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ST BEDE'S NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 6th November
Yr8 William Hussey Author

Friday 20th November
Christ The King Mass at St Bernadettes

Monday 23rd November
Yr 11 Mock Examinations

Tuesday 24th to Wednesday 25th November
London Westend Trip

Wednesday 2nd December
North Lincs Cross-Country

Thursday 3rd December
Cologne Trip

Monday 7th December
School closed - Inset Day

Thursday 10th December
Christmas concert

Monday 14th December
Yr 8 Advent Carol Service

Tuesday 15th December
Yr 11 photo

Wednesday 16th December
Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day

Message from the Headteacher



I hope that you and your family enjoyed a restful half-term break.

During the holiday, the clocks went back, bringing darker mornings and evenings. This seasonal change presents additional challenges for everyone travelling to and from school, and I would like to take this opportunity to remind families about the importance of staying safe during the winter months.

For students who cycle to school, visibility is particularly important at this time of year. Please ensure that bicycles are fitted with working front and rear lights, as well as appropriate reflectors. We strongly encourage all students to wear a cycle helmet and, where possible, high-visibility or reflective clothing to help them be seen by motorists, cyclists and pedestrians. Disappointingly, we continue to see a number of students cycling without helmets. As parents and carers, your support in reinforcing this important safety message would be greatly appreciated, as wearing a helmet significantly reduces the risk of serious injury in the event of an accident.

The weather can also be unpredictable during the winter months, with rain, wind and colder temperatures becoming increasingly common. Please ensure that your child brings a warm, waterproof coat to school each day. Being appropriately dressed not only makes the journey to and from school more comfortable, but also helps students remain healthy and ready to learn throughout the day.

While we hope that severe weather does not impact school operations this winter, I would like to remind parents that any information regarding school closures or changes to the school day will be communicated directly through Arbor and the official St Bede's social media channels. Please take care when reading information shared through unofficial social media sources and always refer to our verified communication channels for accurate updates.

The half-term leading up to Christmas is always a busy and exciting period in school life. Please make a note of the following key dates:

Tuesday 11th November - Remembrance Day Service
Monday 7th December - INSET Day (School closed to all students)
Tuesday 8th December - Christmas Concert
Monday 14th December - Year 8 Carol Concert
Tuesday 15th December - Year 11 Photographs
Wednesday 16th December - Christmas Dinner Day (students may wear a Christmas jumper instead of their blazer or school jumper)
Thursday 17th December - Non-Uniform Day
Friday 18th December - School closes for the Christmas holidays

We also have a number of exciting opportunities taking place this half-term, including residential visits to London to see a West End production and to Cologne to experience the famous Christmas Markets. We look forward to sharing news and photographs from these memorable experiences with you in the coming weeks.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Working together, we can ensure that all of our students remain safe, successful and fully engaged in the many opportunities that the remainder of the term will bring.

💚 A VISIT THAT WILL STAY WITH US

Remembering Jimmy Mizen – Choosing Love, Respect and Peace

Some visits are more than just a moment in the school calendar. They leave a lasting impression, encourage us to reflect and remind us of the difference we can all make.

We were incredibly honoured to welcome Jimmy Mizen's parents, the Mizen family, to St Bede's on 15 October.

Through sharing Jimmy's story, they gave our students a powerful opportunity to reflect on the importance of kindness, respect, forgiveness and the choices we make every day. Their visit was a moving reminder that even the smallest acts of kindness can have a lasting impact, and that we all have a responsibility to help create a more peaceful world.

Jimmy's story is one that encourages us to look beyond ourselves, to think about how we treat others and to recognise the power we each have to make a positive difference.



💚 THE POWER OF OUR ST BEDE'S COMMUNITY

We wanted to do something special to support the incredible work of the Mizen Foundation, and our school community certainly delivered!

