St Bernard's CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Committed Learners Exceptional People

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Virtue champion
Shahbaz Bhatti



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.



Words from St Bernard

Only charity can convert the soul, freeing it from unworthy motives.

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Dates for your Diary

- **Tuesday 24th November : Y11 Individual and Whole Year Group Photo**
- **Tuesday 24th November : Hello Futures workshops**
- **Tuesday 24th November : Careers Fair**
- **Wednesday 25th November: Ski - parents meeting**
- **Wednesday 25th November: Author visit**
- **Thursday 26th November Flu Nasal Spray Immunisation - Whole School**
- **Friday 27th November : Staff Wellbeing Day**
- **Wednesday 2nd December: GCSE Awards Evening**

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PRAYER OF THE WEEK

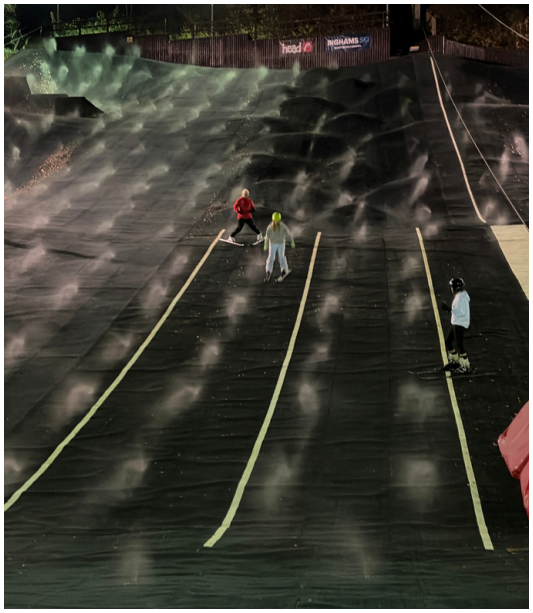
Loving God,
Thank you for bringing us together
each school day as a community.
May we treat everyone we encounter
with compassion, respect, and
dignity,
Loving each other as You love us.
We ask this through Christ our Lord,
Amen

Ski Trip Preparations

On Monday evening, our second group of budding skiers headed to Kendal Snow Sports Club for their first skiing lesson.

The students all did brilliantly, making fantastic progress and building their confidence on the slopes. It looks like we have another group of keen skiers ready to hit the slopes in January!









Water Park Adventure Centre









Year 8 have had a fantastic time on their recent trips to the Water Park Lakeland Adventure Centre, enjoying a brilliant day of canoeing, water-based activities and plenty of fun!

It was wonderful to see everyone getting involved, embracing the challenges and making the most of the opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors. There was lots of laughter, teamwork and enthusiasm throughout, with some fantastic memories made along the way.

A superb experience for all involved!

Amistice Day

On Armistice Day, our whole school community came together, with approximately 700 students and staff joining in a moment of reflection and remembrance.

Together, we paid our respects to all those who have served and sacrificed, gave thanks to God and offered prayers for peace around the world.

We are incredibly proud of the reverence and respect shown by all of our pupils throughout the service. Their thoughtfulness and maturity made the occasion particularly meaningful.

A special thank you to Mr Stockton, who delivered a moving speech, helping us to reflect on the importance of remembering, showing gratitude and continuing to pray for a more peaceful world.

It was a poignant opportunity for our school community to stand together in remembrance, gratitude and hope.







📚 Calculator Club- A huge 'Thank You'! 🧮

We are delighted to have received a fantastic donation of 50 scientific calculators for St Bernard's Catholic High School, thanks to the generosity of the Hornby Foundation.

This brilliant initiative aims to ensure that no pupil is disadvantaged in GCSE Maths because they don't have access to the equipment they need. The calculators will be available for pupils to borrow throughout the academic year, helping to remove barriers to learning and ensuring everyone has the tools they need to succeed. Access to the right equipment can make a real difference to pupils' confidence, learning and exam preparation, and we are incredibly grateful to Paul Hornby and the Hornby Foundation for supporting our pupils in this way.

Thank you for investing in our young people and helping us ensure every pupil has the opportunity to achieve their very best. 👏



Red Wednesday

Next Wednesday, we will be marking Red Wednesday to raise awareness of people around the world who are persecuted, discriminated against or suffer because of their faith.
We would love our school community to show its support by wearing an item of red on the day. Students are also encouraged to bring in a donation to support this important cause and help raise awareness of the challenges faced by those who are unable to practise their faith freely.
Red Wednesday is an opportunity for us to stand together, show solidarity and remember those whose freedom of belief is not respected.



Committed Learners and Exceptional People

Congratulations to our Committed Learners and Exceptional People who were recognised in our Friday Morning Meeting.

We are incredibly proud of your eloquence and intentional attitude towards your learning.







Attendance

Well done to Year 9 who have improved their attendance this week!

Year 07	**94.11%**
Year 08	**91.76%**
Year 09	**93.17%**
Year 10	**92.10%**
Year 11	**90.34%**

Letter from Mr Vince

I am delighted to share with you the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection, which took place on 13th and 14th October 2026.

The report recognises the significant progress we have made as a school and celebrates many aspects of the education and care we provide for your children. I wanted to highlight some of the key positives that the inspectors found:

Your children are happy, safe and well cared for
The inspectors found that "Pupils are happy at their school. They settle quickly into the routines of the day and have positive attitudes towards learning." Most importantly, they noted that "Pupils are known and cared for and have a strong sense of belonging."

Positive behaviour and a welcoming environment
Ofsted recognised that "The school is friendly and welcoming. Pupils behave respectfully in lessons and at social times. Pupils are proud to wear their uniform. Bullying is rare." They found that "Lessons are calm and purposeful, and pupils focus well on their learning."

Strong relationships and support
The report highlights that "Pupils have positive relationships with staff. They know that there are trusted members of staff they can turn to if they need support." Your children benefit from our morning meetings where we celebrate achievements and address any pastoral needs.

A well-rounded education
Inspectors praised our "well-considered programme of personal development and wellbeing for pupils" which is "rooted in the ethos of the school." Your children enjoy a broad range of extra-curricular activities including rugby, netball, badminton, drama productions and our school choir. They also benefit from opportunities to serve the local community through projects with the local hospice and church.

An ambitious curriculum
Ofsted found that "Leaders have planned an ambitious and well-sequenced curriculum" and that pupils enjoy learning, especially when encouraged to discuss and share ideas.

Inclusive and supportive
The report recognises that "Leaders ensure that all pupils have equal access to the curriculum and wider opportunities" and that we are conscious of affordability when planning trips and visits to enable maximum participation.

Strong leadership
Inspectors noted that "Leaders' actions have led to a significant and positive change in the school. They have high aspirations for pupils and are committed to continual school improvement." They also found that "Leaders have engaged with parents and carers regularly and, as a result, parents have confidence in the school."

Prepared for their future
Nearly all pupils progress to appropriate post-16 provision, and the inspectors recognised that "Pupils are well supported to consider their next steps in education" and are well prepared for their futures.

We are proud of all we have achieved but are as determined as ever to continue to make St Bernard's one of the best schools in the country!!!