St Bernard's CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Compassion: To love one another, as Jesus loves me.

Virtue in Action

We treat everyone in school with dignity and respect.

We are prepared to learn so that we can all make progress: equipment, punctuality, focus.

Virtue champion
Dame Jessica Ennis-Hill





Words from St Bernard

God removes the sin of the one who makes humble confession, and thereby the devil loses the sovereignty he had gained over the human heart.

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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 : INSET Day- School Closed**
- **Wednesday 2nd December: GCSE Awards Evening**
- **LAST DAY OF TERM Friday 18th December finishing at 1pm!**

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PRAYER OF THE WEEK

God our Father,
Let us be thankful for our gifts, and the opportunity to grow each day in school.
May we lift others around us along the way.
We ask this in your holy name,

Amen.

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Christmas @ St Bernard's



Monday 14th December at 5pm
Carols around the Crib
Followed by refreshments: mince pies and mulled wine

Wednesday 16th December at 5pm
The Spirit of Christmas
Followed by refreshments: mince pies and hot chocolate

Friday 18th December
at 9:15am and 11:15am
Carols at Holy Family Church

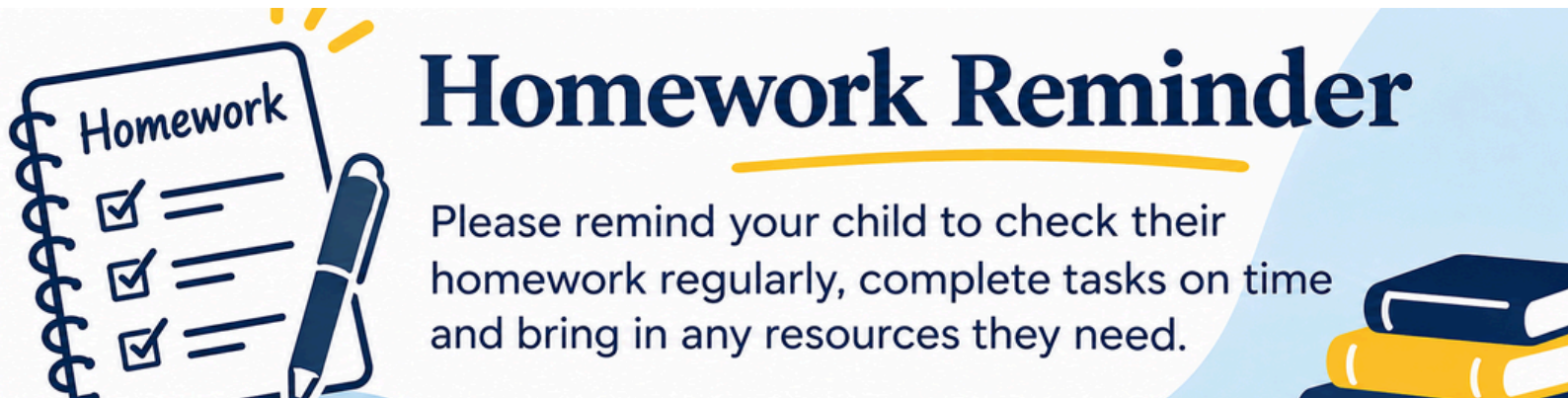
All Welcome!

Homework reminder

Year 7
Complete a reading homework x5 nights per week on the Reading Plus platform.

