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# ST BEDE'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

All the news from the last half term



AS THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025 DRAWS TO A CLOSE, I WANTED TO WRITE TO EVERYONE IN OUR COMMUNITY TO THANK THEM FOR BEING PART OF ANOTHER SPECIAL YEAR AT ST BEDE'S. THE FIRST PART OF OUR YEAR WAS SPENT PREPARING FOR OUR MUCH-ANTICIPATED OFSTED INSPECTION WHICH CAME IN NOVEMBER AND WAS A REAL SUCCESS, AND THEN FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR WE FOCUSED ON GIVING OUR PUPILS THE BEST EXPERIENCES POSSIBLE, INCREASING OUR EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROVISION AND FINE TUNING OUR APPROACHES TO TEACHING AND LEARNING TO ENSURE PUPILS MAKE THE BEST PROGRESS. THIS NEWSLETTER WILL SHOWCASE THE EVENTS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE THIS TERM. THIS WEEK I HAVE SHARED WITH PUPILS, VIA ASSEMBLY AND MASS, THE VAST NUMBER OF EXPERIENCES OUR PUPILS HAVE HAD THIS YEAR, AND WE HAVE DISCUSSED WHAT 2025-2026 HAS IN STORE. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A GOOD SUMMER BREAK BUT ARE ALL EXCITED TO RETURN IN SEPTEMBER TO CONTINUE OUR ST BEDE'S JOURNEY.

I MUST TAKE A MOMENT TO THANK ALL THE TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF AT ST BEDE'S FOR ALL THAT THEY DO FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, OUR SCHOOL IS LIKE A LARGE EXTENDED FAMILY AND THE SENSE OF COMMUNITY AND STRONG RELATIONSHIPS IS PALPABLE DAILY. THIS UNDOUBTEDLY, COMBINED WITH THE SUPPORT OF OUR FAMILIES AND WIDER COMMUNITY, ALLOWS FOR OUR PUPILS TO THRIVE, TRANSFORM AND BECOME THE BEST VERSIONS OF THEMSELVES.

- Mr Morgan



OUR WHOLE SCHOOL SUMMER MASS WAS A JOYFUL AND REFLECTIVE CELEBRATION, BRINGING TOGETHER THE ENTIRE ST BEDE'S COMMUNITY IN THANKSGIVING. WE GAVE THANKS FOR THE BLESSINGS OF THE PAST YEAR AND LOOKED AHEAD WITH HOPE TO THE FUTURE. IT WAS A FITTING WAY TO END THE ACADEMIC YEAR IN FAITH, UNITY, AND CELEBRATION.

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THE SUMMER TERM IN MATHS HAS BEEN AS BUSY AS EVER WITH UKMT MATHS CHALLENGES, TRIPS TO BLETCHLEY PARK, RESULTS FROM THE 10X CHALLENGE AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST OUR NATIONAL INNOVATION CHALLENGE FINALIST ARE REVEALED!

## 10X CHALLENGE RESULTS

THE 10X CHALLENGE FINISHED JUST AS WE BROKE UP FOR EASTER AND OUT OF THE 12 TEAMS THAT ENTERED, TEAM SUSTAINABALLS (KIER LAWRENSON & VINCENT LAPINID YEAR 10) SUBMITTED THEIR REFLECTIVE VIDEO TO THE COMPETITION AND WON RECOGNITION FOR THE BEST ONE. WHILST NONE OF OUR TEAMS WON THE OVERALL NATIONAL CHALLENGE THEY ALL ENJOYED TAKING PART AND QUITE A FEW DONATED SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS TO OUR GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL: CAKE BABES (LUCY O, LEILA A & RACHEL E), CRISPY BOYZ (CHARLIE N, MAX W, LUCA P & BEN M) AND GLOBAL SERVICE (MATTHEW R, ROBERT O, NATHANIEL B, SAM M, SEAN C & ROWAN M).

# CHALLENGES UKMT CHALLENGES UKMT

FIRSTLY, A MASSIVE CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING YEAR 7'S AND YEAR 8 WHO COMPLETED THIS YEARS UKMT JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE; ISABELLA A, PATRICK B, NYAH C, AMELIE D, SARAH D, SHONE S, EMILY T AND ZAK M.

A SPECIAL MENTION TO PATRICK B IN YEAR 7 WHO WAS AWARDED BEST IN THE YEAR AND TO ZAK M IN YEAR 8 WHO SCORED SO HIGHLY WAS INVITED TO COMPETE IN THE JUNIOR MATHS OLYMPIAD AND FOLLOW-ON KANGAROO ROUNDS.



IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO ENTER ANY OF THE UKMT MATHS CHALLENGES OR WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THEM, THEN PLEASE JUST SEE MRS SCOTT OR JOIN MATHS CHALLENGE CLUB AT LUNCHTIME ON FRIDAYS. THE CHALLENGES ARE NOT ABOUT KNOWING LOTS OF HARD MATHS BUT MORE APPLYING SOME MATHS TO PROBLEMS SOLVING QUESTIONS.



