



# St. Bede's Catholic School & Byron 6th Form College



**On behalf of everyone at St. Bede's, we would like to extend a warm welcome to you and your child.**

Our distinctive Catholic ethos is at the very heart of all that we do, and as a fully inclusive school we welcome students of all faiths and none, to be part of our family.

We believe we can offer your son or daughter the very best educational provision, both academically and pastorally as they make the important transition from primary to secondary education.

We strive for excellence in all that we do, whether supporting our pupils towards first rate academic achievement, or providing enrichment opportunities for their all-round development. We ensure that outstanding pastoral care, excellent teaching and high quality learning are delivered daily. Most importantly, we help our students to develop as mature young adults who are well educated individuals, fully prepared to take their place successfully in the wider world. We value working closely in partnership with parents and carers as this is key to the success of students. Should you decide to entrust your child into our care, we can assure you that we will give your child the very best provision.

We very much look forward to welcoming your son or daughter to help us write the next exciting chapter of St. Bede's continued achievements, as our great school moves from strength to strength.



**Mrs F. Cessford**  
**Headteacher**



**Mr T. McCourt**  
**Chair of Governors**

## Our facilities include:

- Sports hall
- Gymnasium
- Multi Use Game Area (MUGA)
- Extensive school playing fields
- Main Hall
- Activities Hall
- Chapel
- Large dining hall and catering facilities
- ICT suites
- Science laboratories
- Technology and engineering rooms
- Music rooms
- Art studios

**All our admissions information including our policy can be found on the Admissions page on our website under the Key Information heading.**

## At St. Bede's Catholic School and Byron Sixth Form our Catholic faith is at the heart of all we do.

Rooted in Gospel values, it shapes our vibrant community, inspires excellence, and guides us in nurturing every student to grow spiritually, academically, and morally in Christ's love.

St. Bede was a lifelong learner, teacher, and writer who combined faith with a love of knowledge. Inspired by his example, we encourage our students to grow in confidence, curiosity, and faith as they discover their gifts and use them to make a difference in the world.

Our mission is based upon the words of St. Catherine of Siena:

*We strive to help our children become the people that God intends them to be so that they may flourish and set the world ablaze with their gifts and talents.*



**At the heart of St. Bede's, and underpinning everything we do is our mission to bear witness to Christ.**

Whatever your child's faith background, you can be assured that at St. Bede's your child will have the opportunity to explore and develop their spiritual life in a supportive environment, where tolerance and mutual respect are some of our guiding principles.

