



St Bernard's

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Committed Learners

Exceptional People

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Virtue champion
Greta Thunberg

Attentive - we find God in learning and all things.

Virtue in Action

Aim to notice something beyond your learning: can you link your learning to something you have done previously?



Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?



Words from St Bernard

"A saint is not someone who never sins, but one who sins less and less frequently and gets up more and more quickly."

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Dates for your diary

- 13th April: INSET Day
- 14th April: Return to school and STEM Show
- 14th- 15th April: GCSE Art Exam
- 17-18th April - Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
- wc 20th April - Year 10 Mock Exams

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PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Creator God,
Because of your abundant love
you chose to bring light and order into the formless void,
to create a world of unsurpassed beauty
and you saw that it was good.
We ask that you continue to recreate the world
with that same attentive love,
to bring light into today's ever increasing chaos and darkness
where we have failed to be stewards and carers of your creation.
Replenish our hearts
so that we too can renew the face of the earth.
Amen.

Coniston to Barrow training



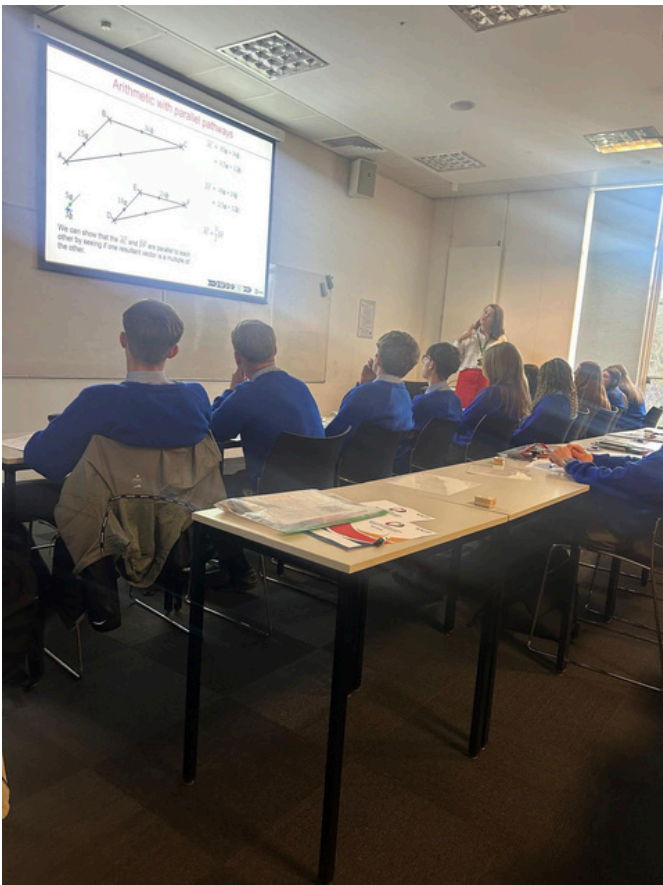
Well done to the pupils who showed great resilience completing the C2B training walk this weekend. They completed a 14 circular walk from Coniston to Elterwater via Cathedral Caves and Hodge Close. The sun finally came out for ice cream time!



Lancaster University



Some Year 11 students went to Lancaster University this week to do some mathematical challenges. They had a brilliant day and were amazing representatives for our school.



Year 8 Waterpark



Year 8 have had an exhilarating week at Waterpark, Coniston. Lots of sailing, kayaking, climbing and many other activities. They all really challenged themselves and we are so proud.



Year 8 Waterpark



Creative writing club

Mr Seligman has shared some gorgeous pieces of writing from our creative writing elective last half term alongside some photos that inspired them.



'The Turtle' by Praise Chiziterem Awulonu

As she walked on the yellow sand by the bright crystal sea, amazed at the beauty, she remembered her most proud moment. She was playing at the same beach with her dad and mom, splashing in the water, when she saw a little turtle trying to escape from the gulls overhead, determined to reach the sea.

