



Friday 14th February 2025

Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

Happy St Valentine's Day to you all, whilst it is now a celebration of romance, it finds its origin in a Christian feast day. Celebrating the love we have for each other as a school community is a great thing to do, fuelled by the love we have for God. We have one week left of this term and I know it will be another week filled with opportunities to live out our mission in the light of the teachings of Christ.

Prayer Theme

"Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him." - Luke 5:1-11

- We have prayed together as a community:

Dear Lord,

Thank You for calling us, just as You called the first disciples. Help us to trust You even when we don't understand Your plans. Give us the courage to follow You wholeheartedly, leaving behind anything that keeps us from You. Help us to be "fishers of people" by sharing Your love, kindness, and truth in our daily lives.

Amen

School Governance

- We are looking to expand our Governing body.
- In particular we are looking for further Foundation Governors, who are practising Catholics, and co-opted Governors.
- Foundation Governors are appointed in the name of the Bishop and form the majority of the governing body of a Catholic school/academy trust. They have a legal duty to preserve and develop the Catholic character of the school/academy trust and to ensure that it is conducted in accordance with its trust deed. Service as a foundation director/governor in a Catholic school is one of the most significant and important ways members of the Catholic Faith community can support the Church's mission.
- Co-opted Governors have the skills required to contribute to the effective governance and success of our school.
- If you feel you could support the school in this role please contact us on info@stm.bwcet.com



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John Paul II Award

- The Pope John Paul II Award is a faith achievement award for young people between the age of 16 and 18. It is non-competitive, inclusive, flexible and voluntary.
- Huge congratulations to our year 13 pupils who were awarded their medals and certificates on Sunday at the ceremony held at the Hilton Hotel Gateshead.
- If any more year 12 pupils want to get started please see Mrs Cervantes ASAP!



POPE JOHN PAUL II
AWARD

National Apprenticeship Week

- This week in school we have had a range of activities and speakers sharing information on the Apprenticeship route for pupils.
- Thank to Miss Phillips for her hard work on this as part of our careers curriculum in school
- Please find below a link to a parents guide to Apprenticeships: [Parents homepage](#) | [The Parents' Guide](#)



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

Yours sincerely,

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