



HEADS UP FROM THE HEAD

FAMILY EDITION

18/09/23

**OUR LADY
AND ST BEDE
CATHOLIC ACADEMY**





HEADTEACHER WELCOME

Dear Parent/ Carer,

This edition features Mr Michael Hughes, our Assistant Head Teacher with responsibility for Catholic Life and Pupil Aspiration.

In our mission statement we talk about our commitment to the formation of the whole child and Mr Hughes role is crucial in terms of ensuring we support each and every child to be the best they can be in an not just an academic, but also a social emotional and spiritual sense.

As a school we understand the importance of home / school collaboration and recognise the importance of meaningful communication. We hope therefore that this regular 'Heads Up' family edition supports you in terms of knowing what and how your child is learning, while also making you familiar with key members of the team.



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This year our Enrichment offer has extended even further to 80 clubs across the school, with every department represented. Here at Our Lady and St Bede, we truly believe that your child's holistic development is equally as important as their academic success, therefore, it is important for us to get this enrichment offer right. Mr Hughes, our Assistant Headteacher led assembly with every year group throughout last week and the Enrichment timetable will launch fully from today. Please keep an eye out on social media for the timetable in the coming days.

Best wishes
Mrs Wilkinson

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Mr Hughes- Assistant Headteacher

My name is Michael Hughes, and I consider myself extremely fortunate to serve as one of the Assistant Headteachers at Our Lady and St. Bede. Being a former pupil, I feel completely at ease when navigating the school's corridors during SLT walkarounds or having conversations at breaktime with our exceptional pupils. The school provides an exceptionally welcoming environment to work, and I am thrilled to be back where my journey began many years ago.

In my role as Assistant Headteacher, I hold overall responsibility for Catholic Life and Collective Worship throughout the school. My duties involve ensuring that all pupils have daily opportunities to deepen and nurture their faith through prayer, reflection, and contemplation. Additionally, I am tasked with ensuring that all our pupils receive ample opportunities for holistic growth, fostering a sense of belonging within our community and preparing them to excel in their future endeavours. This encompasses coordinating our extensive enrichment programme, nurturing our future leaders through Pupil Leadership, and overseeing our rewards system, to inspire our young people to believe that anything is possible.



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Mr Hughes- Assistant Headteacher

Naturally, everything we do is grounded in Catholic Life, and the opportunities we provide, are firmly rooted in guiding our pupils to become the individuals God has called them to be. We aim to help them realise that with God's assistance, anything is possible.

As always, we appreciate all your supportive messages and comments at parents' evenings, and value our strong home and school partnership, but we also want to ensure we continue to provide the best possible offer for parents as well as children. Therefore, I would be grateful if you could spare five minutes to fill in the linked questionnaire which focuses on the Catholic Life and Mission of our school alongside our Collective Worship Provision.

Please copy and paste the link into a web browser to access the questionnaire:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-OvlemCWl0mB-Fxg9M2FOLGMU8rc8MRNps5qEHlFt-1UQUMxR0FUQUdZWjVQOVJWU1dIREYySko1VC4u>



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