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# ST BEDE'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

All the news from the last term



We wish all of you a blessed and peaceful Easter

AS WE REACH THE END OF A BUSY AND REWARDING EASTER TERM, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO REFLECT ON AND CELEBRATE THE MANY ACHIEVEMENTS, EXPERIENCES, AND SUCCESSES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE ACROSS OUR SCHOOL.

FIRST AND FOREMOST, I WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND OUR YEAR 11 STUDENTS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING DEDICATION AND RESILIENCE THROUGHOUT THEIR MOCK EXAMINATIONS AND ONGOING PREPARATION FOR THE SUMMER EXAM SERIES. THEIR COMMITMENT TO THEIR STUDIES, ALONGSIDE THE SUPPORT OF OUR STAFF AND FAMILIES, HAS BEEN EXEMPLARY. WE ARE INCREDIBLY PROUD OF THE MATURITY AND DETERMINATION THEY CONTINUE TO DEMONSTRATE, AND WE WISH THEM EVERY SUCCESS AS THEY MOVE INTO THIS IMPORTANT FINAL PHASE.

THIS HALF TERM HAS ALSO BEEN ENRICHED BY A WIDE RANGE OF OPPORTUNITIES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM. OUR STUDENTS HAVE BENEFITED FROM A NUMBER OF CAREERS-FOCUSED VISITS, INCLUDING TRIPS TO RUNSHAW COLLEGE, WINSTANLEY COLLEGE, AND WEST LANCASHIRE COLLEGE, HELPING THEM TO EXPLORE THEIR FUTURE PATHWAYS AND ASPIRATIONS WITH GREATER CONFIDENCE AND INSIGHT.

A PARTICULAR HIGHLIGHT HAS BEEN OUR YEAR 10 "YOUR FUTURES" WEEK, WHICH PROVED TO BE AN INSPIRING AND IMPACTFUL EXPERIENCE. ALONGSIDE A RANGE OF ENGAGING WORKSHOPS, TALKS, AND ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO BROADEN THEIR HORIZONS, ALL STUDENTS TOOK PART IN A RETREAT WHICH PROVIDED VALUABLE TIME FOR REFLECTION, PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, AND A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THEMSELVES. THIS COMBINATION OF EXPERIENCES HAS SUPPORTED THEM IN PREPARING THOUGHTFULLY AND CONFIDENTLY FOR THE NEXT STEPS IN THEIR EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY.

WE WERE ALSO DELIGHTED WITH THE ENTHUSIASM AND CONDUCT OF OUR YEAR 7 PUPILS DURING THEIR ROBINWOOD RESIDENTIAL VISIT. THEY REPRESENTED THE SCHOOL EXCEPTIONALLY WELL, DEMONSTRATING RESILIENCE, TEAMWORK, AND A WILLINGNESS TO STEP OUTSIDE THEIR COMFORT ZONES. WHETHER TACKLING OUTDOOR CHALLENGES OR SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER, THEIR POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND BEHAVIOUR WERE A CREDIT TO THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND IT WAS A PLEASURE TO SEE THEIR CONFIDENCE GROW THROUGHOUT THE EXPERIENCE.

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SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT HAS BEEN ANOTHER SOURCE OF PRIDE THIS TERM. OUR STUDENTS HAVE REPRESENTED THE SCHOOL WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM AND SPORTSMANSHIP ACROSS A VARIETY OF DISCIPLINES, INCLUDING CROSS COUNTRY, ATHLETICS, NETBALL, FOOTBALL, TABLE TENNIS, HANDBALL, AND SWIMMING. THEIR TEAMWORK, PERSEVERANCE, AND SUCCESS REFLECT THE STRENGTH OF OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY AND THE DEDICATION OF BOTH STUDENTS AND STAFF.

WE HAVE ALSO SEEN FANTASTIC ENGAGEMENT IN OUR COMPUTER SCIENCE MEGA DAYS, WHERE STUDENTS IMMERSSED THEMSELVES IN INNOVATIVE AND CHALLENGING ACTIVITIES, FURTHER DEVELOPING THEIR SKILLS AND PASSION WITHIN THIS RAPIDLY GROWING FIELD.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK OUR EXCEPTIONAL TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF. OUR VISION AS A SCHOOL IS TO BE TRULY TRANSFORMATIVE, AND THIS IS INCREASINGLY BECOMING A REALITY. WE ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE SUCH A DEDICATED AND TALENTED TEAM WHO CONSISTENTLY GO ABOVE AND BEYOND FOR OUR PUPILS, ENSURING THEY DEVELOP NOT ONLY ACADEMICALLY, BUT ALSO PASTORALLY, SOCIALLY, AND SPIRITUALLY. THEIR COMMITMENT AND CARE ARE AT THE HEART OF ALL THAT WE ACHIEVE.