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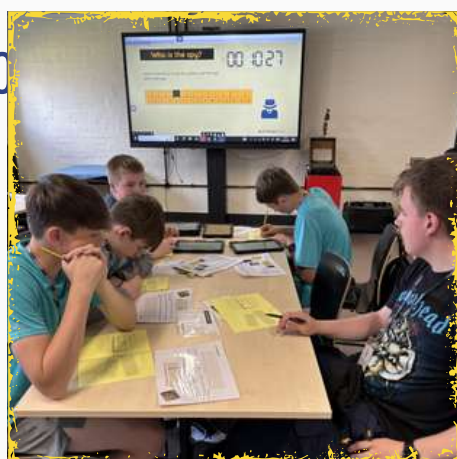
# CODING CLUB

Bletchley Park

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ON WEDNESDAY 21ST MAY WE TOOK THE CODING CLUB MEMBERS PLUS SOME YEAR 9 PUPILS WHO WERE INTERESTED IN TAKING COMPUTER SCIENCE NEXT YEAR DOWN TO BLETCHLEY PARK. A FABULOUS TIME WAS HAD BY ALL AND AS USUAL OUR PUPILS WERE A CREDIT TO US. IT WAS A BUSY DAY AFTER A LONG JOURNEY DOWN THERE AND PUPILS ENJOYED THEIR GUIDED TOUR, CODING/CIPHER ACTIVITY AND LOOK AROUND THE MUSEUM AND EXHIBITS.

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# National Innovation Challenge Competition



EARLIER THIS YEAR I INVITED ALL YEAR 10 & 11 STUDENTS TO ENTER THIS YEARS CHALLENGE. HRUC (HARROW, RICHMOND & UXBRIDGE COLLEGES) ALONG WITH MIT (MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY) LAUNCHED THIS GROUNDBREAKING COMPETITION TO INVITE STUDENTS FROM SCHOOLS & COLLEGES ACROSS THE UK TO SHARE VISIONARY IDEAS THAT COULD POSITIVELY AND SUSTAINABLY IMPACT OUR PLANET. THERE WERE OVER 120 SCHOOLS THAT ENTERED THE CHALLENGE AND THE COMPETITION WAS FIERCE WITH MANY APPLICATIONS FROM SCHOOLS ACROSS THE COUNTRY INCLUDING THOSE SUCH AS ETON COLLEGE.



OUR BRILLIANT YEAR 10 TEAM 'HOME-E-STATIS' COMPRISED OF ROBERT O, MATTHEW R & SEAN C AND THEIR CONCEPT WAS TO RETROFIT HOUSES TO MAKE THEM MORE ENERGY EFFICIENT FOLLOWING SCANNING TECHNIQUES. I AM SO THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE THAT FOLLOWING THE AWARDS EVENING IN COVENT GARDEN IN LONDON ON FRIDAY 11TH JULY THE BOYS WON THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS CATEGORY OF THE NATIONAL INNOVATION CHALLENGE AWARDS 2025. AS WINNERS, THE BOYS ARE NOW OFF TO MIT IN BOSTON IN OCTOBER WHICH IS A LIFE CHANGING OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM ALL.

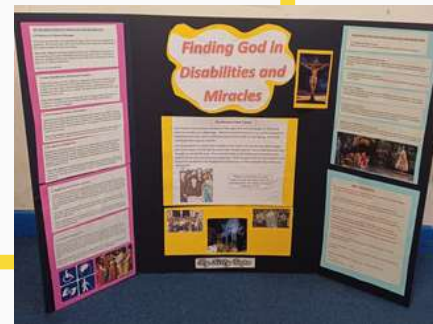




YEAR 9 HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE ARGUMENTS FOR THE EXISTENCE OF GOD AND EVIL & SUFFERING IN A CREATIVE AND PERSONAL WAY.



STUDENTS WORKED HARD TO PRODUCE IMPRESSIVE LEARNING BOARDS AND ESSAYS DURING THEIR RE LESSONS WHICH THEY THEN COMPLETED AT HOME. THE PROJECTS WERE DISPLAYED ON THE STAGE IN THE MAIN HALL AND MADE FOR AN INTERESTING BACKDROP DURING THE LITURGICAL ASSEMBLIES WHICH WERE LED BY THE WINNERS OF THE COMPETITION. WELL DONE TO ALL YEAR 9 STUDENTS FOR THEIR ENTHUSIASM AND EFFORT THROUGHOUT THE PROJECT.





YEAR 8

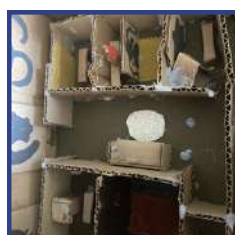
# Interfaith Community Hub Competition

FRIDAY MASS IN THE OUR PRAYER SPACE



EVERY FRIDAY MORNING , 8.20 AM, MASS IS CELEBRATED IN OUR SCHOOL PRAYER SPACE NEXT TO CHAPLAINCY. ALL PUPILS AND STAFF ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. SINCERE THANKS TO FATHER GODRIC WHO CELEBRATES MASS WITH US.

THIS TERM, YEAR 8 PUPILS TOOK ON THE CHALLENGE OF DESIGNING AN INTERFAITH COMMUNITY HUB FOR ORMSKIRK. FROM PERSUASIVE PITCHES TO 3D MODELS AND VIRTUAL TOURS, THE CREATIVITY AND EFFORT ON DISPLAY WERE OUTSTANDING. THE COMPETITION SHOWCASED NOT ONLY THEIR IMAGINATION, BUT ALSO THEIR INDEPENDENCE AND RESILIENCE. A HUGE WELL DONE TO ALL INVOLVED FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND ENTHUSIASM!





