



St Bernard's

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Committed Learners Exceptional People

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Attentive: finding God in learning and all things.

Virtue in Action

We all participate in our lessons, 100% of the time, offering our work in prayer.

We are respectful and attentive during times of prayer.

Virtue champion
Carlo Acutis



Words from St Bernard

What we love we shall grow
to resemble.

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Dates for your Diary

- **Monday Trip 2nd November – 5th November :Castlerigg Trip**
- **Monday 2nd November – Kendal Ski-slope**
- **Wednesday 4th November : Year 11 Mocks start**
- **Wednesday 4th November: Lancaster University Discover Programme**
- **Tuesday 24th November : Y11 Individual and Whole Year Group Photo**
- **Thursday 26th November Flu Nasal Spray Immunisation – Whole School**
- **Friday 27th November : Staff Wellbeing Day**

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PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Dear Lord,
May we always give thanks, today and every day,
For the infinite wonders of our world,
For the opportunities before us,
And for the people we share them with.
We ask this in your holy name,
Amen

Exceptional Athletes



On Tuesday, our year 8 netball team finally got to play, after having two festivals cancelled due to rain. They played both Chetwynde and Furness Academy in some closely matched games. St Bernards eventually came out on top beating both opponents.

The girls have been training alongside our year 7 girls on a Friday night after school.

If any more girls would like to join, they are more than welcome, training is straight after school on a Friday and finishes at 4.20pm.

Exceptional Athletes



On Wednesday evening, our Year 11 Rugby Team gave an outstanding performance against Ulverston in the first round of the town cup.

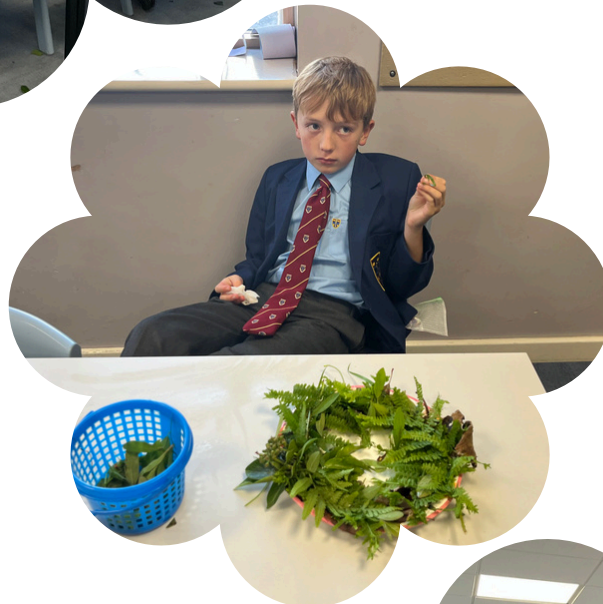
The boys played with exceptional skill in both attack and defense. They showed great discipline and team spirit.

Special mentions must go to Barrow Island ARLFC for allowing us to use their incredibly facilities and Dean Sharpe for providing these amazing young players with essential pre-match snacks.

Greenacres



Over the past few weeks, we have been blessed to spend some time with Greenacres on our own school grounds.



They have spent time with 7C, who have been learning about various environments and building nests to support the wildlife in our grounds.

The students are really enjoying their sessions and cannot wait to see if anything has taken up residence.



Committed Learners and Exceptional People

This week, we have the privilege of celebrating an array of committed learners and exceptional people.
Well done to all of our remarkable young people and the dedication they show to their learning every day.



School Tours



Do you know someone who is considering St Bernard's for their child?

After the phenomenal success of our open evening this year, we are delighted to offer individual and small group tours of our school to prospective families.

Tours provide a chance to see our school in action, explore our facilities and meet some of our staff and students. It is a great way to truly see what makes St Bernard's a special place to learn.

To arrange a school tour, please contact reception on 01229 814560 or email contact@stbernards.school.uk



Attendance

Well done to Year 7 who have held the top spot again this week. Come on, Year 9, you're almost ready to topple the Year 7s from their place at the top!

Year 07	94.84%
Year 08	91.76%
Year 09	93.64%
Year 10	92.24%
Year 11	90.21%

PE Notices

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

Monday 12th October

- Year 11 football v Furness Academy at Furness Academy – team told details about fixture.
- Year 8 girls 7 a side football fixture at Furness Academy – team told details about fixture.
- Year 7, 8 and 9 boys rugby is CANCELLED due to the year 11 fixture and staff out on training course.

Tuesday 13th October

- Year 8 netball festival at Furness Academy – team told details about this fixture.

Wednesday 14th October (must sign up to elective on Arbor)

- Year 11 boys rugby v Ulverston at barrow Island –team told details about this fixture.
- Year 8 and 9 boys football (football boots and shin guards – 4.00pm finish).
- Year 9 and 10 netball – 4.00pm finish.
- Year 7 boys football elective CANCELLED due to the year 11 rugby fixture.

Thursday 15th October

- Extra year 7 boys rugby practice for this week only – (football boots needed) – 4.20pm finish – student wanting to play in the teams this year MUST attend).
- Year 7 and 8 girls' football (trainers and shin guards needed) – 4.20pm finish.
- Year 10 boys rugby v Dowdales at Dowdales – team told details about this fixture.

Friday 16th October

- Year 7 and 8 netball – 4.20pm finish.
- Year 7 cross country at Penrith – team told details about this fixture.

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.

Many thanks,

The PE Department

Letter from Mr Vince

A proud moment for St Bernard's ❤️

We recently welcomed Ofsted inspectors into St Bernard's, and I could not be prouder of our wonderful school community.

The feedback throughout the inspection was incredibly positive, recognising our calm, purposeful classrooms, excellent behaviour, strong relationships between staff and pupils, and the impact of our virtues in shaping the culture and ethos of our school.

Perhaps most importantly, inspectors recognised the transformation of St Bernard's into a school with a real sense of belonging, where children are known and loved.

We were particularly delighted by the feedback from our parents and carers. The parent survey was exceptionally positive, and inspectors commented that they had never seen such a positive response. This means a great deal to us, as it reflects the trust, confidence and partnership that we are building with our families. Thank you to everyone who took the time to share their views and support our school.

Seeing our students welcome inspectors with such pride, with so many telling them, "This is a great school," was a moment I will never forget. Their words said so much about the community we are building and the pride our young people feel in being part of St Bernard's.

We also have wonderful reasons to celebrate our academic achievements. Our latest performance data, based on our most recent Year 11 results, places St Bernard's at the very top of the local picture, with the strongest performance across all key measures. For a small school with such a strong sense of community, this is a fantastic achievement and a testament to the hard work, ambition and dedication of our students and staff.

Over the past two years, we have been on a real journey, and there is still more we want to achieve. But we are immensely proud of how far we have come and of the exceptional young people, dedicated staff and supportive families who make St Bernard's what it is.

At the heart of everything we do is our mission to help every child become the person God created them to be. We want every young person to flourish academically, spiritually and personally, knowing that they are valued, loved and capable of achieving great things.

St Bernard's is a school where everyone is known, loved and encouraged to be the very best they can be.

Thank you to our staff, students, families and wider community for being such an important part of our journey. We have so much to be proud of, and we look forward to all that we will continue to achieve together. ❤️