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ST BEDE'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

All the news from the last term



AS WE REACH THE END OF ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL ACADEMIC YEAR, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT ON ALL THAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED TOGETHER AND TO EXPRESS MY HEARTFELT THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HAS CONTRIBUTED TO MAKING THIS YEAR SUCH A POSITIVE AND REWARDING ONE.

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, OUR PUPILS HAVE CONTINUED TO INSPIRE US WITH THEIR ENTHUSIASM, RESILIENCE, CREATIVITY, AND DETERMINATION. WHETHER IN THE CLASSROOM, ON THE SPORTS FIELD, THROUGH MUSICAL AND ARTISTIC PERFORMANCES, OR IN THE MANY WIDER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE ACROSS THE SCHOOL, THEY HAVE EMBRACED CHALLENGES, CELEBRATED ACHIEVEMENTS, AND REPRESENTED OUR SCHOOL WITH PRIDE. WE ARE IMMENSELY PROUD OF ALL THEY HAVE ACCOMPLISHED.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXTEND MY SINCERE GRATITUDE TO OUR PARENTS AND FAMILIES FOR THEIR ONGOING SUPPORT, ENCOURAGEMENT, AND PARTNERSHIP. THE STRENGTH OF OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIES IN THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS WE SHARE, AND YOUR TRUST, INVOLVEMENT AND COMMITMENT PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN ENABLING OUR CHILDREN TO FLOURISH.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, I WANT TO RECOGNISE AND THANK OUR EXCEPTIONAL TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF. THEIR UNWAVERING DEDICATION, PROFESSIONALISM AND CARE ENSURE THAT EVERY CHILD IS KNOWN, VALUED AND SUPPORTED TO ACHIEVE THEIR VERY BEST. BEHIND EVERY SUCCESS STORY IS A TEAM OF COMMITTED INDIVIDUALS WHO CONSISTENTLY GO ABOVE AND BEYOND, GIVING THEIR TIME, ENERGY AND EXPERTISE TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH OUR PUPILS CAN THRIVE. THROUGH THEIR PASSION AND COMMITMENT, THEY ARE NOT ONLY EDUCATING YOUNG PEOPLE BUT TRANSFORMING LIVES, OPENING DOORS TO FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES AND HELPING EVERY CHILD TO REALISE THEIR POTENTIAL.

OUR SCHOOL IS IN A POSITION OF GREAT STRENGTH, AND THIS IS NOT BY CHANCE. IT IS THE RESULT OF THE HARD WORK, DEDICATION, AND COMMITMENT SHOWN BY EVERY MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY. PUPILS, PARENTS, TEACHERS, SUPPORT STAFF AND GOVERNORS HAVE ALL PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN BUILDING A SCHOOL CULTURE THAT IS AMBITIOUS, NURTURING AND FORWARD-LOOKING.

AS WE LOOK AHEAD WITH CONFIDENCE AND OPTIMISM, WE DO SO KNOWING THAT OUR COLLECTIVE EFFORTS CONTINUE TO MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE TO THE LIVES OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. TOGETHER, WE HAVE MUCH TO CELEBRATE AND EVEN MORE TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT, PARTNERSHIP AND BELIEF IN OUR SHARED VISION. I WISH ALL MEMBERS OF OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY A RESTFUL, ENJOYABLE AND WELL-DESERVED SUMMER BREAK, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING EVERYONE BACK IN THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR.

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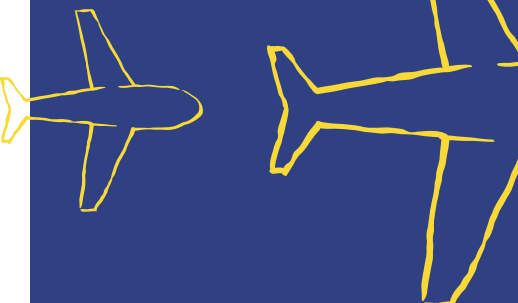
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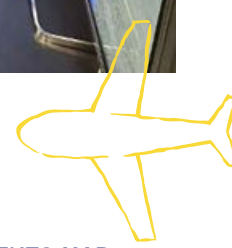
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TEENTECH FESTIVAL



In June.....

MR GIBSON, MRS COX AND TEN YEAR 9 STUDENTS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE TEENTECH FESTIVAL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL LANCASHIRE. THE STUDENTS EXPERIENCED VIRTUAL REALITY, FLIGHT SIMULATORS AND WORKED ON A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES AND TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGES THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

WE WERE DELIGHTED TO BE THE WINNING TEAM IN THE "FUTURE INNOVATION" CHALLENGE. NOAH WAS PRESENTED HIS PRIZE BY THE CO-FOUNDER AND CEO OF TEENTECH, MAGGIE PHILBIN - WHO HAS PIONEERED WORK IN FUTURE TECHNOLOGIES SINCE HER DAYS PRESENTING THE BBC'S FLAGSHIP SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SHOW "TOMORROW'S WORLD."



VIRTUAL
REALITY



ARCHDIOCESE PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION



AMBER E AND REUBEN M
COMPETED AGAINST 22 OTHER
CANDIDATES IN THE ARCHDIOCESE
PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION
THIS MORNING AT ST JOHN RIGBY
COLLEGE. THEY WERE AMAZING
AND SUCH A CREDIT TO THE
SCHOOL; WE WERE SO PROUD OF
THEM. BOTH DELIVERED WELL
PREPARED, ARTICULATE SPEECHES
AND WERE UP AGAINST SOME
VERY STRONG COMPETITION.
REUBEN ABSOLUTELY SMASHED IT
OUT OF THE PARK THOUGH AND
CAME FIRST PLACE! HE IS THE
FIRST EVER ST BEDE'S WINNER SO
HE'S ALSO MADE HISTORY.



CRAFT Club

FOLLOWING THE FEBRUARY HALF-TERM, RE AND HEAD STUDENT POPPY ESTABLISHED CRAFT CLUB AS A FUN AND WELCOMING FRIDAY LUNCHTIME ACTIVITY FOR YEAR 7 GIRLS TO ENJOY BEING CREATIVE TOGETHER. DURING THE SUMMER TERM, MISS BENZIE LED THE CLUB, WORKING ALONGSIDE POPPY AND YEAR 11 STUDENT HEIDI.



AIMED PREDOMINANTLY AT YEAR 7 GIRLS, CRAFT CLUB WAS CREATED TO SUPPORT THEIR WELLBEING BY PROVIDING A WELCOMING SPACE TO BE CREATIVE, RELAX AND CONNECT WITH ONE ANOTHER. IT GIVES THE GIRLS THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE SOMETHING UNIQUE WHILST CHATTING, FORMING FRIENDSHIPS WITH OTHERS IN THEIR YEAR GROUP WHOM THEY MAY NOT OTHERWISE HAVE MET. AWAY FROM THE PRESSURES OF THE CLASSROOM, IT HAS BECOME A LOVELY SPACE TO CREATE, SOCIALISE AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, HAVE LOTS OF FUN.



