



Friday 3rd May, 2024

Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you all well and you are looking forward to the Bank Holiday weekend! I was very proud of our pupils who led our school assemblies this week educating pupils about how to join the Army Cadets and the broad range of skills they would develop and the benefits they would receive. These pupils are a great example of how to reach your full potential and they bravely spoke to a range of year groups. Well done to them and I hope it has inspired others to join them or to explore the range of extracurricular opportunities available to them.

Prayer Theme

"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches." John 15: 1 - 8



- We have prayed together as a community:

Dear God,

You are the true vine, and we are the branches. Help us to remain connected to you always, for apart from you, we can do nothing. Just as a branch draws its life from the vine, so may we draw our strength, our purpose, and our identity from you.

In the busyness of our lives, it's easy to become disconnected from you. We get caught up in our own plans and ambitions, forgetting that true fulfilment comes from abiding in you. Forgive us for the times when we have strayed from your path, for the times when we have relied on our own strength instead of yours.

Amen

Year 9 Football Final

- We wish our Y9 boys football team the very best of luck in the final of the Gateshead Schools Cup, at Gateshead Stadium tonight!
- We are very proud of their achievements so far and know they have worked extremely hard as a team to get this far.
- Watch this space for the result.



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Apprenticeship Pack

- Our Careers Coordinator, Ms Phillips, has been visiting pupils in Year 11 who have expressed an interest in applying for an Apprenticeship.
- She has given them an information pack to help them and for parents/carers.
- Please find an electronic copy of the pack here: [Apprenticeship Pack.pdf](#)
 - [Apprenticeship-levels-explained.pdf](#)
 - [What-is-an-apprenticeship.pdf](#)
 - [Finding-the-Best-Apprenticeship-for-You.pdf](#)



Daft as a Brush Lenten Fundraising total

- We are so proud of our school community fundraising during Lent for our chosen charity, Daft as a Brush Patient Cancer Care.
- We raised over £1,100.00!
- Well done and thank you for your contributions.



Year 12 Higher Education Information Evening

- Thank you to the parents and carers who were able to attend our HE information evening on Tuesday.
- If you were not able to attend please find further information here: [Parents Info Evening 2 Year 12 HE launch.pdf](#)
- If you have any questions or require any further information please contact us via the Sixth Form queries email.

Year 6 Transition Evening

- We held our Year 6 Transition evening for parents and carers on Wednesday and it was simply fabulous to welcome families into school.
- There were some familiar faces where siblings are already part of our community and it was lovely to welcome new families too.
- This is such an important time for our upcoming Year 7 pupils and we will hold them in our prayers as they undertake their SATS and begin their preparations for joining us in September!
- We can't wait for them to join us.





Important reminder about parking

- Can you please be respectful of our neighbours if you are needing to park near the school.
- Cars must never be parked in the bus layby or where the roads have the zigzagged yellow lines.
- In addition please never block a person’s drive or access to their home.
- We have received reports that some people are making it difficult for our neighbours to put their bins out because the paths are so congested.
- Please be mindful of our neighbours who have the right to not be negatively impacted by poor parking.
- Thank you for your support with this.

Please follow us on social media (**Facebook and Twitter STM_CS_Blaydon**) where we share regular updates from our school community.

As always if you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch using the pastoral email addresses below:

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Yours sincerely,

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