FINALLY, WE WILL CLOSE THE TERM WITH ONE OF THE MOST ANTICIPATED EVENTS OF THE YEAR – BEDE FEST. THIS CELEBRATION MARKS THE CULMINATION OF OUR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS IN SUPPORT OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL. IT IS ALWAYS A JOYFUL OCCASION THAT BRINGS OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER WHILE HIGHLIGHTING THE COMPASSION AND GENEROSITY OF OUR STUDENTS. THE STAFF AND PUPIL BAND WILL ONCE AGAIN BE A REAL HIGHLIGHT OF THE EVENT, SHOWCASING THE TALENT AND SPIRIT WITHIN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

AS WE LOOK AHEAD TO THE SUMMER TERM, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL MEMBERS OF OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT, ENCOURAGEMENT, AND COMMITMENT. I WISH YOU ALL A RESTFUL AND ENJOYABLE EASTER BREAK.

Mr Morgan

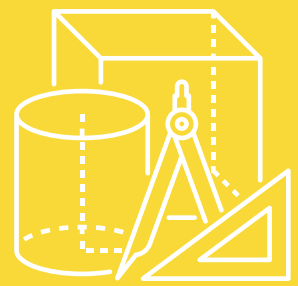


## UKMT *Maths Challenges*

WE HAD TWO CANDIDATES FOR THIS YEAR'S UKMT INTERMEDIATE CHALLENGE, AIMED AT PUPILS IN Y9 - 11. BOTH ROBERT O & ZAK M PASSED WITH FLYING COLOURS WITH ZAK ACHIEVING SILVER AND ROBERT ACHIEVING GOLD AND MAKING IT TO THE OLYMPIAD (MACLAURIN) ROUND.

ALL OF OUR SET 1 PUPILS IN YEARS 7 & 8 WILL BE TAKING PART IN THE JUNIOR CHALLENGE IN APRIL SO I LOOK FORWARD TO ANNOUNCING THEIR RESULTS IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.





EARLY IN JANUARY, OUR CODERS SUBMITTED THEIR FINAL ANSWERS TO THIS YEAR'S NATIONAL CIPHER CHALLENGE AND EAGERLY AWAITED THEIR RESULTS. THIS YEAR WE HAD QUITE A FEW TEAMS GIVE IT A TRY INCLUDING SOME TEAMS FROM YEAR 7 AND 8. ALL CODERS HAD TO TRY AND DECIPHER SEVERAL CRYPTED MESSAGES BETWEEN CHARACTERS IN A STORY BASED ON THE CHARLES DICKENS NOVEL, A TALE OF TWO CITIES. MOST TEAMS SUBMITTED ENTRIES FOR THE FIRST FEW WEEKS USING THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF SUBSTITUTION CIPHERS BUT THE COMPETITION BECAME TOO DIFFICULT FOR MOST WITH ONLY TWO TEAMS SUBMITTING FINAL ENTRIES. I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT OUR ORIGINAL TEAM FROM LAST YEAR, OUR BEDESCODERS, COMPRISING ROBERT O, MATTHEW R, KIER L & TIM C WERE PLACED JOINT 20TH IN THE NATIONAL COMPETITION. THIS IS A MASSIVE ACCOMPLISHMENT AS THERE WERE 47,548 SUBMISSIONS TO THE 20 CHALLENGES DURING THIS YEAR'S



COMPETITION. ONLY 290 TEAMS SUBMITTED A COMPLETE AND CORRECT SOLUTION TO CHALLENGE 10B OUT OF THE 5453 TEAMS THAT TOOK PART. ALSO BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO ZAK M WHO WORKED ON HIS OWN, LEARNING THE CIPHERS AS HE WENT ALONG, TO COMPLETE ALL OF THIS YEAR'S CHALLENGES AND MADE IT TO THE LEADERBOARD, BEING PLACED 170TH! OUR CODERS ARE NOW ENJOYING LEARNING HOW TO PLAY THE ALAN TURING MACHINE GAME, BEING EXPERTLY COACHED BY ROBERT O.

## TRIPS & VISITS

THE TERM SHOULD HAVE KICKED OFF WITH A Y9 STEM TRIP TO LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY BUT UNFORTUNATELY THE WEATHER HAD OTHER IDEAS AND OUR TEAM WERE UNABLE TO GO. HOPEFULLY THERE WILL BE ANOTHER EVENT SOON WE CAN ATTEND.



NEXT WEEK WE HAVE A GROUP OF Y10 GIRLS VISITING THE UNIVERSITY WHERE THEY WILL LEARN ABOUT ALL THE CAREERS THEY COULD ACCESS IF THEY CONTINUED THEIR STUDY OF MATHS BEYOND GCSE & A LEVEL.

# CHALLENGE

# 10X

DESPITE ALL THE SUCCESSES OF THE MANY TEAMS THAT TOOK PART LAST YEAR, THERE WERE ONLY TWO TEAMS THAT ENTERED THIS YEARS CHALLENGE. THE AIM IS TO START WITH £10 AND COME UP WITH A PRODUCT TO SELL OR A SERVICE TO PROVIDE TO TRY AND MAKE AS MUCH MONEY AS POSSIBLE. THE CHALLENGE ENDS THIS WEEK SO I LOOK FORWARD TO CATCHING UP WITH THE TEAMS AND SEEING HOW MUCH PROFIT THEY HAVE MADE, ALONG WITH GETTING MY £10 BACK!