THE SESSIONS ARE INSPIRED BY THE GIRLS' OWN INTERESTS AND IDEAS, WITH EVERYONE ENCOURAGED TO SUGGEST FUTURE ACTIVITIES. IT IS WONDERFUL TO SEE THEIR CREATIVITY AND IMAGINATION SHINE THROUGH AS THEY DESIGN AND MAKE A WIDE VARIETY OF CRAFTS. WHETHER MAKING DECORATIONS, PERSONALISED GIFTS OR SEASONAL CREATIONS, EACH SESSION IS FILLED WITH ENTHUSIASM, LAUGHTER AND A REAL SENSE OF COMMUNITY. MISS BENZIE HAS BEEN IN HER ELEMENT THROUGHOUT, AS ANYONE WHO KNOWS HER WILL TELL YOU THAT SHE LOVES ALL THINGS CRAFTY, AND HER ENTHUSIASM HAS BEEN INFECTIOUS. HERE ARE JUST SOME OF THE FANTASTIC CREATIONS THE GIRLS (AND MISS BENZIE!) HAVE MADE DURING CRAFT CLUB.





MR MOORE

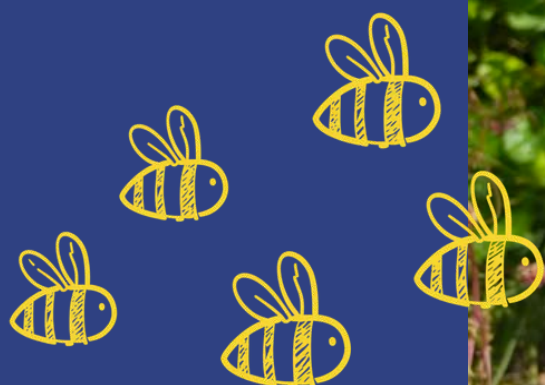
CYBERFIRST CERTIFICATE AWARD AWARD AWARD AWARD AWARD

THIS TERM WE WERE AWARDED OUR CYBERFIRST CERTIFICATE IN RECOGNITION OF THE HARD WORK WE DELIVER IN DIGITAL, CYBER AND CYBER SECURITY AT ST BEDE'S.



Pollinator

FRIENDLY WILDFLOWER PATCH OUTSIDE ROOM 1



ECO COMMITTEE

COMPLETING TRAINING ON LIVING MORE SUSTAINABLY

THE "CIRCULAR ECONOMY FUTURES" PROJECT IS AN EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVE DESIGNED TO HELP STUDENTS UNDERSTAND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, SUSTAINABILITY, AND HOW CIRCULAR ECONOMY PRINCIPLES FUNCTION IN REAL-WORLD SETTINGS. THE PROGRAM IS A COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE LIVERPOOL WORLD CENTRE, A GLOBAL LEARNING ORGANIZATION, AND FARM URBAN, A LIVERPOOL - BASED SOCIAL ENTERPRISE FOCUSED ON URBAN SUSTAINABILITY AND FOOD SYSTEMS.



FARM
URBAN

THE ECO COMMITTEE HAVE COMPLETED SEVERAL WORKSHOPS WITH LIVERPOOL WORLD CENTRE. THE FIRST SESSION EXPLORED THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A CIRCULAR AND LINEAR ECONOMY. THE SECOND SESSION INVOLVED CRITICAL THINKING AND PROBLEM SOLVING. DURING THE THIRD WORKSHOP THE PUPILS PRESENTED THEIR RESEARCH AND WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNT FROM IT.

LIVERPOOL
WORLD
CENTRE





THE GROUP MET WITH MRS. MUNRO THE BUSINESS MANAGER AND MR EMMETT THE SITE MANAGER, TO DISCUSS WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RECYCLING. THE COMMITTEE THEN CREATED A SURVEY FOR KS3 PUPILS. THERE WERE OVER 300 RESPONSES.

MEETING WITH BUSINESS MANAGER AND SITE SUPERVISOR- WHAT WE LEARNT?

WE HAVE LEARNT THAT WE PLAN TO USE LED LIGHTS IN THE STUDIO AND OTHER PLACES.

WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT PEOPLE ARE USING THE RECYCLING BINS AS THE SITE TEAM ARE STILL PICKING UP BAGS OF LITTER EACH DAY. WE USE 4 2400 LITRE BINS FOR RECYCLING PAPER. 6 X 1200 LITRES OF WASTE EMPTIED PER WEEK. FOOD WASTE IS COLLECTED ONCE A WEEK. PLACE WE LITTER MOST IS THE YARD.

THE WATER FILTER AND COOLER ARE GOING TO BE REPLACED.

LED LIGHTS

POSTERS

OVER 300 RESPONSES



ACTION / PLANNING ANTI-LITTERING POSTERS, FORM RECYCLING BINS - WEEKLY PRIZE FOR THE MOST, FUNDRAISE FOR LED LIGHTS OR INSULATION- CAKE SALES, TEACHER ON THE YARD TO SUPERVISE LITTERING – REPEAT OFFENDERS NEGATIVE POINTS, POSTER SHOWING THE CONSEQUENCES E.G. POLAR BEAR, THREE BIN SYSTEM

Question	Pre-evaluation	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Post-evaluation	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Results
	Strongly agree				Strongly agree				
I have ideas about how to reduce waste	39%	50%	11%		68%	32%	-11%		Number expressing high confidence has doubled, and none now disagree.
I can share my ideas with others	50%	50%			68%	32%	-18%		More feel <u>confidently</u> that they can share their ideas, an increase of 18%.
I can explain what a circular economy means		16%	45%	39%	68%	11%	21%	-39%	Number who can explain what a CE is has increased by 63% (those who disagreed with the statement fell from 84% to 21%).
I know how to find out what others know or think about waste	39%	39%	22%		70%	23%	6%		The research tasks have found over double the students feeling confident, and only 6% disagreeing with the statement.
I can work with others to put ideas into action	67%	33%			63%	37%			Little change; all agree with the statement. Practical ideas are still to be put into action but decisions on research tasks were taken together.
I understand who can help me to take action on waste	16%	56%	28%		89%	11%	-28%		All students now agree with this statement now and the vast majority have high level of confidence in this, an increase of 73%.

