



St Bernard's

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

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

Virtue in Action

Following our unified call for silence: 'tracking me' and then concentrating on instructions.
Doing 'Small things with great love'.

Virtue champion
St Teresa of Calcutta



Words from St Bernard

The more I contemplate God, the more God looks on me. The more I pray to him, the more he thinks of me too.

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Dates for your Diary

- Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd September : CATS tests
- Wednesday 23rd September : Year 7 Homework Information Night
- Thursday 24th September : Open Evening
- Friday 25th September : Inset Day
- Monday 28th September – Friday 2nd October : Year 7 Waterpark Visits
- Thursday 8th October : Year 11 Parent Information Evening

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PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Loving God,
You designed us in your image,
Inspired by your Son's example.
May we be intentional in all that we do,
As we strive to be committed learners
and exceptional people.
We ask this in your holy name,
Amen

Welcome back!

This week, we have welcomed back Year 8, 9, 10 and 11.

It has been wonderful to catch up with all of our students and hear about their summer break.



We look forward to a brilliant Autumn Term and are excited for all that the new school year has in store !

***'Each new hour holds new chances for a new beginning.'* Maya Angelou**

Committed Learners and Exceptional People

What an amazing first week for our students.

Congratulations to our KS3 Committed Learners and Exceptional People!



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Congratulations to our KS4 Committed Learners and Exceptional People!



Attendance

Well done to Year 7 who have made an amazing start to the year!

Year 07	96.30%
Year 08	94.20%
Year 09	95.60%
Year 10	94.10%
Year 11	94.80%

PE Notices

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

Monday 14th September- Year 7, 8 and 9 boys rugby (football boots needed - 4.20pm finish), Year 7 girls football (trainer and shin guards for first session - 4.20pm finish)

Tuesday 15th September - Year 10 rugby festival at Ulverston (team given information)

Wednesday 16th September (must sign up to elective on Arbor) - Year 7, 8 and 9 boys football (football boots and shin guards - 4.00pm finish), Year 9 and 10 netball - 4.00pm finish.

Friday 18th September - Year 7 and 8 netball - 4.20pm finish

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.

PE sessions on a Wednesday during the elective will finish at 4.00pm. Any student who needs to get the bus home will be able to leave at 3.20pm.

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.



Letter from Mr Vince

Open Evening- Thursday 24th September

We are delighted to invite Year 5 and 6 pupils and their families to our Open Evening, a wonderful opportunity to experience all that makes St Bernard's such a special place to learn, grow and flourish.

Following the huge demand from last year, we are pleased to offer two Headteacher Addresses at:

- 6:00pm
- 7:00pm

Pupil-led tours will run between these times, giving families the flexibility to explore our school, meet staff and students, and discover the many opportunities available at St Bernard's.

Choosing a secondary school is one of the most important decisions a family makes. At St Bernard's, every child is known, valued and encouraged to become the very best version of themselves. We warmly invite you to come and experience our caring Catholic community and see why so many families choose St Bernard's.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Record Results

A huge congratulations to our Year 11 Class of 2026 who achieved the strongest set of GCSE results the school has seen for many years.

These exceptional outcomes reflect the hard work, resilience and determination of our students, supported every step of the way by our dedicated staff and supportive families. We are incredibly proud of what they have achieved.

The results are also a testament to the journey our school has been on in recent years, with improving standards, high expectations and a relentless focus on helping every child succeed.

Well done to everyone involved in this fantastic achievement.

New Year 7 Pupils

It has been a real pleasure to welcome our new Year 7 pupils into the St Bernard's family.

Over the past week, they have begun their journey learning about the "St Bernard's Way", embracing our values and settling confidently into secondary school life. They have approached every challenge with enthusiasm, positivity and maturity, and have made an excellent first impression.

We know they have a bright future ahead of them and look forward to seeing them continue to grow in confidence, faith and achievement throughout the years to come.

Well done, Year 7.

And Finally...

Football conversations have been somewhat quieter than usual this week following the less-than-ideal start my beloved Aston Villa have made to the season! Thankfully, a first victory in the Champions League has restored a little optimism, and hope is once again beginning to build.

Closer to home, Barrow have also enjoyed a recent win, so let's hope both clubs can build some momentum and give us all plenty to cheer about in the weeks ahead.

God bless,
Mr Vince