



## February 2016 Newsletter

Mrs Johnston is delighted to be taking up the post of Special Educational Needs Coordinator in school. This is a new area of expertise for her but it fits well with her current senior leadership responsibility for pupil progress. In securing the best outcomes for SEND pupils, the importance of quality first teaching within the classroom cannot be overestimated. One of the other most rewarding aspects of her role is the opportunity to work closely in partnership with parents and carers. She is very much looking forward to meeting as many parents/carers as possible over the coming weeks. Meanwhile, any parent or carer who has concerns about their child's progress even if their child is not currently on our special needs register, is most welcome to contact Mrs Johnston at any time.



### Parents Evenings.

We were delighted by the level of attendance at the Y11 Parents' Evening held recently. We were also extremely heartened by the positivity of parents towards the progress that they feel their children are making this year. We conducted an anonymised survey on the evening in which 87% of the parents questioned indicated that they felt teaching had improved or remained the same, and 89% stated that they were pleased with the progress their child was making.

### Forthcoming Parents' Evenings.

Year 7	Thurs 12th February
Year 8	Tues 21st June
Year 9	Mon 21st March
Year 10	Tues 26th April
Year 12	Mon 29th February

Nicole Phillips in Y7 had an amazing run to finish in 1st Place in the Durham County Cross Country Championships. Very well done Nicole.

Follow our PE dept on Twitter [StbedeG](#) to keep up to date .



Congratulations to the Y7 Oswald Netball Team, worthy winners of the Inter -House Competition. Currently, Hilda House are winning the Inter –House Sport Competition with 1075 points, Columba are 2nd with 1050 and Oswald are a close 3rd with 1025 points.

As we make our way slowly but surely through the winter, we are working on the premise that our school will remain open in all but the most exceptional circumstances. In the unlikely event that it closes we would inform parents on our website before 7.30am. We will also send a group text message out. If you have recently changed your mobile number please inform school.





## THE BE-DEpendent

### Important Dates For Your Diary

#### Y 7 Parents' evening

11th February 3:45 – 6:00

#### Spring Half term

Friday 12th February–  
Monday 22nd February

Y 12 Parents' evening 29th  
February 3:45 – 6:00

Byron Drop in Session for  
y11 students March 3rd  
5.30-7.00

Spring concert 16th March

Y 9 Parents' evening  
21st March 3:45 – 6:00

Easter Thursday 24th  
March Monday 11th April

Y 10 Parents' evening 26th  
April 3:45 – 6:00

May Day Friday 29th  
April-Monday 3rd May

#### Y 9 Options Evening

Wednesday 27th April  
5.30 – 6:30



## Durham Art Exhibition

Durham Cathedral is once again hosting a combined exhibition by students in the Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership. Inspired by the theme of the Catholic Year of Mercy, the exhibition hosts work from both St Bede's and Byron students. The exhibition runs from Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> till Friday 12<sup>th</sup> of February. You are warmly invited to see it all for yourself.

You cannot fail to be impressed by the amazing art work on display in Durham Cathedral.

Stephanie Scobell (year 11) top and Megan Turner (year 12) bottom. Congratulations to both girls



Shown below is Byron student Kieran Walker who, by finishing 2nd in the County Cross Country Championship, once again qualified to represent Durham in the National Finals.

### Anne Frank Exhibition

22nd Feb– 4th March 2016

We are thrilled to be able to announce that our school has been named as a venue for the Anne Frank Exhibition. Students from local schools will be invited to attend and on **Thursday 3rd March** we will be holding a Community Evening which everyone is welcome to attend! The evening will be held in our Main Hall between 4-7pm.