



# THIS IS HOW WE DO IT HERE

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## WELCOME FROM HEAD



Welcome to the second summer term edition of our newsletter. 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.

Mrs M. Wilkinson

# LIZ WELSH

## LAY SCHOOL CHAPLAIN



My name is Liz Welsh and for the past 20 years, I am honoured to say that I have been employed as the Lay Catholic Chaplain at Our Lady and St. Bede's Catholic Academy. It has been a true privilege to hold this position and to be part of such a dynamic and diverse community. I am one of eight children, and I believe the faith that I have today is because of the foundation blocks my parents gave us all those years ago as we were growing up. What I have enjoyed most is building and maintaining effective relationships.

I have been fortunate to work with an amazing team of staff and pupils, creating a range of opportunities for formation, prayer and reflection. We believe that the formation of the whole child lies at the heart of everything we do, nurturing and allowing them to become the people God has called them to be. I look forward to continuing my journey here in our amazing school and to ensure all our pupils and staff feel valued, loved, and cared for.

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## KEY DATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- [GCSE Exam Timetable](#)
- [Y11 Revision Timetable](#)
- **Friday 24th May** - Break for half term.
- **Thursday 6th - 7th June** - Computer Science London Trip: Y8-10.
- **Thursday 14th June** - GCSE Exams End.

**PARENT VOICE** - We could be delighted if you could complete the latest parent voice questionnaire [here](#). Your feedback is very much appreciated and welcome.



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# CATHOLIC LIFE

## Diocesan Good Shepherd Mass

On Wednesday, May 1st, our Year 9 and Year 10 students proudly represented us at the Good Shepherd Mass held at St. Mary's Cathedral in Newcastle upon Tyne.

Surrounded by pupils and staff from primary and secondary schools across the diocese, our presence was a testament to our commitment to serving others.

Additionally, our pupils selflessly gave the funds raised during Lent activities, demonstrating their generosity and compassion for those in need.



## What is my child currently studying in RE?

**Year 7:** *To the Ends of the Earth*

**Year 8:** *Islam*

**Year 9:** *Religion and Society*

**Year 10:** *Sin and Forgiveness*

**Year 11:** *GCSE Exams*

## More info here



# CATHOLIC LIFE

## OUR VIRTUES AND MISSION

### Our Mission

Our Mission Statement was written with input from pupils, staff, parents, carers and governors.

### "To know God is to know me"

1. **Formation of the whole child:** *Our community strives to shape us into a unique person, who is committed to reaching their full potential.*
2. **Formation of faith:** Our community seeks to support each of us to be the best version of ourselves, supporting us to find our true selves and God through the practices of faith and virtues.
3. **Formation of professional learners:** Our community endeavours to ensure every lesson and opportunity allows us to learn about the world, whilst preparing us for our future, equipping us with the skills to lead a happy, healthy and successful life.

### Our Eight Virtues

- Confidence
- Resilience
- Self-Justice
- Justice
- Honesty
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Compassion

Here in school, every pupil has the opportunity to live out our core virtues each day, which nurtures, guides and prepares them for the opportunities and challenges in their life ahead.







Congratulations to  
**St Cuthbert's house** who  
are currently sat top of the  
overall school leaderboard  
with a whopping **120,071**  
house points in total this  
academic  
year! **AMAZING!**



## Duke of Edinburgh Expedition 2024



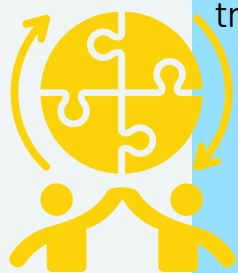
At the end of April, 24 remarkable Y10 pupils took part in our first-ever Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition, where they braved the elements and conquered the wilderness!

Amidst temperatures as low as -3 degrees Celsius, our pupils pitched tents, navigated trails, and faced challenges head-on, showcasing unwavering resilience and teamwork every step of the way.

To our amazing pupils: You've demonstrated incredible strength and perseverance in the face of adversity. Your determination and spirit shine brighter than ever, and we couldn't be prouder of each and every one of you!

Here's to many more adventures ahead as we continue to empower our pupils to embrace challenges and seize every opportunity that comes their way!





Our Lady & St Bede  
Catholic Academy

# AROUND THE WORLD MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

MONDAY, 8TH JULY

**JOIN IN OUR CELEBRATION!**

**FOOD • DANCE • MUSIC  
CRAFTS • ART • GAMES**

**Sign up with Ms. Jawaaid  
Meetings in the library,  
Monday and Friday  
2nd Half of Lunch**

## Festival of Culture: Monday 8th July 2024

Get ready to experience a world of vibrant cultures at our upcoming Multicultural Festival!

We're thrilled to offer all of our pupils an opportunity to celebrate the kaleidoscope of traditions that make our school community so unique! This is a chance to shine and showcase the beauty of different cultures and traditions through performances, demonstrations, food tastings, art displays, and more!

We are very proud of all of the pupils who have been working so hard to prepare for this event and to Ms. Jawaaid our librarian for all her support.



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