THE PUPILS COMPLETED A PRE AND POST EVALUATION

ACTION/PLANNING
 MORE RECYCLING BINS AND MORE PROMOTION OF THEM
 GROW OUR OWN FOOD MORE
 MAKE A COMPETITION BETWEEN FORMS FOR RECYCLING AND GET A REWARD
 COLLECT CLOTHES FOR CHARITY SHOPS AND REWARD PEOPLE WHO DONATE.
 ASSEMBLY ABOUT IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE – NEGATIVE IMPACT
 ASSEMBLY TO PROMOTE RECYCLING POWERPOINTS IN FORM TIME
 INCREASE THE PLANTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUPILS
 TAKE CLOTHES TO VULNERABLE GROUPS
 TRY TO RESELL THE CLOTHES FIRST.
 CAR BOOT SALE ON THE FIELD



RECYCLING AND WASTE FORMS QUESTIONNAIRE YEARS 7, 8 & 9- WHAT WE LEARNT?

MOST PEOPLE SAY THAT THEY RECYCLE AND KNOW THE TYPES OF MATERIALS RECYCLED, A LOT OF PEOPLE REALISE THAT WE NEED TO RECYCLE, WE REALISE THAT WE NEED MORE RECYCLE BINS ON THE YARD, PEOPLE WANT RECYCLING TO BE EASIER, MAJORITY OF PEOPLE RECYCLE THAT COMPLETED THE SURVEY, SOME PEOPLE DO WANT TO RECYCLE AND MAKE A CHANGE, MOST PEOPLE ARE AWARE THAT NOT RECYCLING IS DAMAGING THE PLANET, PEOPLE WANT MORE RECYCLING BINS AROUND SCHOOL AND REWARDS FOR RECYCLING, SOME PEOPLE ARE ARROGANT IN THE WAY THAT IT EFFECTS THEM – NOT BEING BOTHERED, PEOPLE ARE AWARE THEY NEED TO RECYCLE MORE, PEOPLE ARE GENERALLY POSITIVE TO REUSING CLOTHES, PEOPLE DO NOT KNOW WHERE THEIR CLOTHES COME FROM

Thank you

TO NEIL AND KAREN FROM LIVERPOOL WORLD CENTRE FOR ORGANISING AND DELIVERING THIS PROJECT.





The Gardening Angels harvesting our first crop of carrots for the catering staff to use in school lunches



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SOME OF THE YEAR 8 GIRLS
ATTENDED THE MEGA CYBER
DAY AT WEST LANC'S
COLLEGE THIS TERM.

MEGA CYBER DAY

THE GIRLS TOOK PART IN
CAREER PROSPECTS IN THE
DIGITAL SECTOR, THE USE OF
AI AND CHALLENGES TO GET
THE MOST OUT OF AN AI,
CYPHER CODE CRACKING
AND TEAM CHALLENGE.



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THE GARDENING ANGELS DELIVERING
PLANT POTS FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE
IN OUR PARISHES AND WIDER
COMMUNITY. THANK YOU TO ALL THE
PARENTS, FAMILIES AND PARISHIONERS
WHO DONATED PLANTS, COMPOST AND
POTS. A BIG THANK YOU TO THE
ORMSKIRK SCHOOL PASTORS FOR THEIR
CONTINUED SUPPORT.



DELIVERING PLANT POTS



GET CREATIVE! FASHION DESIGN WORKSHOPS AT ORMSKIRK CIVIC HALL ON WEDNESDAYS, 5 - 6 PM!

EVER WANTED TO TURN YOUR CLOTHING IDEAS INTO REALITY? ERICA RIDGEWAY FASHION ACADEMY IS HOSTING WEEKLY FASHION DESIGN SESSIONS FOR STUDENTS AGES 13 - 18!

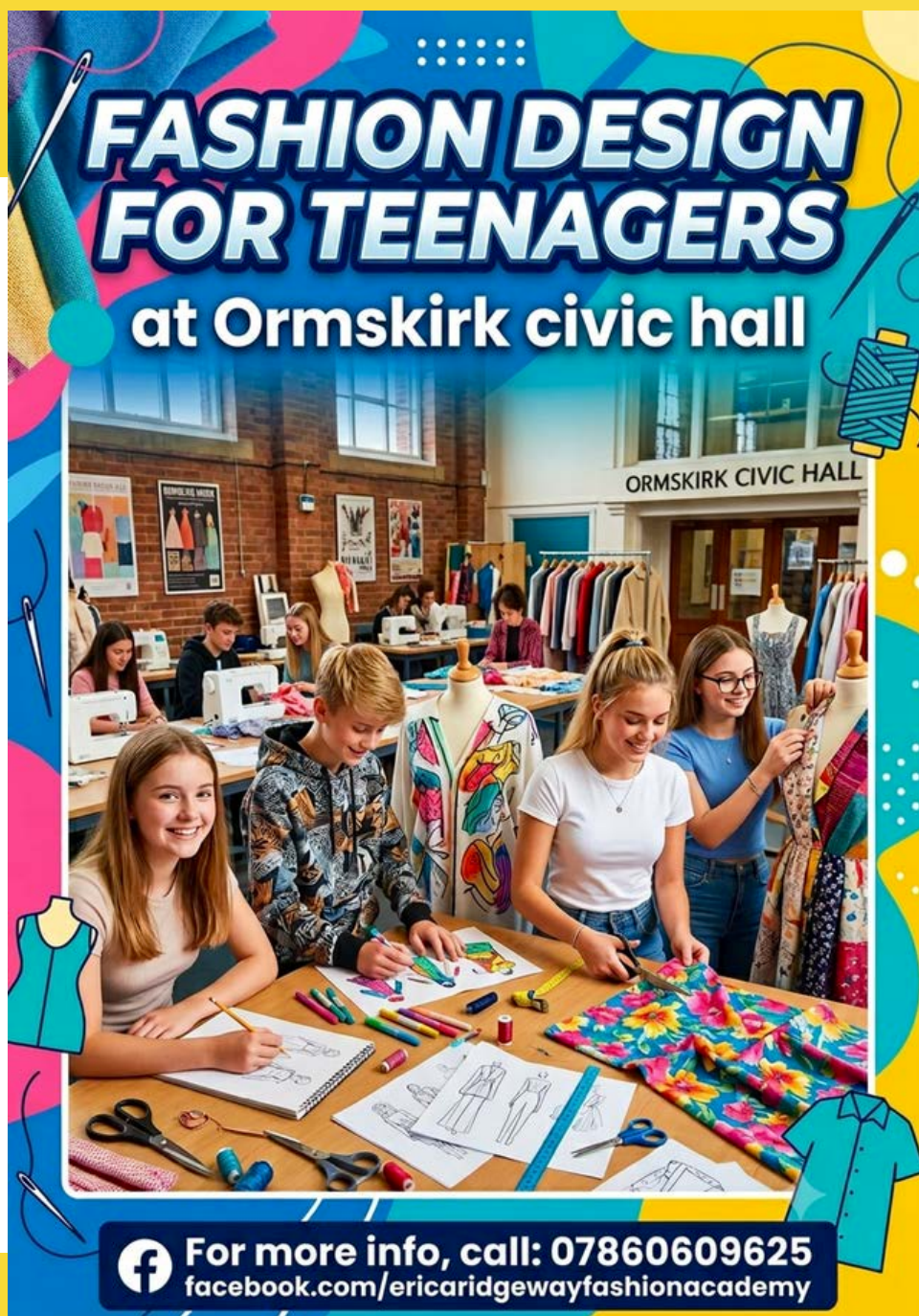
WHETHER YOU WANT TO LEARN HOW TO SKETCH YOUR OWN DESIGNS, UNDERSTAND HOW CLOTHES ARE MADE, OR EXPLORE THE WORLD OF TEXTILES, THESE HANDS-ON SESSIONS OFFER THE PERFECT CREATIVE OUTLET.

