



St Bernard's

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Committed Learners

Exceptional People

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Intentional- We make positive deliberate decisions because life is a gift from God.

Virtue in Action

Exceptional work in lessons, working until the end to a high standard. Contributing to end of term celebrations.

Virtue champion
Nelson Mandela



Words from St Bernard

“Jesus the very thought of Thee
With sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see,
And in Thy presence rest.”

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Dates for your Diary

- 6th July - Summer Trips - Blackpool and The Flower Bowl
- 9th July - Year 4 and 5 Taster Evening
- Thursday 16th July: Abbey Mass and School Fun Afternoon
- Friday 17th July - school closes at 1pm. Please be aware that there will no school buses to transport students

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PRAYER OF THE WEEK

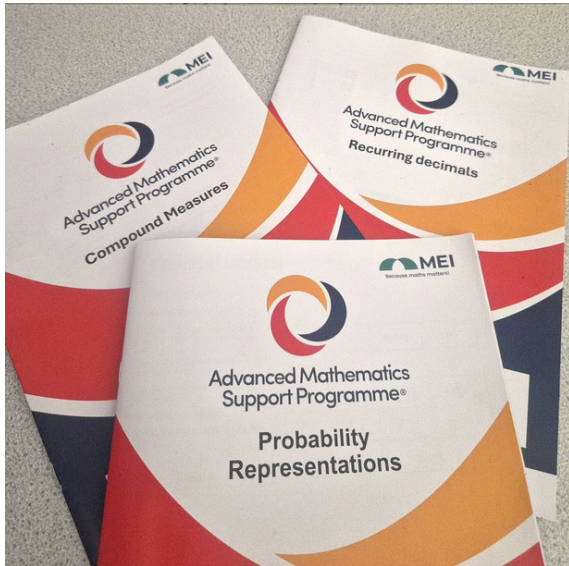
God Who calls us to action in your glorious world,

We are in awe of your gracious power to provide. For us in moments of despair, you provided for us and our generations, people like Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela;

Who inspire courage, perseverance and unity of purpose.

Amen.

Maths Enrichment Day



We had a Maths Enrichment day this week for some of our Higher Ability Year 10 students. Run in conjunction with MEI and Lancaster University. We were so impressed at their attitude and resilience showing us they are truly committed learners

Sporting news



This week marked the end of the rounders season for both our Year 8 and 10 Rounders teams. Our Year 10 team has gone all season unbeaten and our Y8 team comfortably won the Barrow Schools Y8 Tournament this evening, beating Furness Academy, Chetwynde and Dowdales. Big thanks goes to all the schools that attended and to their dedicated PE staff that make these evenings possible.



ST. BERNARD'S SCHOOL SPORTS DAY



**TUESDAY
14TH JULY
2026**



**WEDNESDAY
15TH JULY
2026**

★ **INDIVIDUAL EVENTS** ★

SIGN UP WITHIN YOUR PE LESSONS

SHOT • LONG JUMP • JAVELIN
(ROCKET JAVELIN FOR YEAR 7)

100m • 300m • 800m

★ **FORM EVENT** ★

FORM TUG OF WAR



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS,
PLEASE SPEAK TO YOUR PE TEACHER
DURING YOUR NEXT LESSON.



Welcome to our school – primary event



St Bernard's Catholic High School
Year 4 and 5 Taster Evening
Thurs 9th July at 5pm



- ✓ A small school with a big heart - £40 for new year 7 pupils towards the cost of uniform and equipment provided for all
- ✓ A fully-staffed school with subject experts
- ✓ Meeting children where they are - an inclusive school that offers a direct instruction group alongside an experienced SEND team
- ✓ On-site pastoral provision - guiding students with tailored support so every child can thrive
- ✓ A weekly enrichment timetable for all
- ✓ A passion for outdoor education - Duke of Edinburgh Award and a bespoke curriculum
- ✓ Investing in new facilities for the very best for our students



Please scan and sign up to attend. All are welcome.

