

CHAPLAINCY HANDBOOK

2016-2017



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CHAPLAINCY AT ST BEDE'S

Chaplaincy at St Bede's aims to provide pupils and staff with opportunities to fulfil a Christ-centred way of life. They are offered the opportunity to enhance their faith journey, at whatever stage it may be, through prayer, worship and spiritual experiences. Both pupils and staff are encouraged to participate in the prayer life of the school through reflection activities in house, liturgy services, retreats and Eucharistic services.

St Bede's has a **Staff Chaplaincy Team** to which all staff members are welcomed. The team meets on a half-termly basis to develop ideas to enhance the faith opportunities that the school provides. This includes co-ordinating liturgy services linked to the liturgical calendar, promoting fundraising activities and being 'examples of faith' to others within school life.

St Bede's also has a thriving **Pupil Chaplaincy Group** that meets weekly and pupils of any year group are welcome to join. Our current pupil chaplains work hard and are empowered to establish fundraising projects, prepare and deliver para-liturgy services and assist with the use of the Prayer Room. Through their work, they have become excellent ambassadors of Social Justice.



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PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Prayer

Pupils and staff will have the opportunity to say daily prayers within their lessons at the start and end of each day. Prayer will also be said in house time with a house period being dedicated to pupil led prayer and reflection activities. This will be linked to the *'theme of the week'* and suggested activities and prayers will be available from the chaplaincy folder in the shared area, (Shared/Pastoral/Chaplaincy/1 WEEKLY THEMES 2016-2017). Resources will be prepared by the staff and pupil chaplaincy teams, support will also be offered to deliver these activities if required.

Mass

Mass will be celebrated in school at key points during the year. There will be a **Welcome Mass** for staff at the beginning of the school year and a **Welcome Mass** for all Year 7 pupils and their families. A **Leavers Mass** for Year 11 will also be celebrated in the final term.

Liturgy Services

The meaning and importance of the seasons and feast days within the liturgical calendar will be acknowledged and celebrated by pupils and staff. Para - Liturgy Services will be held for College groups for key events in the liturgical calendar and the Pupil Chaplains will prepare prayer and reflection activities for use during House time. In addition to this, images and scripture that represent the liturgical calendar will be prominently displayed around school and in the prayer room.



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Retreats

The retreat programme will be co-ordinated by the staff chaplaincy team and will continue to include both residential and day retreat experiences. Each retreat has a different theme and aims to provide pupils with opportunities for prayer and reflection but also to develop team building skills, build relationships and have fun!

A number of retreat centres are used, including Pantasaph, and Whalley Abbey. All staff are welcome and encouraged to participate in the different retreats.

The retreat programme for 2016-2017 includes:

Whalley Abbey Retreat Centre, Whalley, Lancashire

Day retreat for all Year 7 pupils.

“During the retreat pupils will be given the opportunity to participate in a range of indoor and outdoor activities with other pupils from their College group, spend time reflecting and having fun!”

Pantasaph Retreat Centre, Holywell, Flintshire

Available to year 11 pupils.

“A time of prayer and reflection, when you can step out of your day-to-day routine, its cares and concerns and spend time with God. It's a time to explore your faith in a deeper way.”



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What do St Bede's pupils say about the retreats?



"Pantasaph has been relaxing and has helped me develop my spiritual understanding".

"Pantasaph has taught me to relax and be calm. It has helped me to reflect on the past too".

"I think Whalley Abbey is a beautiful place".

"I enjoyed the bridge building task because it needed you to be creative and work as a team".

"I enjoyed joining in with the prayers at the end because we all joined in together".



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COLLECTIVE

THEMES 2016 - 2017

WORSHIP

Week Commencing	Theme
5 th September	Community
12 th September	Peace
19 th September	Potential
26 th September	Cafod
3 rd October	Prayer: Chaplaincy Group
10 th October	Charity
17 th October	Tolerance
24 th October	All Saints Day : 1 st November
HALF TERM	
7 th November	Remembrance
14 th November	Courage
21 st November	Giving – ‘Cafod World Gifts Charity’ Chaplaincy Group
28 th November	Advent begins: Preparation (advent begins on 27 th November)
5 th December	Advent: Wealth
12 th December	Advent: Light
19 th December	Advent: Reflection
CHRISTMAS	
2 nd January	Journey / Epiphany (the epiphany is on 6 th January)
9 th January	Gifts
16 th January	Human Rights
23 rd January	Prejudice
30 th January	Judgement
6 th February	Sacrifice
HALF TERM	
20 th February	Fairtrade - Chaplaincy Group
27 th February	Lent (Ash Wednesday 1 st March)
6 th March	Generosity
13 th March	Time
20 th March	Forgiveness
27 th March	Faith
3 rd April	Suffering (Stations of the Cross)
EASTER	
24 th April	Vocation
1 st May	Values
8 th May	Hope
15 th May	Celebration
22 nd May	St Bede (25 th May)
HALF TERM	
5 th June	Pentecost (Birthday of the Church 4 th June)
12 th June	Love
19 th June	Learning
26 th June	Stewardship
3 rd July	Faith
10 th July	Leadership
18 th July	End of Year – Achievement