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OUR LADY & ST. BEDE
CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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Head teacher Message to Pupils

This has been a very challenging term for our school community, but I just wanted you all to know that the staff at Our Lady and St Bede are tremendously proud of the way you have conducted yourselves during these unusual times.

One day, when this is all over, you will be telling your children about the time when our brilliant nation overcame this really difficult time by sticking together to help and care for each other.

I am aware that some of you may be worried or concerned about our current situation and the change in structure to our normal daily routines. Those feelings are understandable and a normal, healthy part of growing up. As we explored as a community on Mental Health awareness day, "It's Ok not to be Ok".

In life you will always come across difficult situations, and I urge you to be resilient, show compassion, have faith in the professionals who are guiding us through these difficult times and don't be afraid to share your worries and frustrations with the person who cares for you.

Try to think of this strange situation as an adventure and use your time with your family well.

In terms of educational routines, it is really important that you adapt quickly to remote learning routines and don't fall into a foolish trap of thinking this is some kind of extended holiday.

Follow the instructions staff have shared through assemblies and in class over the last week and be disciplined with your daily learning routine and you will be fine.

We will keep Year 11 pupils and families informed as to examination processes as and when we receive information from the Government and look forward to meeting up again with you all as a year group at our rearranged Year 11 dance sometime in the future.

We look forward to seeing the rest of our school community again very soon.

In the meantime, be kind, compassionate and use this remote learning period to get ahead of the game.

God bless

With all our love

Mrs Wilkinson and all the staff of Our Lady and St Bede