## National Innovation Challenge



### The DuoPod Pump

Reviewed and Approved By Diabetic Clinics.

Timothy Clegg | Ollie Edwards | Wojtek Zolnik  
St Bede's Catholic High School | Ormskirk



**1963 –**  
First insulin pump created for diabetes treatment.



**2022 –** First tubeless automated insulin pump by Insulet Corporation.



**Future –**  
First tubeless automated dual-hormone pump developed.

THREE YEAR 10 BOYS, NAMELY WOJTEK Z, OLLIE E AND TIMOTHY C FORMED THIS YEARS TEAM WHICH SUBMITTED A CONCEPT OF A NEW DESIGN FOR INSULIN PUMPS. THE CONCEPT DREW ON WOJTEK'S PERSONAL EXPERIENCE AND AIMED TO MAKE THE INSULIN PUMP MORE EFFICIENT AS WELL AS USING SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS.

THE SUBMISSION DATE WAS FRIDAY 13TH MARCH AND SO THE JUDGES ARE NOW BUSILY SHORTLISTING FOR THE FINAL 10. FINGERS CROSSED THEY FOLLOW THEIR PREDECESSORS FOOTSTEPS FROM LAST YEAR AND ARE AT LEAST INVITED DOWN TO LONDON FOR THE FINALS!

SOME OF OUR CLASSES ENJOYED TACKLING THIS YEARS GCHQ CHRISTMAS PUZZLES JUST BEFORE WE BROKE UP FOR CHRISTMAS SO I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO INCLUDE ANY PHOTO'S.

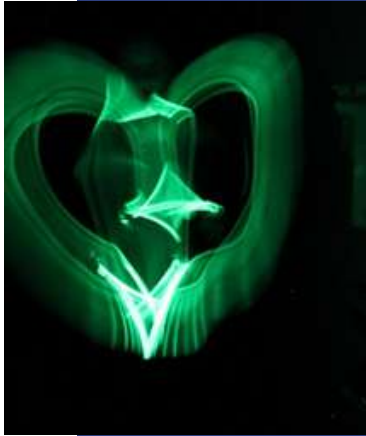
I'VE INCLUDED SOME OF MR GILLON'S CLASS 8E1 AND 10W1 TRYING TO CRACK THE CODES!



GCHQ  
Christmas  
Puzzles



# ART NEWS



OUR ART DEPARTMENT RECEIVED A LOVELY DONATION OF ART MATERIALS FROM THE OAK CREATIVE GROUP. THE GROUP ENCOURAGES ART IN THE COMMUNITY AND HAVE STARTED TO CREATE ART PACKAGES TO GIVE TO LOCAL SCHOOLS IN THE AREA. THE ART DEPARTMENT ARE VERY THANKFUL FOR THE DELIVERY FROM DEREK AT THE OAK CREATIVE GROUP.



KS3 PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB HAVE HAD FUN THIS TERM. AS WELL AS LOOKING AT COMPOSITION, REFLECTION AND A PHOTO SHOOT OF ST ANNES'S CHURCH, THEY HAVE EXPERIMENTED WITH LIGHT DRAWING AND CAPTURING IT ON THE CAMERAS.





WE MADE REVERSE ACETATE PORTRAITS, CREATING OUR OWN BACKGROUNDS.



WE HAVE ALSO LOOKED AT MAKING OUR OWN FILTERS FOR THE CAMERAS USING ITEMS AROUND THE ROOM, SUCH AS GLASSES, NETTING, FEATHERS TO SEE THE EFFECTS.





We have looked at .....

SEVERAL ARTISTS: JENNIFER HAYASHI, DAVID GILLIVER AND JASON CHEN AND MADE OUR OWN PHOTOS IN THE SAME STYLE. HERE ARE A COUPLE OF THE SCENES WE MADE INSPIRED BY PHOTOGRAPHER JAN VON HOLLEBEN.



# Eco committee Training in school March 2026

'18 MEMBERS OF THE ECO  
COMMITTEE HAD SOME TRAINING'



18 MEMBERS OF THE ECO COMMITTEE HAD SOME TRAINING FROM NEIL SLEDGE FROM LIVERPOOL WORLD CENTRE AND FARM URBAN ON WEDNESDAY 17TH MARCH.

THE THEMES COVERED WERE AS FOLLOWS:

- 👉 EXPLORING HOW WASTE MANAGEMENT CAN HELP COMMUNITIES REDUCE, RECYCLE AND DISPOSE OF WASTE MORE SUSTAINABLY.
- 👉 TO LEARN CIRCULAR SKILLS THAT REDUCE WASTE AND IMPROVE PRODUCT QUALITY THAT HELP PRODUCTS LAST LONGER AND PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT.
- 👉 INVESTIGATE WEAK POINTS IN THE ST BEDE'S ECOSYSTEM AND ENABLE PUPILS AND TEACHERS TO SHARE, USE AND REUSE RESOURCES.