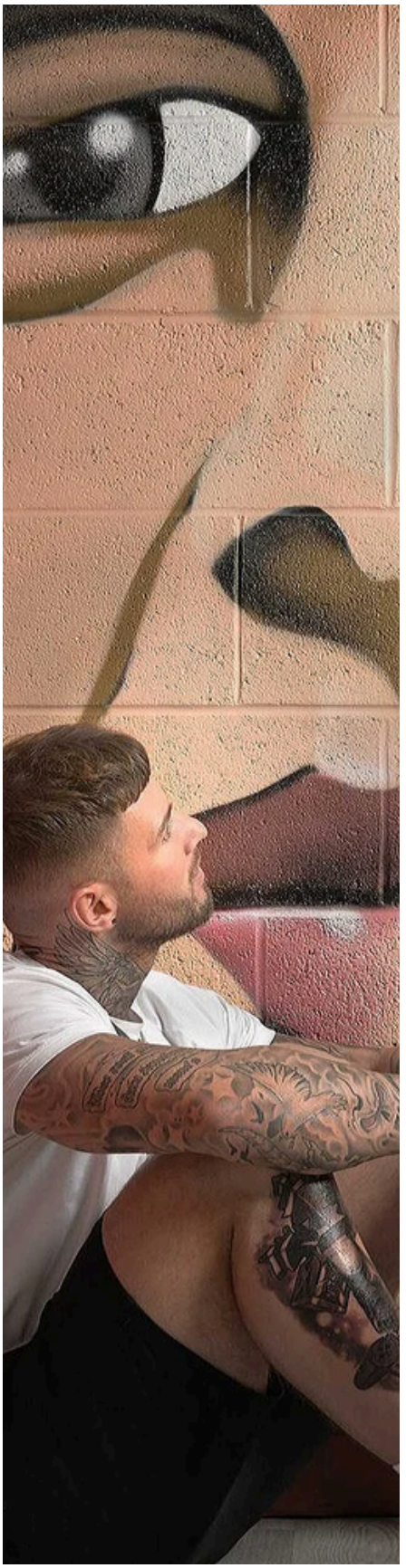
Year 8 - 11
Homework assignments are set on arbor.
For homework on seneca or mathswatch pupils must score 80%. If a pupil scores below 80% but has spent at least 20 minutes and attempted every question this is also acceptable.
We are reviewing the way homework is set on arbor so that pupils can mark tasks as 'done' once they have completed them in order to clear them from their list, we hope to have this in place for the new year.

Rewards, sanctions and support
Pupils who complete homework to a good standard will be rewarded with achievement points.
Pupils who do not complete a piece of homework will be given a C2 detention.
For pupils who need support we have a homework club elective on Wednesday's, you can sign up in the clubs section of the arbor app.



The JJ Effect - Anti-Knife Crime Presentation

We're welcoming The JJ Effect to St Bernard's to deliver a powerful and hard-hitting anti-knife crime presentation to our Year 8 and 9 students on Monday 7th December. The JJ Effect was created in memory of Jon-Jo, who tragically lost his life to knife crime in 2014. Through real stories, hard-hitting descriptions, and physical evidence of the devastating impact of knife crime, this presentation aims to help young people understand the serious consequences of carrying a knife and making dangerous choices. While the content is challenging, it's delivered in an accessible way that speaks directly to young people. This is an important opportunity for your child to hear a message that could genuinely save lives. We believe this presentation will help our students make safer choices and understand how they can support their peers. If you have any questions or concerns about this session, please don't hesitate to contact us. You can find out more about The JJ Effect and their work at thejjeffect.org.



Exceptional Athletes



Our Year 9 and 10 netball teams took on Chetwynde School on Monday evening in two closely contested and entertaining matches. Despite a determined performance, our Year 9 girls narrowly missed out on victory following an impressive display of shooting from the Chetwynde team. Meanwhile, our Year 10 team produced a superb second-half performance to secure a comfortable victory. Well done to all the girls involved for their fantastic effort, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the evening.

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Congratulations to our Year 11 boys' football team, who secured an impressive 5–1 victory against Kirkby Stephen Grammar School this afternoon.

The boys played some excellent football and, as ever, demonstrated tremendous determination and commitment, battling for every loose ball. Well done to the whole team on a thoroughly deserved victory.

A huge thank you to Holker Old Boys FC for kindly allowing us to use their fantastic facilities, and to Paul Clyde for taking the time to mark out the pitch and volunteering to act as assistant referee. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to all of our recent certificate winners, who have been recognised for their commitment to learning and for demonstrating our school values of service, intentionality, humility, eloquence and attentiveness.
It is wonderful to see such a large group of students being celebrated for their hard work, dedication and positive contributions to our school community. They should all be incredibly proud of their achievements and the excellent example they set for others.
Well done to everyone – keep up the fantastic work!