LITTER  
PICKING

FOOD  
PARCELS



# The Live Simply Project

YEAR 7 TOOK PART IN AN INSPIRING INITIATIVE FROM CAFOD THAT ENCOURAGES INDIVIDUALS, PARISHES, AND COMMUNITIES TO LIVE IN SOLIDARITY WITH PEOPLE IN POVERTY AND TO CARE FOR CREATION. THE LIVE SIMPLY PROJECT ALLOWED OUR YEAR 7 STUDENTS TO OFFER PRACTICAL WAYS TO PUT FAITH INTO ACTION AND BUILD A MORE JUST AND SUSTAINABLE WORLD.

TOILET  
TWINNING

GROWING  
SUNFLOWERS



ROOTED IN CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING, THE PROJECT INVITES PARTICIPANTS TO LIVE SIMPLY, LIVE SUSTAINABLY, AND LIVE IN SOLIDARITY—MAKING CONSCIOUS CHOICES THAT REFLECT JUSTICE, COMPASSION, AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY.

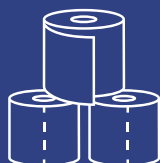
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## WELL DONE

WELL DONE TO 7W2 ON THEIR EFFORTS IN RAISING MONEY FOR TOILETS IN NIGERIA AND UGANDA.



### This toilet has been twinned

Live Simply 2025 - 7W2



1 in 5 people around the world don't have a loo. By Supporting Toilet Twinning you are helping flush away poverty.

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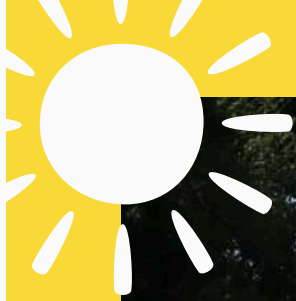
YEAR 10 HAVE BEEN ABLE TO EXPERIENCE A DAY AT COLLEGE IN PREPARATION FOR THEIR MOVE ON FROM ST BEDE'S NEXT YEAR! THEY WERE ABLE TO PICK SUBJECTS THEY WERE INTERESTED IN STUDYING FURTHER OR BRAND NEW SUBJECTS WHICH ARE NOT TAUGHT HERE AT SCHOOL.

## CEIAG - Y10 COLLEGE TASTERS

FEEDBACK IS GOOD THAT THEY ALL ENJOYED THE DAYS AND THEY HAVE HELPED THEM THINK ABOUT THEIR NEXT STEP.







Summer  
Fair



OUR ANNUAL SUMMER FAIR WAS A FANTASTIC SUCCESS AND A TRUE CELEBRATION OF THE VIBRANT COMMUNITY SPIRIT THAT MAKES ST BEDE'S SO SPECIAL.

THE SUN WAS SHINING, THE MUSIC WAS PLAYING, AND PUPILS ENJOYED AN AFTERNOON PACKED WITH FUN, FRIENDSHIP, AND UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES.





fun, fun, fun

FROM THE THRILL OF THE GO-KARTS TO THE CHALLENGE OF BEAT THE GOALIE, THERE WAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE. PUPILS DANCED THEIR HEARTS OUT IN THE SILENT DISCO, BOUNCED WITH JOY ON THE BOUNCY CASTLE, AND COOLED DOWN WITH WELL-DESERVED ICE CREAMS. LAUGHTER AND EXCITEMENT FILLED THE SCHOOL GROUNDS AS STUDENTS OF ALL YEAR GROUPS CAME TOGETHER TO ENJOY THE FESTIVITIES.



WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR INCREDIBLE STAFF, SCHOOL PASTORS, AND PUPIL LEADERS WHO HELPED MAKE THE DAY RUN SO SMOOTHLY. THEIR TIME, ENTHUSIASM, AND TEAMWORK ENSURED EVERYTHING FROM SETUP TO CLEAN-UP WAS HANDLED WITH CARE AND POSITIVITY.



WHAT TRULY MADE THE DAY SHINE WAS THE EXEMPLARY BEHAVIOUR AND KINDNESS SHOWN BY ALL OUR PUPILS. THEY REPRESENTED OUR SCHOOL VALUES BEAUTIFULLY – SHOWING RESPECT, GRATITUDE, AND JOY THROUGHOUT THE DAY.



THE FAIR WASN'T JUST ABOUT FUN; IT WAS A CELEBRATION OF EVERYTHING WE VALUE AT ST BEDE'S: COMMUNITY, TOGETHERNESS, AND CREATING HAPPY, SHARED EXPERIENCES.





