



St. Bede's Catholic School and Byron Sixth Form College

'Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world ablaze'

Newsletter: Friday 4th September 2026

Faith

In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 18:15–20) we are reminded that real community grows through honest, gentle conversations. When something goes wrong, Jesus asks us to speak directly to one another, not to gossip, not to ignore, but to try to repair the relationship with kindness and courage. He promises that whenever we gather in his name, even in difficult moments, he is with us.

As a school community, this Gospel calls us to be people who choose truth, forgiveness, and respectful dialogue, building a place where Christ's presence shapes how we treat one another.



Welcome Back!

It has been wonderful to welcome all of our students back to school following the summer break. We would also like to extend a special welcome to our new Year 7 and Year 12 students, who have made a fantastic first impression.

They have settled in brilliantly, embraced school life with enthusiasm, and have worn their uniform with pride. We are delighted with how positively they have started the new academic year and are excited for all that lies ahead. We look forward to a successful and enjoyable year together.

RESPONSIBILITY – DETERMINATION – CITIZENSHIP – RESPECT

Little Way Week

The diocese have invited us to take part in a special portrait competition for Little Way Week, celebrating the spirituality of St Thérèse of Lisieux and her belief that small acts of love can transform the world.

They are asking that our young people create a portrait of St Thérèse of Lisieux, reflecting her gentle faith, her simplicity, and her “Little Way” of kindness. Entries need to be sent to Mrs Ball by Wednesday 30th September.

If you would like any more information please contact Mrs Balls on oballs@st-bedes.org





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Durham Music Service

Durham Music Service instrumental lessons begin week beginning 7th September.

Please check the timetable in music foyer from Monday.

If you would like to sign up for DMS lessons we have Guitar, Woodwind, Voice, Drum Kit lessons available.

Information is available via the following link
<https://www.durhammusic.org.uk/sign-up>



Maths Roll of Honour 2025-26 unveiled!

We are delighted to unveil the Roll of Honour for last academic year - which is displayed proudly as you enter the Maths Department.

More than 160 pupils are named on the Roll of Honour - each were named as a Maths Legends over the course of last year for being a true role model and personifying the ABLAZE values. Some pupils have even been bestowed a special honour if they were given Legend status multiple times last year.

We have been so excited to see pupils looking early for their names as they have returned to school and we cannot wait to name more Maths Legends this year... and name them on the Roll of Honour in September 2027! Well done!





**New Law Starting:
September 1st 2026**

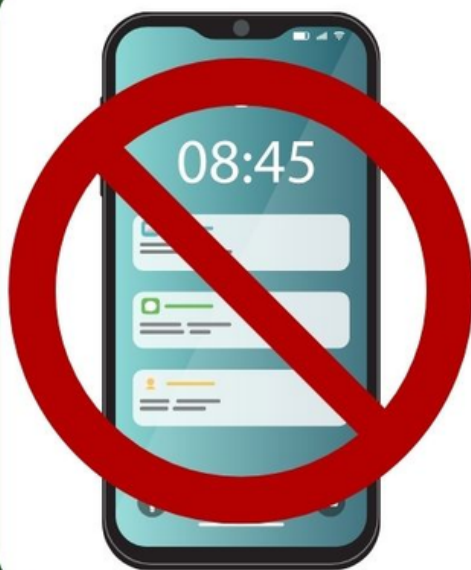


Proud to be part of
Bishop Chadwick
Catholic Education Trust

The Law Says:

Mobile Phones Are Not Permitted In School

Under Section 36 of the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026, headteachers must follow statutory guidance requiring that pupils cannot access mobile phones or smart devices at any point during the school day, including break times.



School is a phone-free environment as required by law.



Phones must be switched off and in school bags



No alerts, sounds or vibrations to be heard



Be present, stay focused, be ready



Phones will be confiscated if seen or heard. Only parents or carers can collect them.

St Bede's

Uniform

- **Daily Uniform Requirements**
- **Blazer:** Black blazer featuring the school badge.
- **Tie:** Green school tie with gold diagonal stripes.
- **Jumper:** Optional V-neck black knitted jumper.
- **Shirt:** Standard white school shirt, buttoned to the neck and tucked in at all times.
- **Bottoms:** Plain black standard school trousers (worn to the top of the shoe; tight-fitting or jean-style trousers are not allowed) or a black pleated skirt worn to the knee.
- **Socks/Tights:** Plain black tights, or plain black/white ankle or below-knee socks.
- **Shoes:** Plain black formal shoes.
- **Coat:** A sensible waterproof coat that must be removed upon entering the building.

Our school branded uniform can be purchased from The School Outfit and our school branded PE kit can be purchased from Total Sport



Supplies to purchase

Planner

£3.50

Equipment Pack

£1.10

Tie

£6.00

Knowledge Organiser

£2.00

Speak to the office team and let them know what you'd like to purchase.





Key Dates

- Friday 11th September- Year 7 and Year 10 Photographs
- Thursday 24th September- Year 6 Open Evening
- Thursday 8th October- Byron Open Evening

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Designated safeguarding leads:



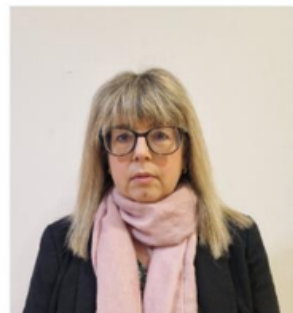
Mr Logan
Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Cessford
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Robinson
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Ord
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Our Parish: Our Lady of the Rosary in Peterlee and Horden
Our Diocese: Hexham & Newcastle