At that moment, she didn't think -- she just twisted and jumped out of the sea onto the heat of the sand. She ran towards the hurt, poor animal scampering away from seagulls swooping down and pecking at him.

She slowly scooped the poor animal into her tiny hands, steadily and slowly bringing it to its home. As she watched it swim further away, she realised that the animal was just like her: helpless, powerless whenever she is on her own.

Creative writing club



'Abbey Rejoices Again' by Niamh McCarthy Clark

Eyes taking in what surrounds me,
the bricks crying out in agony,
each moment is painful for the Abbey,
each second dragged out painfully.

The building groans under the weight of tragedy,
each brick counting a life which stepped here before me,
each blade of grass counting hidden treasures beneath the breathing
ground.

Rays of sunlight pouring down unto the starved ruins which used to be home,
trees swaying with celebration at a new chance,
the arms of mine rocking back and forth in perfect sync with the dancing
leaves:

Rejoice, for the Abbey has been taken home,
rejoice as humanity wins again.

Taken home to the arms of nature's back,
back home to the arms of the taker.

For we are nature too, coming back to our roots, back to the tree stump.
Rejoice as nature takes over.



'Furness Abbey' by Esther Idowu

The abbey is like a child broken deep: it tries to bring a voice of hope but is
silent.

Days come of happiness and sunshine through the wall: an unexpected sight.

The Cumbrian rain on the abbey is magnificent.

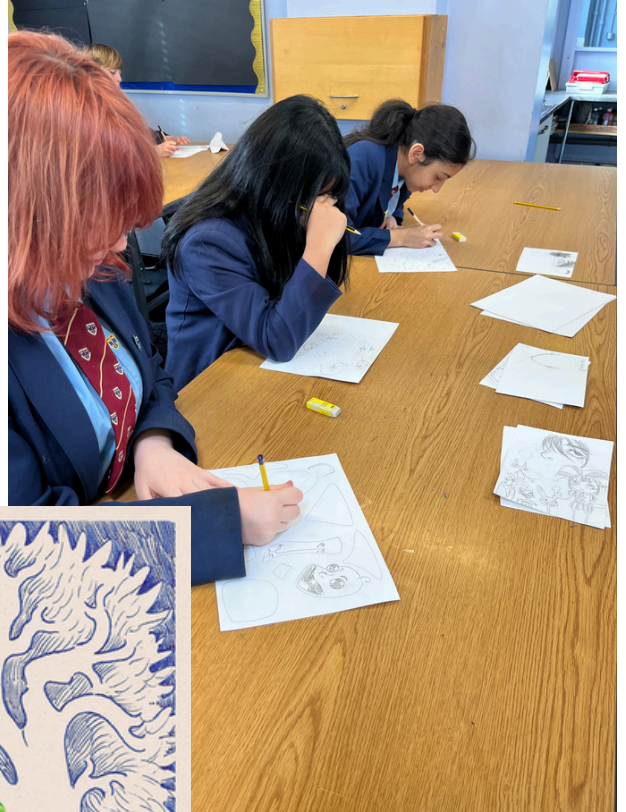
Raindrops fall, memories go, the sun shines: a new memory, a new beginning.

How often we wish for another change to have a fresh beginning!

The abbey gives us a change.

