



St Bernard's

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Service- To give to God and others, and not count the cost.

Virtue in Action

Ensuring the school environment is tidy and cared for:
Laudato Si.

Virtue champion
Sir Mo Farah



Seventh Sunday of Easter: Father, glorify your Son



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

- Wednesday 17th June: Year 8 Mountain Day
- Thursday 18th June - Professor Pumpnickel - Primaries and year 7 and 8
- Friday 19th June: Year 11 Leavers' Day
- Thurs 25th June - Y6 parents meeting
- 29/30th June - transition days for Year 6
- 6th July - summer trips - Blackpool and The Flower Bowl
- Thursday 16th July: Abbey Mass and School Fun Afternoon

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PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Grant me, O Lord my God,
a mind to know you,
a heart to seek you,
wisdom to find you,
conduct pleasing to you,
faithful perseverance in waiting for you,
and a hope of finally embracing you.

Amen.

Parents Meeting – Year 6 pupils



Our parents meeting for all year 6 pupils joining us in September is in a few weeks. It is essential that all parents come as we will be talking about the transition days on 29/30th June as well as sharing class information and details for September. If you have a sibling joining us or know anyone this involves – please share!

PE extra-curricular clubs

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

Monday 15th June- Athletics club – only the year 7 students who are attending the competition on Tuesday please, Year 7 and 9 rounders fixture v Furness academy at St. Bernard's.

Tuesday 16th June – Softball club (Yr 7-10), Rounders club (Yr 7 – 10), year 7 Furness Schools athletics championships at Furness Academy (students involved have received letters).

Thursday 18th June – Cricket club (Yr 7-10), Table tennis (Yr7 – 10)

(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).

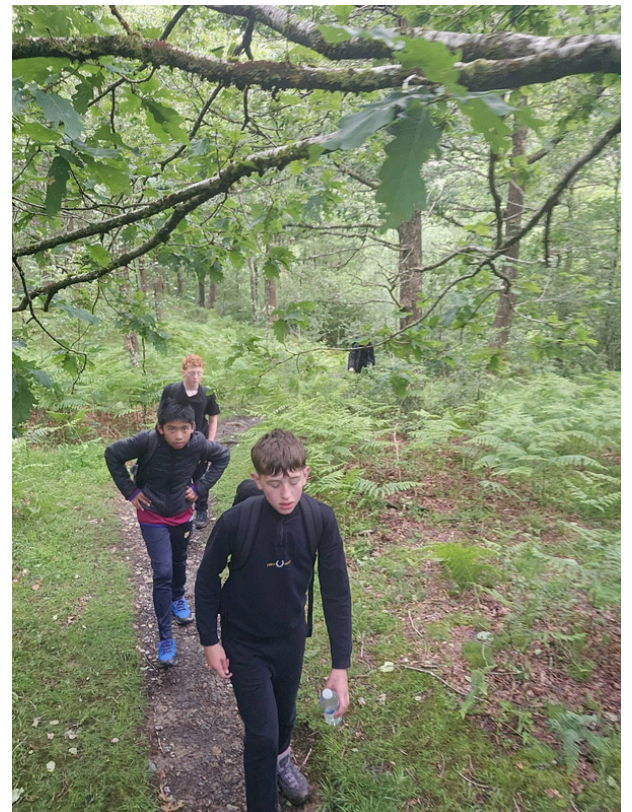
If you have any questions regarding the activities it will be best if students come and speak with a member of the PE department in school, we will then hopefully be able to explain further and discuss any issues.

We look forward to seeing the students at the sessions.

Year 7 Mountain Day



This week was Y7s mountain day and they went from Coniston to Skelwith Bridge. An absolutely gorgeous route with impressive waterfalls thanks to recent rainfall. What an amazing week of trips so far



Sporting News



Both our Y8 and Y9/10 Rounder's teams enjoyed great success this week, comfortably beating Furness Academy. Both teams demonstrated good decision making when both batting and fielding and excellent team work throughout. Big thanks goes to Furness Academy for coming along and giving us a game.
Well done girls , keep up the good work.



Year 8 and 9 Mountain Day



Year 8 and 9 had amazing weather for their mountain day on Blackcombe this week. Great resilience and attitude to the outdoors was shown by all.



