



ST BEDE'S NEWSLETTER



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Rock Nativity Dress Rehearsal**
Monday 15th December
- **Christmas Performance – Rock Nativity**
Tuesday 16th December
- **Non uniform day**
Tuesday 16th December
- **Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day**
Wednesday 17th December
- **Whole school mass**
Friday 19th December
- **School closes for Christmas**
Friday 19th December **12.50pm**
- **School reopens to students**
Monday 5th January
- **Year 11 Consultation evening**
Thursday 15th January

Message from the Headteacher

As we enter the final week of term—the third week of Advent—I know many of you are looking forward to the Christmas holidays and the joy they bring. This week we celebrate Gaudete Sunday, which means “Rejoice.” The rose-colored candle on the Advent wreath reminds us that Christmas is near and joy is at the heart of this season. As we prepare for Christ’s coming, we are invited to pause, reflect, and share kindness with others. Advent is a time of hope and anticipation—let’s keep that spirit alive in our homes and hearts.

I hope this last week of term brings joy to our students and their families. It will certainly be a busy and exciting one. On Monday, our students will perform Rock Nativity for local primary schools, and on Tuesday the performance opens to the public—I look forward to seeing many of you there. Tuesday is also our non-uniform day, and we ask for a £1 donation to support families who need support at this time.

On Wednesday, we will enjoy our Christmas dinner, which always creates a lovely festive atmosphere in the hall with decorations and music. Students may wear a Christmas jumper instead of their blazer or school jumper, but all other aspects of the uniform should remain the same. There is no charge for this.

On Friday, we conclude the term with a whole-school Mass in the sports hall, celebrated by Fr Lim. Mass is central to our Catholic faith, as it celebrates the birth of Jesus. Coming together as a community strengthens faith, fosters unity, and reminds us of God’s love—making Christmas a truly sacred and joyful occasion. I am always grateful for the reverence our students show during Mass.

Please note that school will close at 12:50pm on Friday. Buses will collect students at this time, and reception will close at 1:30pm. We reopen on Monday 5th January at the usual time.

Wishing you and your families a joyful and peaceful Christmas.



School development

I am delighted to share that a significant building project will soon begin at our school. A new block will be constructed on the land between the music room and the MUGA, and I will provide full details of this exciting development in the new year.

During the Christmas holidays, contractors will need to take some car parking spaces out of use for their vans and construction vehicles. In the new year, the bike sheds will also be relocated, and the school car park will be out of bounds. For safety reasons, we kindly ask parents not to use the car park for dropping off or picking up students, due to the increased volume and nature of traffic in this area.

Student illness

There has been a great deal in the news about extremely high levels of flu. We understand that children between the ages of 8 and 14 are particularly vulnerable, we would like to remind all parents of the following link, which should be used in the event of isolation: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/children-and-young-people-settings-tools-and-resources>

Mobile phones

A reminder to all parents that the school operates a no mobile phone policy, therefore we ask that when you attend meetings in school mobile phones are in pockets or bags and not being held or used. Thank you for your support in helping to safeguard students and staff. Mr Hibbard

The Perfect Christmas Present That Lasts a Lifetime!

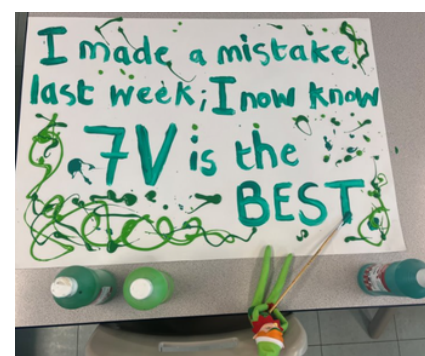
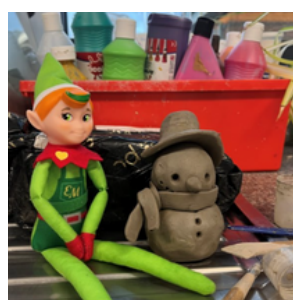
Looking for a gift that grows with your child? We currently have availability for lessons in trumpet, flute, violin, saxophone, clarinet, and piano. Music lessons make a wonderful Christmas present – a gift that can inspire confidence, creativity, and joy for years to come.

Prices:

- £290 for 1-to-1 lessons
- £145 for 2-to-1 lessons



Billy the Elf antics



Recognising and Responding to Hate Crime

A hate crime is any act of hostility directed at someone because of who they are or who they are perceived to be. As a Catholic school community, we reject all forms of hatred and discrimination. Jesus' example teaches us to stand alongside the marginalised and to love our neighbour unconditionally. Encourage your child to be an upstander if they witness or experience prejudice. Reporting hate incidents—whether in person or online—helps protect others and promotes a culture of peace. Let us remind our young people that silence can sometimes allow injustice to grow, but compassion and courage can change hearts.