FIRE EXIT



Attendance

Well done Y7 and Y8 for keeping your attendance over 90% this week.
Let's all try to get those scores over 95% next week!

Year 07	**92.75%**
Year 08	**90.05%**
Year 09	**89.74%**
Year 10	**92%**
Year 11	**89.11%**

Attendance by class

English: Year 07: 7A/En	95.80%
English: Year 07: 7B/En	95.20%
English: Year 07: 7C/En	89.60%
English: Year 07: 7y/En1	91.40%
English: Year 07: 7y/En2	89.20%
English: Year 07: 7y/En3	89.60%
English: Year 08: 8A/En	93.90%
English: Year 08: 8B/En	93.10%
English: Year 08: 8C/En	90.50%
English: Year 08: 8D/En	87.10%
English: Year 09: 9A/En	90.60%
English: Year 09: 9B/En	83.60%
English: Year 09: 9C/En	100.00%
English: Year 09: 9D/En	89.00%
English: Year 09: 9E/En	87.20%
English: Year 10: 10x/En1	97.80%
English: Year 10: 10x/En2	80.40%
English: Year 10: 10y/En1	94.60%
English: Year 10: 10y/En2	94.60%
English: Year 11: 11x/En1	91.30%
English: Year 11: 11x/En2	89.50%
English: Year 11: 11x/En3	91.40%
English: Year 11: 11x/En3F	90.40%
English: Year 11: 11y/En1	83.50%
English: Year 11: 11y/En2	89.50%

Letter from Mr Vince

Authour Visit
It was a real pleasure to welcome Anthony McGowan, winner of the 2020 CILIP Carnegie Medal for his book Lark, to St Bernard's this week.

It was fascinating to hear Anthony talk about his work as a novelist and the inspiration behind his writing. However, what made me most proud was just how complimentary he was about our students. He was genuinely blown away by their attentiveness, enthusiasm and engagement throughout his presentation. He also spent time having lunch with some of our students, clearly enjoying their company and the opportunity to chat with them.

It is always wonderful when visitors leave St Bernard's with such a positive impression of our young people. Our students were fantastic ambassadors for the school, and they should be very proud of the impression they made.

Christmas @ St Bernard's
Christmas is well and truly arriving at St Bernard's! The festive spirit is building around school, and if you haven't yet seen our crib at the front of school, do take a moment to have a look. It is certainly helping us get into the Christmas spirit!

We have a number of special events taking place during the final week of term, and we would love to welcome families and members of our wider community to join us. These occasions are always a lovely opportunity to come together and celebrate the true spirit of Christmas. Everyone is very welcome!

- **Monday 14th December** – **Carols Around the Crib, 5.00pm,** followed by refreshments.
- **Wednesday 16th December** – **The Spirit of Christmas, 5.00pm**, followed by refreshments.
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We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible as we celebrate this special time of year together.

Year 11 Parents' Evening
A reminder to all Year 11 parents and carers that our Parents' Evening takes place on 10th December.

We all recognise just how important this year is for our Year 11 students, and the strongest support we can offer them comes when home and school work closely together. I would therefore encourage all parents and carers to make every effort to attend.

The evening provides a valuable opportunity to hear directly from your child's teachers about their progress, celebrate the successes they have already achieved and, importantly, identify the areas where further focus and support will make the biggest difference.

Your involvement and encouragement really do matter. Working together, we can give our young people the very best possible support as they approach their examinations.

And Finally...
A rather disappointing week on the football front all round! A local derby defeat for Barrow, a heavy loss and a disappointing draw for United, and a rather uninspiring draw alongside a Champions League defeat for Villa. Not exactly a week to remember!

Let's hope the weekend brings a little more joy and gives us something to cheer about. There is always next week!