It might be just a building, but there inside is something deep

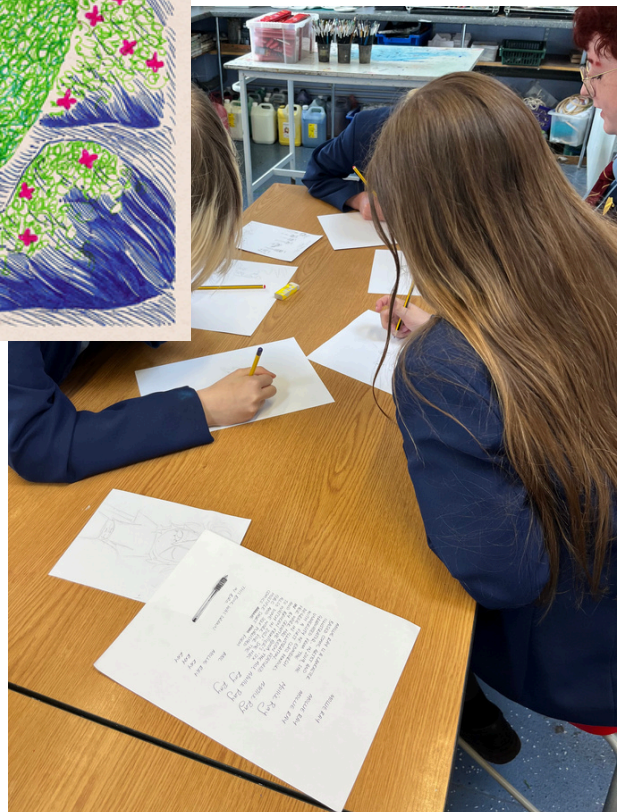
Art workshop



We had an amazing workshop this week with comic book artist Mollie Ray on comic book illustration.



A range of year groups explored colour, technique and style - inspirational!



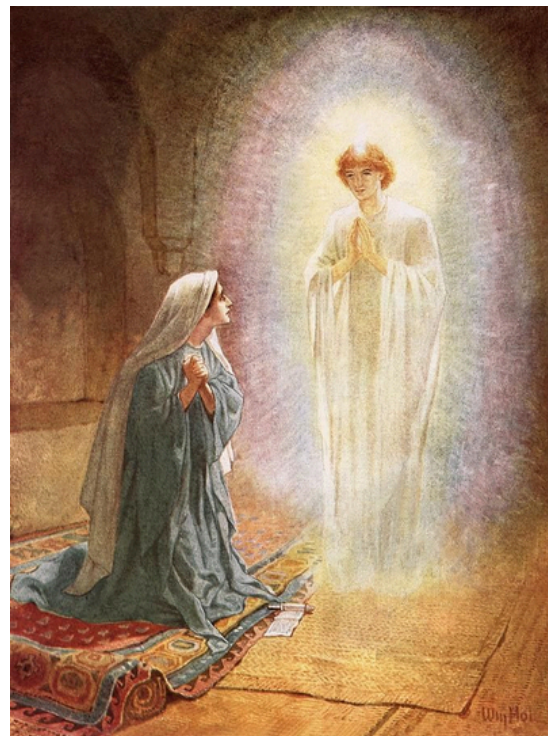
Annunciation Mass



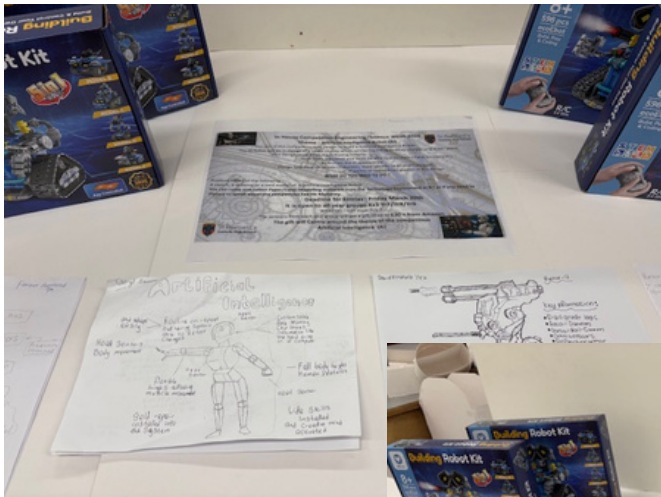
Wednesday 25th March is the Feast of the Annunciation, our Mater Christi Trust Feast Day,

To mark this, we celebrated Mass at Holy Family Church with our partner primaries: we were extremely proud of our pupils, with particular credit due to those who served, read, and sang in the choir.

Thank you to St Pius, Sacred Heart, and Holy Family for joining us, and for Our Lady of Furness Parish for hosting.