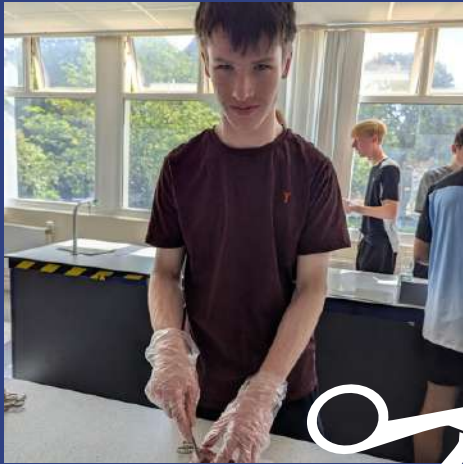
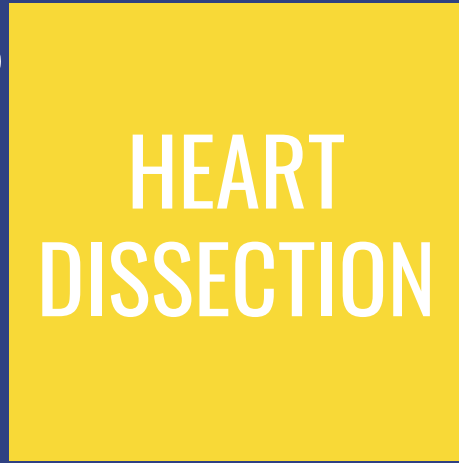
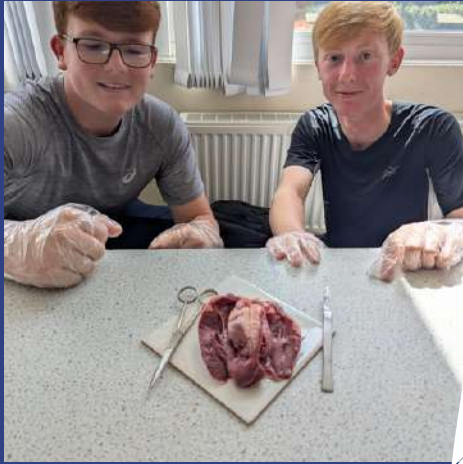


# STEM @ THE UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL



YEAR 10 GIRLS FROM SEPARATE CHEMISTRY CLASS ATTENDED A STEM IN THE WORKPLACE EVENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL MATHS SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 2ND JULY. THE GIRLS LISTENED TO TALKS FROM BAE SYSTEMS AND PLAYSTATION, TOOK PART IN HANDS ON ACTIVITIES AND GAVE THEIR OWN PRESENTATIONS. THEY GAINED 1ST AND 3RD PLACE IN TWO OF THE ACTIVITIES!









## PUPIL EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PUPILS WHO COMPLETED THEIR EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING THIS YEAR AND HAVE DISTRIBUTED HOLY COMMUNION DURING OUR YEAR 11 LEAVERS' MASS AND OUR WHOLE SCHOOL MASS ON THANKSGIVING IN JULY. THEIR DECISION TO UNDERTAKE THIS MINISTRY IS A GENUINE INDICATION OF THEIR COMMITMENT TO THEIR FAITH AND THEIR DESIRE TO SERVE OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY. THEY ARE EXCEPTIONAL ROLE MODELS OF FAITH.

## SALTMINE: FILTERS THEATRE PERFORMANCE YEAR 7-10

THANKS TO ORMSKIRK STREET PASTORS



A HUGE THANK YOU TO DAVE MUTCH AND THE STREET PASTORS WHOSE GENEROSITY ENABLED US TO HOST A PERFORMANCE OF FILTERS BY THE WONDERFUL SALTMINE THEATRE COMPANY.

YEAR 7-10 WATCHED A HIGHLY ENGAGING AND THOUGHT PROVOKING PERFORMANCE FOLLOWED BY A 50 MINUTE WORKSHOP. THE PRODUCTION ADDRESSED THE SUBJECT OF SOCIAL MEDIA, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, CYBER BULLYING AND HATE CRIMES. THE FEEDBACK FROM PUPILS AND STAFF WAS HIGHLY POSITIVE AND CLEARLY THE PRODUCTION PROVOKED MUCH THOUGHT ABOUT SIGNIFICANT ISSUES WHICH IMPACT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TODAY.

A VIBRANT AND THOUGHT PROVOKING PENTECOST MASS, PLANNED AND LED BY ST BEDE'S PUPILS WAS CELEBRATED AT ST ANNE'S CHURCH IN JUNE. WHILST CELEBRATING THE BEAUTIFUL FEAST OF PENTECOST, THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH, PUPILS ALSO WANTED TO CONVEY THE SHEER JOY , ENERGY AND INCLUSION OF PENTECOST. WITH THIS IN MIND, PUPILS ENSURED THAT THE MASS INCLUDED DANCE, DRAMA, THE INCLUSION OF DIFFERENT LANGUAGES, MUSIC FROM DIFFERENT CULTURAL TRADITIONS AND ART FROM DIFFERENT CONTINENTS. THROUGH THIS VARIETY OF FORM, PUPILS AND PARISHIONERS WERE ABLE TO REFLECT UPON AND CELEBRATE THE BEAUTIFUL UNIVERSALITY OF THE CHURCH.

THE MASS WAS FOLLOWED BY A LOVELY CELEBRATION IN THE PARISH CENTRE WITH LIVE MUSIC FROM ST BEDE'S PUPILS. TWO ST BEDE'S BANDS, THE NOIZE AND 'BLOW', AND MADDIE AND ETHAN ALLEN PROVIDED BRILLIANT MUSIC IN KEEPING WITH THE CELEBRATORY THEME OF PENTECOST, THE CHURCH'S BIRTHDAY.