100 MILLION CARS ARE THE SAME WEIGHT AS THE AMOUNT OF WASTE SENT TO LAND FILL PER YEAR - HARRIET, NIAMH AND AMBER YR 9S

I HAVE LEARNT ABOUT THE POSITIVE IMPACT OF THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY, AND HOW IT COULD BENEFIT OUR SCHOOL - ALEX YR 9

THE LINEAR ECONOMY CAN HELP THE ECONOMY BUT THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY CAN HELP PEOPLE AND THE EARTH - ADAM, THEO, CHARLOTTE YEAR 9 S JACK YEAR 8

HOW DIFFERENT ECONOMIES CAN EFFECT THE WORLD - FRANKIE YR 8

HOW OF WE CAN REDUCE, REUSE , RECYCLE AND REPAIR IN OUR DAILY LIVES - ARRAN YR 8

BUSINESSES PREFER THE LINEAR ECONOMY AS IT IS CHEAPER AND EASIER - TOBY AND BEN YR9S

THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY IS GOOD AS NOTHING IS WASTED AND RESOURCES ARE RECYCLED - DAN YR 8

I HAVE LEARNT ABOUT 2 DIFFERENT TYPES OF ECONOMY: THE LINEAR AND THE CIRCULAR - HARRY YR 8

33% OF THE WASTE SENT TO LANDFILL IS FOOD WASTE - SHONE YR 8 ERIN YR 9





Thank you

THANK YOU TO ALL THE PARENTS, CARERS, PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS, FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN THE PLANTING FOR POLLINATORS' APPEAL. THE GARDENING ANGELS HAVE DONE A GREAT JOB. WE ARE ALLOWING THE PLANTS TO DIE BACK, SO THAT WE CAN HOPE FOR GLORIOUS BLOOMS FOR YEARS TO COME EACH SPRING. WE ALSO HOPE THAT THE FLOWERS WILL ENCOURAGE EARLY POLLINATORS TO THRIVE EACH YEAR.



"For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come."

SS 2:11-12



# YEAR 11 CLASS OF 2025

## Awards and Celebration Evening



### Awards Evening Class of 2025



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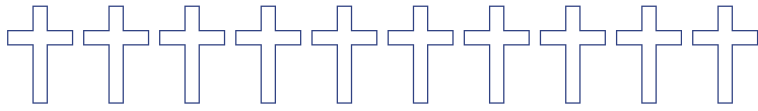
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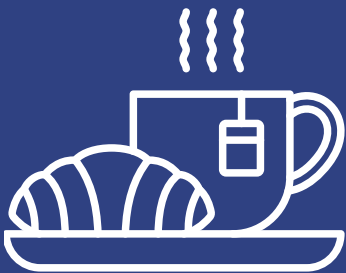
# CHAPLAINCY NEWS



## BUILDING NEW RELATIONSHIPS LOCALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY



ALMSGIVING IS A CENTRAL PART OF OUR LENTEN JOURNEY, REMINDING US OF THE IMPORTANCE OF GENEROSITY, COMPASSION, AND PUTTING OUR FAITH INTO ACTION. THIS TERM, WE HAVE BEEN DELIGHTED TO WORK WITH AND BUILD MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS WITH INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANISATIONS DEDICATED TO MAKING A DIFFERENCE BOTH IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY AND INTERNATIONALLY. OUR SCHOOL HAS SUPPORTED THE WORK OF MICAH/ST VINCENT DE PAUL'S CHURCH IN LIVERPOOL, HELPING TO CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR VITAL FOOD PANTRY AS WELL AS CHARITIES SUCH AS MARY'S MEALS AND HOSPICE AFRICA, WHICH PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SUPPORT TO THOSE IN NEED AROUND THE WORLD. THROUGH THESE EFFORTS, PUPILS HAVE GAINED A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND THE IMPACT OF EVEN SMALL ACTS OF KINDNESS. AS WE LOOK AHEAD, WE ARE EXCITED TO CONTINUE DEVELOPING NEW PARTNERSHIPS AND PROJECTS THAT WILL ALLOW US TO LIVE OUT OUR FAITH AND MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS BOTH LOCALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY.



### Weekly Lenten reflections and breakfast

DURING LENT, WE HAVE BEEN HOSTING A TUESDAY BREAKFAST AND REFLECTION SESSION FROM 8.15AM-9.15AM. IT OFFERS PUPILS A CALM AND WELCOMING SPACE TO BEGIN THEIR DAY. IN A RELAXED AND WARM ATMOSPHERE, PUPILS ARE INVITED TO GATHER FOR BREAKFAST, FOLLOWED BY QUIET REFLECTION, PRAYER, AND MEANINGFUL CONVERSATION AS WE JOURNEY THROUGH THIS IMPORTANT SEASON TOGETHER. THE MORNINGS HAVE PROVIDED A VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY TO PAUSE AMIDST BUSY ROUTINES, ENCOURAGING SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND MINDFULNESS IN PREPARATION FOR EASTER. IT HAS BEEN WONDERFUL TO SEE PUPILS ENGAGING THOUGHTFULLY AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER, MAKING IT A TRULY ENRICHING PART OF OUR LENTEN OBSERVANCE. WE HOPE TO CONTINUE THE BREAKFASTS AFTER THE HOLIDAYS.





