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Dear parents and carers,

It was wonderful to see so many of our Y5 and Y6 children and families at our open evening at Venerable Bede CE secondary recently.

You will likely be aware that Benedict Biscop is part of a larger family of schools, in a Multi Academy Trust called Northern Lights.

Venerable Bede is now part of the same family of schools. This offers huge benefits for the children of Benedict Biscop who move on to Venerable Bede. We are able to offer enhanced transition and relationship building with staff in the same Trust, including links back with Benedict Biscop. We are also able to look at curriculum development across Year 6 into Year 7, and beyond, to ensure development of the Benedict Biscop curriculum beyond Year 6.

I know many of you will have seen Mrs Armstrong at the open evening. Mrs Armstrong works closely with Mrs Burgess, the Head of Venerable Bede and I know they have lots of exciting opportunities planned for this year.

Benedict Biscop provides an excellent education for our children, both academic and enriching the education of the whole child. That education will continue for them as they stay with us into Venerable Bede. Venerable Bede has undergone lots of changes since joining Northern Lights and times are exciting as they develop their provision even further, as part of Northern Lights. We would love to see our Y5 and Y6 children remain part of the Northern Lights family.

I know Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Burgess would be happy to answer any questions for parents/carers - please do just get in touch with school.

Kindest regards,

*J. Heaton*

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