Through our non-uniform day and school bake sale, we are absolutely delighted to announce that we raised an amazing:

£632



A huge thank you to everyone who donated, baked, bought a treat or helped make our fundraising activities such a success. Every contribution, no matter how big or small, helped us reach this fantastic total.

We are incredibly proud of the generosity shown by our students, families and staff.

CHOOSING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

At St Bede's, our values of Love, Respect and Service are at the heart of everything we do. Welcoming the Mizen family gave us a wonderful opportunity to reflect on what those values really mean in action.

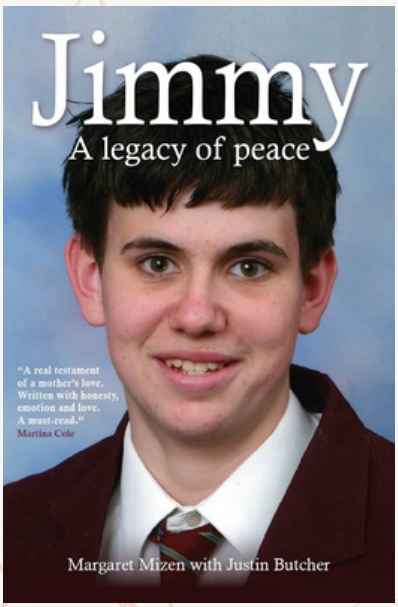
We hope our students take away a lasting message from this special visit: choose kindness, stand up for what is right, look after one another and never underestimate the difference you can make.

Together, we can make a difference. Together, we can choose peace.

Thank you to the Mizen family for spending time with us and for continuing to share Jimmy's story and message with young people across the country.

💚 **Remembering Jimmy. Choosing kindness. Spreading peace.**




Jimmy
A legacy of peace
"A real testament of a mother's love. Written with honesty, emotion and love. A must-read."
Martina Cole
Margaret Mizen with Justin Butcher


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The Jack McCourt Building



A GIFT THAT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR GENERATIONS

The Official Opening of the Jack McCourt Building

A very special day for St Bede's!
We were incredibly proud to officially open our new Jack McCourt Building, with the opening performed by Shaun Kenny, a former St Bede's student whose extraordinary generosity has made this exciting development possible.
This is so much more than a new building. It represents our continued commitment to ensuring that every young person in our care has the opportunity, encouragement and support they need to flourish.
Purposefully designed to enhance the support available to our students, the building will significantly improve our Learning Support provision, providing an improved environment in which students can access the additional guidance and support they need to thrive, grow in confidence and achieve their potential.
The building also carries a particularly special name. Jack McCourt was a much-loved teacher at St Bede's throughout the 1960s and 1970s, leaving a lasting impression on generations of students, including Shaun himself.
It is incredibly moving that Shaun has chosen to honour someone who made such a difference during his own time at St Bede's. In doing so, his generosity ensures that Jack's legacy of care, dedication and support will continue to shape the experiences of young people for many years to come.

Check out our socials for a behind the scenes video!!!

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St Bede's Catholic Academy



INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION OF WRITERS

A Special Visit from Author and Poet Matt Goodfellow

We were delighted to welcome award-winning children's author and poet Matt Goodfellow to St Bede's for a very special visit!

Matt brought his passion for words, storytelling and poetry into school, giving our students a wonderful opportunity to experience literature beyond the classroom and discover just how powerful, creative and exciting writing can be.

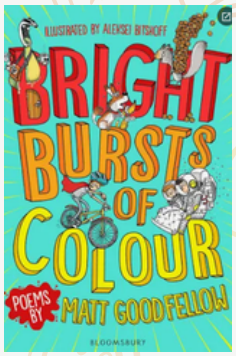
Meeting a published author and hearing about their work is a fantastic way to inspire young people, encourage curiosity and perhaps even spark a few writing ambitions of their own!

His visit was a brilliant opportunity to celebrate the importance of reading for pleasure, explore the creativity of language and remind our students that everyone has a story to tell.