MANY THANKS TO BRIDGET MAWTUS, JOAN BILL, ANNE GILHAM WHO WORKED COLLABORATIVELY WITH ST BEDE'S ENSURING BEAUTIFUL PARISH SCHOOL LINKS WERE DEVELOPED. SINCERE THANKS ALSO TO ETHAN ALLEN FOR HELPING SET UP AND COMPERING THE SOCIAL EVENT .



Pentecost youth  
mass and picnic



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL LIAISON AND THANKS

OUR SCHOOL WORKS VERY CLOSELY WITH THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL GROUP, MEETING MONTHLY WITH IN ORDER TO SECURE SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE FAMILIES IN OUR SCHOOL.

DUE TO THE WONDERFUL WORK OF THE SVP AND THEIR GENEROSITY , WE ARE IN A POSITION TO ASSIST FAMILIES WITH THE COST OF BASIC NEEDS, UNIFORMS, FOOD AND ENERGY COSTS. IF YOU REQUIRE ANY ASSISTANCE PLEASE CONTACT [E.BROWN@SBCHS.CO.UK](mailto:E.BROWN@SBCHS.CO.UK) COMPLETE DISCRETION IS ASSURED.



# CELEBRATION OF *Sacrament of Confirmation*

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR YEAR 8 PUPILS WHO RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION AT ST ANNE'S CHURCH IN JUNE. THE CELEBRATION, LED BY ABBOT PAUL GUNTER FROM DOUAI, WAS FILLED WITH GRACE, JOY, AND THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AS OUR YOUNG PEOPLE RECEIVED THIS PROFOUND GIFT OF FAITH. WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR THANKS TO ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN MAKING IT SUCH A WONDERFUL CELEBRATION. THANKS TO THOSE STAFF INVOLVED IN THE CATECHESIS, PREPARATION AND ORGANISATION OF THE SERVICE AND TO ST ANNE'S CHURCH MUSIC GROUP WHO PROVIDED SUCH LOVELY MUSIC DURING THE CELEBRATION.



WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THEIR JOURNEY OF FAITH. YOUR COMMITMENT TO DEEPENING YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST IS AN INSPIRATION TO ALL OF US, MAY THE HOLY SPIRIT INSPIRE YOU, GUIDE YOU AND FILL YOU WITH THE JOY OF JESUS CHRIST THROUGHOUT YOUR LIVES.

## ST BEDE'S *Leavers Mass*

OUR YEAR 11 PUPILS PARTICIPATED IN A BEAUTIFUL CELEBRATORY LEAVERS' MASS IN JUNE. IT WAS LOVELY TO SEE SO MANY PROUD PARENTS AND CARERS SHARING THE CELEBRATION OF THEIR CHILD'S LAST MASS AT ST BEDE'S. FOLLOWING MASS, PARENTS AND PUPILS WATCHED A TOUCHING PRESENTATION CHARTING THEIR CHILD'S JOURNEY THROUGH ST BEDE'S BEFORE THE WHOLE SCHOOL BID THEM FAREWELL THROUGH A GUARD OF HONOUR. YEAR 11 WERE AN EXCEPTIONAL YEAR GROUP WHO CONTRIBUTED SO MUCH TO THE LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY. WE WILL MISS THEM IMMENSELY. WE WILL CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THEM IN OUR PRAYERS AS THEY BEGIN NEW CHAPTERS.



# GOOD SHEPHERD MASS

## PUPILS RAISE £3,400 FOR NUGENT CARE

MEMBERS OF OUR FAITH IN ACTION GROUP AND CHOIR ATTENDED THE GOOD SHEPHERD MASS IN THE METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL IN JUNE. BEFORE THE CELEBRATION OF MASS, PUPILS SPOKE WITH ARCHBISHOP JOHN SHERRINGTON AND PRESENTED A CHEQUE TO NUGENT CARE FOR £3400.

RAISING THAT AMOUNT OF MONEY IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME IS A TESTAMENT TO THE ENERGY AND GENEROSITY OF PUPILS, STAFF AND PARENTS. ALL FORM CLASSES WORKED INCREDIBLY HARD TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL. WE ARE SO PROUD OF THEIR EFFORTS. CAKE SALES, SPLASH THE TEACHER, FOOTBALL COMPETITIONS, SHOE POLISHING AND OTHER BRILLIANT FUNDRAISERS ENSURED THAT EACH CLASS HAS SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE NUGENT CARE CHARITY.



OUR STAFF PRODUCTION OF 'STARS IN THEIR EYES' WAS A TREMENDOUS 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 SINCERELY THANK PARENTS AND CARERS WHOSE GENEROSITY MAKES THIS POSSIBLE.



