



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: 28 November 2025

Faith

The season of Advent begins on Sunday. In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 24: 37-44) Jesus reminds us that His coming will be sudden, like the flood in Noah's day or a thief in the night. This sounds dramatic but really, it's a gentle nudge to live with our eyes open. Advent isn't just about waiting for Christmas; it's about being ready for God to show up in the everyday.

Readiness isn't about fear or guessing dates. It's about living faithfully now—loving well, forgiving quickly, and noticing God in the ordinary. When we do that, we're already prepared.

So here's a question for us this week: What does "being ready" look like in my life today? Where might God be inviting me to stay awake and hopeful?

Excellence

Headteacher's Award

Grace Carr 10H2 is this week's recipient of our Headteacher's Award. Grace embodies our school's core values and always tries her best. She is an excellent role model. Congratulations, Grace, on this well-deserved recognition!

Tutor Group of the Week

9C1 had a fantastic week yet again and are the tutor group of the week for the second week in a row! Well done to all of you.

House Awards

Oswald Student of the Week: **Alex Smith 7O1 & Isaac Melenthin 7O1**

Oswald Highest Credits: **Cara Bennett 10O2**

Oswald Attendance Hero: **Biramrit Johal 10O1**

Columba Student of the Week: **Alice Brown 10C2**

Columba Highest Credits: **Marcus Short 8C1**





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Annual Christmas Concert

*performed by students from St Bede's and
our Feeder Primary Schools*

Wednesday 17th December 6pm

Refreshments served from 5.15pm



St Bede's School Hall

**Tickets will be on sale on parent pay
and available on the door**

Adults £3 and under 18s are free with an accompanying adult.



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Have Your Say – Parent Survey Now Open!

We value your feedback and want to hear your views on how we can continue to improve our school. Please take a few minutes to complete our Parent Survey - your opinions really do make a difference!

The survey is quick and easy to complete, and your responses will help shape the future of our provision and support for pupils.

Click here to complete the survey: [PARENT SURVEY](#)

Thank you for helping us make St. Bede's the best it can be for your child.



Norah's North Pole

A Big Thank You!

We want to say a heartfelt thank you for all your kind donations to Norah's North Pole. Your generosity is making a real difference and helping bring joy to families who need it most this Christmas. Every gift, big or small, is a sign of hope and love in action.

Norah's North Pole works to ensure that children who might otherwise go without can wake up to a magical Christmas morning.

We will continue to collect donations until Friday 12 December.



Year 8 Advent Celebration of the Word

We are delighted to invite Year 8 parents for an Advent Celebration of the Word. This special event will be an opportunity for year 8 pupils to come together in prayer and reflection as we prepare for the season of Advent.

- Monday 8 December - 8C1/8C2 - 2.45pm
- Thursday 11 December - 8H1/8H2 - 2.45pm
- Monday 15 December - 8O1/8O2 - 2.45pm



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Maths Wall of Legends Gets Taller!

This week, our pupils have continued to make us proud of their exceptional effort, hard work and brilliant presentation in their books. Their names have appeared on our Wall of Legends and each have received a personalised postcard home in recognition.

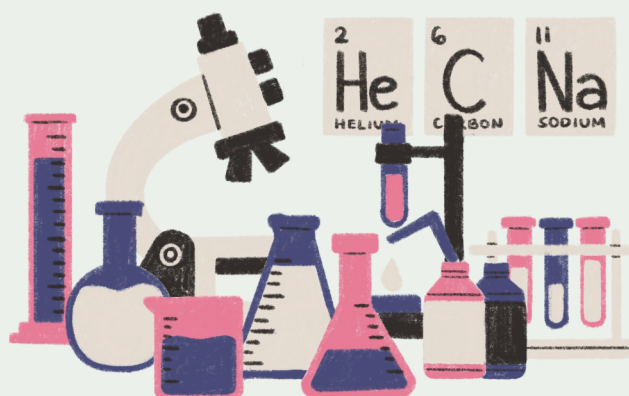
- Mr Fowler - **Bailey Butterfield 8H1**
- Miss Houghton - **Noah Rutter Bryson 11C2**
- Mrs Keniry - **Savannah Jones 8H2**
- Mr Taylor - **Ewan French 10H3**
- Dr Treanor - **Lucas Doyle 11O3**



Labcoat Legends

In science we award and celebrate the excellent effort put in by our different students. Working hard in science lessons builds problem-solving skills, encourages curiosity, and helps students understand the world around them. It shows determination by often involving analysing complex problems, predicting outcomes and conducting experiments.

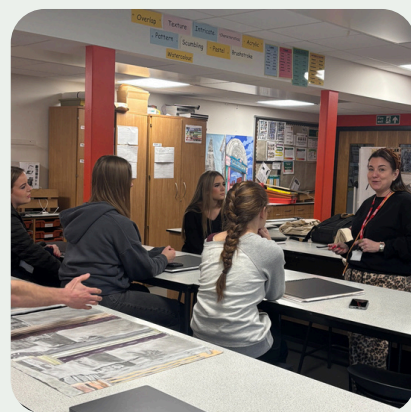
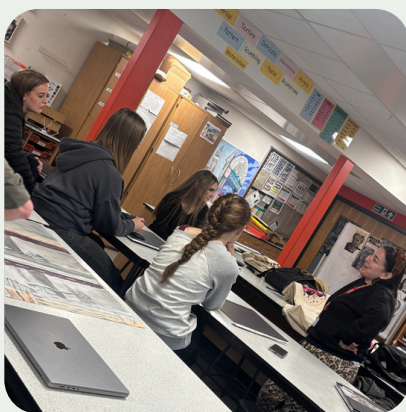
- Mrs Hayward - **Dalraj Jawanda 13Ch**
- Mr Moss - **Eddy Joicey 10H3**
- Mr Griffiths - **Jessica Smith 12Ch**
- Mr Bowyer - **Grace Nguyen 11C3**
- Miss Armstrong - **James Hudson 10C1**
- Mr Gooch - **John Burgin 10H1**
- Mr Day - **Eldon Li 7C2**
- Mr Balls - **Neve Clark 12Ch**
- Mrs Lord - **Merct Sheidu 9C2**



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Sunderland Uni Art Visit

Sunderland University visited sixth form art students to discuss courses after college. They showed students how digital portfolios should look like when applying and advised them on their current work. Such an informative visit.



Northern School of Art Visit

Sixth form art students visited the Northern School of Art. They indulged into the art of 3D design by creating mood boards, flat lays and film set designs. Student got introduced to sketch up software too. The student showed their art skills in the workshops and enjoyed learning about potential careers within art after college.





Key Dates

- **Mon 1 December:** Timetable Week A
- **Tue 2 December:** Flu Immunisations Y7-11
- **Wed 10 December:** Christmas Jumper / Lunch Day
- **Thu 11 December:** Y11 Parents' Evening
- **Wed 17 December:** Christmas Concert
- **Thu 18 December:** End of Term Carol Service
- **Fri 19 December:** Break up for Christmas - 1230 finish

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Designated safeguarding leads:



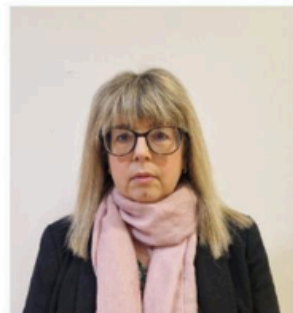
Mr Logan
Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Cessford
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Robinson
Deputy Designated
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Our Parish: Our Lady of the Rosary in Peterlee and Horden
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