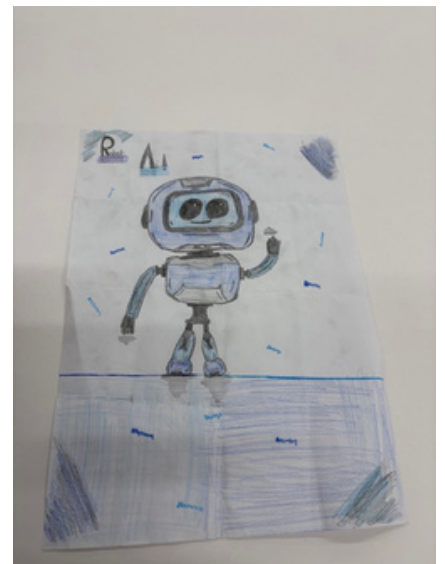
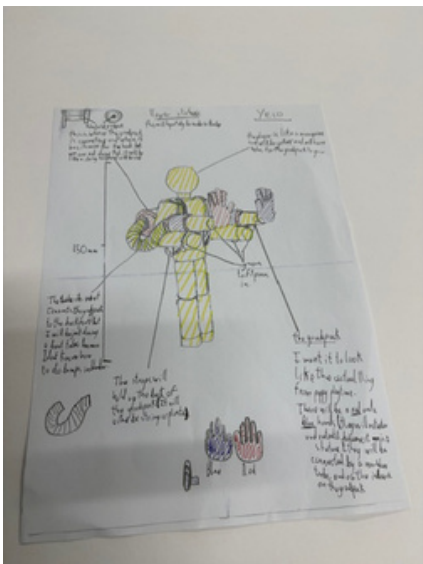
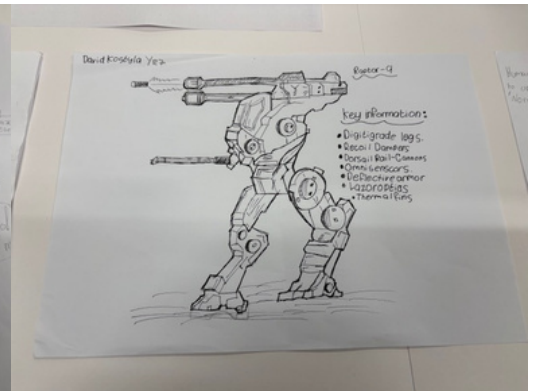
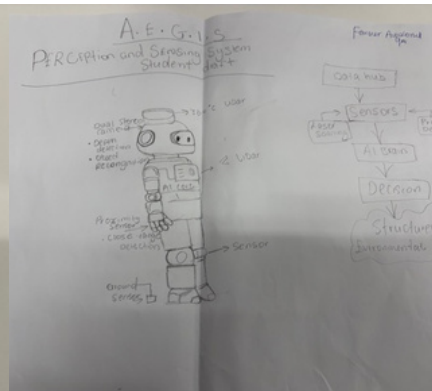
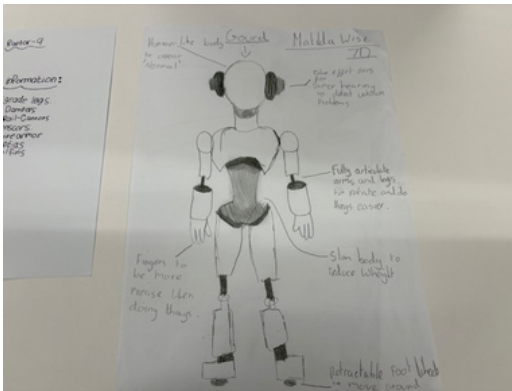


DT AI Robot Competition



The winners of the competition for celebrating Engineers week are:
 Yr7 Matilda Wise
 Yr7 David Kostyla
 Yr8 Cheryl Sowunmi
 Yr9 Favour Awulonu

Runners up :
 Pippah Webber
 Jaiden Jenkenson
 Kennna Melton



Beacon School in Holocaust Education

We are thrilled to share that St Bernards Catholic High School has been awarded the prestigious Beacon School status in Holocaust Education by the UCL Centre for Holocaust Education.

