



Dear Parent / Carer,

It is my privilege to cordially invite you and your child to St Bede's Catholic Comprehensive School's Virtual Open Evening on **Wednesday September 23**.

This will be held on the Zoom platform on two occasions, allowing you to join at the most convenient time:

- 4 – 5 pm
- 5.30 – 6.30 pm

I am sure that you are carefully considering all options for the future of your child; you will want to be assured that they are safe, happy, successful and thriving throughout their time at secondary school. St Bede's is delighted to be rated as a North East Top 10 School on the basis of many factors including our sustained excellence in public examinations and the high level of pastoral care we provide.

During these difficult times, the importance of a high-quality education has been brought into sharp focus. We believe every child, regardless of their individual starting point, should be afforded the best provision, rapidly counteracting any interruption to their learning. We assess every pupil's needs to provide a bespoke approach to their academic diet and are determined that Covid will not leave a lasting adverse impression on their future. Even with our new, robust Covid secure practices in place, St Bede's is able to offer a broad, ambitious curriculum for all students,

I would very much have liked to have welcomed you into our building to see our wonderful facilities, meet our talented staff and, most importantly, see first-hand how our students are well-mannered, engaging young people. I am incredibly proud of the reputation St Bede's has in the local area and the values we are associated with of Faith, Excellence and Determination.

Our Open Evening will consist of a short video presentation, followed by shorter presentations by key members of the Leadership Team with responsibility for Curriculum, Pastoral Care and Special Educational Needs. Our students will also be giving their perspective on life at school and there will also be a short session of answers to Frequently Asked Questions.

Our school prospectus should shortly be delivered to our feeder primary schools; this will also feature online via our website, along with a virtual tour of the school and our new promotional video.

We will also have further Zoom meetings for parents scheduled after our Open Evening where you can ask any further questions which may help you with your decision making process.

If you require any further information please contact: enquiries@st-bedes.durham.sch.uk

On behalf of the Governors and the staff, I look forward to meeting you and your family on the 23 of September and hope that you agree that St Bede's is the best possible environment for your child to continue to learn and grow.

Zoom Meeting link:

Meeting ID: 968 6451 4397 (this is the 4-5pm link)
Passcode: J2wuci

Meeting ID: 968 4822 0170 (this is the 5:30 – 6:30pm link)
Passcode: G0pPk2

Yours faithfully

Mrs F Craik
Acting Head teacher