On Thursday 9th July, we will be holding a taster evening for current Year 4 and 5 children in the area. This is a great opportunity to experience our school site, meet some staff and current students, and do some fun activities. It's also a good time to ask any questions you might have before our official open evening in September.

If you know anyone who would like to attend, please either click the link or scan the QR code.

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Transition Days



We had an amazing time this week with our new year 7s and class of 2031! There was lots of lessons, learning and sunshine on the yard 🤙❤️ Each year 6 was given a copy of Game Plan to have a look at over the summer. They will need to bring it with them in September - 10 achievement points will be awarded for everyone that brings their book with them.

See you all in September

STEM



Some of our Year 7 pupils took part in the STEM Day Challenge event at Barrow Town Hall this week. The challenge was to build a bridge that could support a weight and allow the new submarines, the Dreadnought Class, to pass through. Judges were impressed with the design and the structure and the use of materials. Overall a good challenge for them all and great representation of our school

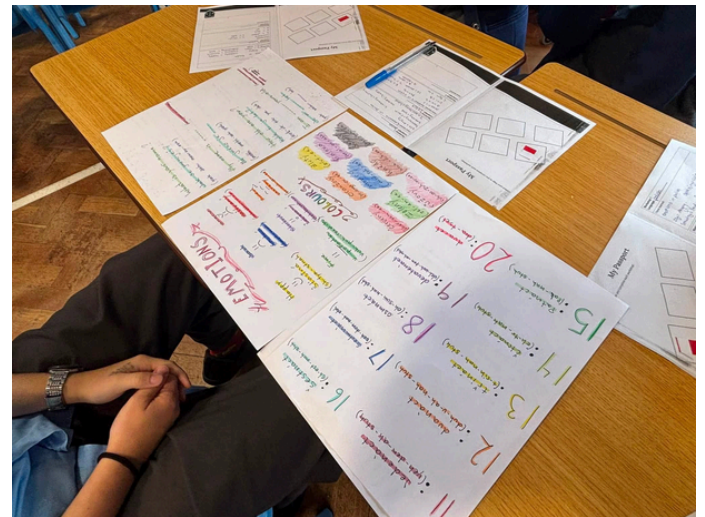
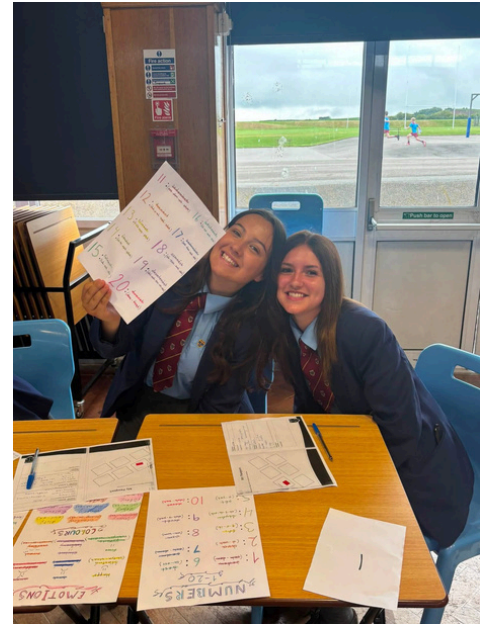
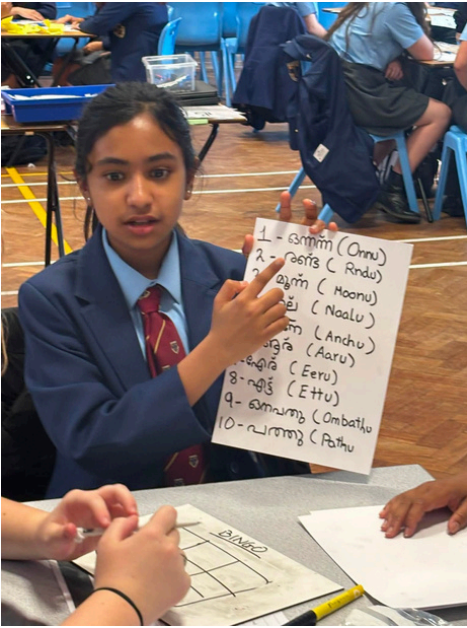
Year 10 Sports Studies



