge and skills needed to thrive in the future. Enrichment at St Bede's exposes our pupils to a wide range of diverse spiritual and cultural experiences alongside opportunities to try out new interests and serve in the common good.

	Lunchtime	Room	After School (from 3.15 until 4.30)	Room
Monday	Million Minutes -Jacinta	R1	Trampolining – Carlos (4.40pm)	Sports hall
	Lunchtime LSB Club (invitation only)	LSB		
	Year 7 Choir – Mrs McMurray	Studio/MU1		
	Soul Group – Mrs McMurray	Studio/MU1		
	MFL Club – Frau Williams	MFL1		
	Year 7 Art – Mrs Morris	A2		
	Football Year 10 boys, 9,10 and 11 girls – PE Dept	Astro		
Tuesday	Million Minutes – Jacinta	R1	Living for Sport vr. 7-9 – Miss Critchley	Sports hall
	Lunchtime LSB Club (invitation only)	LSB	Girls football all years – Miss Gray	Astro
	Guitar Club – Mr Marston-Yim/Mr Gibson	Studio/MU1	Year 11 Revision Club – Mr Cox	LRC
	Senior Choir – Mrs McMurray	Studio/MU1	WEB Committee (week 2 only) - Mrs Stacey-Swale	R1
	GCSE Art & Photography – Mrs Corness & Mrs Byrom	A1/ A2	Debate & Public Speaking (week 1 only) – RE dept	R1
	Spooky Readers Club - Mrs Molloy	E4	Homework Club (invitation only)	LSB
	Football Year 9 boys, 9,10 and 11 girls - PE Dept	Astro	GCSE Art & Photography – Mrs Corness & Ms Byrom	A2
	Laudato Si Environment group – Mr Holt	H3		
Wednesday	Chamber Choir – Mrs McMurray	Studio/MU1	GCSE food revision – Mrs Wainwright	DT2
	Lunchtime LSB Club (invitation only)	LSB	Netball all years – Mrs Longson	Sports hall
	GCSE Art & Photography – Mrs Corness & Ms Byrom	A1/ A2	Rugby all years – Mr Lloyd	Astro
	Sign club – Miss McDowall	E2	GCSE Art & Photography – Mrs Corness	A1
	Gardening Angels – Mr Holt	Sensory Garden		
	Football Year 8 boys, 7 and 8 girls - PE Dept	Astro		
	Dungeons & Dragons – Mr Gillon/ pupil led	M1		
Thursday	Faith in Action – Jacinta	Chaplaincy room	Football Year 9 – Mr Marston-Yim	Astro
	Lunchtime LSB Club (invitation only)	LSB	Football Years 7,8,10,11 - Mr McLoughlin	Field
	Tuscany choir_week 1 - Mrs McMurray	Studio/MU1	GCSE Art & Photography – Mrs Corness & Mrs Byrom	A1
	Boys Choir week 2 - Mrs McMurray	Studio/MU1		
	MFL Club – Frau Williams	MFL1	Duke of Edinburgh Award - Yr 9 & 10 (afterschool hours -	Parish Centr
	GCSE Art & Photography – Mrs Corness & Ms Byrom	A1/ A2	please see Mrs Turpin for more details)	
	Chess Club – Mr Doolan	M5		
	Football Year 11 boys, 9,10 and 11 girls – Mrs Turpin	Astro		
Friday	Fitness club 7.55 am-8.25 am	Sportshall		
	Lunchtime LSB Club (invitation only)	LS		
	Culture Club - Yr 10 Pupil Leaders	R1		
	Book Club- Miss McDowall	E2		
	Gardening Angels – Mr Holt	Sensory Gardens		
	Football Year 7 boys, 7 and 8 girls – PE Dept	Astro		

^{*}All Sports clubs finish at 4.15pm unless stated

Participation
This year we are strongly encouraging all our pupils to participate in at least one lunchtime or afterschool club.