OUR WONDERFUL FAITH IN ACTION PUPILS CONTINUE TO FORGE NEW FRIENDSHIPS WITH THE RESIDENTS OF SPRINGFIELD RESIDENTIAL HOME. DURING VISITS, THROUGH CHAT, MUSIC AND SHARED MASSES, PUPILS AND RESIDENTS FIND MUCH IN COMMON, DISCOVERING SHARED FRIENDS AND FAMILY CONNECTIONS. THIS TERM OUR WONDERFUL PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP, LED BY MRS MORRIS, HAVE SHARED BEAUTIFUL PHOTOGRAPHS OF ST ANNE'S CHURCH WHICH RESIDENTS THEN USE IN THEIR ARTWORK. WE CONTINUE TO VISIT HALF TERMLY AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING OUR FRIENDS AT SPRINGFIELD AGAIN SOON.

## FAITH IN ACTION

Dupils visit  
Springfield Residential Home



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING OUR FRIENDS AT SPRINGFIELD AGAIN SOON.



# 'ST BEDE'S DOES TASK MASTER!'

'LENTEN GOOD SHEPHERD FUNDRAISER 2026

THIS YEAR'S GOOD SHEPHERD FUNDRAISER WAS INSPIRED BY TV'S TASKMASTER, AND INVOLVED A TEAM OF 5 COURAGEOUS PUPILS GOING TO HEAD TO HEAD AGAINST AN "ELITE" STAFF TEAM: MR MCLOUGHLIN, MRS DAULBY, MRS WILLIAMS, MRS COX AND MS LETKI. MR MOORE KEPT ORDER AS THE TASKMASTER. IN ROUND ONE PUPILS FROM ACROSS THE SCHOOL TOOK PART IN AN INTER-FORM KNOCKOUT COMPETITION, BATTLING THROUGH A SERIES OF TRICKY AND UNPREDICTABLE CHALLENGES IN THE HOPE OF REACHING THE FINAL. AFTER SEVERAL FIERCELY CONTESTED ROUNDS, PUPILS FROM FISHER EARNED THEIR PLACE TO GO HEAD-TO-HEAD WITH THE ELITE STAFF TEAM IN A THRILLING FINALE. THE ATMOSPHERE WAS MIGHTILY TENSE AND YET FULL OF LAUGHTER, AND IMPRESSIVE DISPLAYS OF TEAMWORK AND IMAGINATION ON BOTH SIDES. 'UNBELIEVABLY', THE STAFF TEAM WERE VICTORIOUS AND NOW HOLD THE TITLE OF ST BEDE'S TASK MASTER CHAMPIONS. A SPECIAL MENTION AND THANKS MUST ALSO GO TO MR GILLON WHO AGREED TO HAVE HIS LEGS WAXED AS A MEANS OF ACCELERATING THE FUNDRAISING, MR AOUN WHO FILMED IT, MR MOORE WHO PRESENTED THE CONTEST AND THE FAITH IN ACTION PUPILS WHO HELPED TO ORGANISE THE EVENT. NOT ONLY WAS THIS YEAR'S FUNDRAISER A HUGELY ENTERTAINING EVENT, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY IT HAD A MEANINGFUL IMPACT—ALL OF THE MONEY RAISED GOES TOWARDS SUPPORTING THE WONDERFUL WORK OF NUGENT CARE AND, FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, THE WORK OF MICAHA, A SOCIAL JUSTICE CHARITY IN LIVERPOOL. IT WAS WONDERFUL TO SEE OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY COME TOGETHER FOR SUCH A POSITIVE CAUSE AND AN UPLIFTING EVENT. SINCERE THANKS TO ALL PUPILS AND PARENTS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED AND DONATED DURING OUR LENTEN GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL. AS SOON AS WE HAVE A FINAL FUNDRAISING FIGURE WE WILL LET YOU KNOW. COULD WE POSSIBLY BEAT LAST YEAR'S AMAZING TOTAL OF £3700.....?



BEDE FEST IS A FABULOUS ST BEDE'S TRADITION AND IS OUR GREATEST SOURCE OF FUNDRAISING DURING LENT. THE STAFF BAND, FEATURING MR KEOWN, MR GIBSON, MRS WILLIAMS, MR MOORE AND MRS MCMURRAY, PLUS EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCES BY PUPIL BANDS ROCKED THE HALL, CREATING SUCH A BRILLIANT ATMOSPHERE THAT IT WAS SIMPLY IMPOSSIBLE NOT TO DANCE AND EMBRACE THE SHEER JOY OF IT ALL.