A huge thank you to Matt for spending time with us and sharing his enthusiasm for words. We hope our students left feeling inspired to pick up a book, put pen to paper and discover where their own imagination can take them!

Who knows – perhaps we have a few future authors and poets sitting in our classrooms!





Help with school uniform, clothing and footwear

Citizens Advice North Lincolnshire and North Lincolnshire Council can provide up to £50 per child towards clothing and footwear they need for school.

Families can apply for other clothing and footwear their child needs for school, including winter coats.

Support can include:

- branded school uniform from Shah's;
- an ASDA voucher for non-branded school uniform or clothing; and/or
- a Clarks voucher for school shoes.

Applicants must live in North Lincolnshire and not currently have savings or access to funds that could reasonably be used to meet the cost themselves.

Families can apply directly using the School Uniform Support Application Form.

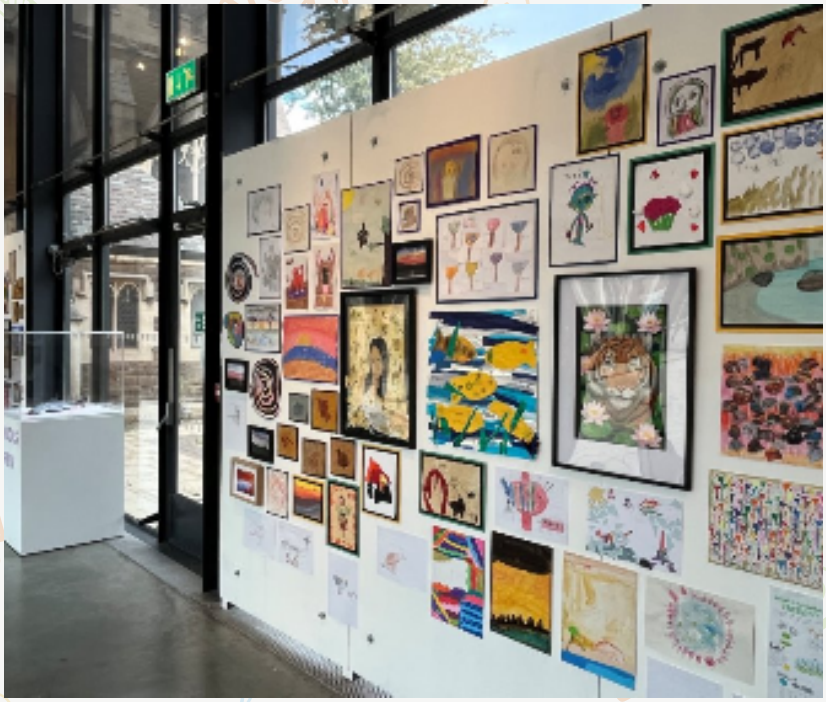
Before an application can be approved, applicants will be asked to provide:

- a recent full bank statement to help confirm their North Lincolnshire address and financial circumstances; and
- evidence for each child included in the application, such as a birth certificate, passport, Child Benefit letter or other suitable evidence.



Schools Open Exhibition at the 20-21 Visual Arts Centre

The Art department was delighted to be invited to include some artwork in North Lincolnshire's first Schools Open Exhibition at 20-21 Visual Arts Centre. This special exhibition celebrates the imagination, creativity, and unique perspectives of young people. It offers the exciting opportunity to see young people's artwork displayed in a professional gallery space and shared with the wider community. The exhibition includes artwork from a range of different schools in North Lincolnshire across all age groups and abilities — from first marks and colourful explorations to more developed and conceptual pieces. We would like to congratulate Maisy and Camryn in Year 11 for having their work selected and exhibited. Families, friends, and the wider community are invited to visit and celebrate the students' work. The exhibition is at 20-21 Visual Arts Centre, Church Square, Scunthorpe from 10th October to 5th December 2026.