What a wonderful day our Year 10 Sports Studies class had at Coniston on Thursday completing their assessment in Outdoor and Adventurous Activities. Everyone had a great time and really improved their Sand Up Paddle boarding and Canadian Canoeing Skills. A big thank you to Sam and Jack from M&T adventure for providing excellent tuition throughout the day.



Mother Tongue Day



On Wednesday, our KS3 classes enjoyed a fabulous Mother Tongue Day learning about all the diverse cultures and languages we have at St Bernard's. We are so proud of the pupils who conducted the workshops. Who knows, there may be some budding teachers amongst them!

Penalty Shoot out!

Key stage 3 had a penalty shoot out at lunchtime on Wednesday to get ready for England's game! There was an amazing atmosphere and great goal keeping by Mr McAlloone and Jake. We were also really impressed at how quickly they then got into lines to go to lesson and back into their learning. A really fun lunchtime to hopefully be repeated if we remain in the World Cup...



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Attendance

Key Stage 3 attendance - this week

Well done 7C, 8A and 9B!

07A	87.3%
07B	90.0%
07C	93.9%
07D	91.6%
08A	94.4%
08B	92.3%
08C	93.4%
08D	88.5%
08E	94.8%
09A	84.3%
09B	97.6%
09C	95.7%
09D	91.7%

Attendance

Key Stage 4 attendance - this week

Well done 10A!

10A	92.7%
10B	91.0%
10C	86.1%
10D	91.6%
10E	89.0%

Whole school attendance - this week

91.38%

Attendance prizes were drawn this week! Well done to our winners – amazing attendance.

End of term information

The last day of term is Friday 17th July. We finish at 1pm as usual. Please note – there will be no school buses at this time.

Letter from Mr Vince

Prom

What a wonderful evening we shared on Tuesday as we gathered at Abbey House Hotel to celebrate our Year 11 Prom. I still can't quite get over just how special—and how grand—this occasion has become!

It was such a joy to see the incredible young people our students have grown into. From the smiling faces and amazing outfits to the impressive cars that arrived throughout the evening, every moment was a reminder of how much they have achieved. Listening to the speeches and hearing stories from their time at St Bernard's was genuinely heartwarming.

We are immensely proud of each and every one of them and wish them every success and happiness as they take their next steps. They will always be part of the St Bernard's family.

Transition Day

At the other end of the school, it has been a real pleasure to welcome our new Year 7 pupils for their Transition Days. It has been wonderful to begin getting to know them and to see the Hall and Chapel filled with so many excited young people as our school community continues to grow.

These first few days are all about helping our new pupils feel at home, build new friendships and begin to understand what it means to live out The St Bernard's Way. By working together with families over the next five years, we know they will flourish both academically and personally, and we are excited to begin that journey with them

Abbey Mass and Fund Day

I would like to remind everyone once again about one of the most important days in our school calendar.

On Thursday 16th July, we will gather with our feeder primary schools for our annual Abbey Mass in the beautiful grounds of Furness Abbey. Mass will begin at 9.30am, parents, carers and family members are warmly invited to join us for this very special celebration of our faith and our community.

This is a significant occasion for St Bernard's, bringing together our current students, future students and families in a setting that reflects the rich history and traditions of our school. We would love to see as many families there as possible.

And Finally...

Harry Kane may have rescued England on Wednesday evening and spared us the drama of another penalty shootout, but the real football excitement this week took place right here at St Bernard's!

Our Year 7–9 penalty shootout tournament was a huge success, with 9A emerging as deserved champions. Congratulations to Oliver Brown, who calmly converted the winning penalty to seal the title.

Let's just hope England can get the job done before penalties next time

God bless,

Mr Vince