Mobile Phones



We have been focusing on our mobile phone policy this week in morning meetings to remind students of the importance of no distractions in their day. It has been in place since Sept 2024 and is on display around our school site.

Mobile phones must be switched off and in bags for the whole school day. We have discussed how important it is for them to focus on their lessons and socialising with their friends whilst at school.

Anyone without a bag at school will need to hand their phone in until the end of the day.

Thank you for your support with this.

Drowning Prevention Week



From 13th June is Drowning Prevention Week. You will have seen the tragic events over the half term week and know how important it is our students know how to keep themselves safe. Mr Procter will be running assemblies during the week with Year 7-10. There is lots of information here to share with your child at home to support this.

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/pages/category/drowning-prevention-week-campaign>

Drowning Facts

88%

of all child drownings occurred in the absence of adult supervision²



84%

of open water child drownings happen inland, in places such as rivers, lakes and canals²



83%

of all accidental drownings in 2024 were male^{1,3}



On average,

723

people drown in the UK and Ireland annually (2020-2024)^{1,3}



40

children drowned in England in 2024²



71%

of child drownings occurred between May and August²



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We have been so impressed by Year 11 this last few weeks. They have been so resilient and optimistic in their attitude to their GCSEs and despite being very tired, are still smiling! Only a few more days to go!



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Attendance

Key Stage 3 attendance - this week

Well done 7B, 7C, 8A and 9D!

07A	89.2%
07B	97.1%
07C	97.1%
07D	90.3%
08A	96.4%
08B	95.2%
08C	93.2%
08D	85.5%
08E	96.9%
09A	90.2%
09B	92.2%
09C	94.6%
09D	95.7%

Attendance

Key Stage 4 attendance - this week

Well done 10D and 11D!

10A	91.1%
10B	85.5%
10C	88.2%
10D	91.7%
10E	91.6%
11A	79.1%
11B	89.6%
11C	93.2%
11D	96.6%
11E	80.6%

Whole school attendance - this week

91.69%

Well done to Year 8 this week with the highest attendance across all of our year groups.

Attendance

Attendance prizes this half term

Each week that a student has 100% attendance – their name will be entered into a raffle which will be drawn on Friday 3rd July.

2 students per year group will have their place paid for on their summer trip to either The Flower Bowl or Blackpool Pleasure Beach.

This means that if they have 100% attendance for the next 4 weeks, their name goes into the draw 4 times – increasing their chances of winning.

You have to be in to win it!

Please note: they will need to be signed up to go on the trip as places will have been confirmed by this date

Letter from Mr Vince

Wishing our Year 11 well

Next week marks the end of an important chapter for our Year 11 students as they complete their time at St Bernard's. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved during their years with us and particularly of the determination, resilience and maturity they have shown throughout the examination period.

As they prepare to leave us, they do so with our very best wishes and heartfelt thanks for the contribution they have made to our school community. While we will miss them greatly, we are excited to see what the future holds for each and every one of them. We look forward to celebrating their successes in the weeks ahead.

Mountain Days

There was a real sense of excitement across the school this week as our first Mountain Days took place for students in Years 7, 8 and 9. In true Lake District fashion, we were fortunate enough to enjoy some sunshine as students headed out onto the fells.

The walks certainly provided a challenge, but students embraced the opportunity with enthusiasm and determination. Along the way they developed resilience, teamwork and confidence, while creating memories that will stay with them for years to come. It was wonderful to see so many students stepping outside their comfort zones and discovering what they are capable of achieving.

Mobile Phones

You may have seen reports regarding new legislation coming into effect from September, requiring schools to be phone-free environments.

At St Bernard's, we have been proud to operate as a phone-free school for some time. We firmly believe that this helps students focus on their learning, build stronger relationships and enjoy spending time with friends during the school day without the distractions that mobile phones can bring.

As a reminder, our current expectation is that mobile phones should be switched off and kept in school bags throughout the day.

And Finally...

The World Cup kicked off this week and, despite having to wait a little longer for England's first match, there is certainly a sense of excitement in the air.

I have joined a World Cup sweepstake, although my hopes of lifting the trophy may already be fading after drawing South Africa, who unfortunately lost their opening game! I suspect my chances of glory may be rather limited.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We wish all our students, families and staff a restful, enjoyable and hopefully sunny weekend.

God bless,
Mr D. Vince