A HUGE THANKS TO EVERY MEMBER OF STAFF WHO HELPED TO ORGANISE THE DAY AND TO THE PUPILS WHO ORGANISED AND RAN THE STALLS, ALL CONTRIBUTING TO THE FUNDRAISING EVENT. THANKS ALSO TO ALL THE PUPILS, PARENTS AND CARERS WHO DONATED TO BEDE FEST THIS YEAR, ALL MONEY RAISED GOES TO THE GOOD SHEPHERD LENTEN APPEAL SUPPORTING THE WONDERFUL WORK OF NUGENT CARE.



# CASTLERIGG 2026



THIS YEAR, 40 YEAR 9 PUPILS ATTENDED THE CASTLERIGG RETREAT IN KESWICK. IT WAS A VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUPILS TO STRENGTHEN THEIR RELATIONSHIPS, DEEPEN THEIR FAITH, AND STEP AWAY FROM THE DEMANDS OF DAILY LIFE TO REFLECT, RENEW, AND RESTORE SPIRITUALLY.

THE PUPILS CONDUCTED THEMSELVES EXCEPTIONALLY WELL THROUGHOUT THE RETREAT AND REPRESENTED ST BEDE'S WITH GREAT PRIDE. THIS MARKS OUR THIRD VISIT TO CASTLERIGG, AND IT CONTINUES TO GROW IN POPULARITY EACH YEAR. WE LOOK FORWARD TO RETURNING NEXT JANUARY.



YEAR 9



# Easter PRAYER AND LITURGY



PRAYER AND LITURGY HAVE BEEN AT THE HEART OF OUR LENTEN JOURNEY, OFFERING PUPILS MEANINGFUL OPPORTUNITIES TO PAUSE, REFLECT, AND GROW IN THEIR FAITH. THROUGH COLLECTIVE WORSHIP, FORM PRAYERS, AND SPECIAL LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS, STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED TO DEEPEN THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF LENT AS A TIME OF PREPARATION FOR EASTER. THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO PLANNED AND PARTICIPATED IN OUR ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE. THE SERVICE, LED BY PUPILS AND STAFF, WAS A BEAUTIFULLY REFLECTIVE BEGINNING TO OUR SCHOOL LENTEN JOURNEY. OVER THE WEEKS, PUPILS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN SERVICES OF RECONCILIATION, THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THEIR CONFESSION AND HAVE REFLECTED DAILY ON THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS, THE STATIONS WERE PREPARED BY FAITH IN ACTION PUPILS.



## Easter Prayer

DEAR LORD,

HELP US TO KEEP THE EASTER MESSAGE IN  
OUR HEARTS.

WHEN ALL SEEMS DARK, DRAW OUR  
ATTENTION TO THE RISING SON.

WHEN WE REFLECT ON THE PAST, GUIDE US TO  
CELEBRATE THE NEW GROWTH IT CULTIVATED.

LET US DRAW ON THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS' LEADERSHIP.  
BUILD OUR STRENGTH FOR EACH NEW BEGINNING IN  
YOUR NAME.

AMEN

“THE GREAT GIFT OF EASTER IS  
HOPE - CHRISTIAN HOPE WHICH  
MAKES US HAVE THAT  
CONFIDENCE IN GOD, IN HIS  
ULTIMATE TRIUMPH, AND IN HIS  
GOODNESS AND LOVE, WHICH  
NOTHING CAN SHAKE.”

BASIL C HUME, (1923-  
1999) CARDINAL ARCHBISHOP  
OF WESTMINSTER

We wish all of you a  
blessed and peaceful  
Easter

**PUNCTUALITY**

**RESILIENCE**

**TEAMWORK**  
**CRITICAL THINKING**



**COMMUNICATION**  
**PROBLEM SOLVING**

**FUTURES  
WEEK 2026**

**REAL SKILLS FOR THE REAL WORLD**

**DAY 1 - MONDAY 9TH MARCH**

**PUNCTUALITY**

**RESILIENCE**

**TEAMWORK**  
**CRITICAL THINKING**



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**REAL SKILLS FOR THE REAL WORLD**

**DAY 2 - TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

**PUNCTUALITY**

**RESILIENCE**

# FUTURES WEEK 2026

**DAY 3- WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

**REAL SKILLS FOR THE REAL WORLD**

**CRITICAL THINKING**

**TEAMWORK**

**COMMUNICATION  
PROBLEM SOLVING**



**PUNCTUALITY**

**RESILIENCE**

**FUTURES WEEK 2026**

**DAY 4 - THURSDAY 12TH MARCH**

**REAL SKILLS FOR THE REAL WORLD**

**TEAMWORK**  
**CRITICAL THINKING**

**COMMUNICATION**  
**PROBLEM SOLVING**





WE WERE PLEASED TO WELCOME THE LIBERTY CENTRE INTO SCHOOL TO DELIVER SESSIONS ON COERCIVE CONTROL AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. THROUGHOUT THESE SESSIONS, PUPILS ENGAGED IN THOUGHTFUL AND MATURE DISCUSSIONS, DEMONSTRATING BOTH INSIGHT AND SENSITIVITY. THEY ALSO DEVELOPED A GREATER AWARENESS OF THE EARLY WARNING SIGNS OF MANIPULATION AND CONTROLLING BEHAVIOUR, EQUIPPING THEM WITH IMPORTANT KNOWLEDGE FOR THEIR CURRENT AND FUTURE RELATIONSHIPS.