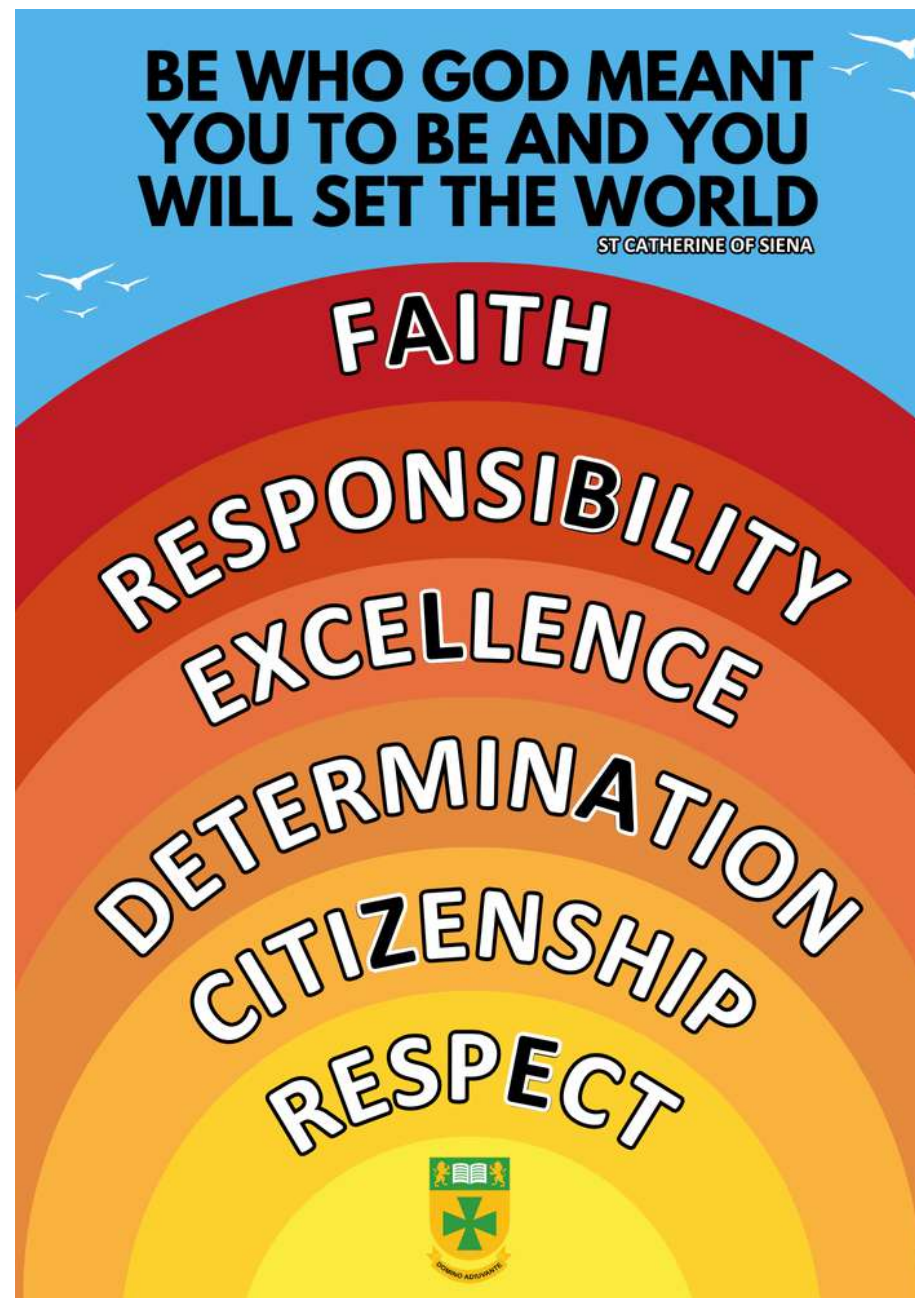
Catholic Education is about much more than just the delivery of an academic curriculum. We are also responsible for the spiritual and moral formation of young people; a responsibility we take just as seriously as academic progress. As parents you have entrusted the care of your child to primary colleagues for a number of years, in a school who no doubt knows your son or daughter as the unique individual that they are. Our admissions intake caters to be more personalised than some other providers can offer. As such we know every student by name and can minister to their specific needs.

These high quality relationships are at the heart of our ethos and explain, more than anything else, why we are such a successful school. Children are extremely well cared for at St. Bede's. Staff nurture each student as valued individuals, blessed with God-given gifts and talents. We encourage our students to develop these to the full, for their own sake and in the service of others.

We expect all our students to follow our St. Bede's standard to allow every student to fulfill their potential. We praise and duly reward positive behaviours and attitudes with credits which create our House points system. Pupils who fail to meet our high standards face staged sanctions.



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**St. Bede's is an orderly, well-disciplined community where learning flourishes. Excellent behaviour plays a major part in our continued success.**

The pastoral system is the bedrock of our school and is based on high behavioural standards, mutual respect and a true level of dedication towards students from our compassionate staff.

All Year 7 students are assigned to a tutor group within a House structure which they will remain in until Year 11. This group is a mixed-ability group made up of students from different primary schools. Siblings are placed in the same House to allow the Heads of House to form long lasting relationships and get to know families as the first point of home school contact.

## **Developing the whole student**

Throughout these five years students will experience personal, social and health education. These weekly sessions cover:

- Spiritual development: Providing students with an opportunity to help develop a real and lasting relationship with God.
- Relationship development: Exploring what is understood as authentic human love and the dignity of each person.
- Social development: Developing our students' social skills, self-awareness and personal wellbeing.
- Careers development: Providing impartial advice and unleashing student ambitions for their future.
- Learning development: Acquiring the skills of an effective lifelong learner.

We know that parents and carers play a vital role in children's learning, so we regularly ask them for their opinions and feedback to ensure they're working with us as full partners.



