



**St Bede's Catholic
Academy
Parents' Newsletter**

**Monday 12th September
2022**

Issue 1



*May Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth II rest in
peace and rise in Glory*

13th September
Yr11 JLC Talk
15th September
Yr7 & 9 School Photos
20th September
Yr11 Ask Apprenticeship Talk
30th September
MacMillan Coffee Morning
6th October
Yr6 Open Evening 3.30– 7pm
7th October
Yr6 Open Morning
13th October
Yr11 Consultation
Yr7 Day of Reflection
20th October
Yr7 Surgery
October 21st
School closes for half term

Queen Elizabeth II (1926-2022)

The school on Friday paid tribute to Queen Elizabeth II, there was a service which was played to the whole school and we fell in silence for one minute. Parents are able to view the tribute on our website: <https://stbedesscunthorpe.org.uk/>

Over the weekend it has been announced that the funeral will take place on Monday 19th September, this will be a bank holiday and the school will be closed so that all staff and students can pay their respects.

First week back

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for their support in the first week back. We welcomed Y7 students to the school for the first time and the rest of our community on Wednesday. During this first week all students have spent time ensuring that they are fully aware of the rules and routines that we have at St Bede's. Next week students will then be able to apply these in their classes.

School Photographers

The school photographers will be in school on Thursday 15th September. They will take photos of all Year 7 and 9 students.

Toilet Passes

The school is changing its policy in respect of toilet passes. Last year a significant number of students were abusing the use of these passes which was causing disruption to lessons. Therefore, if your child needs a toilet pass, please can you provide medical evidence such as appointment letters. Teachers will continue to use their discretion to let a student go to the toilet during lesson time.

GCSE results

Over the summer holidays, Year 11 students received their GCSE results. There were some exceptional results for students and many will have already started new courses at college, we wish them all the best.

The proportion of students achieving a grade 4+ in English and Maths was 76% and grade 5+ in English and Maths was 51%. Both of these results were the highest of all schools in Scunthorpe, a fantastic achievement.

Open evening

Thursday 6th October is open evening, this is an opportunity for parents of children who are in Year 6 to visit the school. If you know of any parent with a child in year 6 please pass on this information. The evening runs between 3:30pm and 6:45pm.

New School Catering

Over the summer we are changing our catering provider so when the children return they will see fresh new menus. Our website has been updated with the new menus for you to view and if your child has any allergies please could I ask you to complete the form attached and bring into school when your child returns after the summer. Please find some literature attached for you to view.

Safeguarding Updates

Dear parents and carers,

As you will know, online safety is paramount to the safeguarding and wellbeing of young people. Students spend more time than ever online and we all have a part to play in keeping young people safe. In the first year of the pandemic, the NSPCC helpline saw a 45% increase in contacts from people worried about online sexual abuse. Together we can make sure it's safe for every child to go online. The NSPCC supports parents with online safety advice, and to protect and support young people. During this half term, we will provide a series of links regarding online safety for you to read in order to support you to protect young people.

The following link takes you to the NSPCC website and explores how to talk to your child about online safety:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

Please contact the safeguarding team at St Bede's if you require support for your young person.

Financial Support

Families can access support for food and energy if they need to from the link. Click in the box below and follow it down to 'Support Fund for Residents'.

<https://www.northlincs.gov.uk/people-health-and-care/financial-support-advice-and-guidance/#1627038921996-4ec02fc9-4a4e>



[Financial support, advice and guidance - North Lincolnshire Council](http://www.northlincs.gov.uk)

Where to get help. We've brought together advice, guidance and support both from the council and external agencies and organisations. This guidance offers help including; grants and benefits available and helping with training and employment opportunities. www.northlincs.gov.uk

Meetings

I understand that at times parents wish to meet members of staff, and we will always try our hardest to facilitate this. However, it is incredibly hard to arrange meetings where parents present themselves in reception asking for an immediate meeting. As you will appreciate schools are very busy environments and as a result it is highly unlikely that staff will be able to see you. Therefore, if you do wish to meet a specific member of staff, please contact the school by phone and we will try our hardest to arrange a meeting as soon as possible. Thank you Mr Hibbard