IN ADDITION, WE WELCOMED THE LANCASHIRE SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICE, WHO DELIVERED INFORMATIVE SESSIONS ON SEXUAL HEALTH, HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS, AND HOW TO ACCESS FURTHER SUPPORT BOTH ONLINE AND THROUGH LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES. PUPILS APPROACHED THESE SESSIONS WITH MATURITY, ASKING INSIGHTFUL QUESTIONS AND SHOWING A STRONG LEVEL OF UNDERSTANDING.

# YEAR 10

*Spiritual Retreat - Discernment*

DURING LENT 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 POWERFUL TESTIMONY AND INSPIRING 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.

# SPORTING SUCCESS



EARLIER THIS YEAR SAW THE GIRLS ENTER THE WEST LANCASHIRE HANDBALL TOURNAMENTS AT LATHOM HIGH SCHOOL. FOR SOME STUDENTS THIS WAS THEIR FIRST TIME PLAYING HANDBALL WHICH MADE IT EVEN MORE OF A BRILLIANT ACHIEVEMENT. ALL TEAMS CAME RUNNERS UP AND SOME GREAT HANDBALL WAS PLAYED.

# HANDBALL HANDBALL HANDBALL

# CROSS COUNTRY

A HUGE WELL DONE TO THE 10 STUDENTS WHO REPRESENTED WEST LANCASHIRE IN THE LANCASHIRE CROSS COUNTRY EVENT. THE EVENT TOOK PLACE ON A COLD SATURDAY MORNING AT WITTON PARK, BLACKBURN IN JANUARY. ALL THE STUDENTS INVOLVED WERE FANTASTIC AND WERE A CREDIT TO ST. BEDE'S.

THANK YOU ALL FOR GIVING YOUR TIME UP. THE STUDENTS INVOLVED WERE;

VIVIAN J, LORENZO V, ROXY L, WILL H, JACK C, JACOB C, JASMINE O, EVELYN M, POPPY A AND HARRY L.



## Netball



SPRING SAW THE SECOND ROUND OF NETBALL TOURNAMENTS WHERE ST. BEDE'S ACHIEVED SUCCESS AGAIN. OUR YEAR 8 TEAM WON WITH YEAR 10 COMING SECOND IN THEIR TOURNAMENT.

THE YEAR 11 NETBALL TEAM ALSO FINISHED SECOND IN THEIR LAST EVER SCHOOL TOURNAMENT. THE TEAM HAVE WON OVER 5 DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS IN THEIR TIME AT ST. BEDE'S AND STAYED TOGETHER AS A TEAM OVER THE YEARS. THEY HAVE SHOWN DEDICATION AND RESILIENCE AND HAVE PLAYED SOME TRULY BRILLIANT NETBALL. OFF THE COURT, THESE GIRLS HAVE BEEN AN ABSOLUTE PLEASURE TO TAKE TO TOURNAMENTS AND WILL BE MISSED WHEN THEY EVENTUALLY LEAVE US IN A FEW MONTHS. WE HOPE THEY HAVE ENJOYED ALL THE MEMORIES OF THEIR SCHOOL NETBALL TRIPS AND ENCOURAGE THEM ALL TO CONTINUE TO PLAY. A HUGE WELL DONE AND THANK YOU TO AVA, EVIE, REBECCA, EMILY, SCARLETT, BELLA AND ISLA.

**LUKE P – HEAD PUPIL**

**PROJECT: SOCIAL BUSKING EVENTS**

LUKE SUCCESSFULLY PLANNED AND ORGANISED A LUNCHTIME BUSKING EVENT FOR YEAR 11 PUPILS. THE INITIATIVE PROVIDED A PLATFORM FOR PUPILS TO SHOWCASE THEIR TALENTS, FOSTER A STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY, AND RAISE FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL'S LENTEN APPEAL AND UPCOMING PROM. THE PREFECT TEAM COLLABORATED EFFECTIVELY WITH YEAR 11 PERFORMERS TO DELIVER AN UPLIFTING AND WELL-TIMED EVENT FOLLOWING MOCK EXAMINATIONS. LUKE HOPES TO ESTABLISH THESE EVENTS AS A REGULAR FEATURE, TAKING PLACE TWICE A YEAR ACROSS ALL YEAR GROUPS.



**POPPY W – HEAD PUPIL**

**PROJECT: YEAR 7 WELLBEING CRAFT CLUB**

POPPY HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH MRS THOMPSON TO INTRODUCE A NEW LUNCHTIME CRAFT CLUB FOR YEAR 7 PUPILS. THE INITIATIVE USES CREATIVE ACTIVITIES AS A MEANS OF ENCOURAGING OPEN CONVERSATION AND PEER SUPPORT, PARTICULARLY BETWEEN PUPILS IN YEARS 7–11. A NUMBER OF YEAR 11 PUPILS HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO SUPPORT THE CLUB, AND IT HAS BEEN WARMLY RECEIVED BY YEAR 7 PARTICIPANTS, WHO HAVE EMBRACED THE OPPORTUNITY.



