



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 10th July 2026

Faith

In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 13:1-23), Jesus talks about a farmer planting seeds. Some seeds don't grow because the ground isn't right, but others grow strong and healthy. Jesus uses this story to show how our hearts respond to God's message.

At school, we're a bit like the soil in the story. Sometimes we're distracted, stressed, or not really listening. Other times we're ready to learn, ready to try, and ready to grow. When we choose kindness, stay focused, and keep going even when things are tough, we become "good soil", the kind that helps good things grow.

As we move towards the end of term, let's try to be the kind of soil where encouragement, effort, and faith can take root and flourish.

Excellence

House Awards

Hilda Student of the Week: **Nithishin Kugan**

Hilda Highest Credits: **Isabel Wood**

Hilda Attendance Hero: **Lydia Turns**

Oswald Student of the Week: **Charlie Savage and Thomas Lennox**

Oswald Highest Credits: **Nosariemen Izevbigie**

Oswald Attendance Hero: **Shamah Mawonde**

Columba Student of the Week: **Lucy Baker**

Columba Highest Credits: **Emily Powell**

Columba Attendance Hero: **Oscar O' Hara**





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Northumbria University Visit

Our Psychology and Sport Year 12 students recently visited the Psychology Department at Northumbria University where they engaged in interactive sessions exploring both Clinical Psychology and Sport Psychology.

In the Sport Psychology session, they learned how psychological techniques can influence confidence, motivation, and performance. A highlight saw our very own Chloe go head-to-head with a student from another college in a pressure-based challenge, brilliantly demonstrating how performance can change when the stakes are raised.

Students also had a guided tour of the university's specialist psychology facilities which included a state-of-the-art whole-body motion capture laboratory, a driving simulator, Virtual Reality and Eye-Tracking laboratories, and an EEG laboratory.

The visit was a fantastic opportunity for students to enrich their learning, explore future career pathways, and experience university life first-hand.

Litter Picking

Our amazing students rolled up their sleeves and took part in a litter-picking session around school. They showed real teamwork, responsibility and care for our environment - true Eco Warriors in action!

Thank you to everyone who got involved. You've made our community cleaner, greener and something to be proud of.



Humanities Students of the week

The following students have been recognised this week by their Geography and History teachers as working really hard and producing excellent work in their lessons. Well Done.

History Heroes:

Miss Jackson- **Reenie Johnson**

Mr Johnson- **Urwa naem**

Ms Laverick- **Macie Dixon**

Map Masters:

Miss Scott- **Theo Wotton**

Mr Harper- **Max Farn**

Mrs Martin- **Joshua Oakley**

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Allstars

What an amazing day at the Allstars football tournament in Washington. A group of year 7 pupils competed with respect and determination during the tournament and managed to come 3rd in their group. Well done to all our players but a special mention to Theo B who won players player of the tournament and Shayne P who won coaches player. Another special mention to Tristan W who was the heart of the team on the day with his caring and compassionate nature. We even had the support from an ex-pupil from St Bede's Billy W which was a lovely surprise. A fun day had by all.



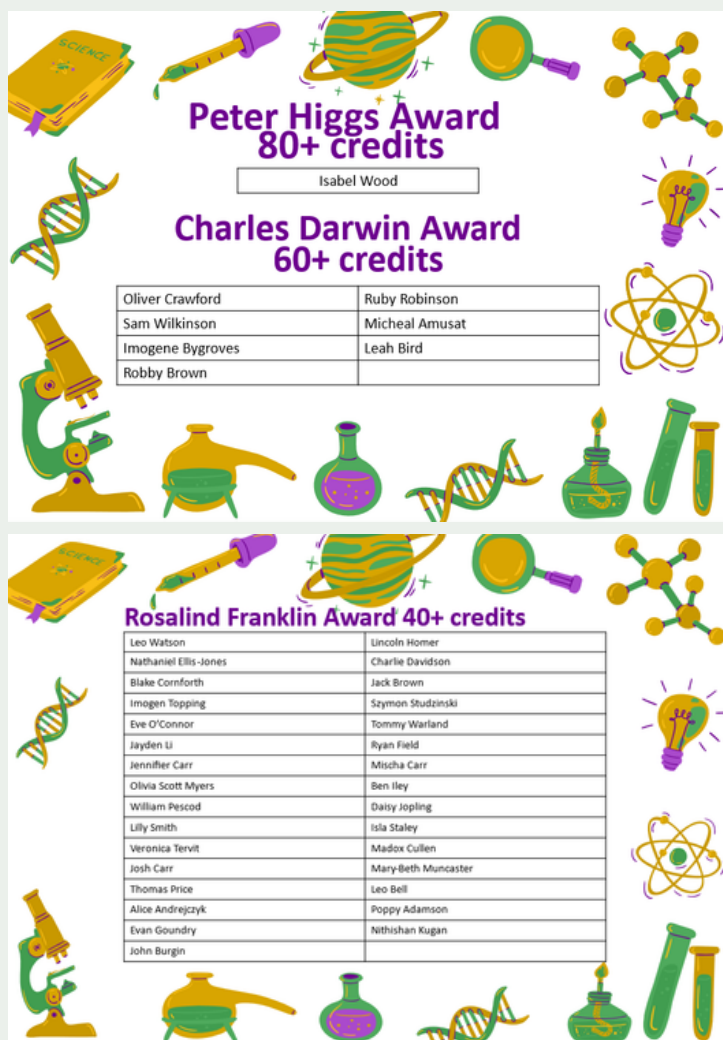
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Science Awards

Science have been really impressed with the effort from pupils this year. The Science team have chosen 3 pupils who have given an outstanding performance throughout the school year. This was very hard to choose as we have so many exceptional pupils. Please give a big congratulations to those who have received our Gold, Silver, and Bronze Science award this year.