WHAT WE COVER: FASHION ILLUSTRATION, MOOD BOARDING, DESIGN FUNDAMENTALS, AND BASIC CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES.

WHERE: ORMSKIRK COMMUNITY CENTRE

WHEN: WEDNESDAYS, 5 - 6 PM

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME!



**FASHION DESIGN
FOR TEENAGERS**
at Ormskirk civic hall

ORMSKIRK CIVIC HALL

For more info, call: 07860609625
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[HTTPS://TEENAGERSFASHIONDESIGN.YOUCANBOOK.ME](https://teenagersfashiondesign.youcanbook.me)



AS PART OF THEIR PROJECT WORK THIS TERM, YEAR 8 PUPILS WERE TASKED WITH PLANNING AN INTERFAITH COMMUNITY HUB FOR ORMSKIRK.



YEAR 8

INTERFAITH
COMMUNITY
HUB



WE WERE INCREDIBLY IMPRESSED TO SEE SEVERAL STUDENTS TAKE THEIR IDEAS EVEN FURTHER, TURNING THEIR PLANS INTO SPECTACULAR PERSUASIVE PITCHES AND 3D MODELS. THE IMAGINATION AND INDEPENDENCE SHOWN BY THESE STUDENTS WERE FANTASTIC. WELL DONE TO EVERYONE FOR THEIR HARD WORK, AND A SPECIAL SHOUT-OUT TO THOSE WHO WENT THE EXTRA MILE!

OUR YEAR 9 STUDENTS HAVE ONCE AGAIN EMBRACED THE CHALLENGE OF EXPLORING THE BIG QUESTIONS OF FAITH, BELIEF AND THE WORLD AROUND US THROUGH THEIR FINDING GOD PHILOSOPHY PROJECT. STUDENTS PRODUCED IMPRESSIVE PIECES OF ARTWORK, LEARNING BOARDS, 3D PROJECTS, ESSAYS DEMONSTRATING THEIR CURIOSITY, CREATIVITY AND THOUGHTFUL ENGAGEMENT.

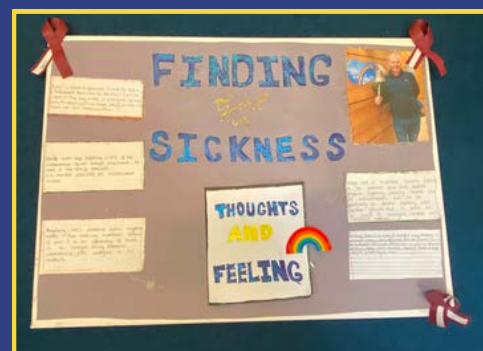
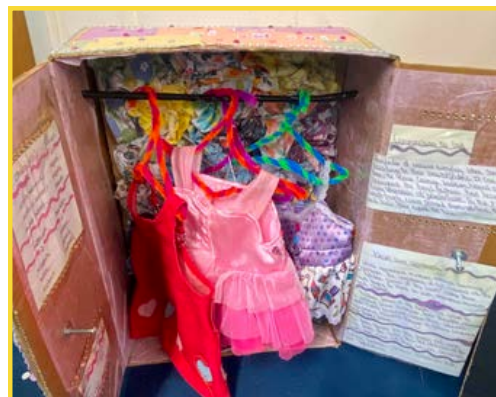
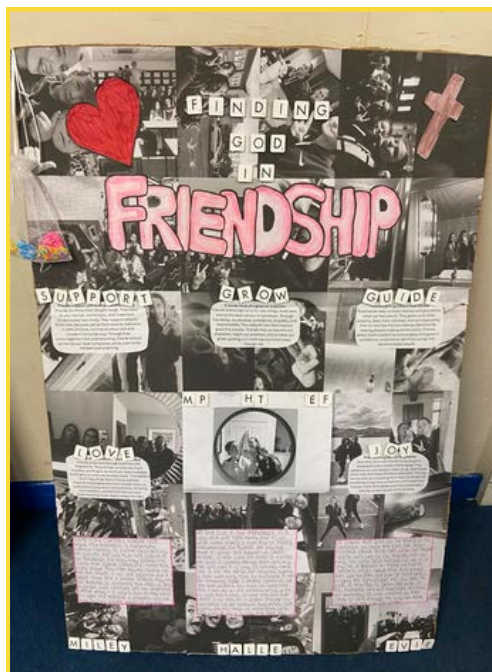
THEIR COMPLETED PROJECTS WERE PROUDLY DISPLAYED DURING OUR CREATIVE ARTS EVENING PROVIDING AN INSPIRING SHOWCASE OF THEIR HARD WORK, DEDICATION AND THE DEPTH OF THEIR LEARNING.

WELL DONE TO ALL OF OUR YEAR 9 STUDENTS FOR THEIR ENTHUSIASM AND COMMITMENT THROUGHOUT THIS PROJECT.

YEAR 9



Finding
God





WE ARE INCREDIBLY PROUD TO CONGRATULATE OUR FAITH IN ACTION PUPILS WHO WERE PRESENTED WITH THEIR BRONZE, SILVER AND GOLD AWARDS BY BISHOP TOM NEYLON, AT LOWE HOUSE. THIS NATIONALLY RECOGNISED AWARD CELEBRATES THE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION THAT YOUNG PEOPLE MAKE TO THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THEIR SCHOOL AND PARISH, AS WELL AS THEIR COMMITMENT TO SERVING OTHERS IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY.

THROUGH THEIR FAITH, COMPASSION, LEADERSHIP, AND WILLINGNESS TO PUT FAITH AND VIRTUE INTO ACTION, THESE PUPILS HAVE SHOWN WHAT IT MEANS TO LIVE OUT THEIR FAITH IN EVERYDAY LIFE. THEIR DEDICATION TO HELPING OTHERS AND MAKING A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE IS AN INSPIRATION TO US ALL. THIS IS A WONDERFUL ACHIEVEMENT AND WE THANK THEM FOR THE EXAMPLE THEY SET FOR OUR WHOLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

SILVER FAITH IN ACTION AWARD



BRONZE FAITH IN ACTION AWARD



GOLD FAITH IN ACTION AWARD



KEIR L, VINCENT L, ROWAN M AND ELFRED N RECEIVE THEIR GOLD FAITH IN ACTION AWARD

Springfield Visit



OUR WONDERFUL YEAR 7 FAITH IN ACTION PUPILS REGULARLY VISIT THEIR FRIENDS AT SPRINGFIELD RESIDENTIAL HOME. THIS TERM WE WERE DELIGHTED TO SEE THE PUPILS' SKILLS IN PHOTOGRAPHY USED TO HELP THE RESIDENTS PRODUCE BEAUTIFUL ARTWORK. THIS BEAUTIFUL PAINTING OF ST ANNE'S CHURCH WAS THE RESULT OF SUCH COLLABORATION. IT WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE CHURCH.



ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF MISSION WEEK WAS THE PRESENTATION OF THE ST BEDE'S BADGE, THE HIGHEST HONOUR THAT CAN BE AWARDED TO A PUPIL AT ST BEDE'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL.

St Bede's BADGE AWARDS 2026

THERE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN A MORE FITTING TIME TO PRESENT THESE PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS THAN DURING MISSION WEEK. AS WE REFLECTED ON OUR THEME, 'COURAGE TO BEAR FRUIT', EACH RECIPIENT STOOD AS A LIVING EXAMPLE OF WHAT IT MEANS TO USE THEIR GOD-GIVEN GIFTS IN THE SERVICE OF OTHERS, SHOWING COURAGE, HUMILITY, WISDOM AND RESPECT IN THE WAY THEY LEAD THEIR LIVES.

WE ARE IMMENSELY PROUD OF THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENTS AND CONGRATULATE THEM ON THIS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT.

ST BEDE'S BADGE – OUR HIGHEST HONOUR		
Congratulations to this term's recipients who have shown the Courage to Bear Fruit!		
RECIPIENT(S)	REASON	LIVING OUT COURAGE
Gina	Achieved an incredible 1000 day streak on Duolingo French in February! A fantastic example of dedication and perseverance in her studies.	DETERMINATION She is committed to her goals and never gives up, inspiring others through her dedication.
Luna	Actively raising money for St John's Ambulance, showing initiative and compassion for others.	COMPASSION She shows courage by caring for others and using her time and energy to help those in need.
Zak	Outstanding achievement in a national competition, gaining a silver award in the UKMT Intermediate Challenge (Y9-11). Also came runner up in the National Cipher Challenge, learning how to code himself as he went along. An inspiring example of curiosity and determination.	PERSEVERANCE He takes on challenges, learns independently and keeps going, even when it's tough.
Wojtek Ollie Tim (Team 'Duopod')	NATIONAL WINNERS! Team 'Duopod' won the National Innovation Competition with their innovative product based on a diabetic pump. A brilliant example of teamwork, creativity and the courage to innovate!	INNOVATION They had the courage to think differently, solve real-world problems and achieve something remarkable together.
Alayna Johnson	Created 'Stealth Stars' for staff and pupils at St Bede's – no other pupil has ever done this before. Months into starting St Bede's, Alayna has shown courage through kindness and compassion for others, making a positive difference to our school community.	KINDNESS Alayna shows courage by looking out for others and spreading kindness and positivity every day.
Roxy Isabella Ema Aria Ema Amy Polly Taylor Ema Lily Savika Niamh	West Lancashire School Cup Winners! A brilliant achievement that reflects hard work, determination, commitment and outstanding teamwork both on and off the field.	TEAMWORK They show courage by supporting each other, working together and striving for success as one team.
★ ★ ★ Well done to all of our St Bede's Badge recipients! ★ ★ ★		

Year 11 Leavers Mass

YEAR 11 PUPILS, TEACHERS, STAFF AND FAMILIES GATHERED TO CELEBRATE A VERY SPECIAL FINAL MASS AND MARK THE PUPILS' LAST OFFICIAL DAY AT ST BEDE'S. IT WAS A JOYFUL AND EMOTIONAL OCCASION, FILLED WITH FRIENDSHIP, FAITH AND CELEBRATION. THE DAY BEGAN WITH THE YEAR 11 PUPILS SIGNING ONE ANOTHER'S SHIRTS ON THE YARD AND SHARING MEMORIES FROM THEIR TIME TOGETHER AT SCHOOL.

THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A BEAUTIFUL MASS CELEBRATED BY FATHER GODRIC, OFFERING EVERYONE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT WITH GRATITUDE ON THE PUPILS' JOURNEY THROUGH ST BEDE'S AND TO PRAY FOR THEM AS THEY PREPARE FOR THE NEXT CHAPTER OF THEIR LIVES. YEAR 11 PUPILS CONTRIBUTED THOUGHTFULLY THROUGH THE READINGS, WHILE OUR WONDERFUL CHOIR FILLED THE CELEBRATION WITH BEAUTIFUL MUSIC. THE DAY CONCLUDED WITH A GUARD OF HONOUR, AS PUPILS AND STAFF FROM ACROSS THE SCHOOL CAME TOGETHER TO APPLAUD YEAR 11 AND SAY A FINAL FAREWELL. IT WAS A POWERFUL AND MEMORABLE MOMENT THAT DEMONSTRATED JUST HOW MUCH THIS REMARKABLE YEAR GROUP HAS CONTRIBUTED TO OUR COMMUNITY.

WE ARE INCREDIBLY PROUD OF EVERYTHING THEY HAVE ACHIEVED AND OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE THEY HAVE BECOME. THEY LEAVE ST BEDE'S WITH OUR PRAYERS, BEST WISHES AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE FUTURE. THIS INCREDIBLE YEAR GROUP WILL ALWAYS REMAIN AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR SCHOOL FAMILY AND WILL BE GREATLY MISSED.

ON MONDAY 13 JULY, OUR YEAR 8 PUPILS RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION AT ST ANNE'S CHURCH, SURROUNDED BY THEIR FAMILIES, SCHOOL STAFF AND MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COMMUNITY. ABBOT PAUL CONFIRMED THE PUPILS, WITH FATHER GODRIC AND FATHER JOSEPH ALSO PRESENT TO SUPPORT THIS IMPORTANT MILESTONE IN THEIR JOURNEY OF FAITH. IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL AND JOYFUL CELEBRATION, MADE EVEN MORE SPECIAL BY THE PRESENCE OF EVERYONE WHO HAD GATHERED TO SHARE IN THE OCCASION.

THE CELEBRATION PROVIDED A WONDERFUL BEGINNING TO OUR MISSION WEEK, AS OUR YEAR 8 PUPILS DEMONSTRATED GREAT COURAGE IN PUBLICLY AFFIRMING THEIR FAITH. THROUGH THEIR COMMITMENT AND PARTICIPATION, THEY SET AN INSPIRING EXAMPLE FOR THE WHOLE SCHOOL AND WIDER PARISH COMMUNITY.

