



Welcome to St Bede's College

St Bede's College is avowedly Catholic and committed to promoting and upholding the teachings of the Catholic Church. We are a welcoming community to all who are prepared to uphold and support our faith commitment.

During your time at St Bede's we build up a relationship with your child and your family that lasts and grows. We thrive on social mix in a close-knit caring and mutually supportive community.

We will work in close partnership with you to prepare your child academically, spiritually, emotionally, socially and morally into confident, talented, educated and well-rounded young adults.



D J Kearney
Headmaster, St Bede's College

spiritual

Underpinning everything we do is our commitment to the message of the Gospel as taught by Jesus. The spiritual development of our pupils is fundamental to our mission and is evident in all other aspects of school life

academic

St Bede's is a vibrant community, where each child is given the opportunity to develop his or her unique talents to the full. There are many opportunities within the curriculum for academic development over a range of disciplines, with many combinations of options available at appropriate ages. There are also many opportunities in the arts, in music and in drama as well as a variety of individual and team sports

pastoral

The uniqueness of each person and affirmation of each child's sense of dignity and self esteem is central to our endeavours. To this end we offer a supportive and secure environment. In turn, the pupils are aware that mutual respect, consideration for others and a sense of obligation to those less privileged are integral to the Bedian way of life





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... more important than the academic encouragement has been the outstanding all-round support our daughter has received...

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lower school

Upper Third pupils quickly adapt to life in the College, developing the academic and social skills which will serve them well, not only during their seven years at St Bede's, but crucially for life beyond school.

Bonding starts during the first week, with all Upper Third pupils enjoying a day out at an outdoor bounds centre in Derbyshire. Here the children enjoy a wide range of fun activities as they get to know their peers and start to build the friendships which will last a lifetime.

During the second week all pupils and their parents are invited to a Welcome Mass, a joyous event that properly establishes the unique relationship between all members of the Bedian family.

Throughout their first year pupils are encouraged to participate in a wide variety of activities, academic, sporting and artistic, as they settle into life at the College. Academic progress is closely monitored and two-way communication between home and school, a vital aspect of our close relationship with parents, ensures the best possible start to life at St Bede's.



middle school

Forms are re-grouped in the Upper Fourth in preparation for the beginning of GCSE courses and much emphasis is given to firm and sensitive pastoral support through a team of three Pastoral Heads.

The Middle School has its own voice through the Student Council which meets regularly and smaller class sizes give scope for more individually targeted academic support.

The Middle School years offer exciting

opportunities for students who are offered a very wide range of options, including a number of new subjects such as Economics, Business Studies and further Modern and Classical languages. During the Upper Fourth students will try some of these subjects to allow informed choices to be made for GCSE.

The Middle School has its own voice through the Student Council, which meets regularly with the team of three pastoral heads who guide students at this vital stage in their school career.



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Many people at St Bede's have so often done something a little bit extra or a little bit special

We do not believe she could have had a happier or most positive experience

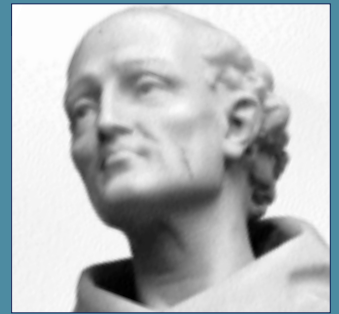
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The College's very special ethos gave our son many opportunities to flourish in so many different ways

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upper school

The Lower Fifth marks the beginning of GCSE studies, students having made their final subject choices. The Pastoral Team recognises this as a crucial and demanding time and there is a range of support available to students. The Pastoral Curriculum is geared towards ensuring every student progresses smoothly, both academically and socially.

We recognise the Upper Fifth year can be most challenging for our students, so regular and open communication between parents, teachers and students is a priority. Progress throughout the year is closely monitored and all students and their parents are invited to meet experienced members of the Pastoral and Senior Management Teams to discuss revision, study skills, A Level choices and work experience opportunities. Study Skills

classes in a range of subjects are offered at lunch times and after school.

A recent and very popular development has been the number of students embracing opportunities for spiritual development, not only during the day-to-day life of the College, but also through attendance at retreats which are offered regularly at Ampleforth in North Yorkshire.

Extra-curricular activities play a vital role in the pastoral development of students and Upper School students are very active participants in the recently established Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme. We are never surprised, but always impressed by the range of opportunities grasped by Upper Fifth students as they look to prepare for A Level studies in the Sixth Form.

post gcse



Our large and successful Sixth Form is the destination of almost all of our GCSE students who value continuing to study in a supportive and yet challenging academic environment. We hope that all students will be able to enjoy the benefits of teaching which is offered in small seminar style groups with specialist teachers. There is a very wide range of subjects offered in almost any combination including many subjects not previously studied.

We are a Catholic Sixth Form focusing on the development of the whole student. Everyone is allocated a dedicated tutor who will guide their studies and personal development as they prepare to make the transition from college to university. The overwhelming majority of students will take up places at their university of first choice with a significant number being offered places at the Russell Group of leading universities. We have a long and distinguished tradition of Oxbridge success in the most competitive subjects, such as Medicine, Law and English and increasingly students are applying also to the American Ivy League universities.

We welcome students into the Sixth Form who, having studied elsewhere for GCSE, feel they can benefit from the support and academic challenge which we offer.



The College offers young men and women



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