Mental Health and Wellbeing

Mental Health Week 7th -11th October

This year we will focus on the theme of mental health and wellbeing in school. Mrs Noon and the Make Talk Your Goal & Just Think pupil groups will lead on a range of assemblies, activities and events that are designed to inform pupils about the range of support we offer in school and where they can go for further information and support outside of school. We are asking that all pupils come into school wearing an item of yellow in support of mental health awareness.

Mental Health First Aiders

Miss Noon
Mr Lloyd
Mrs Longson
Mrs Wainwright
Mr Cox
Mr Lockyer
Mr Doolan

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

Data collected for ASH (Action on Smoking and Health) shows an increase in 11 to 17-year-olds experimenting with vaping: from 7.7% in 2022 to 11.6% in 2023. It's concerning that these age-restricted products are getting into the hands of under 18s as most contain nicotine, which can be detrimental to brain development and cause long-term addiction. Some schools have reported students having their focus in lessons affected by nicotine cravings; vaping in school toilets; and even trying vapes found in their local park. Raising awareness of the risks among young people could help to prevent these problems from escalating and reduce the number of young vapers.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

NICOTINE ADDICTION

Since they were initially developed to help people stop smoking, the vast majority of vape liquids contain nicotine. Not only is this a highly addictive stimulant, but it can also have detrimental effects on brain development in the under-25s. Nicotine can decrease the ability to pay attention, weaken impulse control, affect mood and increase the likelihood of substance addiction as an adult.

WHAT IS VAPING?

Vapes contain a liquid (vape juice/e-liquid) that is heated by a battery and evaporates, creating a chemical vapour which the user inhales. They can be disposable (once the liquid or battery runs out, the vape is thrown away) or rechargeable (the user replaces the liquid and recharges the battery on demand). Most vape liquids contain nicotine and other chemicals.

LACK OF AWARENESS

A proportion of young people tend to view vapes as harmless, mainly because of the products' appearance and the perception (often strengthened on social media) that "vaping is cool" and on trend. In many instances, young people don't fully appreciate the concept of addiction: that is, they aren't adequately aware of the risk of becoming hooked on nicotine before trying a vape.

POTENTIAL TOXICITY

Many vape liquids have been found to contain 'heavy' metals such as lead, tin, nickel and (in some cases) mercury – all of which are toxic. These metals often take the form of tiny shards inside a device's liquid tank, which are then inhaled into the body. Some media reports have suggested these metals are particularly prevalent in illegally imported vapes which don't comply with UK regulations.

UNCLEAR LONG-TERM CONSEQUENCES

The liquids in vapes also contain solvents, which can create carcinogens at the point of evaporation. Vapes were only introduced into the UK in 2005 - and, because of the relatively short timeframe involved, there is insufficient medical evidence to assess the long-term harms that regular inhalation of these chemical fluids might have on the human body.

ATTRACTIVE PACKAGING

The packaging of many disposable vapes is very appealing to young people, frequently echoing the colours and flavours of the sweets or fizzy drinks they're used to buying. There's a relative lack of regulation around vape marketing, and vaping is often depicted positively on social media—which can lead young people to develop favourable views of vaping and overlook the possible harms.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

In the UK alone, around 1.3 million disposable vapes go to landfill every week. Due to such significant numbers of these products not being recycled, their components – a lithium battery and a chemical liquid – pose a toxic risk to the environment, the ecosystem and wildlife. Vapes are also predominantly made of plastic and metal; materials that, of course, do not naturally decompose.

WIDER HEALTH CONCERNS

UNREGULATED VAPING PRODUCTS

The number of retailers willing to sell vapes to under-18s is a worry, as the chance of these products being unregulated (and therefore containing illegal chemicals and higher levels of nicotine) is high. A related concern is that the mechanisms inside unregulated products are unlikely to have been tested and safety checked – presenting a possible fire risk if the liquid and battery come into contact.