WE ARE INCREDIBLY PROUD OF EACH OF OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED PUPILS AND PRAY THAT THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL CONTINUE TO GUIDE AND STRENGTHEN THEM AS THEY LIVE OUT THEIR FAITH.

YEAR 8 CONFIRMATIONS



YEAR 8 CONFIRMATIONS

MISSION WEEK 2026

Courage To Bear Fruit

WHAT AN INCREDIBLE WEEK!

OUR VERY FIRST MISSION WEEK WAS A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS, BRINGING OUR WHOLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE FAITH, SERVICE, COURAGE AND COMMUNITY. THROUGHOUT THE WEEK, PUPILS TOOK PART IN AN EXCITING PROGRAMME OF WORKSHOPS, INSPIRATIONAL TALKS, CREATIVE ACTIVITIES, SPORTING EVENTS, CHARITABLE FUNDRAISING, OUR WHOLE-SCHOOL MASS, YEAR 8 CONFIRMATION, THE COLOUR RUN, GLADIATOR CHALLENGES, SUMMER FAIR AND NOT FORGETTING – MISSION MADNESS! IT WAS WONDERFUL TO SEE EVERY PUPIL EMBRACING NEW OPPORTUNITIES, STEPPING OUTSIDE THEIR COMFORT ZONE AND MAKING MEMORIES THAT WILL LAST A LIFETIME.

MISSION WEEK WAS ABOUT FAR MORE THAN ACTIVITIES; IT WAS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR PUPILS TO LIVE OUT OUR SCHOOL VIRTUES OF COURAGE, WISDOM, RESPECT AND HUMILITY, RECOGNISING THEIR GOD-GIVEN GIFTS AND DISCOVERING HOW THEY CAN MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE TO OTHERS. WE WERE OVERWHELMED BY THE GENEROSITY SHOWN THROUGHOUT THE WEEK IN SUPPORT OF OUR UGANDA WATER WELL PROJECT, ST VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD BANK AND OUR SCHOOL SOLAR PANELS ENVIRONMENTAL APPEAL. FINAL FUNDRAISING TOTALS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN OUR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER.





4 WEEK MISSION WEEK MISS



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MISSION WEEK WINNERS!
 YEAR 10 WERE CROWNED OUR MISSION WEEK CHAMPIONS,
 FINISHING THE WEEK AS THE HIGHEST SCORING YEAR GROUP.
 YEAR 7 ARROWSMITH (7AR) WERE NAMED OUR TOP FORM FOR
 STANDING OUT DURING WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS, WHILE SHONE
 SIJO (YEAR 8) WAS DESERVEDLY CROWNED OUR MISSION WEEK
 CHAMPION FOR CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATING OUTSTANDING
 ENTHUSIASM, LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENT THROUGHOUT THE
 WEEK.



COURAGE TO BEAR FRUIT

COLOUR RUN

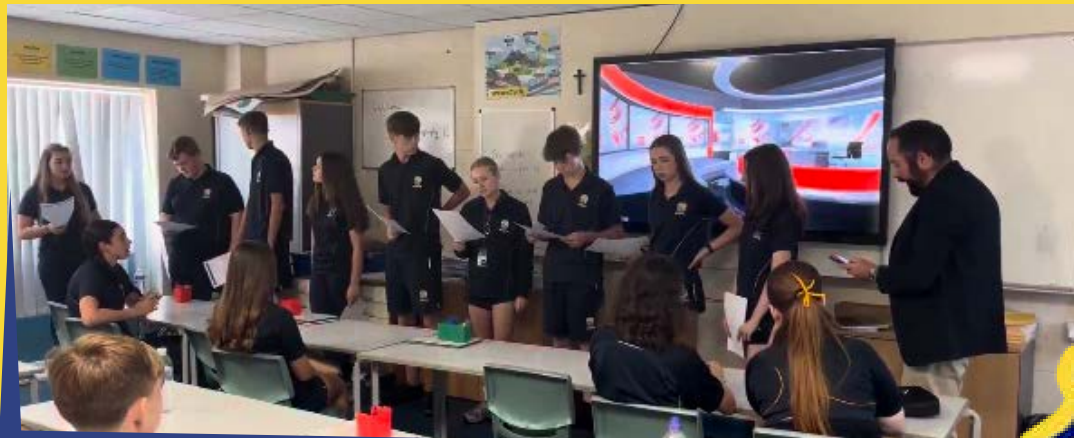


MISSION WEEK





A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO OUR INCREDIBLE STAFF, PARISH CLERGY, GUEST SPEAKERS, VOLUNTEERS, LOCAL BUSINESSES, PARENTS AND CARERS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY, ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT. A SPECIAL THANK YOU GOES TO OUR STAFF, WHO WORKED TIRELESSLY DURING THE FINAL WEEK OF THE SCHOOL YEAR TO CREATE SOMETHING TRULY SPECIAL AND MEMORABLE FOR OUR PUPILS. THEIR CREATIVITY, ENTHUSIASM AND COMMITMENT ENSURED THAT EVERY YOUNG PERSON FINISHED THE YEAR FEELING INSPIRED, CHALLENGED AND CELEBRATED. ABOVE ALL, THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL PUPILS, WHOSE ENTHUSIASM, KINDNESS AND COURAGE MADE OUR VERY FIRST MISSION WEEK SUCH AN OVERWHELMING SUCCESS.





TOGETHER, WE TRULY LIVED OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, and I in them, bears fruit in plenty."
John 15:5



Congratulations to



St Bede's Catholic High School

On achieving the

LiveSimplyAward

CAFOD A better world needs all of us

In recognition that you are truly
living simply, living sustainably, and living in solidarity
with the world's poorest communities.



AFTER TWO YEARS OF WORKING TO LIVE SIMPLY, SUSTAINABLY AND IN SOLIDARITY WITH OTHERS, IT IS OFFICIAL:
WE HAVE BEEN AWARDED THE CAFOD LIVE SIMPLY AWARD!

OUR RE TEAM, CHAPLAINCY TEAM AND STAFF FROM ACROSS THE SCHOOL HAVE WORKED INCREDIBLY HARD TO ACHIEVE THIS IMPORTANT RECOGNITION. THE TWELVE PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN AS PART OF OUR JOURNEY HAVE HELPED TO SHAPE THE CATHOLIC LIFE AND MISSION OF OUR SCHOOL, STRENGTHEN OUR ENRICHMENT AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES, AND ENRICH THE RE CURRICULUM. MANY OF THESE PROJECTS HAVE NOW BECOME EMBEDDED WITHIN SCHOOL LIFE AND WILL CONTINUE TO GROW, INFLUENCING THE FUTURE DIRECTION OF OUR COMMUNITY AND HELPING OUR PUPILS UNDERSTAND THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER AND FOR OUR COMMON HOME.