## SENIOR PUPIL PROJECTS

THE HEAD PUPILS AND DEPUTY HEAD PUPILS HAVE DEMONSTRATED OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT TO THEIR PROJECTS THIS YEAR. IN DOING SO, THEY HAVE ACTIVELY ENGAGED MEMBERS OF THE WIDER PUPIL LEADERSHIP TEAM, AS WELL AS YEAR 10 PUPILS, PROVIDING VALUABLE OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS IN PREPARATION FOR FUTURE PREFECT ROLES.



**HARRIET M – DEPUTY HEAD PUPIL**

**PROJECT: FORM TIME BUDDY SESSIONS**

HARRIET HAS LED THE INTRODUCTION OF WEEKLY FORM TIME BUDDY SESSIONS FOR YEAR 7 PUPILS. SUPPORTED BY VOLUNTEERS FROM YEARS 10 AND 11, THE SESSIONS PROVIDE A WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT WHERE PUPILS CAN BUILD RELATIONSHIPS, TAKE PART IN BOARD GAMES, AND BEGIN THE SCHOOL DAY POSITIVELY. WITH THE SUPPORT OF MR COX AND YEAR 7 FORM TUTORS, SELECTED PUPILS FROM EACH FORM ATTEND THESE SESSIONS, WHICH HAVE ALREADY PROVEN TO BE A SUCCESS.



**ROWAN M – DEPUTY HEAD PUPIL**

**PROJECT: CHESTER ZOO WORKSHOPS**

INSPIRED BY HIS WORK EXPERIENCE AT CHESTER ZOO, ROWAN IS PLANNING A SERIES OF WORKSHOPS FOR YEAR 8 PUPILS. THESE SESSIONS WILL INVOLVE VISITING STAFF SHARING INSIGHTS INTO CAREERS IN ZOOLOGY, AS WELL AS HIGHLIGHTING THE ZOO'S SIGNIFICANT CONSERVATION WORK AND ITS IMPACT BOTH LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY. ROWAN INTENDS TO DEVELOP THIS INITIATIVE FURTHER FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF HIS GCSE EXAMINATIONS, WITH PLANS FOR AN ENGAGING PROGRAMME IN THE SUMMER TERM.



# Virtue Awards



THIS TERM WE HAVE INTRODUCED VIRTUE AWARDS TO FURTHER PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR SCHOOL VIRTUES IN OUR PUPILS – COURAGE, WISDOM, RESPECT AND HUMILITY. STAFF HAVE BEEN AWARDING VIRTUES ON SYNERGY AND THIS TERM'S CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES RECOGNISED THE VIRTUE OF COURAGE IN EVERY YEAR GROUP.

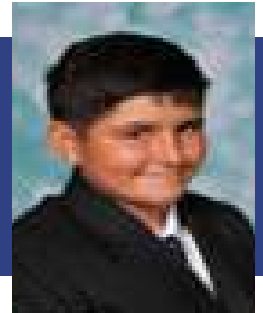


Lorenzo V - year 7

COURAGE - CONTRIBUTES TO DISCUSSIONS AND OFFERS ANSWERS IN LESSONS AND ASSEMBLIES MAKING A CONFIDENT CONTRIBUTION AND SHOWING EXCELLENT ENGAGEMENT AND PARTICIPATION

Nicholas M - year 8

COURAGE - TAKING A LEADING ROLE AND PUT COMMUNITY AND CHARITY BEFORE SOCIAL TIMES DURING BREAK AND LUNCH - GREAT LEADERSHIP OF THE FORM GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL!



Dexter B - year 9

COURAGE - ALWAYS BEING WILLING TO READ DURING ASSEMBLIES AND MASS - IT TAKES COURAGE TO READ IN FRONT OF THE WHOLE SCHOOL/ YEAR GROUPS!

Calleigh B - year 10

COURAGE - DEMONSTRATING CONFIDENCE DURING FUTURES WEEK, ESPECIALLY DURING THE INTERVIEW, AND SHOWING THE COURAGE AND DETERMINATION TO PERSEVERE



Harriet M - year 11

COURAGE - STARTING A GAMES FORM TIME GROUP FOR YEAR 7 PUPILS TO HELP THEM ADJUST AND FEEL PART OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

# Holiday activities and food

LANCASHIRE  
Spring 2026

**31/03/25 11-3pm Eavesdale Family Hub**  
Spring Party with a visit from some cool creatures

**02/04/25 11-3pm Ormskirk West End School**  
Magic & Mayhem Family Fun

**03/04/25 11-3pm Burscough Family Hub**  
Spring Party with Hands on Animals

**07/04/25 11-3pm Eavesdale Family Hub**  
Family Easter Party

**08/04/25 11-3pm Skelmersdale Family Hub**  
Spring Party with Hands on Animals

**09/04/25 11-3pm Burscough Family Hub**  
Magic & Mayhem Family Fun

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