## **Transport arrangements**

**All of our students who live more than 2 miles from school in our feeder areas travel on dedicated school transport to and from school.**

**This is without cost to parents and is regardless of faith. We believe in supporting families to access the best education for children, rather than just the closest one.**

**St. Bede's – a school where success and potential of each individual is recognised and a will to achieve is actively encouraged.**

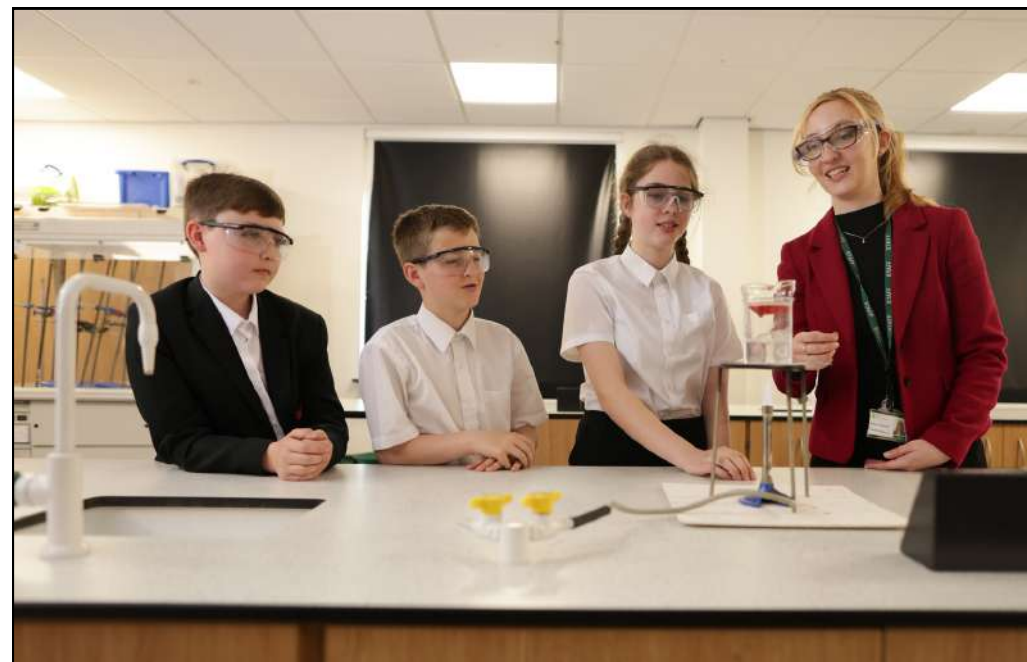
We provide a broad and balanced curriculum which aims to:

- Develop students lively, enquiring minds; to help them enjoy the acquisition of knowledge; promote the ability to question and argue rationally; to better understand technology, science and mathematics; to enhance the use of information technology across the curriculum; to encourage students to apply themselves to a range of tasks and skills which will equip them for their life in a technological future and as Christian adults.
- Enable students to use language and numbers effectively; to appreciate and respond creatively through the variety of learning experiences offered to them by all areas of the curriculum.

We provide a curriculum rich in opportunities, recognising that each student is unique and has different talents and gifts. The curriculum provides students with the skills and knowledge which will allow them go onto a range of GCSE, A level and selected applied courses. We are highly ambitious for our young people and every student who is appropriate for the EBACC suite of qualifications is entered.

Students are set by ability from KS2 prior attainment, and reassessed across their 5 year academic career. Students are set aspirational targets in order to make sure that they push themselves to fulfil their God given potential. In order to realise this goal we know how important it is to work with parents, keeping them informed and working as a team to maximise student success.

We are a forward thinking school, always seeking to futureproof our offer and to find new and creative ways to allow young people to develop a zest for learning.



## Core Subjects

English, Mathematics, Religious Education, Science.

## Foundation Subjects

Art, Computing, Design & Technology, Geography, History, Music, Physical Education, Spanish.

## KS4

- A Modern Foreign Language (most students).
- Year 10 and 11 study all core subjects.
- Further GCSE and vocational course options.
- History and/or Geography.

**At St. Bede's we see each child as a unique gift from God. Enrichment opportunities and personal development are central to our mission, helping students grow in faith, wisdom, and character as they journey towards the people God calls them to be.**

Rooted in Gospel values, we offer a wealth of opportunities to inspire, challenge, and nurture every young person. From sports, music, and creative arts to leadership, chaplaincy, and service in our community, we encourage our students to develop their God-given talents and live out their faith in action.

