



LETTING OUR LIGHT SHINE

# Chaplaincy News

Letting our light shine with a brief look back at some of the events from the last half term

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## Year 7 Day of Reflection

After having a few weeks to settle in to life at St Bede's the year 7's joined together for a day of reflection and activities. The theme for the day was 'Community' and what our roles are within the St Bede's community



The morning started off with us 'speed dating' to learn some interesting facts about each other. For example, did you know that Mr. Field's would always chose Cheese and Onion crisps whereas Mrs. Cotterill prefers Salt and Vinegar! The day continued with many different activities that helped us to explore our roles within the different communities here at St Bede's including our tutor groups, houses, year groups and the wider St Bede's community.



One of the activities we really enjoyed was the opportunity to write a letter to our future selves. In this letter we thought about the next 5 years here at St Bede's and wrote down our hopes, dreams and ambitions for our time and how we would achieve it. The letters are going to be stored for 5 years now and we won't get them back until our leavers liturgy to see whether our plans changed.



In the afternoon Miss Menzies and Miss Gould joined us for an afternoon of games and team building in our houses. By the end of the day our community was strengthened and working well together.



### Year 7 Day of Reflection

Year 7 student's examined and reflected on their place in our school community



### St Bede's Remembers

Staff and student's joined together to remember the bravery of all those involved in conflict.



### Chaplaincy Training

A new year means a new set of Chaplaincy volunteers



### Food for the Forge

Helping the wider Scunthorpe community.

# St Bede's Remembers



As the sun shone on the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month the whole school gathered together on the quad to remember all those affected by the horrors of war.



Leading up to Remembrance Day we had been spending time in our tutor groups looking at and reflecting on different personal testimonies from people whose lives have been affected by the horrors of war.



Throughout the week we had the opportunity to write our own prayers to go on displays around the school, add a poppy to the waterfall at the front of the school and support the work of the Royal British Legion by donating to the official poppy appeal.

## Chaplaincy Training

After a few weeks to settle back into the familiar school routine the Chaplaincy Team were keen and raring to continue their mission here at St Bede's and this year we were ready to go bigger than ever. So Mrs. Cotterill and Mr. Fields called us together for a morning of Chaplaincy training, not just for existing members but for anyone who wanted to help lead the different projects and activities in the school. And, we are pleased to report that over 60 St Bede's students felt the call to volunteer their time and skills to be part of the team.



Throughout the morning we took part in various activities which focused on our skills and talents and how best to use them, the projects we hoped to lead

over the next year and also some new prayer journeys and sessions that we hope to share with the whole school, including one involving the footballs on the picture!



The morning culminated in a very special Mass when we were all commissioned to be members of the St Bede's Chaplaincy Team for 2016-2017. Fr Eddy came to join us and celebrate Mass and it really was a joyful occasion for us all and very memorable when we received the distinctive blue chaplaincy badges.

We left the training with our heads full of ideas and we have many plans to put into action so expect to see us out and about in the community near you soon!

## Food for the Forge

Each year all of our houses work to raise funds for a variety of different charities. As we moved into the Advent period Wiseman House launched their annual appeal for our local homeless shelter, The Forge. However, they didn't want to fundraise on their own and instead challenged the whole school to join them in collecting food parcels to be delivered to the Forge in the run up to Christmas.



And, we are pleased to report that our collection was successful with every tutor group putting together a food hamper of everyday essentials. Some tutor groups ran a 'reverse advent calendar' where everyone brought in items instead of receiving an advent

gift every day. Our head boy, head girl and Wiseman House Captains took our donation to the Forge on the last day of term and were so overwhelmed by the gratitude of both the staff and the recipients of the gifts that they immediately vowed to work on a new fundraising initiative for the Forge in the spring term, so keep your eyes peeled for our 'Spring into Cleaning' campaign which will be launching soon!



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