



Weekly bulletin – 24 May 2024

Future plans

God's timing and His ways are often different than what we may first think. We can come up with many "good" ideas and hope they will come to pass. But, all too often, when they do not turn out immediately as we had hoped for, we can get discouraged. Learn the lesson of God's perfect "long-term" plan. He knows what He is doing and He is bringing about His plan for us all. He is slowly and intentionally guiding us along the path that leads to happiness and peace. It may not be the way we would do things, but it is the perfect way. *"For I know the plans that I have for you", says the Lord. "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

Year 11 Leavers Celebration

Today we held a Celebration of the Word for our Year 11 students. They have been in education now for 11 years, for some of them, longer; it is all they have known and one of only a few constants in their lives. We gathered today to remember, pray and consider with hope, the future. We thanked God for their time at St Benet Biscop Catholic Academy, for the friends they have made, for all they have learned about life from each other. We took time to think about the next stage of their lives, whether that be college, 6th form or other options. We thanked God for all the people in their lives who have helped them reach this stage in life, particularly their parents and guardians, who have been there during their highs and lows.

Y10 Rugby

The Y10 rugby team played a two-match tournament against Monkseaton High School at Whitley Bay Rockcliffe RFC. Although the teams were well matched physically, Monkseaton played the superior rugby to win the first game convincingly. However, the second game was much closer and the team battled back under the leadership of Kallen Osborne and Ewan Holder to lose narrowly 3 tries to 5. An opposition supporter even commented about the resilience of St Benet Biscop, in that despite trailing they continued to give their all and improved immensely as the match progressed. Tries were scored by Alfie Barratt, Ewan Holder and Aaron Coyle. It was great to see the players developing their positional awareness and Arjun Naryan had a strong second half on the wing where he worked hard to pull the line out defensively. There was an improvement in rucking by all the team but Kallen Osborne was invaluable as he hit ruck after ruck to protect our team's ball. Alex Agim also showed great bravery in diving on and tidying up loose balls; similarly, Bailey Wright threw himself in to contact. Rory Ballance, Ewan Holder, Alfie Barratt and Louis Cuthbertson were effective with some excellent runs and Reuben Yarrow and Ben Dodds were often there in support for the offload finding the space in the wider channels. Player of the match was awarded to Arran Coyle for his excellent tackling and strong running. Thanks also to Matthew Welch who due to injury supported from the side-lines and Matthew's dad, Anthony, Morpeth's U15s rugby coach who has signed a parent volunteer agreement with the school to help coach the team.

Catering Accounts

Catering accounts should be in credit at all times if your child wishes to make a purchase from the dining hall. As a guide, a typical meal deal costs £2.50 so you will need to ensure there is at least £12.50 credit on the account at the beginning of each week. Please ensure your accounts are in credit by the beginning of next term.



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Year 11 and 13 Leavers: Please clear any deficit balances before the end of the exam period. You can do this by adding funds via iPay Impact or students can put cash into the machines in the dining hall.

Refunds of credit balances can be requested via iPay and refunds will be made back to the card used. Alternatively, credit balances can be transferred to siblings if they have an account. Please email finance@stbb.org.uk if you would like funds transferred to another account.

Household Support Fund Evaluation

Northumberland County Council are carrying out an evaluation of the above fund and have asked if parents could complete their online survey at <https://forms.office.com/e/sTzcM2mNc2>. Amongst other things, this fund provides free school meal vouchers during school holidays.

Best wishes for the half term and a return to some sunshine.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Shepherd". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

Mr K Shepherd
Headteacher