Sporting updates

Despite the weather becoming colder and wetter and the nights drawing darker and darker, Advent 2 is always a busy half-term for the PE department and the teams representing St Bede's. In the past fortnight the school has been involved in the North Lincolnshire Schools' Cross Country at Central Park, and four different Key Stage 3 Badminton events. At the cross country we had teams representing all year groups against twelve other schools from Northern Lincolnshire, which resulted in some excellent team and individual results.

In Year 7, Jack G finished first in the Minor Boys race, in Year 8/9 Annabella A finished 3rd in the Junior Girls and Bobby D finished in the top spots, both qualifying for the Humberside Finals in January. In the Intermediate Boys (Years 10/11) race, the whole team received 4th, meaning that they too qualify for the next round, along with Jess B who finished 5th in the Intermediate Girls race. Well done to all that took part in muddy conditions. In the Badminton, the Key Stage 3 Boys enter three teams into the qualifier night held at St Bede's, with the 'A' Team qualifying for the finals night held at Fred Gough. On a tough evening, the boys missed out on the top prize but performed well and were in the top 6 sides for their ages in North Lincs. In the KS3 girls tournament, two St Bede's teams entered the qualifying evening at Fred Gough, again with the 'A' Team qualifying for the finals night which St Bede's hosted. Another tough evening was had, but a battling performance saw the girls finish a respectable 4th.

Cricket Pavilion
Scunthorpe
DN16 1AA

SCUNTHORPE CHESS CLUB

Adults - Mondays and Thursdays
from 7.20pm
Juniors - Thursdays 6pm-7pm
monthly tournaments on the last
Thursday of each month. Prizes for
all. £2.50 entry

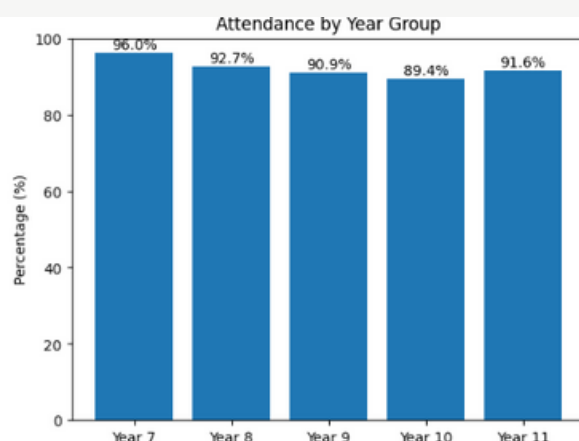
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www.facebook.com/liveforchess

Join our Online chess site for women;
England Women - lichess.org
All abilities welcome

Interested in starting
a chess club or
becoming a tutor?
Check out CSC: Chess
in Schools and
Communities

For more information contact
johnhutchinsonchess@gmail.com

Attendance W/E 12/12/2025



Lincolnshire Show 2026 - Tickets Available!

We have a few tickets remaining for the Lincolnshire Show next year. Tickets are available to purchase via Arbor. Don't miss out on this fantastic day out for our year 7 students!

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EDUCATION TRUST

Offering financial support to enhance learning opportunities for young people in North Lincolnshire under the age of 21 years old.

WE CAN HELP YOU WITH FUNDING FOR:

- ATHLETICS TRAINING
- SPORTS TOURS
- PURCHASING EQUIPMENT for MUSIC, DANCE AND THEATRE COURSES
- EXPEDITIONS

For more information contact:
Ella Scatola at escatola@frederickgoughschool.co.uk

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How to apply

Write to:

WITHINGTON TRUST
FREDERICK GOUGH SCHOOL
GRANGE LANE SOUTH
BOTSFORD
SCUNTHORPE
DN16 3NG

The Withington Trust was created following the will of the late ex-headteacher of Frederick Gough School, Peter Withington, who was headteacher from 1966 to 1977. He bequeathed money for the purpose of providing financial assistance for young people under the age of 21 who undertake activities that are not normally provided for in a normal educational curriculum. In the past, the Trust has awarded up to £350 for equipment or other costs associated with the provision of these extra-curricular activities. The Trust cannot pay for course fees, but does provide a helping hand that has assisted hundreds of North Lincolnshire pupils during its existence. Young people who wish to apply for financial assistance are invited to write to: Withington Trust, Frederick Gough School, Grange Lane South, Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire, DN16 3NG Please include:

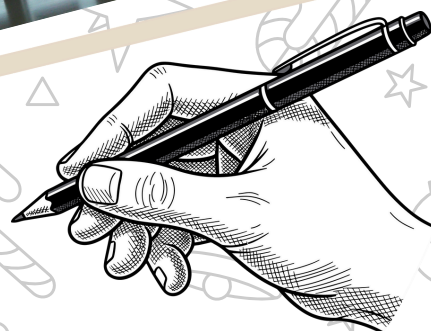
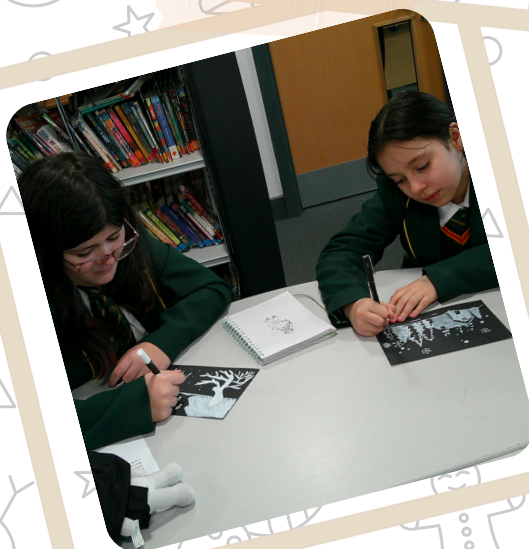
Personal information - Begin with your name and give additional details such as your interests, school/college attending and course of study. Explain why you are applying:

- Detail the reasons why you are applying, eg for equipment, or to support extra-curricular activities or charitable events (please note course fees cannot be funded)
- Give a clear explanation of your circumstances and explain how you meet the criteria of the Trust (under 21 and resident of North Lincolnshire)
- Explain what actions you have taken to help with your finances, such as taking up employment, sponsorships etc.
- Where possible provide a breakdown of associated costs
- Explain how the funding will help you.

Requirements: Under 21 and resident in North Lincolnshire. Please note there is a limit to funding allocated depending on the activity

Winterspiration

This week, the Art department kindly organised a Winter Wonderland drawing event in which students (and some staff) created winter scenes on black paper with white acrylic markers, inspired by famous winter poems.





The Bells

by Edgar Allan Poe

Hear the sledges with the bells—
Silver bells!

What a world of merriment their melody foretells!

How they tinkle, tinkle, tinkle,
In the icy air of night!