THE FEEDBACK RECEIVED FOLLOWING OUR ASSESSMENT WAS OUTSTANDING AND REFLECTED THE COMMITMENT, COMPASSION AND FAITH DEMONSTRATED BY PUPILS, STAFF AND THE WIDER SCHOOL COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT THIS JOURNEY. WE ARE IMMENSELY PROUD OF THIS ACHIEVEMENT AND OF EVERYONE WHO HAS HELPED US PUT OUR FAITH INTO ACTION. THIS AWARD IS NOT THE END OF OUR JOURNEY, BUT AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE AS WE CONTINUE STRIVING TO LIVE SIMPLY, SUSTAINABLY AND IN SOLIDARITY WITH OTHERS.

CLASS OF '76



WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO
ADVERTISE THE FOLLOWING EVENT



ST BEDE'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL - CLASS OF '76 REUNION
WE ARE REACHING OUT TO FORMER PUPILS WHO ATTENDED ST BEDE'S
BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1971 AND
SUMMER 1976.

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JOIN US TO RECONNECT AND REMINISCE!
SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2026 - 7:00PM

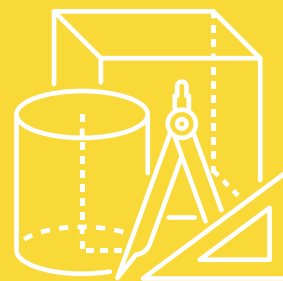
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THE GREEN ROOM, MOOR STREET, ORMSKIRK
COME ALONG FOR A RELAXED EVENING OF CATCHING UP, SHARING
MEMORIES, AND SEEING FAMILIAR FACES AGAIN.

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD TO CLASSMATES AND FRIENDS.
FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE FOUND ON THE FACEBOOK PAGE: ST BEDE'S R.C.
HIGH SCHOOL, ORMSKIRK

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THIS YEAR NEARLY 120 PUPILS FROM Y7 & 8 TOOK PART IN THE JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE. THE UKMT CHALLENGES ARE UNDERTAKEN BY SOME OF THE BEST MATHEMATICIANS AND PROBLEM SOLVERS FOR THEIR AGE IN THE COUNTRY AND WORLDWIDE, SO IT IS A HUGE ACHIEVEMENT FOR SO MANY OF OUR PUPILS TO HAVE GAINED BRONZE, SILVER & GOLD AWARDS.

THE SAME CHALLENGE WAS TAKEN BY THE YEAR 7 & 8 PUPILS AND SPECIAL MENTIONS TO BOTH THE TWO YEAR 7 PUPILS, NICHOLAS & BEN WHO EACH GAINED A GOLD AWARD PLUS A MASSIVE CONGRATULATIONS TO PATRICK B IN YEAR 8 WHO NOT ONLY ACHIEVED THE GOLD AWARD BUT SCORED SO HIGHLY THAT WAS ENTERED FOR THE JUNIOR KANGAROO ROUND ON JUNE 9TH. UNFORTUNATELY HE MISSED AN AWARD BY JUST ONE POINT BUT THOROUGHLY ENJOYED THE CHALLENGE ANYWAY.

YEAR 8 WINNERS AND RESULTS



Bronze

JESSICA, AMELIE, HARRIET, GRACE, JACOB, HARRY, LEO, LUKE, ESME, MEGAN, LUCAS, AYLÀ, DANIEL, CHARLIE, CHLOE, JONI, RUBY, ALEXANDER, JOE, CALEB, WILLIAM, SOPHIA, SHONE AND THOMAS

Silver

ISABELLA, JACK, NYAH, ISAAC, HARLOW, ISABEL, ZACHARY, AMELIA, FRANKIE, HARPER AND JUDE

Gold and best in school

PATRICK

YEAR 7 WINNERS AND RESULTS



Bronze

LYLA, GEORGE, JACOB, JACK, JESSICA, LUNA, MYLO, THOMAS, MARTHA, NICHOLAS, OLIVER, CHLOE, SOPHIE, JOSEPH AND SEBASTIAN

Silver

DARCEY, MIA, RONAN, LUCAS, BEATRICE, TOBIAS AND AVA

Gold

NICHOLAS

Gold and best in school

BEN



EARLIER IN THE TERM

ZAK IN YEAR 9 AND ROBERT O IN YEAR 11 BOTH TOOK PART IN THE INTERMEDIATE CHALLENGE. ZAK GAINED A SILVER CERTIFICATE AND ROBERT A GOLD, BUT ALSO AS HE SCORED SO HIGHLY WAS THEN INVITED TO THE MACLAURIN ROUND AND GAINED A DISTINCTION. A MASSIVE CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH BOYS AS THE INTERMEDIATE CHALLENGE IS TOUGH.

Y10 TEAM CHALLENGE @ LIVERPOOL MATHS SCHOOL



THIS YEAR WE ENTERED TWO TEAMS INTO THE UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL MATHS SCHOOL TEAM CHALLENGE. THE EIGHT PUPILS WHO TOOK PART HAD TO WORK TOGETHER IN THEIR TWO TEAMS DOING MATHS RELAYS AND PROBLEM SOLVING TO TRY AND GAIN AS MANY POINTS AS THEY COULD TO WIN. THE TEAMS WORKED REALLY HARD ALL DAY AND WERE COMPETING AGAINST 15 OTHER MERSEYSIDE SECONDARY SCHOOLS. THE OVERALL WINNING TEAM WAS FROM ALL SAINTS IN KIRKBY SO OUR TEAMS LOST OUT BUT HAD LOTS OF FUN TAKING PART.



NATIONAL INNOVATION CHALLENGE 2026

I'M SO EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE Y10 NATIONAL INNOVATION CHALLENGE TEAM 'DUOPOD' WON! OUR TRIO COMPRISING WOJCIECH Z, OLLIE E & TIMOTHY C WILL NOW BE OFF TO SPEND TIME IN MIT IN BOSTON WHERE THEY CAN TALK TO INDUSTRY SPECIALISTS TO PERHAPS TO START DEVELOPING THEIR PRODUCT AND THEN TAKE IN THE SIGHTS OF NEW YORK & WASHINGTON.

THIS IS THE SECOND YEAR OUR SCHOOL HAS WON WHICH IS UNPRECEDENTED. I AM SO PROUD OF HOW HARD THE THREE BOYS HAVE



WORKED ON THEIR PROJECT WHICH WAS BORNE FROM AN IDEA WOJCIECH HAD TO IMPROVE HIS QUALITY OF HIS LIFE BY TRYING TO MANAGE HIS DIABETES. THE BOYS WORKED TOGETHER TO CREATE A PRODUCT, RESEARCH IT AND CONTACT POTENTIAL MANUFACTURERS AND MEDICAL SPECIALISTS TO MAKE SURE IT WAS VIABLE. THIS WAS ALL THEIR OWN WORK AND OF COURSE THEY HAD BIG SHOES TO FILL AFTER THE SUCCESS OF WINNING TEAM HOME-E-STATIS LAST YEAR: ROBERT O, SEAN C AND MATTHEW R.

