

ST BEDE'S NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Headteacher

The idea that June and July are quiet months in school, especially once our Year 11 students have completed their GCSE exams, feels increasingly outdated. In reality, this is one of the busiest and most vibrant terms of the year, filled with events, celebrations, and preparations for the next academic chapter.



On Monday, we officially said goodbye to Year 11 as they sat their final exam before gathering for their leavers' liturgy. Students had time to sign each other's shirts and books, took photos, and shared memories from the past five years. I will miss Year 11; they have shown real maturity throughout this year, and I hope that St Bede's, its ethos, community, and their experiences here, remains with them for life. We also look forward to their prom on Wednesday 1st July, and further details will be shared soon.

This term is packed with events, including Sports Day, Year 10 taster days at college, the Year 7 visit to the Lincolnshire Show, the Opal Coast trip to France for Year 8, our Night at the Musicals concert, and our annual awards evening celebrating student achievement.

We are also looking ahead to the new academic year. We will soon welcome our new Year 6 students who join us in September, and we look forward to visits from Year 5 pupils from several of our primary schools. In preparation for next year, we are reviewing and updating our uniform policy, and I will share any changes with you in the next newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 22nd June
Year 6 Parents Evening

Friday 26th June
Sports Day

Saturday 27th June
Opal Coast - France trip

Wednesday 1st July
Year 11 Prom

Thursday 2nd July
JLC taster day
Yr 6 Transition day

Monday 6th July
North Lindsey College -
taster day
Night at the Musicals

Tuesday 7th July
North Lincs Athletics

Thursday 16th July
Awards Evening

Friday 17th July 3.05pm
School closes for summer!

† Prayer for Our School Community †

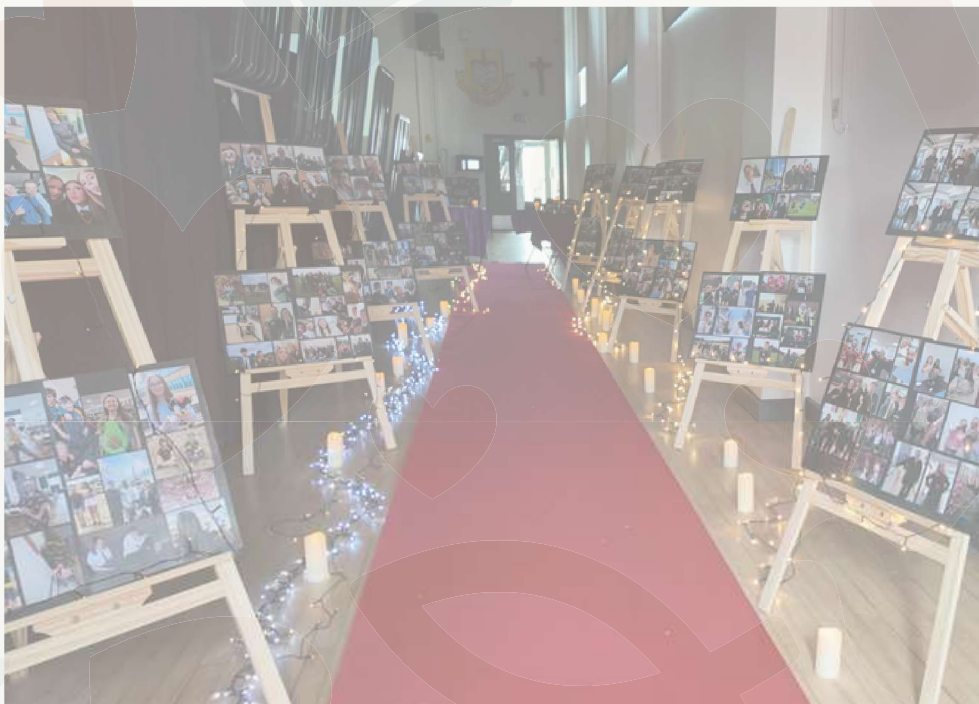
Loving God,
Thank You for the gifts of friendship,
learning and opportunity that we share at
St Bede's Academy.

Help us to grow in wisdom, faith and
compassion, and to use our talents in
service of others. Bless our students,
families and staff, and guide us to be
people of kindness, courage and hope.

May we always walk in Your light and share
Your love with those around us.
Amen.



