

THIS IS HOW WE DO IT HERE

27th November 2026

WELCOME FROM HEAD

Welcome to this edition of our newsletter.



Dear Parents/Carers,

This edition of our newsletter highlights just some of the fantastic experiences and accomplishments that have taken place across the school. From enriching visits and careers events to competitions, rewards and wider opportunities, our students continue to demonstrate the ambition, resilience and determination that make our school community so special.

Mrs Wilkinson
Headteacher

OLSB WINNERS AT THE BHCET TRUST AWARDS

Holly W

Holly won our Trust Virtue award for Justice. Holly consistently demonstrate fairness, respect and kindness towards others, always treating everyone equally. Holly's actions reflect our school values and show a genuine commitment to making our school a positive and inclusive place for everyone.



Mrs Sheilds

We are incredibly proud of Mrs Shields who has been awarded the Trust Virtue award for Self-Belief. Mrs Shields has shown remarkable strength, resilience and determination. Mrs Shields is a wonderful example of what it means to believe in yourself. This award is thoroughly deserved!



Tendrick U

Tendrick won his award for confidence in themselves, their abilities and their approach to learning. They are willing to embrace new challenges, step outside of their comfort zone and give their very best, even when faced with something they may find difficult. Tedrick is becoming increasingly confident in sharing their thoughts and ideas, contributing to discussions and taking pride in their achievements. Their positive attitude, willingness to persevere and determination to believe in themselves are wonderful qualities to see.

DIGITAL CAREERS AT MIDDLESBROUGH COLLEGE

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Last half term, a group of our Year 11 students had the exciting opportunity to visit Middlesbrough College and explore the rapidly growing world of digital careers.

Throughout the day, students discovered a wide range of opportunities available within the digital sector, gaining valuable insight into future career pathways and the skills that employers are looking for. Through engaging activities and inspiring discussions, they were encouraged to think about their aspirations and the many possibilities that a career in technology can offer.

The experience was both informative and motivating, helping students to broaden their horizons and consider the exciting opportunities that await them beyond school.

A huge thank you to the team at Middlesbrough College for delivering such an engaging and inspiring programme. We are excited to see how this experience helps shape the aspirations and future ambitions of our amazing Year 11 students.











ASPIRE HALF TERM 1 QUIZ CHAMPIONS

ASPIRE

There was a fantastic atmosphere as students came together for the grand finale of our ASPIRE Half Term 1 Quiz Competition. After several weeks of quizzes and challenges within form groups, the competition culminated in an exciting final, with Fizzy Tennet emerging as our worthy champions.
Demonstrating outstanding teamwork, quick thinking and determination throughout the competition, the winning team battled their way to the top and were rewarded with a fantastic prize of cinema tickets.

A huge congratulations to our champions and a heartfelt well done to every student who took part. The enthusiasm, positivity and competitive spirit shown throughout the competition have been exceptional and reflect the values we strive to promote through ASPIRE.
We are incredibly proud of everyone's efforts and look forward to seeing what next half term's challenges will bring.







MEET OUR CABINET MEMBERS



PE SUCCESS



Y7 Rugby Team

Since joining Our Lady & St Bede in September, our Year 7 rugby team has made an outstanding start to their rugby journey. Having been introduced to the sport through PE lessons, the boys have quickly developed their skills, confidence and understanding of the game.

The team has already represented the school in two rugby festivals this year. The first was a skills-based tournament designed to introduce pupils to competitive rugby in a supportive environment. Throughout the day, players were coached and guided through activities and modified games, allowing many of them to experience rugby competition for the very first time.

The development shown by the boys was evident at their second tournament. Demonstrating the progress they had made through lessons and training, the team won both of their group stage matches with some excellent teamwork, determination and skill on display. Their performances earned them a place in the final, which was a fantastic achievement in itself.

Although they were unfortunately beaten in the final, the boys should be incredibly proud of their efforts. To reach the final after only a few months of learning the sport highlights their commitment, willingness to learn and positive attitude throughout the competitions.

PE SUCCESS

Girls Football & Netball

It has been a fantastic half term for girls' sport at Our Lady & St Bede, with students achieving great success across a range of competitions and representing the school with pride.

A huge congratulations to our U13 Girls' Football Team and our Year 8 and Year 10 Netball Teams for their outstanding performances and achievements. Throughout the term, the girls have demonstrated exceptional talent, teamwork, determination and commitment, competing with enthusiasm and displaying excellent sportsmanship at every opportunity.

A special mention must go to our U13 Girls' Football Team, who have enjoyed an incredible run in the English Schools National Cup. Their success has seen them reach a stage of the competition that the school has not achieved in over ten years, making this a truly remarkable accomplishment. Their dedication, hard work and resilience have been rewarded with a place in the history of school sport and they should be immensely proud of what they have achieved.

We are extremely proud of all the girls who have represented the school this half term. Their commitment, attitude and success are a credit to themselves, their families and our school community.

acing reading both in and out of lessons.









Our school community recently came together for a poignant and respectful Remembrance Service, taking time to reflect on the bravery, sacrifice and dedication of those who have served, and continue to serve, our country.
Throughout the service, pupils demonstrated exemplary behaviour and respect as they observed a period of reflection and remembrance. It was a moving occasion that provided an important opportunity for our young people to learn about the significance of Remembrance and to honour those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.
A particular highlight of the service was the contribution of our Cadets, whose professionalism and commitment helped make the event especially meaningful. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all the Cadets who generously gave up their time to parade for the school and play such an important role in commemorating this significant occasion.
The service was a fitting tribute to those we remember, and we are immensely proud of the maturity, respect and reflection shown by all involved.