OUR WONDERFUL FAITH IN ACTION PUPILS CONTINUE TO FORGE NEW FRIENDSHIPS WITH THE RESIDENTS OF SPRINGFIELD RESIDENTIAL HOME. DURING VISITS, THROUGH MUSIC AND SHARED MASSES, PUPILS AND RESIDENTS FIND MUCH IN COMMON, DISCOVERING SHARED FRIENDS AND FAMILY CONNECTIONS. WE CONTINUE TO VISIT HALF TERMLY AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING OUR FRIENDS AT SPRINGFIELD



## FAITH IN ACTION PUPILS VISIT SPRINGFIELD RESIDENTIAL HOME



EXPLORING OUR FAITH:

## Weekly Tea and Testimony



THIS YEAR WE LAUNCHED OUR TEA AND TESTIMONY FAITH GROUP WHICH HAS PROVED TO BE ENLIGHTENING AND JOYFUL. EVERY WEEK, OVER A HOT DRINK AND BISCUIT, PUPILS AND STAFF SHARE THEIR FAITH TESTIMONY AND CHAT ABOUT THEIR OWN 'GOD MOMENTS', TIMES WHEN THEY HAVE EXPERIENCED GOD'S PRESENCE AND WORK IN THEIR OWN LIVES. PEOPLE CAN SHARE THEIR OWN STORY, SIMPLY LISTEN TO OTHERS, OR ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT FAITH IN A WELCOMING AND SUPPORTIVE ATMOSPHERE.

TEA AND TESTIMONY WILL CONTINUE IN SEPTEMBER AND ALL PUPILS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN, SIMPLY BRING A MUG!



## ST BEDE'S PUPILS CONTINUE WITH CANCEL THE DEBT CAMPAIGN



AN ESSENTIAL PART OF OUR PUPILS' PARTICIPATION IN THE JUBILEE YEAR AND THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF HOW CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING CAN BE TRANSFORMATIVE IS ADVOCACY. THIS TERM OUR YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ADVOCATING FOR AN END TO UNJUST DEBTS. ST BEDE'S PUPILS STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR



BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO SUFFER THE BURDEN OF UNJUST DEBTS. THROUGH ASSEMBLIES, SPEECHES AT MASS AND SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS, PUPILS ARE CALLING FOR US TO JOIN CAFOD'S CAMPAIGN CALLING ON WORLD LEADERS TO CANCEL UNJUST DEBT, SUPPORT A DEBT JUSTICE LAW AND CREATE A NEW DEBT FRAMEWORK WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS.

PLEASE SUPPORT THEM BY VISITING THE CAFOD WEBSITE AND LEARNING MORE ABOUT THIS IMPORTANT CAMPAIGN  
[CAFOD.ORG.UK/CANCELTHEDEBT](http://CAFOD.ORG.UK/CANCELTHEDEBT)

## Whole School Mass of Thanksgiving

MANY THANKS TO FATHER GODRIC WHO LED OUR WHOLE SCHOOL MASS IN JULY. THE SCHOOL GATHERED TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE A LOVELY MASS OF THANKSGIVING, DURING WHICH WE CALLED TO MIND THE MANY BLESSINGS WE HAVE RECEIVED OVER THE PAST ACADEMIC YEAR. REFLECTING UPON AND GIVING THANKS FOR THE PEOPLE, OPPORTUNITIES AND SUPPORT WHICH HAVE ENABLED US TO FLOURISH THIS YEAR IS A BEAUTIFUL WAY TO END THIS ACADEMIC YEAR. HUGE THANKS TO ALL OF THE PUPILS WHO PLANNED, PARTICIPATED AND LED THE MASS OF THANKSGIVING.





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 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 COORDINATED THE RETREAT.

## Summer Blessing

TAKE TIME TO SEE THE BEAUTY OF THINGS; THIS IS A GIFT FROM GOD.  
TAKE TIME TO HAVE FUN; IT IS GOD'S WAY OF TEACHING YOU YOUR STRENGTHS.  
TAKE TIME TO TRUST YOURSELF; GOD KNOWS WHAT YOU ARE CAPABLE OF.  
TAKE TIME TO BE SELF-RELIANT; IT IS BETTER THAN BEING DEPENDENT.  
TAKE TIME TO SHARE WITH OTHERS; THEY WILL BLESS YOU AND YOU WILL BLESS THEM.  
TAKE TIME TO HOPE; THERE ARE DAYS FULL OF BLESSINGS BEFORE YOU.

Amen

# "STEP UP AND LEAD: BECOME A SPORTS LEADER AND INSPIRE THE NEXT GENERATION!"

LILY - LUCY - LACEY - SPENCER - JAKE - LEWIS

## **What does it mean to be a sports leader?**

A sports leader is someone who represents sport to others by showing their leadership skills through running and supporting events, often run by West Lancashire Sports. Being a sports leader means that you are prepared to give up time in order to help others by getting involved in events such as athletics competitions. Without the support from Sports Leaders, these events would be hard to run.



## **What skills/ attributes are required to be a successful leader?**

In order to be a good sports leader, you need to be confident. However being a sports leader has allowed me to develop my confidence more. This means that you are certain when making a decision that could result in someone winning or losing a competition or race. The obvious one is that you need to enjoy sport and therefore be a good role model of it.

This will encourage more people to want to do sports. Another one is reliability; people running events are often dependant on sports leaders and if we don't show up then the event cannot take place. It is vital that we are reliable.

## **How will it help us in the future?**

There are lots of advantages that being a sports leader brings us for the future. For example, it provides us with skills that we will keep for our whole lives. It also allows us to have leadership experience which will come in useful as we continue to move up through school and progress onto looking for a job.