Good bye Year 11



COLOUR RUN

Our Year 7 students recently took part in the Colour Dash, raising an amazing £1,545 (including Gift Aid) for Lifting Children's Hopes (LCH), a charity that supports vulnerable children and young people around the world through education, healthcare and community projects.

This fantastic total reflects the enthusiasm and generosity of our students and families, who fully embraced the event while supporting a great cause. We are incredibly proud of the way our



Year 7 students represented St Bede's Academy.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated and supported the event. Your contributions will make a real difference.



DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT



Building Creativity, Confidence and Practical Skills

The Design and Technology department at St Bede's Catholic Voluntary Academy is a vibrant and exciting place where students are encouraged to think creatively, solve problems and develop practical skills that will support them throughout their lives. From designing products and preparing food to engineering projects and textiles, students experience a wide range of hands-on learning opportunities across Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4.

Our department aims to inspire students to become innovative thinkers who can apply their knowledge in real-world situations. Through practical activities, teamwork and independent design work, students learn how creativity and technology combine to shape the world around us.

Meet the Design and Technology Team

The department is supported by a dedicated team of specialist teachers and technicians who bring enthusiasm, expertise and creativity to every lesson.

Ms G Swales

Subject Leader and Teacher of KS3 D&T Wood, Metal, Plastics and Electronics and KS4 D&T and Engineering

Ms Swales leads the department and teaches a wide range of practical and technical subjects. Students enjoy learning how to safely use specialist equipment while developing skills in designing, manufacturing and engineering. Her lessons encourage creativity, precision and problem solving.

Mr H Tindall

Teacher of KS3 D&T Metal and Wood and KS4 Engineering

Mr Tindall supports students in developing practical workshop skills and engineering knowledge. His lessons help students understand how products are made and how engineering influences everyday life.

Miss R Holliday

Teacher of KS3 D&T Textiles and Food and KS4 Hospitality and Catering

Miss Holliday teaches students a variety of creative and culinary skills. From sewing and textiles design to cooking and nutrition, students learn valuable life skills alongside creative techniques.

Mrs J Hepworth

KS3 Food

Mrs Hepworth helps students develop confidence in the kitchen while learning about healthy eating, food preparation and safety. Students enjoy creating a range of delicious dishes while building independence and teamwork skills.

Mrs R Johnson

Food and Art Technician

Mrs Johnson provides essential support across food and art lessons, helping prepare materials and equipment so students can fully engage in practical learning experiences.

Mr O Birrell

Design and Technology Technician

Mr Birrell supports the department by maintaining workshop equipment, preparing resources and assisting students during practical activities. His role helps ensure lessons run smoothly and safely.

TEAM D&T



What We Learn in Design and Technology

The Design and Technology curriculum at St Bede's is designed to give students a broad and balanced experience across a variety of disciplines. Students build technical knowledge, practical ability and creative confidence as they progress through school.

Key Stage 3

At Key Stage 3, students rotate through a range of specialist areas, allowing them to experience different aspects of design and technology before choosing options at Key Stage 4.

Wood, Metal, Plastics and Electronics

Students learn how to design and manufacture products using a range of materials and tools. They develop practical workshop skills while learning about safety, measuring, cutting, shaping and finishing techniques. Electronics projects introduce students to circuits, components and simple product design. Students are encouraged to think like designers and engineers by solving problems and creating products that meet specific needs.

Textiles

In textiles lessons, students explore creativity through fabric design and manufacturing. They learn sewing techniques, pattern making and decorative methods while producing their own textile products.

Food Technology

Food lessons help students understand nutrition, healthy lifestyles and food preparation skills. Students learn how to prepare balanced meals safely and confidently while exploring ingredients from around the world.

Many students particularly enjoy the practical cooking lessons where they can taste and evaluate the dishes they create

Exciting Learning at Key Stage 4

At Key Stage 4, students can continue their learning through specialist courses in Design and Technology, Engineering, and Hospitality and Catering.

Engineering

Engineering students explore manufacturing processes, technical drawing, materials and product development. Lessons combine theory and practical work, preparing students for future careers in engineering, construction and manufacturing industries.

Students often enjoy working on projects that challenge them to think critically and work as a team to solve technical problems.

