



# St Bernard's

## CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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## VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

**Virtue champion**  
**St Francis of Assisi**

Compassion- To love my neighbour as Jesus loves me.

### **Virtue in Action**

Helping, supporting, or acknowledging the efforts of others.



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



### **Words from St Bernard**

"God will either give us what we ask, or what He knows to be better for us."

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### Dates for your diary

- wc 27<sup>th</sup> April - Year 10 Mock Exams
- Thursday 7th May: Year 10 Sports Studies Leadership Day
- Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May - K2B and C2B - Team St Bernard's
- wc Monday 11th May: GCSE Exams begin

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### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

# Primary visits



Mr Vince has started visiting our local primary schools this week, alongside some of our amazing Year 7 ambassadors. They have been talking to Year 5s about life at St Bernard's and what they can look forward to when they join us. We are so proud of how well they represented the school and shared their experiences.

## PE extra-curricular clubs

Next week's Physical Education extra curricular activities will be:

**Monday 27th April** - Athletics Club - open to all year groups, Year 8 & 10 rounders fixture vs Dowdales at St. Bernard's.

**Tuesday 28th April** - Softball club (Yr 7-10), Rounders club (Yr 7-10), Year 8/9 athletics relays competition at Furness Academy Track.

All in school PE extra curricular activities run from 3.20pm - 4.20pm and require the correct full St. Bernard's PE kit unless stated differently).

If you have any questions regarding the activities it will be best if students come and speak with a member of the PE department in school, we will then hopefully be able to explain further and discuss any issues.

# Duke of Edinburgh Award



Our Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award students had a practice expedition this weekend, using Great Tower near Windermere as their base. It was two gorgeous days of walking and camping as a team - with incredibly heavy bags! We were so impressed by their attitudes and resilience, especially on day 2. Well done everyone!



# ENGLISH SUMMER PROGRAMME

For Kids

A week of English Language learning  
for children and young people who  
have English as a second language

snacks and resources provided



3rd to 7th August

Ages 5 to 11

9am to 10.30am

Ages 12 to 16

11am to 12.30

Places must be booked

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**21<sup>ST</sup> TO 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2026**  
**AT ST BERNARD'S**

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**TICKETS ON SALE SOON**

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Music by  
**ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER**  
based on 'OLD POSSUM'S BOOK OF PRACTICAL CATS' by  
**T.S. ELIOT**

Orchestrations by DAVID CULLEN & ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER.  
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# Attendance

## Key Stage 3 attendance - this week

Well done 7B, 8E and 9B and 9D!

|            |       |
|------------|-------|
| <b>07A</b> | 91.4% |
| <b>07B</b> | 95.4% |
| <b>07C</b> | 91.9% |
| <b>07D</b> | 92.3% |
| <b>08A</b> | 94.4% |
| <b>08B</b> | 91.2% |
| <b>08C</b> | 91.3% |
| <b>08D</b> | 87.0% |
| <b>08E</b> | 94.1% |
| <b>09A</b> | 87.3% |
| <b>09B</b> | 92.6% |
| <b>09C</b> | 93.0% |
| <b>09D</b> | 94.8% |

# Attendance

## Key Stage 4 attendance - this week

Well done 10E and 11D!

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|------------|-------|
| <b>10A</b> | 94.2% |
| <b>10B</b> | 93.8% |
| <b>10C</b> | 94.1% |
| <b>10D</b> | 94.5% |
| <b>10E</b> | 96.1% |
| <b>11A</b> | 86.4% |
| <b>11B</b> | 95.6% |
| <b>11C</b> | 95.2% |
| <b>11D</b> | 96.6% |
| <b>11E</b> | 83.5% |

## Whole school attendance - this week

92.7%

An amazing start back to the summer term! Well done everyone. A special mention to Year 10 this week who achieved 99.6% as a year group on Tuesday!

# Letter from Mr Vince

## **Primary School Visits**

It has been a real privilege to visit many of our local primary schools since the start of term, sharing what makes St Bernard's such a special place to learn and grow.

The very best ambassadors for our school are, of course, our pupils. I have been incredibly impressed by the students who have accompanied me on these visits, speaking so warmly and confidently about their experiences. They truly embody the spirit of St Bernard's.

## **Year 10 Mock Exams**

We have been delighted with the attitude shown by our Year 10 pupils as they have undertaken their first mock examinations. With this time next year marking the final stretch before their GCSEs, these mocks provide an invaluable opportunity to recognise strengths and identify areas for development.

Keep up the hard work—this is a fantastic foundation for success.

## **GCSE Exams**

With just a few weeks until the GCSE examinations begin, every moment counts for our Year 11 students. We are incredibly proud of the commitment and determination they are showing, both in and out of school.

Approach the weeks ahead with confidence—you are ready for this, and we are all behind you.

## **And finally...**

Although I'm trying not to get ahead of myself, I must admit to feeling a growing sense of excitement at the prospect of silverware for Aston Villa this season. Hopefully, another three points this weekend will secure Champions League football!

And at the other end of the table, two huge games remain for Barrow AFC as they fight to avoid the drop—everything crossed!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

God bless,

Mr D. Vince