While the stars that oversprinkle
All the heavens, seem to twinkle

With a crystalline delight;
Keeping time, time, time,

In a sort of Runic rhyme,

To the tintinabulation that so musically wells

From the bells, bells, bells, bells,

Bells, bells, bells—

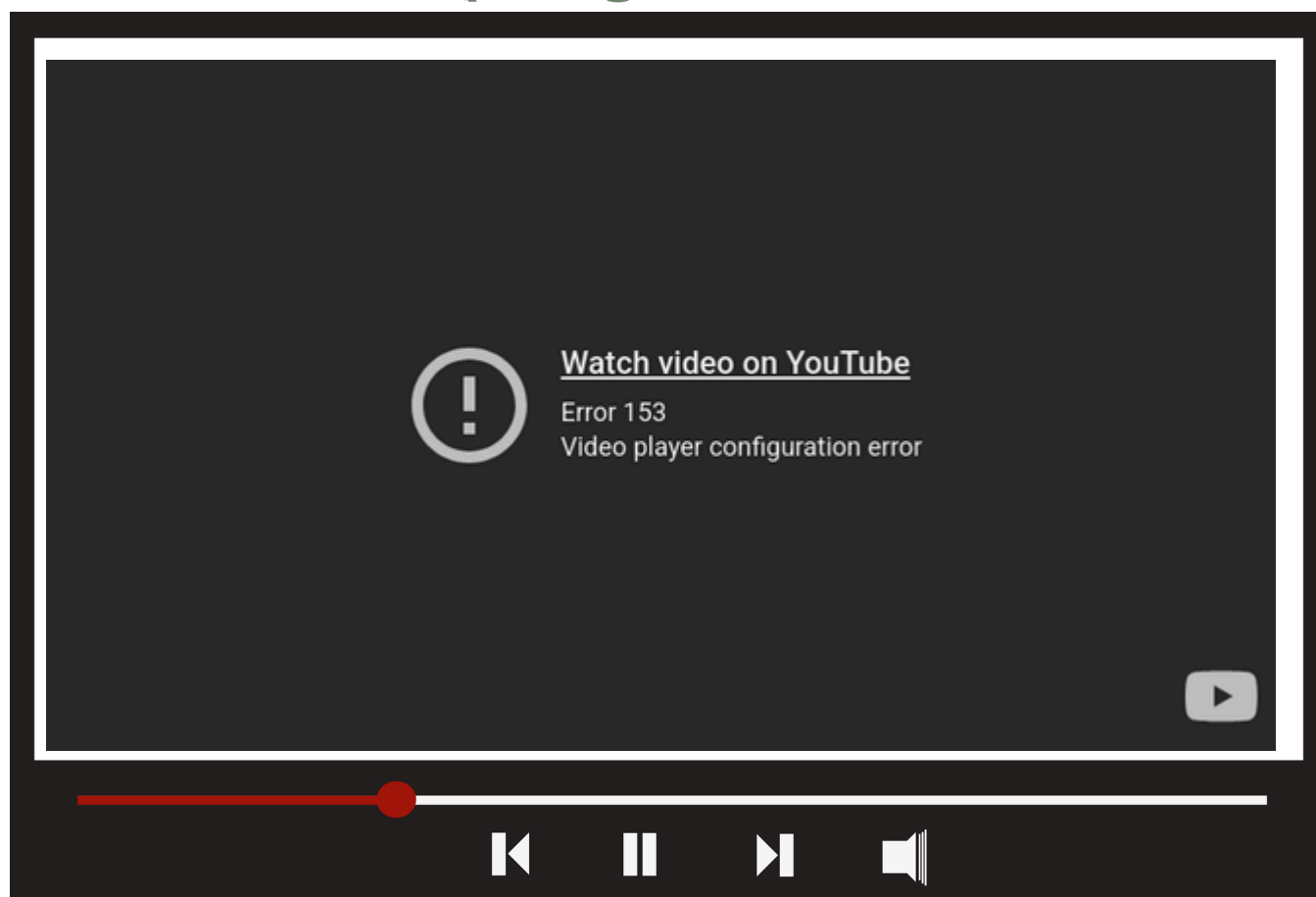
From the jingling and the tinkling of the bells.



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Spotlight career



Job of the Week...

Voice Actor

Voice actors bring characters, stories and information to life using only their voice. You can hear their work in cartoons, films, video games, audiobooks, adverts and even apps and announcements. Every character needs a unique sound, which means voice actors use tone, pace and emotion to make performances believable and engaging.

This creative career combines acting, storytelling and strong communication skills. Many voice actors record in professional studios or from home, and work can vary from short adverts to long-running animated series. It's an exciting role for those who enjoy drama, performing and using their imagination.

Primary education teaching professionals	Management consultants and business analysts
Weekly Pay £790 Hours/Week 32h Annual Pay £41,080 Hourly Pay £25	Weekly Pay £1,090 Hours/Week 38h Annual Pay £56,680 Hourly Pay £29
Workforce Change (projected) Growth 9% <small>The workforce is projected to grow by 9% over the period to 2035, creating 43,700 jobs.</small>	Workforce Change (projected) Growth 12.2% <small>The workforce is projected to grow by 12.2% over the period to 2035, creating 24,400 jobs.</small>
You might find this job in Education Employment activities Services to buildings Food & beverage services Office admin.	You might find this job in Head offices, etc Computer programming, etc Education Architectural & related Advertising, etc
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FUELLED

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE

It's the Winter holidays and Fuelled is back with activities for Teens!

Join **Elsham Activity Centre** for fun-filled days of exciting outdoor activities in **Elsham** such as; Paintball, Bubble Football, Air Rifle Shooting, Axe Throwing and more but activities on the day will depend on how many are booked on (Ages 11-16).

Twin Tigers Martial Arts are in **Scunthorpe** with two fun activities this Winter. Join them for some kickboxing and a proper Victorian Christmas dinner and a trip to ten pin bowling (Ages 11-16)!

Fancy some STEM activities over Christmas? Then why not go to **Engineering UTC** and take part in some wonderful experiments (Ages 11-16).

We also have **pantomime tickets** and **activity packs** available to book on our website too. Make sure to check them out!

Limited places available, bookings open 2nd of December at 1pm!
To book onto an activity scan the QR code below.

The Fuelled HAF Programme is funded by the Department for Education. We offer activities and food for school-aged children who receive benefits-related free school meals. To find out more, head over to www.northlincs.gov.uk/fuelled or scan the QR code to go straight to our booking platform. Some providers also have free or paid places for non-eligible children which can be booked on the same website.




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