



HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY LETTER

Spring 1



MEET THE TEACHER

Name: Dr Bennett

What subject do you teach?

History and the EPQ qualification for Sixth Form



How many years have you been teaching?

I have been a teacher in secondary schools for almost 5 years, but I taught in universities for about 5 years before that

What inspired you to become a teacher?

I find the subject of history fascinating as it is the story of how the world around us has developed and I like that you can never know the whole history of the whole world so there is always something to learn. I became a teacher as I think these stories should be shared and the vast nature of my subject means pupils often teach me something about areas of history they are interested in.

What's a fun fact about you that students might not know?

I have a tortoise called Meldrew and I adopted a cat called Toby. I have also written two history books and was once part of a history documentary.

What do you like to do when you're not teaching?

I like to spend time with friends and family. My niece is almost 8 months old, so I love to spend time with her.

Do you have any hobbies?

I like to go running or walking in Northumberland. I like to read and I still do some history research and writing when I can.

Favourite books/movies?

My favourite books are Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* and *Malorie Blackman's Noughts and Crosses*. My favourite films are *Beauty and the Beast* and *Hocus Pocus*.

BIKE SAFETY AND SECURITY REMINDER

We would like to remind all pupils and their families about the importance of bike safety and security on school grounds. Recently, we have had several incidents of bike theft, and we want to ensure that every pupil's property remains safe.

If your child cycles to school, please make sure they have a strong, secure lock and that their bike is properly locked in the designated bike racks.

We also encourage pupils to take any removable accessories, such as lights or helmets, with them during the day.

Thank you for supporting us in making our school community safe and preventing further thefts.

YEAR 7 PARENTS' EVENING

We are looking forward to welcoming Year 7 families into school next Wednesday for parents' evening.

Details about the evening, including how to book appointments, can be found on our letters page of the school website: [Letters](#)



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As we begin this New Year and mark the season of Epiphany, a time of reflection, hope, and renewal, we want to thank all of our families for the kindness and support shown following the tragic loss of one of our pupils before Christmas. Your messages of condolence and the outpouring of care have meant so much to our school community.

In this season of light and new beginnings, we are reminded of the strength and compassion that unite us. Please know that pupils and staff have access to additional support in school, including an increased number of counselling appointments, to help anyone who may need it during this difficult time.

The generosity and understanding from our families is deeply appreciated by everyone here at St Wilfrid's, and together we look forward to a year of healing, hope, and shared strength.

I wish to share with you a few words about Aimee:

Aimee's passing has brought profound sadness to the St Wilfrid's R.C. College community. We are united in grief and prayer as we remember a much-loved member of our school family. Words cannot fully express the depth of our loss, nor the impact Aimee had on those who knew her.

Aimee was a remarkable young woman whose kindness, generosity of spirit, and quiet strength reflected the Gospel values we strive to live by each day. She was a friend to all, always welcoming, always thoughtful, and always ready to see the good in others. Her warm smile and gentle nature brought light to our community and comfort to those around her.

Academically committed and enthusiastic about her future, Aimee embraced school life wholeheartedly. She particularly loved Sixth Form and spoke with excitement about her hopes to study law and one day enter teaching, so that she might serve and inspire others.

Beyond the classroom, her love of music, her talent as a drummer, and her positive outlook on life revealed a vibrant and joyful spirit. Aimee truly lived as a "glass half full" person, lifting others through her optimism and grace.

Aimee leaves behind a powerful legacy of kindness, faith, and friendship. Though her life was far too short, her light will continue to shine in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing her.

We commend Aimee to God's loving care, trusting that she now rests in His eternal peace. We ask that you join us in continuing to keep Aimee and her family in our prayers.

Mrs C Lennox 09/01/26