Hospitality and Catering

Students studying Hospitality and Catering develop advanced cooking techniques, presentation skills and an understanding of nutrition and food safety. They also learn about the hospitality industry and how professional kitchens operate.

Practical lessons are always popular, with students creating a wide range of dishes while learning valuable organisation and time-management skills.

Fun and Creative Learning

One of the best things about Design and Technology is the variety of exciting projects students experience throughout the year. Students may design and manufacture products, experiment with new recipes, create textile pieces or develop engineering solutions to real-life problems.

The department encourages students to:

- Work creatively and independently
- Develop resilience when improving designs
- Learn practical life skills
- Collaborate with others
- Use specialist tools and equipment safely
- Explore future career pathways in design, engineering, catering and manufacturing

Students enjoy seeing their ideas develop from an initial sketch into a finished product, giving them a real sense of achievement and pride in their work.

Looking to the Future

The Design and Technology department continues to inspire students to become creative, capable and confident learners. Whether students are designing products, engineering solutions or preparing food, they gain skills that will support them both in school and beyond. Through engaging lessons, supportive staff and exciting practical experiences, the department plays an important role in helping students discover new talents, interests and future ambitions.



If you wish to have more information about the KS4 subjects we offer, Please contact gswales@stbedesscunthorpe.org.uk

KEEP READING

At St Bede's, reading is a cornerstone of education and at the heart of everyday school life. We are committed to inspiring a lifelong love of reading through a wide range of opportunities, including the celebration of World Book Day, our Accelerated Reader programme, dedicated literacy lessons, and our Reading Mentors who support and encourage younger students.

We are also proud to work in partnership with Study United to inspire our Scunthorpe United Reading Stars, helping to connect reading with wider experiences and role models.

With the continued support of parents, we aim to build the scaffolding every student needs to develop confidence, enjoyment, and success in reading, ensuring that each young person becomes the best reader they can be.

Children and young people's enjoyment of reading has risen for the first time since 2021, according to new research.

More than one in three (36.1%) said they liked picking up books in their spare time - an increase from 32.7% in 2025.

Daily habits have improved too, with one in five children and young people (20.3%) aged eight to 18 saying they read every day, a rise from last year's figure of 18.7%.

The research, carried out by reading improvement charity the National Literacy Trust (NLT), surveyed 125,375 children and young people aged 5 to 18 from 479 schools across the UK.

- It marks a turnaround after years of declining numbers starting from 2021, when enjoyment across all ages had been at 51.5%.

Read the full article below.

[Uptick in children and teenagers enjoying reading for first time in 5 years - BBC News](#)



VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

Aged 14-25 years old?

Looking for a volunteer opportunity or work experience role this summer, there is an opportunity to volunteer as a Reading Champion at any of our North Lincolnshire Libraries.

Sat 4 July to Sat 5 September 2026

The role involves sharing book talk with families and children and is ideal for anyone wishing to gain experience working with children. It is particularly suitable for those looking for a future career in educating and mentoring children and young people. This volunteering opportunity is part of this year's Summer Reading Challenge 'Read to the Beat'

To find out more, please contact

volunteering@northlincs.gov.uk



SAFEGUARDING

Sign posting for domestic abuse

Dear parents and carers,
Another contextual factor that is on the rise is the concern around domestic violence. We define domestic abuse as an incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening, degrading and violent behaviour, including sexual violence, in the majority of cases by a partner or ex-partner, but also by a family member or carer. It is very common. In the vast majority of cases it is experienced by women and is perpetrated by men but this is not always the case and men can also be victims as can children.

If you feel you need support for domestic abuse please follow the link to direct you to many different support services that are available.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/getting-help-for-domestic-violence/>

North Lincolnshire Libraries

Celebrating National Year of Reading
An Audience with Anthony McGowan



Monday 29 June 2026
4.30 to 5.30pm
Ashby Hub

No one ever is ever bored in an Anthony McGowan talk!
Recent titles include Dogs of the Deadlands, Brock, Pike, Rook, Lark, winner of the 2020 CILIP Carnegie Medal and The Beck, shortlisted for 2026 CILIP Carnegie Medal.
To book please email: libraryenquiries@northlincs.gov.uk

All Welcome

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St Bede's Presents

*A Night
at the
Musicals!*

5:30PM DOORS
6:00PM START

MONDAY 6TH JULY
PRESENTATION

Tickets £5
Available on Arbor