ST BEDE'S
CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

Sports NEWS

Half Term Highlights

It's been a busy start to the year for our sports teams, with lots of fixtures taking place across the first half term!

Our students have shown great determination, teamwork and St Bede's spirit in every game, representing the school with pride.

Teamwork
Determination
Bede's Spirit





Practice Timetable

All practices finish at 4pm. Correct PE kit should be worn at all practice.

Practices for the week commencing Monday 2nd November

Monday	Futsal (all years, boys & girls – MUGA) **Girls Badminton** (all years – Sports Hall)
Wednesday	**Netball** (all years, boys & girls – MUGA) **Boys Badminton** (all years – Sports Hall) – **CANCELLED** *due to hosting KS4 Badminton Qualifier*
Thursday	**Basketball** (all years, boys & girls – Sports Hall)

Practices for the week commencing Monday 9th November

Monday	Futsal (all years, boys & girls – MUGA) **Girls Badminton** (all years – Sports Hall)
Wednesday	**Netball** (all years, boys & girls – MUGA) **Boys Badminton** (all years – Sports Hall)
Thursday	**Basketball** (all years, boys & girls – Sports Hall)

Practices for the week commencing Monday 16th November

Monday	Futsal (all years, boys & girls – MUGA) **Girls Badminton** (all years – Sports Hall)
Wednesday	**Netball** (all years, boys & girls – MUGA) **Boys Badminton** (all years – Sports Hall)
Thursday	**Basketball** (all years, boys & girls – Sports Hall)

Be Kind | Work Hard | Achieve Together

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Sports NEWS

Results

Well done to all our teams!

The Year 9 girls took part in a very-well attended netball tournament at Frederick Gough, with the Year 7 and Year 9 football teams heading out to Crowle to face Axholme Academy on the same night. Following on from those, the Year 11 football team travelled to Frederick Gough for their cup game which they unfortunately lost, bringing the curtain down on their competitive fixtures for St Bede's.

To finish off a busy half term, fixtures across Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 in football have been played against OA Brumby, both home and away.

Upcoming Fixtures

WED 4 NOV

KS4 Boys Badminton Qualifier at St Bede's

Students will need to gain consent via **Arbor** and wear correct PE kit. The event is held at St Bede's in the Sports Hall, and will start as soon as possible after school. The event is due to finish around 5:45pm.

THU 12 NOV

KS4 Girls Badminton Qualifier at OA Brumby

Students will need to gain consent via **Arbor** and wear correct PE kit. The event is held at OA Brumby in the Sports Hall, and will start as soon as possible once students arrive. Students will need to make their own way to and from OA Brumby. The event is due to finish around 5:45pm.

WED 25 NOV

KS3 Boys Badminton Qualifier at Frederick Gough

Students will need to gain consent via **Arbor** and wear correct PE kit. The event is held at Frederick Gough in the Sports Hall, and will start as soon as possible once students arrive. Students will need to make their own way to and from OA Brumby. The event is due to finish around 5:45pm.

Arbor

If your child has been selected to represent school, please ensure consent is given on **Arbor**. Further details can also be found on Arbor. If they are unable to attend for any reason, please contact us via email (pe@stbedesscunthorpe.org.uk) so that another student can be selected.

Information regarding home fixtures

For home sports fixtures against other schools, we are pleased to welcome friends and family to come along and support our students.

Football Fixtures

Supporters should enter the school site via the gate on Collum Lane, next to the Medical Practice. The gate will be open before kick-off and will be locked once the fixture begins. It will remain locked throughout the match and will be reopened at full time.

Please arrive in good time and make sure you are through the gate before kick-off, as staff will not be able to open or unlock the gate during the fixture.

Sports Hall Fixtures

Access will be via the fire doors leading onto the school car park.

MUGA Fixtures

Access will be through the side gate next to the MUGA. This will only be open before the fixture starts and again at the end of the fixture.

We look forward to welcoming you and thank you for your continued support of our students and school teams.