## What does it mean to be a sports leader?

Lily- 'Being a sports leader is important as it allows me to enjoy teaching and running the sports that I love. I enjoyed the leadership course that we did at Edge Hill as it helped me to develop my ability to teach people how to play football. It will also embed leadership skills that will be beneficial to me in the future. It lets me inspire younger people to love doing sports.'

Lucy- 'Sports leaders is an amazing opportunity that I have been given. It has taught me life skills and brought me so much happiness. I have seen so many young people grow and improve but also allowing me to grow in confidence as a young leader. I am so grateful to be a part of it!'



Lacey- 'I really enjoy being a sports leader because I get to lead different activities and meet new people. It helps me because although I am leading, I am also getting better myself, growing my confidence.'

Lewis- 'I like being a sports leader because I get to play sports that I enjoy and you can learn how to coach other people and help them. I can also use this experience in the future and use what I have learnt to help others and inspire them to do the same that I have done.'



Jake- 'I like being a sports leader because it gives me opportunities to play sports that I love and experience new ones too. I have learnt to officiate a football match as a referee and made my own drills. Overall, I think it has been really fun and I enjoyed it very much. My favourite part has to be officiating.'

Spencer- 'I have really enjoyed learning about sports and how to be a good sports leader. I have met loads of new people and made new friends that like the same sports as me. My favourite part was the football as it allowed me to develop on the skills that I already have and learn more. I have loved being a sports leader.'

## Empowering the next generation ...

Overall, we think that being a sports leader has been an amazing opportunity that we are a part of. It is also a great way to inspire young people to get involved in sport and learn new things. We especially liked Banks Leisure Centre curling competition and the Edge Hill sports leader conference as they both taught us important skills that we can carry into the future and help empower the younger generation.



# Liverpool



## YEAR 10 GCSE GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIPS



## Work EXPERIENCE

Y10 ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A WEEK OF WORK EXPERIENCE NEXT OCTOBER. LOTS OF EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TO BE LEARNED FOR THEIR FUTURE BEYOND ST BEDE'S! SEE MRS TURPIN, MRS DAULBY OR MRS STACY IF YOU REQUIRE ANY HELP AS THIS SHOULD BE SORTED NOW!





# Southport College SKILLS CHALLENGE



I'M DELIGHTED TO LET YOU ALL KNOW THAT THE Y9 STUDENTS THAT WERE OUT OF SCHOOL TO TAKE PART IN SOUTHPORT COLLEGE'S SKILL CHALLENGE WERE CROWNED WINNERS OF THE OVERALL COMPETITION!

THEY HAD TO COMPETE IN A CHALLENGE IN THEIR CHOSEN SKILL (FLORISTRY, PAINTING & DECORATING, EARLY YEARS & CHILDCARE, ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION, HEALTH AND BEAUTY AND HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE) AND THEN AS A TEAM FOR THE FINAL SET OF CHALLENGES. THEY WERE ABSOLUTELY BRILLIANT IN EACH OF THEIR INDIVIDUAL AREAS AS WELL AS IN THE FINAL CHALLENGES, THEY WERE A REAL CREDIT TO THE SCHOOL.

A SPECIAL MENTION TO GRACE M, BEAU I (PAINTING & DECORATING), BELLA H AND GRACE W (HEALTH & BEAUTY) WHO WERE ALL WINNERS IN THEIR CHOSEN SKILLS.

## EDINBURGH AWARD

### DUKE OF

OUR Y9 AND 10 PUPILS HAVE BEEN DOING REALLY WELL WITH THEIR DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD WORK. ALL EXPEDITIONS THIS YEAR HAVE BEEN COMPLETED SUCCESSFULLY. SO MANY HAVE NOW COMPLETED THE OTHER AREAS OF BRONZE AND SILVER TOO THROUGH THE AMPLIFY YOUTH GROUP THANKS TO MIKE PRICE AND THE TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS!







IT'S BEEN ANOTHER FANTASTIC YEAR FOR THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT, WITH FOURTEEN PUPILS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING MUSIC EXAMS ACROSS A RANGE OF INSTRUMENTS AND VOICES — FROM ABRSM INITIAL GRADE PIANO TO AN OUTSTANDING GRADE 8 SINGING FOR MUSICAL THEATRE.

WORKING TOWARDS A MUSIC EXAM IS A BRILLIANT WAY TO BUILD CONFIDENCE, DEVELOP MUSICAL ABILITY, AND GAIN A REAL SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT.



## MUSIC EXAM SUCCESS



THESE QUALIFICATIONS DEMONSTRATE DEDICATION AND DISCIPLINE, QUALITIES THAT ARE HIGHLY VALUED BY COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES AND EMPLOYERS ALIKE. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN STARTING MUSIC LESSONS, MRS MCMURRAY WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU. OUR VISITING TEACHERS — SARAH, SHAUN, PAUL AND MARK — OFFER TUITION IN SINGING, PIANO, GUITAR, WOODWIND, DRUMS AND MUSIC THEORY. WELL DONE TO EVERYONE WHO TOOK MUSIC EXAMS THIS YEAR, WHETHER IN SCHOOL OR THROUGH PRIVATE LESSONS. KEEP IT UP!