SCARCE INFORMATION

VAGUE INGREDIENTS LISTS

Meet Our Expertree app to help families

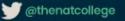
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www.thenationalcollege.co.uk





Keep your child safe online

It is important to have regular conversations about staying safe online and to encourage children to speak to you if they come across something worrying online.

Talk to your child about the importance of creating a safe online environment, including keeping any log-in details and passwords safe.

These resources will support you to talk to your child about a range of online safety issues, set up home filtering in a child-friendly way and set up age-appropriate parental controls on digital devices:

- Thinkuknow by the National Crime Agency Child Exploitation and Online Protection command (NCA-CEOP) resources for parents and carers and children of all ages to help keep children safe online
- Childnet has developed guidance for parents and carers to begin a conversation about online safety, as well as guidance on keeping under-fives safe online
- Parent Info is a collaboration between Parent Zone and NCA-CEOP support and guidance for parents and carers related to the digital world from leading experts and organisations
- National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) guidance for parents and carers to help keep children safe online
- UK Safer Internet Centre tips and advice for parents and carers to keep children safe online – you can also report any harmful content found online through the UK Safer Internet Centre
- Inclusive Digital Safety Hub and Online Safety Hub, created by South West Grid for Learning in partnership with Internet Matters – support and tailored advice for young people with additional learning needs and their parents or carers
- Parents' Guide to Age Ratings explains how the British Board of Film Classification rates content, and gives parents advice on choosing online content well
- The Children's Commissioner has published advice for parents on talking to your child about online sexual harassment specifically, based on input from children themselves







Kooth is a free, safe and anonymous place for young people to find online support and counselling.

You can find online articles and discussion boards, chat and message members of the team and write in your own daily journal helping you to track your feelings and mood changes throughout the week. Kooth magazine contains creative pieces and personal experiences written by young people.

St Bede's Recycled Uniform group.

We are blessed to have a group of parents who run the St Bede's Recycled Uniform group. This group was started by the wonderful Nicki Carroll and continues thanks to the hard work of our wonderful parents, Mrs Alicia Merity and Mrs Karen Lawrenson and we thank them both for their and commitment to this special project.

If you would like to join, use this link below. Any items are shared in the group have no charge, so not only are uniforms kept from landfill, it helps budgets go further. The group is the place to share any good condition uniforms, coats, revision books, etc that you no longer need that can be reused by another family and to look for any items you need. If the item you are looking for is not available, you are able to make a request to group members.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/81621538955751 7/?ref=share_group_link

Other Organisations For Help and Advice

For information and advice about being healthy and looking after yourself, or if you need someone to talk to, you might find it helpful to look at the following websites:

www.samaritans.org.uk

www.nhs.uk

www.teenagehealthfreak.org

www.there4me.com (Childline)

https://education.stem4.org.uk/apps/

Mind Infoline - 0300 123 3393 (9am-6pm, Mon-Fri)

Saneline – 0300 304 7000 (4pm-10pm every day)

The Mix (age 11–25yrs) – 0808 808 4994 (4pm–11pm)

Papyrus – 0800 068 414 (9am-Midnight every day)

Drugs and Alcohol

Talk To Frank - 0800 7766 000 www.talktofrank.com

Emotional Health and Wellbeing www.youngminds.org.uk

If there is any additional support you or your child need, please do not hesitate to contact school.





Parent or carer

You can text a school nurse on

07312263554

We can help with all kinds of things like.....

Emotional Health & Wellbeing
Keeping Healthy Bedwetting
Sleep Bullying Dental Health
Growing Up Keeping Safe
Support with Medical Conditions
in School

Confidentiality

We might inform someone if we are concerned about the safety of you, your child or someone else but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other healthcare staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we have received your text. Texts will only be seen between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays).

If you need help before you hear back from us, contact your GP, nearest walk-in centre or dial 111. If it is an emergency call 999 or go to the emergency department (A&E). Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). To prevent the health professional from sending messages to you, text STOP to our number.

Messages are charged at your usual rates.