HERE'S A FEW PICTURES OF THE BOYS AND THEIR PROUD PARENTS AT THE AWARDS EVENING GALA DINNER IN LONDON ON THURSDAY 25TH JUNE:





FREE SCHOOL MEALS ARE EXPANDING

WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

FROM SEPTEMBER 2026, MORE CHILDREN WILL BE ABLE TO GET FREE SCHOOL MEALS. IF YOUR FAMILY RECEIVES UNIVERSAL CREDIT, YOUR CHILD WILL BE ENTITLED TO A FREE, NUTRITIOUS SCHOOL MEAL EVERY DAY.



WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

- CHECK IF YOU RECEIVE UNIVERSAL CREDIT AND WHETHER YOUR CHILD IS CURRENTLY RECEIVING A FREE SCHOOL MEAL. IF THEY ARE NOT, PLEASE APPLY. HAVE READY:
- THE BENEFIT CLAIMANT'S DATE OF BIRTH AND NATIONAL INSURANCE NUMBER

WHO CAN GET FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

FROM SEPTEMBER 2026, ALL CHILDREN WHOSE FAMILIES RECEIVE UNIVERSAL CREDIT WILL BE ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS. THE CURRENT £7,400 HOUSEHOLD INCOME CAP IS BEING REMOVED. THE NEW RULES WILL BEGIN AT THE START OF THE 2026/27 SCHOOL YEAR (SEPTEMBER 2026).

HOW WILL THIS HELP FAMILIES?

FAMILIES WHO RECEIVE UNIVERSAL CREDIT COULD SAVE UP TO £495 PER YEAR FOR EACH CHILD ON SCHOOL LUNCHES. FOR FAMILIES WITH MORE THAN ONE CHILD, THIS CAN MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE TO DAY-TO-DAY HOUSEHOLD BUDGETS.

WILL THIS AFFECT ME OR MY CHILD NEGATIVELY?

NO. APPLYING FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS • DOES NOT AFFECT YOUR BENEFITS OR IMMIGRATION STATUS
• DOES NOT MEAN YOUR CHILD HAS TO TAKE A SCHOOL MEAL IF THEY DO NOT WANT TO • DOES NOT LABEL OR SINGLE OUT YOUR CHILD • DOES NOT REDUCE SUPPORT FOR OTHER PUPILS. SCHOOLS TREAT THIS INFORMATION CONFIDENTIALLY

WHY SHOULD I APPLY?

APPLYING MEANS YOUR CHILD CAN RECEIVE A FREE, HEALTHY MEAL EVERY SCHOOL DAY, SUPPORTING THEIR HEALTH, WELLBEING AND LEARNING. EVEN IF YOUR CHILD SOMETIMES CHOOSES PACKED LUNCHES, REGISTERING STILL MATTERS. IT HELPS SCHOOLS UNDERSTAND WHAT SUPPORT PUPILS MAY NEED AND CAN UNLOCK OTHER HELP, SUCH AS SUPPORT WITH TRIPS OR ACTIVITIES.

HOW DO I APPLY?

APPLYING USUALLY ONLY TAKES A FEW MINUTES BY VISITING [LANCASHIRE.GOV.UK/SCHOOLS](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools) AND CLICKING ON FREE SCHOOL MEALS. IF YOU NEED HELP APPLYING, YOUR SCHOOL OFFICE CAN SUPPORT YOU.





MUSIC DEPARTMENT



IT HAS BEEN ANOTHER BUSY AND EXCITING YEAR FOR THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT, WITH PUPILS CONTRIBUTING ENTHUSIASTICALLY TO PERFORMANCES, WORSHIP AND CREATIVE EVENTS BOTH IN SCHOOL AND BEYOND. ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR WAS THE CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE, ATTENDED BY THE NEW ARCHBISHOP AND INVOLVING AN IMPRESSIVE 200 PUPILS AND STAFF. OUR PUPILS ALSO PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN LEADING WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, PROVIDING MUSIC FOR THE YEAR 7 MASS, THE LEAVERS' MASS AND WHOLE-SCHOOL MASSES. THE CREATIVE ARTS EVENING WAS ANOTHER WONDERFUL CELEBRATION OF THE TALENT WITHIN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY. IT WAS PARTICULARLY LOVELY TO WELCOME BACK PAST PUPILS AND TO SEE SOME OF OUR YEAR 7 PUPILS EMERGING AS REAL SUPERSTARS.

WE HAVE ALSO ENJOYED A RANGE OF WORKSHOPS AND ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES, GIVING PUPILS THE CHANCE TO DEVELOP THEIR MUSICAL SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE DIFFERENT STYLES OF MUSIC-MAKING.



THERE HAS BEEN A STRONG UPTAKE FOR GCSE MUSIC, AND WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT SO MANY PUPILS ARE CHOOSING TO CONTINUE DEVELOPING THEIR CREATIVITY, PERFORMANCE AND COMPOSITION SKILLS AT KEY STAGE 4. PREPARATIONS ARE ALSO WELL UNDERWAY FOR THE SCHOOL TRIP TO PARIS IN OCTOBER, WHICH WILL INVOLVE OVER 60 CHILDREN AND PROMISES TO BE AN EXCITING AND MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE AS WE TAKE TO THE DISNEY STAGE. WE ARE EXTREMELY PROUD OF EVERYTHING OUR PUPILS HAVE ACHIEVED THIS YEAR AND LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER YEAR OF MUSIC-MAKING, PERFORMANCE AND CREATIVITY.



MIA B PIANO GRADE INITIAL - MERIT • ESMÉ F SINGING FOR MUSICAL THEATRE GRADE 3 - MERIT • CHARLOTTE B SINGING FOR MUSICAL THEATRE GRADE 4 - MERIT • MAISIE M SINGING FOR MUSICAL THEATRE GRADE 4 - PASS • GENEVIEVE L SINGING FOR MUSICAL THEATRE GRADE 4 - MERIT • EVIE C MUSIC THEORY 5 - DISTINCTION • TESS N SINGING FOR MUSICAL THEATRE GRADE 3 - MERIT • EMILY T SINGING FOR MUSICAL THEATRE GRADE 3 - PASS • EVE D SINGING FOR MUSICAL THEATRE GRADE 4 - MERIT • CAITLIN W SINGING FOR MUSICAL THEATRE GRADE 3 - PASS • CORIE C PIANO GRADE INITIAL - MERIT • ERIN O SINGING FOR MUSICAL THEATRE GRADE 5 - DISTINCTION • CURRENTLY AWAITING CERTIFICATE: SOPHIA P SINGING FOR MUSICAL THEATRE GRADE 2