This national recognition celebrates our school's commitment to exceptional, evidence-based teaching that extends beyond the standard curriculum to develop our students' empathy and critical thinking.

As a Beacon School, St Bernards is now recognised as a 'dynamic hub' for Holocaust education and a national leader in this vital area. This status reflects our commitment to ensuring every student gains secure, deep understanding of the Holocaust, including its historical context and contemporary relevance.

We're particularly proud that this achievement positions us to support and partner with other schools in our region, helping to raise standards in Holocaust education more widely. This accomplishment is testament to the dedication of our staff and the engagement of our students in this important area of learning.

Certificate of Beacon School Status



BEACON SCHOOL
IN HOLOCAUST EDUCATION
2024-2025

This is to certify that:

**St. Bernard's Catholic
High School**

has been awarded the status of

Beacon School in Holocaust Education

*in recognition of their successful completion of the
2024-25 Beacon School Programme.*

A stylized, handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A Pearce'.

Dr Andy Pearce
Director, UCL Centre for Holocaust
Education

A stylized, handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C Soper'.

Corey Soper
Beacon School Programme lead

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Year 7 Awards

Subject	Committed Learner	Exceptional person
Art	Lynna Carbonell	Ava Waite
Drama	Ava Waite	Matilda Wise
English	David Kostyla	Abel Baiju
French	Halona Cheung	Isaac Holland
Geography	Jake Pattinson	Pupil C
History	Eliana Lewis	Dona Anish
Maths	Tommy Humphrey	Layla Mills
Music	Jake Pattinson	Kayden Clayton
PE	Iris Wilkinson	Dylan Crawford
RE	Ava Waite	Jack Clark
Science	Dexter Ward	Jaiden Hayton
Technology	Bella Storey	Ryan Renith

Year 8 Awards

Subject	Committed Learner	Exceptional Person
Art	Joshua Brown	Emily Coward
Drama	Cheryl Sowunmi	Harrison Lowden
English	Olivia Brown	
French	Mia Thompson	Ayesha Shoaib
Geography	Freddie Kittley	Cheryl Sowunmi
History	Emily Duncan-Matalavea	Tommy Short
Maths	Robyn Hayes	Mueez Chishti
Music	Kadie-Leigh Barker	Andrea Bineesh
PE	Freddie Kittley	Lexi-Faith Johnson
RE	Mason Pratt	Alexander Watt
Science	Frankie Whitney	Alfie Dale
Technology	Lily-Mae Brown	Imogen Milson

Year 9 Awards

Subject	Committed Learner	Exceptional Person
Art	Jaxon Scholes	Sofie Talaskova
Drama	Tamara Hayton	Victoria Wasacz
English	Cody Grieve	Jasmine Smith
French	Tamara Hayton	Scarlett Park
Geography	Neja Kankanmge	Ethan Thexton
History	Olivia Rogerson	Pippa Immison
Maths	Jasmine Smith	Olivia Rodgers
Music	Cheska Galang	Aaron Morgan
PE	Joseph Jones	Amaya Finley
RE	Ben De Guzman	Joseph Jones
Science	Scarlett Park	Mariella Ching
Technology	Florence Parkinson	Charlie Osborne

Year 10 Awards

Subject	Committed Learner	Exceptional Person
Art	Niamh MCarthy Clark	Sophia Lin
Drama	Imogen Parkin	Mairead O'Flynn
English	Ellis Woolveridge	Jack Darby
French	Ellie Corlett	Sienna Terpilowski
Geography	Nonhlanhla Nkomo	Allesandra Javier
History	Maired O'Flynn	Luke Crellin
Maths	Olly Black	Charlie Phillips
PE	Noah Hadwin	Ella Anyanwu
RE	James Gorton	Will Martin
Science	Madison Brown	Marshall McGladdery
Triple Science	Jewel Joshy	Sienna Terpilowski
Sports Studies	Renz Mangabat	Joseph Murphy
Technology	Olivia Rawlinson	Franz Calero

