



THIS IS HOW WE DO IT HERE

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WELCOME FROM HEAD



Welcome to the first publication of the academic year and what a fantastic start we have had!

For the benefit of our new year 7 parents and carers, the purpose of this series of communications is to introduce and feature key school staff, share successes and good news stories, and give more in-depth information about what and how your child learns in Our Lady and St Bede Catholic Academy.

I hope you continue to find it informative and supportive and I thank you for your continued support.

Mrs M. Wilkinson

MR PINNOCK

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER, PASTORAL



Launch of the Mobile Phone Ban

Can I please express my thanks to all parents and carers who have supported us with our new mobile phone policy in school? Pupils have embraced the new approach and it has rapidly become a part of our school culture. It is pleasing to hear feedback from staff, parents and pupils themselves about how not having access to a mobile phone has increased concentration levels in classrooms whilst also supporting the mental health of our young people. Pupils have told us that they are talking to each other instead of being addicted to their phone screens. Our intention of allowing pupils to have a childhood that is free from digital distractions will certainly help prepare them for the world of work in the future.

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KEY DATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- **St Cuthberts Form Mass:** All parents welcome in school from 2:15pm on Tuesday 22nd October.
- **EPRA Careers Event:** Wednesday 23rd October, 5:30pm
- **Personal Development Day:** Thursday 24th October
- **INSET Day:** Friday 25th October (School closed to pupils)
- **Y11 Mock Exams Begin:** Monday 4th November



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CATHOLIC LIFE



MacMillan Coffee Morning

We are thrilled to announce that our MacMillan Bake Sale raised an amazing £438.82!

A huge THANK YOU to all our wonderful pupils for bringing in delicious cakes and to everyone who bought and enjoyed them. Your generosity will make a difference, as every penny raised goes directly to MacMillan to support their vital work. Together, we continue to live out our Catholic values of service and care for those in need. Well done, everyone! **#MacMillan**
#CatholicLife **#CommunitySpirit**
#MakingADifference



What is my child currently studying in RE?

Year 7: Creation and Covenant

Year 8: Creation and Covenant

Year 9: *St. Mark's Gospel*

Year 10: *Judaism*

Year 11: *Origins and Meaning*

More info here



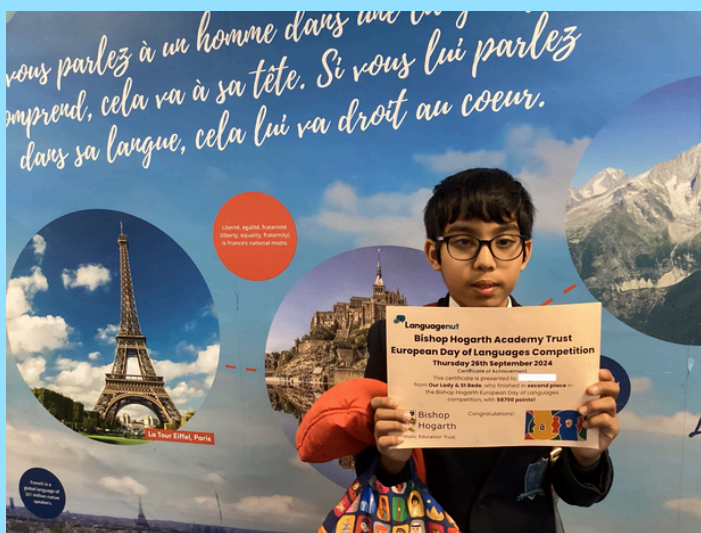


Congratulations to **Year 7** for achieving **120,607** house points in total this academic year so far! **AMAZING!**



Enrichment Timetable – Autumn 2024

The autumn timetable can be accessed [here](#).



Trust European Day of Languages

The MFL department is thrilled to announce that we've **WON** the BHCET Languagenut competition held a few weeks ago across all schools!

A huge congratulations to Gloria (Y11) for securing 1st place and Deeptanshu (Y8) for landing 2nd place! You've made us so proud!



Enrichment Club – Spotlight

EMS Enrichment Activities

A heartfelt thank you to our EMS Manager, Miss Seaman, and the entire SEND team for creating such amazing opportunities in our EMS!

From **board games** to **touch-typing**, and **LEGO** to **K-Nex**, the EMS is always buzzing with activity. Each week, students are warmly welcomed by our dedicated staff to participate in a variety of enriching experiences.



CAREERS



Y11 EPRA Event for Year 10 and 11

- Parents/carers and Y10-Y11 pupils are invited to an EPRA (Engaging Parents to Raise Achievement) evening on **Wednesday, 23rd October**, from **5:30pm to 7pm**. The event includes a Careers and Next Steps Fayre featuring local colleges, apprenticeship providers, employers, and guidance organizations. These resources will help you support your child's future decisions, and your involvement is crucial in guiding their next steps after school.



You should now have access to three whole-school apps...



Reminder!

- **MCAS (organisational)**
- **ClassCharts (pastoral)**
- **Pupil Progress (academic)**

If you do not currently have access to these three apps, contact Mr Hughes at OLSB who will be more than happy to help you out.

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