CHARLOTTE M SINGING FOR MUSICAL THEATRE PERFORMANCE GRADE 8- MERIT • KATIE M SINGING FOR MUSICAL THEATRE PERFORMANCE GRADE 5- MERIT • CHARLOTTE M MUSIC THEORY GRADE 5- PASS • HANNAH M SINGING FOR MUSICAL THEATRE PERFORMANCE GRADE 4- DISTINCTION • PHOEBE K SINGING FOR MUSICAL THEATRE PERFORMANCE GRADE 3- DISTINCTION • GEORGIA T PIANO PERFORMANCE GRADE 3- PASS • EVE D SINGING FOR MUSICAL THEATRE PERFORMANCE GRADE 3- MERIT • MICHAEL M SINGING FOR MUSICAL THEATRE PERFORMANCE GRADE 2- PASS • TIMOTHY C PIANO PERFORMANCE GRADE 1- MERIT • HANNAH C PIANO PERFORMANCE INITIAL GRADE - PASS • JASMINE O PIANO PERFORMANCE GRADE INITIAL GRADE- PASS





OUR YEAR 11 STUDENTS CELEBRATED THE END OF THEIR SECONDARY SCHOOL JOURNEY IN STYLE AT THEIR LEAVERS' PROM! IT WAS A FANTASTIC EVENING FILLED WITH JOY, LAUGHTER, DANCING, AND PLENTY OF MEMORIES. EVERYONE LOOKED AMAZING AND THE ATMOSPHERE WAS FULL OF CELEBRATION AND PRIDE.

WE ARE INCREDIBLY PROUD OF THIS YEAR 11 COHORT – A TRULY BRILLIANT YEAR GROUP WHO HAVE SHOWN RESILIENCE, KINDNESS, AND MATURITY THROUGHOUT THEIR TIME WITH US. YOU WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY STAFF AND STUDENTS ALIKE.

WE WISH EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU THE VERY BEST OF LUCK FOR YOUR GCSE RESULTS THIS SUMMER AND FOR THE EXCITING JOURNEYS AHEAD. THANK YOU FOR BEING SUCH A SPECIAL PART OF OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY!







THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE TOUR WAS A TRULY SPECIAL EVENING PERFORMANCE IN BARDOLINO, A CHARMING LAKESIDE TOWN KNOWN FOR ITS VIBRANT CULTURE AND WELCOMING ATMOSPHERE. THE CHOIR CAPTIVATED THE AUDIENCE WITH A MOVING REPERTOIRE, BLENDING SACRED AND CONTEMPORARY CHORAL PIECES. THE SETTING, WITH THE LAKE SHIMMERING IN THE BACKGROUND, MADE THE EXPERIENCE ALL THE MORE MAGICAL FOR PERFORMERS AND SPECTATORS ALIKE.

IN MAY, ST BEDE'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR EMBARKED ON A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME MUSICAL ADVENTURE TO THE STUNNING SHORES OF LAKE GARDA, ITALY. OVER THE COURSE OF AN UNFORGETTABLE 5 DAYS, THE CHOIR SHARED THEIR PASSION FOR MUSIC IN SOME OF THE MOST PICTURESQUE AND HISTORIC LOCATIONS IN NORTHERN ITALY.



DURING THE MUSIC TOUR, THE GROUP ENJOYED A SCENIC BOAT TRIP ACROSS LAKE GARDA TO LIMONE, TAKING IN BREATHTAKING VIEWS OF THE SURROUNDING MOUNTAINS AND COLOURFUL WATERFRONTS. LIMONE'S QUAINST STREETS AND LEMON GROVES OFFERED A RELAXING AFTERNOON AND A TASTE OF AUTHENTIC ITALIAN CHARM.

ST. BEDE'S CHOIR HITS THE HIGH NOTES ON

# Italian Music Tour





OF COURSE, NO TRIP IS COMPLETE WITHOUT A LITTLE FUN! THE CHOIR VISITED GARDALAND, ITALY'S LARGEST AMUSEMENT PARK, WHERE STUDENTS SWAPPED THEIR CHOIR ROBES FOR ROLLERCOASTERS AND ENJOYED A WELL-EARNED DAY OF THRILLS AND LAUGHTER.



THE CHOIR ALSO EXPLORED THE RICH HISTORY AND ART OF VERONA, FAMOUS FOR ITS ROMAN AMPHITHEATRE AND SHAKESPEAREAN TIES, AND MILAN, ITALY'S FASHION AND CULTURAL CAPITAL. HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED STANDING IN THE MAJESTIC PIAZZA DEL DUOMO AND VISITING THE WORLD-RENOWNED GALLERIA VITTORIO EMANUELE II.



THIS MUSICAL TOUR WAS NOT ONLY A CELEBRATION OF THE STUDENTS' TALENT AND HARD WORK BUT ALSO A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE NEW CULTURES, BUILD FRIENDSHIPS, AND MAKE LASTING MEMORIES. A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE STAFF, TOUR ORGANISERS, AND FAMILIES WHO SUPPORTED THE JOURNEY — AND, OF COURSE, TO THE WONDERFUL STUDENTS WHOSE VOICES BROUGHT SO MUCH JOY TO ITALY!