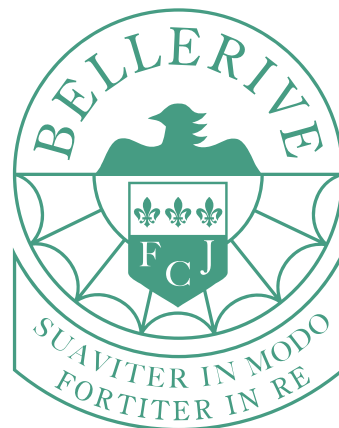


Bellerive News

For Parents, Carers, Parishes and Community



October 2023

Gaudete Trust launch

The FCJ sisters are joining with a number of other religious orders to form the Gaudete Trust. The trust was launched formally in October and marks an exciting moment in the development of religious order schools in the UK. The Gaudete Trust is a collaborative trust exercising the educational trusteeship of five Religious Orders, namely: The Christian Brothers (CFC) Sisters of Charity of St Paul the Apostle (SP) De La Mennais Brothers FICP (Brothers of Christian Instruction) The Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) The Congregation of La Sainte Union (LSU) The mainspring of the Trust is the desire of Religious Orders to continue to put their charisms at the service of the Church. By adopting a collaborative approach to trusteeship, the Gaudete Trust offers those Religious Orders an alternative way of continuing to serve Catholic education.



Save the date!



*Sixth form Opening Evening
Thursday 23rd November 6-8pm*

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Year 7 Welcome Mass

We were delighted to welcome Y7 pupils to the Bellerive family at the annual Y7 Welcome Mass. Pupils were joined by their parents and other family members as they marked the beginning of what will hopefully be a successful and happy time with us.

Pupil made a series of promises as part of the celebration in order to continue in the example set by our foundress, Venerable Marie Madeleine fcJ. Thanks to to all who helped organise the Mass and to Fr James Preston, a long-time friend of the school, who was the celebrant.



Award-winning Bellerive!

Bellerive became the first secondary school in the Liverpool Archdiocese to be awarded the Live Simply Award in July.

The award, which is sponsored by CAFOD, recognises an organisation's commitment to sustainability and living in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the globe.

The school community demonstrated its commitment to a number of actions, including supporting FCJ projects in the Philippines and work with refugees and asylum seekers here in Liverpool. Inspired by Laudato Si, the school has long had a commitment to reducing excess waste, including encouraging staff to bring their own mugs to meetings and ensuring that takeaway boxes from the school canteen are compostable.

Siobhan Farnell, CAFOD Live Simply Schools Coordinator, was delighted to confirm that Bellerive FCJ Catholic College has achieved the Live Simply Award, saying "The pupils and staff have thoroughly embraced living simply, sustainably and in solidarity with the world's poorest communities. Their actions have been truly inspiring and will make a real difference to the lives of others in their school, local community, and our global neighbours. Congratulations to the school on gaining the Live Simply Award".



Reading Round-up

This year's reading fun has officially begun!

In September we welcomed the Scholastic Book Fair through our doors once again. It was another great event that created a real buzz about books in school, helping to encourage reading for pleasure and with the added bonus of 40% of all sales going towards buying more books for the school library. Thanks to everyone who visited and supported the fair - we'll have lots of lovely new books joining our library shelves soon!

On October 5th we celebrated National Poetry Day by sharing poems throughout the day on this year's theme of 'refuge'. Students also enjoyed having a go at creating some of their own 'book spine poetry' in the library at lunch time - why not give it a go with books from your own bookshelf?

We also enjoyed taking part in Harry Potter Book Day on October

12th. Students arrived at Platform 9 3/4 and were whisked away to a library magically transformed into Hogwarts! No Harry Potter Book Day would be complete without a sorting ceremony and once sorted into houses our activities commenced with a Hogwarts inspired treasure hunt, a chance to free Dobby in a game of 'Pin the sock on Dobby' and Harry Potter photo booth for students to strike their best wizard poses in!

With lots more planned, including new book clubs and the arrival of Book Buzz books for all Year 7 students, we're looking forward to another happy year of reading ahead.

For more news from the library check out our blog: bellerivefcjlibrary.edublogs.org and follow us on Instagram: @bellerivefcjlibrary



Loudees Pilgrimage

We were delighted to hear that a number of our students participated in the Lourdes Archdiocesan Pilgrimage in July 2023. 2 of the students (Jessica and Siobhan in Y11) have put together some reflections on their time there.

Jessica, 11J

My name is Jessica. In July of 2023 I went to on the youth pilgrimage to Lourdes for the first time.

At first, I was incredibly worried about going because even though I was going with 2 very close friends, it felt like something I wasn't prepared for. Thinking about travelling 26 hours with people I barely knew was a nerve wrecking thought. But my amazing coach leaders from coach 1 eased my nerves and made Lourdes the best experience of my life. We had frequent meetings leading up to our pilgrimage in order to prepare for our trip.