Our commitment to character development and providing cultural capital ensures students leave us not only with excellent qualifications, but also with the integrity, determination, and respect needed to thrive in life.

We have a huge range of trips and clubs including: Rugby, Football, Friday Fun Club, Cookery, Dungeons & Dragons, Spanish and many others.

We also offer a variety of educational visits; last year we enjoyed visiting Beamish, Iceland, Auschwitz, 10 Downing Street, Hamsterley Forest, the coast and more!



**St. Bede's offers a dedicated football training programme for both boys and girls who have a talent for the sport.**

Students will be given specialised training for young athletes, focusing on long-term player development. Professional standard coaching aims to enhance their chances of a career in football, while also guaranteeing them a good education.

The intention is not only to make the most of a young players ability, but also to support their character development. To have a successful career in sport requires talent and discipline, drive and a professional attitude focused on achievement.

Our Football Academy is run by Fast Feet Football Academy. Their experienced coaches use a holistic approach to enhance technical skills and tactical understanding, to give each player the best possible chance of fulfilling their potential. To find out more visit [www.fastfeetfa.com](http://www.fastfeetfa.com)



Our 23/24 U16 girls team won the English School's Football Association National Final.

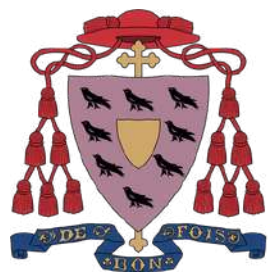
## We are proud to be part of Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust.

We are a catholic multi-academy Trust and currently have thirty schools, five secondary schools (four with sixth forms), and twenty five primary schools (16 have nursery provision).

The Trust covers the east part of the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, we have schools in East Durham, South Tyneside and Sunderland.

Our family of schools work closely together so that can pupils can flourish. As part of the Trust effective transition is supported by our close relationships, and pupils benefit from a shared, progressive curriculum and common expectations.

Find out more: [www.bccet.org.uk](http://www.bccet.org.uk)



**Bishop Chadwick**  
Catholic Education Trust



We have 30 schools  
in our Trust

1,338 staff in our  
Trust

11,495 pupils in our  
family of schools

**Our award winning in-house catering team Chadwick's Kitchen, provide catering services across the Trust.**

We use fresh ingredients to prepare healthy and nutritionally balanced meals each day. The majority of our menus are homemade by our chefs in our kitchens.

Staff are trained to accommodate medical diets and work in partnership with parents to ensure these needs are met. As part of the Trust's commitment to sustainability, we regularly review food miles and continue to work to reduce food waste.

Parents/Carers can pay for school meals using ParentPay, and can view meal choices and account balance online. This operates via a biometric (finger scanning) process, improving efficiency and removing the need for cash.

Students entitled to free meals are allowed to purchase food to the value of a free school meal allowance daily. Students also have the option to bring a packed lunch (nuts or nut-based products aren't permitted). Find out more:

[www.bccet.org.uk/chadwicks-kitchen/](http://www.bccet.org.uk/chadwicks-kitchen/)



**CHADWICK'S  
KITCHEN**



**Once your son or daughter has completed their school journey they can continue their educational journey with us, in familiar surroundings, by joining our Sixth Form.**

Byron Sixth Form motto is 'with the Lord's help', underpinned by our core values: faith, excellence and determination, is at the heart of everything we do to ensure that every student fulfils their potential.

We encourage our students to strive to achieve excellence and support their determination to overcome challenges, through tolerance, mutual respect and consideration for others.

Our small and friendly Sixth Form allows us to provide.....

We take pride in the range of academic, vocational and technical qualifications offered, allowing students to follow different combinations, resulting in greater choice at post-18.

### **Sixth Form facilities include:**

Bespoke facilities for Key Stage 5 students including modern teaching rooms, specialist laboratories, spaces for private and group study as well as a dedicated social space and café.

To find out more visit [www.st-bedes.org/byron-sixth-form/](http://www.st-bedes.org/byron-sixth-form/)

**BYRON**  
SIXTH FORM COLLEGE





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