



Friday 5th September 2025

## Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

It has been wonderful to welcome our pupils back to school this week. A special welcome and well done to our fabulous Year 7 pupils who have settled in so well. I would like to repeat my congratulations from last week to our Year 11 and 13 pupils who performed so well in their examinations. It is great to welcome so many of our Year 11 pupils back into sixth form, where I know they will continue to flourish and enjoy all that sixth form life has to offer. We will hold all of our pupils who have moved on to further education or employment after Year 13 in our prayers as they embark on the next chapter of their lives.

I am pleased to announce that we have welcomed a new Lay Chaplain to our school community, Becca Gallagher. We are blessed that Becca has joined us, and I know you will all make her feel welcome as she celebrates her faith and enriches our lives through the Gospel Values. We are proud to be part of the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, and we know that this appointment brings us further opportunities to bring the light of Christ into our lives. Please hold Becca in your prayers.



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### Prayer Theme

***"For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." - Luke 14: 7 - 14.***

- We have prayed together as a community:

Lord, As I begin this new school year, help me to start fresh, with hope, courage, and a heart open to learning. Teach me to be humble in my successes and resilient in my challenges. Help me to see the value in every person I meet, and to treat others with kindness and respect. Amen.

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### Respectful Parking

- Can I please remind you of the importance of parking respectfully and safely around school
- Members of our local community should be able to access their drives and properties at all times
- We have been contacted by our neighbours on more than one occasion to report inconsiderate parking on their street
- If you are collecting your child at the end of the school day please park away from the school and in a safe manner



### Upcoming Parental Engagement Events

- **Parents and Carers are invited to attend the following relevant evening in the Main Hall**
  - Welcome to Year 7 18/09/25
  - Welcome to Year 8 16/09/25
  - Welcome to Year 9 16/09/25
  - Welcome to Year 10 17/09/25
  - Welcome to Year 11 17/09/25
  - Welcome to Year 12 18/09/25
  - Welcome to Year 13 18/09/25



Please see a reminder of the key dates for the year:

Parental Engagement Opportunities 2025 - 2026 [Family].pdf

St Bernadette	St Catherine Laboure	St John Fisher	St Therese	Sixth Form
<a href="mailto:STM-StBQueries@stm.bwcet.com">STM-StBQueries@stm.bwcet.com</a>	<a href="mailto:STM-StCLQueries@stm.bwcet.com">STM-StCLQueries@stm.bwcet.com</a>	<a href="mailto:STM-stjfqueries@stm.bwcet.com">STM-stjfqueries@stm.bwcet.com</a>	<a href="mailto:STM-sttqueries@stm.bwcet.com">STM-sttqueries@stm.bwcet.com</a>	<a href="mailto:STM-SixthFormQueries@stm.bwcet.com">STM-SixthFormQueries@stm.bwcet.com</a>

Please follow us on social media (**Facebook, Instagram and Twitter STM\_CS\_Blaydon**) where we share regular updates from our school community.

Yours sincerely,

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