In addition to the Gold, Silver and Bronze awards, awards have also been given out to pupils based on the number of Science credits received. Well done everyone!





Peter Higgs Award 80+ credits

Isabel Wood

Charles Darwin Award 60+ credits

Oliver Crawford	Ruby Robinson
Sam Wilkinson	Micheal Amusat
Imogene Bygroves	Leah Bird
Robby Brown	

Rosalind Franklin Award 40+ credits

Leo Watson	Lincoln Homer
Nathaniel Ellis-Jones	Charlie Davidson
Blake Cornforth	Jack Brown
Imogen Topping	Szymon Studzinski
Eve O'Connor	Tommy Warland
Jayden Li	Ryan Field
Jennifer Carr	Mischa Carr
Olivia Scott Myers	Ben Iley
William Pescod	Daisy Jopling
Lilly Smith	Isla Staley
Veronica Tervit	Madox Cullen
Josh Carr	Mary-Beth Muncaster
Thomas Price	Leo Bell
Alice Andrejczyk	Poppy Adamson
Evan Goundry	Nithishan Kugan
John Burgin	

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Music Morning Brings Schools Together

Students from St Joseph's, Blackhall, St Cuthbert's, Seaham, Our Lady of the Rosary, Peterlee, and Our Lady Star of the Sea joined musicians from St Bede's for an exciting and inspiring Music Morning.

The event brought together young musicians from across our partner schools to perform, sing, and learn as one large ensemble. Throughout the day, students worked collaboratively, developing their musical skills while enjoying the experience of making music together.

We were delighted to welcome colleagues from Durham Music Service, whose support helped make the event such a success. Special thanks go to Mrs Sellers, Miss Parker, Mrs Knott, and Mr Charlton for their valuable assistance throughout the morning.

The day also featured several outstanding solo performances. Year 7 student Jacob performed Hedwig's Theme on the piano, while Year 8 student Isabel showcased her talent on the flute with one of her recent examination pieces. In addition, Year 10 students Anna and Quinlan performed pieces they are preparing to record as part of their GCSE Music coursework.

It was a fantastic day of music-making, with students demonstrating enthusiasm, commitment, and confidence. We look forward to many more opportunities to bring our young musicians together in the future.



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Year 10 History — Beamish Museum Visit

A day rooted in curiosity, confidence, and brilliant historical thinking.

Year 10 spent the day exploring Beamish Museum's immersive spaces to investigate how medicine and healthcare has changed over time to support their History GCSE studies. From early remedies and home treatments to the development of hospitals, public health systems, and modern medical practice, students were able to step directly into the environments that shaped these transformations. The museum's living-history approach brought each era to life, allowing students to connect classroom learning with real places, real objects, and real stories.

Throughout the visit, students asked thoughtful questions, made sharp observations, and engaged in rich discussions with staff and each other. Whether examining the challenges of Victorian surgery, comparing different approaches to community healthcare, or reflecting on how far medical science has come, their enthusiasm was exceptional. It was also a joy to see them experiencing the wider museum — exploring the town street, chatting with costumed guides, and soaking up the atmosphere of a working heritage site.

A huge well done to Year 10 for representing the school so brilliantly. Their conduct, curiosity, and kindness made the day not only educational, but genuinely enjoyable for everyone involved.





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End of Term Mass

This week our school community gathered for our end-of-year summer Mass, celebrated by Fr Charles. In this Mass we heard Jesus say, “The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few.” He reminds us that there are so many chances to do good, to help others, to show kindness, and to make our school community stronger. What’s missing isn’t opportunities, but people willing to step up., people who choose to be patient, generous, brave, and compassionate. People who don’t wait for someone else to make things better.

Our Mass with Fr Charles encouraged us to see that each of us has a role. Even small actions can make a big difference. As we move into summer, we’re invited to be those “labourers”, the ones who help goodness grow wherever we go.





BYRON SIXTH FORM

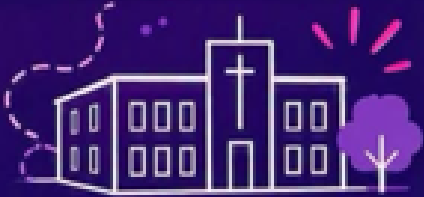
WELCOME PARTY!

YOUR NEXT CHAPTER STARTS HERE ♥

 **TUESDAY**
14TH JULY

 **3:30-4:30 PM**

 **LOCATION**
BYRON SIXTH FORM
at St Bede's Catholic School
WESTWAY, PETERLEE



JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON TO:

-  **DISCUSS**
SUBJECT
OPTIONS
-  **MEET**
STAFF
-  **MEET**
CURRENT
STUDENTS
-  **MEET YOUR**
FUTURE
PEERS

MAKE CONNECTIONS ★ EXPLORE ★ BELONG ♥



Key Dates

Monday 13th July:

- Work Experience Week for Year 10 & Year 12
- Communities Week (activities taking place throughout the Week. School PE kit can be worn all week)
- Year 7 Leisure Centre trip

Tuesday 14th July:

- Sports Day
- Byron Sixth Form Welcome Party 3.30-4.30pm

Wednesday 15th July:

- Year 8 Leisure Centre trip

Thursday 16th July:

- Year 9 Leisure Centre trip

Friday 17th July:

- Achievements assembly in the morning for students
- Break up for summer holidays 12:30pm finish

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Designated safeguarding leads:



Mr A. Logan
Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs F. Cessford
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Miss K. McDonagh
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mr N. Watts
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead

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

