



## Weekly Bulletin – 19 April 2024

The theme this week is discipleship. A disciple is someone who wishes not only to grow in their relationship with Christ, to know that they are personally loved by Christ, but who also wishes to be used by Christ as a co-worker, as a means by which he or she may bring to others something of Christ's love, compassion and practical care. A disciple is someone who is humble and very aware that they themselves often fall short of what Christ wants for them, and who acknowledges their need of forgiveness and of growth in faith. This week in school students have been considering how they can develop these qualities

### Arriva Bus Strikes

Arriva North East workers at Blyth and Ashington depots have called off their strike action next week. Services will be running as normal so we will not be providing the extended opening to support with drop offs/collections for students who would have been affected by this action. I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that our free breakfast club is always open from 8am until 8.35am every morning in the school hall. The club offers items such as toast, bagels, cereal, fruit and a drink. Students do not need to sign up in advance and can simply just turn up if they wish to use this facility.

### Y10 Rugby v Monkseaton High School

On a blustery afternoon at Percy Park RFC in North Shields the year 10s took on a well organised Monkseaton High School as part of the Coastal Schools Programme. Whilst Monkseaton were the overall victors, both teams were strong in attack with plenty of tries coming at both ends of the pitch. Captain Matthew Welch led by example, as always, with strong running and was rewarded three tries for his efforts. Similarly, vice-captains Ewan Holder and Kallen Osborne thoroughly deserved their tries for their excellent work rate and hard running. There were a number of gritty performances and from those the Captains picked year 9 Louis Cuthbertson as Forward of the Match and Reece Dawson Rogers as Back of the Match. Coach's Back of the Match was year 9 Thomas Catterall who hit ruck after ruck, won a number of turnovers and was unselfish in his distribution in attack. Coach's Forward of the Match was Aaron Coyle for superb tackles and strong running.



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### **ASD Family Support Drop in Sessions – New dates added**

Free support and advice in your local area. 0-19 years. No diagnosis needed. Please see attached flyer.

### **Performing Arts New York City Trip 2024**

During the Easter break, 49 students from Year 10-13 had the opportunity to experience the exciting, frenetic pace of life in New York City as part of our Performing Arts Department trip.

Students were able to spend their days taking in the tourist spots and sightseeing with everything from the classics - The Empire State Building, Statue of Liberty and Central Park to the more thought provoking - Ground Zero Memorial/World Trade Center Museum, Natural History Museum and the Art Deco Splendour of the Radio City Music Hall. After the daytime sightseeing and shopping, the evenings were filled with the excitement and energy of Times Square and Broadway, with particular highlights being “Six! The Musical” and “Moulin Rouge”.

During the trip, the St Benet Biscop party acquitted themselves well, demonstrating personal resilience in the 85 miles walked, whilst maintaining excellent conduct and exhibiting compassion and understanding when encountering those less fortunate than themselves. Staff and students alike returned home undoubtedly exhausted and footsore, but with a wealth of unforgettable experiences gained.



### **Moments Matter, Attendance Counts**

On Tuesday, we started the new summer term by inviting all students who achieved 100% in the spring term for breakfast in the main hall. There was such a positive atmosphere as students from Years 7 through 11 joined together to enjoy their breakfast. Keep up the great work attending school every day! Every moment matters. Attendance is important for more than just attainment. Regular school attendance can facilitate positive peer relationships, which is a protective factor for mental health and wellbeing. If you have any concerns about your child’s attendance at school, please contact our attendance and pastoral team so we can work together to support good attendance.

### **Spotlight on Year 7**

Year 7 have sailed through another term with only one more to go! Can you believe we’re into our last few months of your first academic year with us at St Benet Biscop Catholic Academy? We can’t!

## **Celebration Assembly**

Before we broke up for the Easter holidays, we recognised all of the hard work Year 7 had been doing over the course of the half term. Here are some of the awards we shared:

### Stars of the Week

7B – Olivia Campbell

7I – Mason Perry

7S – Harriett Smith

7H – Kaiden Hunter

7C – Jake Halliwell

7O – Leah Robinson

7P – Stevie Appleby

7T – Olivia Walker

### Top three students with the highest number of merits

1. Delvin Mathews
2. Jasmine Goulding
3. Hannah Ellis

### Tutor Awards

#### **7B – Alfie Leonard**

Alfie is such a kind and genuine young man. He is always polite and well-mannered in form, and he gets on well with everyone, which is a great testament to his character. It is clear he works really hard across all his subjects and his teachers only ever have praise for him. Well done Alfie.

#### **7I – Aaron Clavering**

Aaron is always kind, polite, and he goes out of his way to help in form. He quietly gets on with everything he needs to and is a pleasure to have in 7I. He epitomises everything a model student should be.

#### **7S – Jorgie Tait**

Jorgie has demonstrated many of the St. Benet Biscop values this half term. She is always respectful and polite in form. Jorgie has been excellent in lessons and this is showing through the positive comments from teachers she accumulates throughout school. Jorgie is resilient in lessons and shows a determination to improve all the time.

#### **7H – Lewis Mann**

Lewis is a hardworking and polite student. He consistently tries his best in lessons and has really impressed his teachers. Lewis consistently goes above and beyond to do the right thing and it is a pleasure to have him in 7H. Well done, Lewis.

#### **7C – Sarah Pirie**

Sarah is a courteous student who is kind to everyone in the school community. She is a pleasure to have in form and always comes into school on time and she is well-equipped for the day. Sarah is a brilliant example of a St. Benet Biscop student, demonstrating the school values on a daily basis, and she has not picked up a single negative since joining us in September! Well done Sarah; keep up the excellent work.

#### **7P – Gabrielle Dimaano**

Gabrielle enters form each morning with a huge smile on her face and is always positive. She was involved in the school show of Hairspray and also gets involved in our class discussions during form time and in Core Studies. Well done Gabrielle!

**7T – Marcus Johnstone**

Marcus has not only excelled academically, but he has demonstrated exceptional punctuality, preparedness and positivity every morning. He has shown tremendous resilience in the face of challenges, determination in pursuit of his goals, and unwavering integrity throughout school. Well done, Marcus! Keep up the good work.

**Head of Progress Award****Josh Danielson – 7T**

Josh has demonstrated exceptional leadership and compassion since starting Year 7. He always comes into school with a smile, and is always respectful and polite. Josh consistently goes out of his way to help others and is a real credit to Year 7. Josh, your dedication, talent and tenacity have not gone unnoticed, and I have no doubt that you will continue to impress us as the months go on.

**Headteacher's Award****William Dixon – 7P**

William has continued to impress us this half term with his can-do attitude. He is a polite, resilient, hardworking, and an incredibly inquisitive student who loves to learn. William is a pleasure to have in Year 7. He is blossoming into an exceptional St Benet Biscop student and he should be extremely proud of what he has accomplished since September – we are. Well done, William!

**7S and 7C Form Assemblies**

Mr Forster's form class, 7S, and Miss Davies' form class, 7C, each delivered an assembly to the year group. A great deal of work went into these, with fantastic speakers delivering the key messages of integrity and humility. These students really impressed us with their confidence and maturity to speak about such important values and themes.

Wishing you all a blessed and peaceful weekend.



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