In our meetings we all got to know each other, planned who we would share rooms with (though those plans changed a couple times haha) and learnt the lyrics to songs that we would be singing all week (LOTS of Rend Collective which I ended up playing for the rest of summer).

Our journey there was actually loads of fun!!! We watched movies, listened to music, played games and we all made up stories about the people we saw on the ferry. Plus, an honourable mention to our amazing bus drivers who put up with all 31 of us there and back (oh and the stitch plush in the window). Anyway, while

I was in Lourdes I experienced some of the best experiences ever.

I went to all kinds of masses and the liturgies were so much fun!!! We went to two torchlight processions and there was a thunderstorm and we had to run to the bar in the rain - it was crazy and the lightning was the best thing ever! Because I hadn't turned 16 when I went, I had to be an esplanade because I was too young to have my DBS which is needed to push the pilgrims in their wheelchairs, this meant that I would greet them on the way to mass and had to take a water trolley around (affectionately known as baby Reg) and we would offer the pilgrims water.

We also had a day off which entailed going to a lake and jumping into the water from these crazy water slides! And my friend and I built an extravagant sandcastle, we also got French maccies for lunch and all ventured into Lidl for some unknown reason. Every night we did a night prayer where each group would talk about things they thought were important and then we would head to a bar (not to drink - unless you were over 18 of course) to sing and dance until midnight.

I made so many friends on these nights.

One last thing before I close this off; I absolutely loved hearing all the pilgrims' stories and why they go to Lourdes and taking them shopping. I am Jessica Evans - Murphy and I went to Lourdes for the first time when I was 15 and will continue to go for many years to come.

Siobhan, 11M

My name is Siobhan, I went to Lourdes for the first time in 2023 and it's been one of the best experiences of my life so far. While I was there as a young volunteer I wasn't allowed to push pilgrims in wheelchairs so therefore I greeted the pilgrims on the way to Mass and handed out water, umbrellas and blankets if needed, as the weather was very unpredictable. I also got a chance to speak with the pilgrims and hear some interesting stories.

Of an evening, we would go out the bars and meet up with some of the other coaches and socialise with them, which was always an enjoyable evening; singing, dancing and having a laugh. I think you go to Lourdes you will love it because it's such an experience and I can't wait until I can push the pilgrims in wheelchairs.



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Bronze DofE returns

A sunny June saw the return of Bronze DofE, as the final COVID restrictions had been removed, meaning that the expedition section could return to normal.

39 students from Y10 and Y11 undertook the challenge of completing their Bronze DofE. Prior to their expedition, students had already spent 6 months, putting their efforts into their physical, skill and volunteering sections. Tawd Vale and Charity Farm in Lancashire played host to the expedition section across 2 weekends. Some excellent teamwork, confident navigational skills and positive attitudes enabled all students to complete their expedition. And I'm sure the students would agree that nothing tastes as good as a campfire toasted marshmallow after a long day of walking!

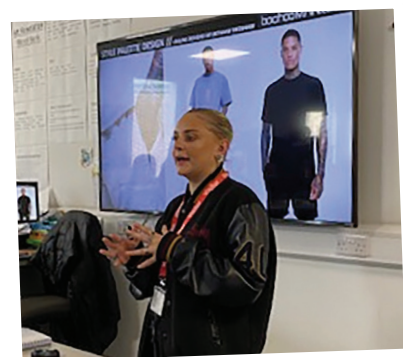
A special thanks to Mrs Loudon, Mr Coupe, Mrs Sharpe, and Miss McGinn who also volunteered their time to support the expeditions!

We hope to offer silver to Y11 and bronze to Y10 this academic year.



A visit from the Fashion Industry

Bellerive Art and Design department welcomed a visit in September from Manchester fashion designer Beth Bradshaw. Beth met with girls from year 9, 10 and Year 12 Art and Design Technology. Students were able to see some of the processes involved in fashion design, to see a portfolio of Beth's work and some of the major retail brands she designs for. It was also an opportunity to discover how to access careers in fashion. Beth commented on the excellent behaviour and the wide range of challenging questions raised by our students.



Maths Puzzle

$6 = 1 \times 6$ and $6 = 2 \times 3$. So the factors of 6 are 1, 2, 3 and 6.

If you add up all the factors of 6 (except for 6) you get $1 + 2 + 3 = 6$! ^ is called a perfect number because of this fact. There is only one other Perfect Number below 30.

What is it?



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ClassCharts

We believe that good home school communication is really important in ensuring the best experience for all our students. All parents have the ability to track their daughter's attendance, behaviour and homework through the ClassCharts app. We will be sending out reminders to those parents who have not had a chance to access their account in the next few weeks. Parents can also contact contactus@bellerivefcj.org if they have any queries about logging into ClassCharts.

Bellerive Chefs

A huge well to the Year 10 Food Preparation and Nutrition GCSE class who took part in the 'Bellerive Teacake Challenge'. Pupils practised food styling and produced some beautiful outcomes!