Year 11 Awards

Subject	Committed Learner	Exceptional Person
Art	Brooke Brown	Max Dean
Business Studies	Alfie Hone	Chloe Poole
English	Finlay Tumelty	George Butler
French	James Paule	Riona Renjith
Geography	Emily Walker	Hiba Ahmed
History	Alfie Hone	Brody Burns
Maths	Harvey Jenkinson	Sultan Ozmus
RE	Evie Worrall	Alfie Horne
Science	Tia Woolveridge	Alfie Hone
Triple Science	Alfie Creasy	Alex Mazur
Sports Studies	Ryan Proctor	Mason Murphy
Technology	George Butler	Aiza Caasalan

Exceptional People

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Rosalyn Whitehouse	Elicia Thompson	Ed Cush	Levon Beckett	Rio Goligy
Harper Bland	Halle-Grace Holland	Victoria Wasacz	Mairead O'Flynn	Sultan Ozmus
		Cheska Galang		Zain Martin



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Attendance

Key Stage 3 attendance - this week

Well done 7C, 8B and 9D!

07A	86.0%
07B	89.0%
07C	94.8%
07D	85.0%
08A	94.4%
08B	96.7%
08C	90.4%
08D	88.1%
08E	92.1%
09A	93.5%
09B	88.0%
09C	90.0%
09D	95.2%

Attendance

Key Stage 4 attendance - this week

Well done 10D and 11D!

10A	91.8%
10B	88.9%
10C	92.1%
10D	97.7%
10E	94.2%
11A	85.5%
11B	92.9%
11C	94.1%
11D	97.0%
11E	82.9%

Whole school attendance - this week

91.62%

Canteen vouchers for a bacon/sausage bun are attendance prizes for this term and will be announced every Friday. Children will be entered into the prize draw if they are in for 100% the previous week.

You've got to be in to win it!



Letter from Mr Vince

Happy Easter

As we reach the end of a wonderfully busy and rewarding term, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Happy and Holy Easter. Easter is the most important time in the Christian calendar, where we celebrate the joy of the Resurrection. It is a powerful reminder of hope, renewal and, above all, how deeply God loves each and every one of us.

I encourage all of our families, if you are able, to take time to visit Church over the Easter period and reflect on this message of joy and new life. You can find Mass times here: <https://ourladyoffurness.org.uk/>

Busy End to Term

The past few weeks in school have been nothing short of exceptional. It has been fantastic to see so many of our students embracing opportunities beyond the classroom. Our visits to Coniston Waterpark have been a real highlight, alongside the successful launch of our Duke of Edinburgh expeditions. Our Year 11 students have approached their walk-through mock exams with maturity and determination, and it has been wonderful to see the effort they are putting into their studies.

We have also enjoyed inspiring art workshops, and, as always, it has been a privilege to recognise so many of our young people for their commitment, character and contribution to school life. This week alone we have awarded numerous badges and certificates to students who consistently demonstrate what it means to be part of our school community. They truly are 'Committed Learners and Exceptional People' and we are really proud of them.

Easter Revision

As we approach the exam season, I continue to be incredibly proud of the commitment shown by both our students and staff. Over the Easter holidays, our dedicated teachers will be offering a wide range of revision sessions designed to support students in strengthening their knowledge, building confidence, and closing any gaps in their learning.

These sessions are a fantastic opportunity to make meaningful progress at a crucial time, and I strongly encourage all students to take advantage of them. All sessions can be booked via Arbor, and lunch will be provided for those attending.

At the same time, it is important that students find the right balance over the break –making time for effective revision, but also ensuring they rest, recharge and spend time with family.

And Finally....

My mood has improved dramatically this week with two wins on the bounce—something of a rare treat! Even better, with no Premier League fixtures this weekend, the feel-good factor might just last a little longer...

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I wish you all a peaceful, joyful Easter filled with hope and time together as a family

Have a great weekend
God bless,
Mr D. Vince
Headteacher