

# FRIDAY LETTER

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### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

"Beloved Jesus, we rejoice in Your presence with us.

Thank you for being our Saviour, our Lord, and our friend.

We praise You for the joy You bring into our lives, the joy that flows from Your love and grace.

Help us to recognize Your joy in every moment, even in the midst of challenges. Let Your joy be our strength, our hope, and our guide.

We offer our gratitude for Your sacrifice and ask that we may continue to be filled with Your abundant joy.

Amen

### **KEY DATES**

23rd June	INSET day—school closed
24th June	Y11 Prom
24th June	Primary taster sessions start
25th June	French trip
30th June/1st July	Y6 transition days
2nd July	Y10 visit to Barrow 6th form
3rd July	Y10 sports studies day
4th July	Y10 geography field trip
7th July	Y9 and 10 Blackpool trip

### **REMINDERS**

#### **Student Absences**

Call school on 01229 814 560

### Don't forget

To sign up for the trips to confirm your place

#### Remember

INSET day is on Monday 23rd June. This is a day where staff will be reflecting on this year and preparing for the new school year.



### WORDS FROM ST BERNARD

"That heart alone is hard which does not shudder at itself for not feeling its hardness."



# Congratulations this week to our fantastic students. We are so proud of you

## **COMMITTED LEARNERS**

YR 11- All of Year 11- having (finally) finished their GCSE Exams!!

YR 10- Dennice Datinguinoo, Al Ayman Sarker, Emily Walker, Hamza Ahmed

YR 9- Alyx Ritch, Maximus Perry, Rayyan Saleem, Archy Wood

YR 8- Mila Bryson-Roberts, Keanna Gozun, Ed Cush, Cody Grieve

YR 7— Sienna Richardson-Craig, Alfie Charles, Mercedes Whiteside, Olivia Bown

## **EXCEPTIONAL PEOPLE**

YR 11- Katya Jackson YR 10- Amelia Biju YR 9- Cora Sildatki YR 8- Cheska Galang YR 7- Mary Haynes



## **INSET day**

We have an INSET day on Monday 23rd June. School will be closed to all students and will be open again on Tues 24th June.

This is to work with staff to reflect on this year and get ready for September 2025.



Year 7 and some pupils from Sacred Heart celebrated Mass in the chapel together this week.





This week, our resident musician from the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra started their placement with us. They also brought an amazing string quartet with them!

Their performances were mesmerising and our classes asked some brilliant questions. We are so excited to continue working with the orchestra and building the relationship with the orchestra to enhance our musical offer.







Ryan and Demitri represented the school recently at the Cumbria Schools Athletics Championships in Carlisle. Demitri ran a fantastic and very competitive 400m and Ryan ran in the 3000m finishing with a time of 9 mins 30 secs which got him 2nd place. He has been selected to represent Cumbria at the Northern Counties athletic competition in Middlesborough. Well done both!













Our programme of taster sessions for primary pupils started this week with a summer sports event. We were unlucky with the weather and had our "summer" event inside!

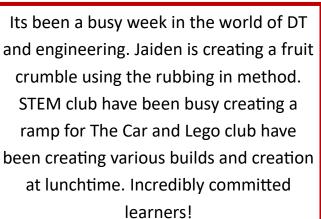
The children and staff had a brilliant time with

lots of racing and jumping.

We were so proud of our sports leaders who supported everyone to take part and showed what exceptional people they are. It was an amazing event with a real buzz and celebration of sport.













Tuesday 31d June A poem about slaves in the slave ships during the widdle passage The hold is dark, the air is thick With sweet and poor, with pain and sick I lay in chairs, my wrists and ankles bound. A cargo, not a soul, I'm told, never found. The stench of rot, of human waste. Fills every breath, a constant taste Ox sickness, death, and despair As bodies got, and souls impare. The ships a tomb, a pleating hell

\*souls Where lives are lost, and it long to rebe!

The journey's long, the sofferings vast,

Will we survive, or forget our past? I see the paces, the eyes, the tears Of those around me, through all the fears
We aling to seach other, in this dark space
It desperate bid, for a glimmer of grace We're cargo, goods, not human souls
Our faters seated, our future's cold
The ship soils on, through the stoomy night
Through waves that crash, a desperate fight We're cargo, goods, not human souls Our fate's sealed, our putures told, well done This is excellent Sopie You have created what like was like on the Middle Parays.

An incredible piece of writing in history by one of our Year 8.

We were really impressed by how it builds a picture of what life would have been like for a slave on the middle passage.



# MESSAGES FROM MR VINCE

### **Exceptional People**

As you have seen in the newsletter above we had a PE transition event with students from Year 5 in our local schools. It was incredible to receive a email from a member of staff at Newbarns primary school to thank and praise some of our student leaders...it was so lovely to read I thought I'd share it with you all:

"We had a pupil who was quite frightened to participate and had been quite upset for the duration of the event. Two of your female pupils (at the long jump station) were amazing with her – they consistently reassured her that it was okay to be nervous, if she really did not want to participate it was okay, and if she ever changed her mind, they would support her. This reassurance enabled this child to build up the courage to step up to the mat, getting ready to jump. However, she stepped down as she was too overwhelmed. Your pupils made sure that she was calm and then congratulated her for being brave for stepping up.

This behaviour set a really good example for our students, and I was very impressed with how they dealt with this situation, as they could have very easily left this to be dealt with by myself and my colleague.

Please extend my greatest thanks to them again as I really appreciated the actions they took to make sure everyone was included, and the reassurance they gave this pupil, making sure she did not feel pressured to join in."

We are so lucky to work in a school where we have such wonderful students who truly are exceptional people – A huge well done to Elizabeth Watt and Grace Anderson!!. We are so proud of you both!!

### And finally

With the flop of the club world cup, the absence of the premier league continues to create a void in my life! We can at least get excited with the fixtures being released....Villa vs Newcastle (quite a few fans in the school too) on the opening day!!

Have a wonderful (sunny) weekend! God Bless,

JSV-

Mr Vince



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