



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
Michael Omari aka
Stormzy



Words from St Bernard

If then you are wise, you will show yourself rather as a reservoir than as a canal. For a canal spreads abroad water as it receives it, but a reservoir waits until it is filled before overflowing, and thus communicates, without loss to itself, its superabundant water. In the Church at the present day, we have many canals, few reservoirs.



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Dates for your Diary

- **Monday 2nd November – 6th 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

Lord Jesus, This week, we offer our work in prayer to You and your Father in heaven.

Thank you for the gifts we receive through your grace: may we always use these for good, living out your word on earth in our own words and actions.

We ask this through Christ our Lord,

Amen

Ofsted Celebrations 🎉

Today, we have gathered to give thanks and celebrate the success of our recent Ofsted Inspection.

I am sure you will all agree that our students have earned this fun afternoon as much as the staff!



We have also had a very special fundraiser to support a family very close to our hearts.

We keep our former student and their family firmly at in our prayers and hope the money we have raised helps support the recovery of a dear member of our community.

Exceptional Athletes



Our Year 11 Rugby Team but in another exceptional performance on Thursday evening against Dowdales. Once again, they played some excellent attacking rugby and were strong in defence.

Congratulations to the team on their second win of the season, maintaining a 100% record!

Committed Learners and Exceptional People

WOW! This week we have had an overwhelming number of committed learners and exceptional people receiving recognition.

Well done to all of our remarkable young people and the dedication they show to their learning every day.



Attendance

Well done to Year 7 who have held the top spot again this week. Surely Year 9 can dig a little deeper and take that top position next half term?

Year 07	94.55%
Year 08	91.50%
Year 09	93.08%
Year 10	92.30%
Year 11	90.10%

Letter from Mr Vince

More Success for St Bernard's

You may have seen on Facebook that St Bernard's students achieved the strongest results of all the schools in Barrow! This is a fantastic achievement and another important milestone as we continue our journey towards becoming an outstanding Catholic school.

A huge thank you to our wonderful teaching staff, whose dedication and hard work make these successes possible, and congratulations to our incredible Year 11 students. You should be immensely proud!

Fun Day and Fundraiser.

As I write, we are just about to begin our afternoon celebrations following our Ofsted inspection! I am sure it will be a fantastic afternoon.

Today is also about supporting the amazing mum of one of our former students through a special fundraising event. I have been blown away by the generosity and kindness of our students and families. It is a wonderful reminder of what makes St Bernard's such a special community: when someone needs us, we pull together. If you are able to support the cause, you can donate [here](#).

Cats the Musical.

I had the pleasure of attending the WJAOS production of Cats the Musical at St Bernard's last night. It was an absolute triumph and a brilliant showcase of the talent in our town. It genuinely felt like the West End had come to Barrow! Huge congratulations to everyone involved.

Padel Tennis.

Our brand-new padel tennis court is now fully operational, and the students have absolutely loved it! The queue during Year 11 lunch says it all.

The facility is also open to the wider Barrow community, with public bookings available in the evenings, at weekends and early mornings. Book your court :[here](#)
Give it a go — Once you try it you'll be hooked.

And Finally.....

It has been a great week for this Aston Villa supporter, with an away win at Newcastle followed by another three points in the Champions League. A perfect week — although I suspect Manchester City at Villa Park on Saturday may bring me back down to earth!

Have a wonderful weekend and a restful half-term break. Thank you for everything you do to make St Bernard's such a special community. Enjoy the time with family and friends, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for another fantastic half-term!