Lest We Forget.

REMEMBRANCE



ADVENT AT OUR LADY & ST BEDE



Community Afternoon Tea

Our much-loved Community Afternoon Tea returns this December, and we would be delighted to welcome members of our school and wider community for an afternoon of conversation, laughter and friendship.

Event Details

- **Date: Monday 7th December**
- **Time: 2:30pm - 3:30pm**
- **Venue: Hall A**

Last year's event was a wonderful success, bringing together familiar faces and new friends in a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

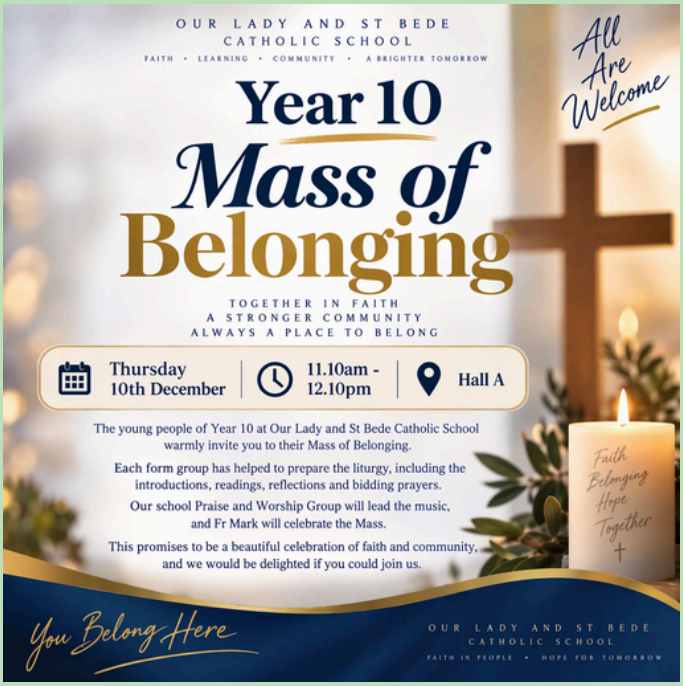
Year 10 Mass of Belonging

The young people of Year 10 warmly invite families and members of our community to join them for their Mass of Belonging.

Event Details

- **Date: Thursday 10th December**
- **Time: 11:10am - 12:10pm**
- **Venue: Hall A**
- **Celebrant: Fr Mark**

This special liturgy has been prepared by our Year 10 students, with each form group contributing through readings, reflections, introductions and bidding prayers.



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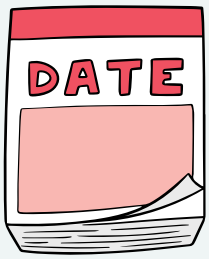
ADVENT REFLECTION







KEY DATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday 7th December: Afternoon Tea for the Community
- Tuesday 8th December: Year 9 Enrichment Day
- Tuesday 8th December: Year 11 Parents Evening
- Thursday 10th December: Mass of Belonging Year 10
- Thursday 10th December: Christmas Fayre
- Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th December: Advent Reflections & Christmas Concert

ENRICHMENT CLUBS



Pupils are welcome to attend **more than one enrichment club** and are encouraged to explore the wide range of opportunities available. There is no need to sign up in advance for most clubs, simply turn up, get involved and enjoy being part of our vibrant enrichment programme.

OUR LADY & ST BEDE
CATHOLIC ACADEMY

To know God is to know me.

ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW

Every day in school matters.

GOOD ATTENDANCE HELPS YOU...

LEARN MORE
You don't miss important lessons.

MAKE PROGRESS
You build knowledge, skills and confidence.

BUILD FRIENDSHIPS
You belong and feel part of our school community.

ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS
Good attendance opens doors to your future.

BE YOUR BEST
You develop positive habits for life.

ATTENDANCE MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE!

ATTENDANCE	THAT MEANS...
100%	**0 DAYS MISSED** Excellent! You are making the most of every opportunity.
97%	**6 DAYS MISSED** Good attendance. You're on the right track!
95%	**10 DAYS MISSED** Room for improvement. You could be missing key learning.
90%	**20 DAYS MISSED** Poor attendance. You are missing valuable learning time.
85%	**30 DAYS MISSED** Serious impact on your progress and future opportunities.

REMEMBER: Even a few days missed here there adds up to lost learning over time.

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Missing just 1 day a fortnight means you miss...

20 **DAYS A YEAR**
That's nearly 4 weeks of learning missed.

100 **LESSONS A YEAR**
That's a lot of new knowledge missed.

LESS CHANCE of achieving your full potential.

Be here. Be ready. Be your best.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO YOU

We care
We notice. We listen. We support.

We help
We work with you and your family to overcome barriers.

We challenge
We have high expectations because we believe in you.

We celebrate
We recognise and reward great and improved attendance.

TO KNOW GOD IS TO KNOW ME

Together we flourish in faith, learning and love.

★ STRIVE FOR 100% – BE PROUD OF YOUR ATTENDANCE ★

RESPECTFUL | RESPONSIBLE | COMPASSIONATE | AMBITIOUS | TOGETHER

ONE COMMUNITY • ONE PURPOSE • ONE JOURNEY

IMPORTANT LINKS



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LEARNING INPUT
OBSERVE THINKING
WORK INDEPENDENTLY
OUR LADY & ST. BEDE
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