

St Bede's Catholic Academy Parents' Newsletter

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Issue 11



hope



On this first Sunday of Advent, as we prepare our hearts to celebrate Jesus' arrival as a gift to all humanity, let's stir up in our hearts and homes a sense of anticipation. Over this Advent, we pray that hope would rise up in our spirits in a tangible and life-giving way.

Year 8

Thank you to all parents who attended the parents evening on Thursday evening, there was a great deal of positivity around the evening and I will share the survey outcomes with parents over the next few weeks. Mr Hibbard

Mock Interviews

On Tuesday 24th January 2023 we are hoping to host a day of mock interviews for our current Year 11 cohort to support their readiness for leaving school. We are asking for support from any parents who have experience of interviewing candidates as part of their job or work in a relevant industry. If you are able to support us in any way, even for a few hours in the day, please can you contact me on vtaylor@stbedesscunthorpe.org.uk. Refreshments for employers will be provided. Thank you - Ms Taylor

7th December
Cross Country @
Central Park

12th December
Yr 10 Medical Mavericks

13th December
Carol Service

14th December
Christmas Dinner

15th December
Rewards Day

17th December
School Closes for Christmas

Christmas Dinner

The school will be serving Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 14th December. Please see below on how you can order this for your child

Students who pay for lunch -

In order to prepare for this we have created an item in ParentPay for you to purchase Christmas Dinner for your child, there are two options meat or vegetarian which you will need to add into the notes when you purchase this, the cost is £2.40. If your child wishes to have Christmas Dinner please can you pay for it using the item in ParentPay called 'Christmas Dinner' we are unable to take money from their existing school dinner account in Parentpay. As we need to order the correct amount of food please can you order this by Wednesday 30th November, orders after this time unfortunately cannot be accepted. If your child does not wish to have a Christmas Dinner please can they bring a packed lunch into school as no other food will be served in the canteen on this day, however, they can still join in the Christmas celebrations and sit in the dining hall with all other students.

Free School Meal Students -

As a free lunch is provided you are not required to pay for this, however, we still require you to log into ParentPay if your child wishes to have this and select either the meat or vegetarian option, so we are aware of numbers etc. If your child does not wish to have a Christmas Dinner the school will prepare a packed lunch for your child, please can you access ParentPay and indicate whether your child would like a Meat Christmas Dinner, Vegetarian Christmas Dinner or packed lunch.

Please can you make your selection by 30th November 2022.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact school.

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

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

Service Pupil Premium

The Department for Education (DfE) introduced the Service pupil premium (SPP) in April 2011 in recognition of the specific challenges children from service families face and as part of the commitment to delivering the armed forces covenant.

It is designed to assist the school in providing the additional support that these children may need. Pupils attract SPP if they meet one of the following criteria:

- One of their parents is serving in the regular armed forces (including pupils with a parent who is on full commitment as part of the full time reserve service)
- One of their parents died whilst serving in the armed forces and the pupil receives a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or the War Pensions Scheme

Please could you let Miss Pope at the school know if your child may be eligible for this.

PE Department

To keep up to date with all things sports related within St Bede's please follow the below link to our Twitter page:

St Bede's CV Academy PE Department (@StBedesPeDept) / Twitter

With the upcoming Year 11 mock exams being held in the sports hall - please see the adapted after school practices schedule up until Christmas.

Safeguarding

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 advises how to keep children safe on social media platforms:

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

Can we also remind parents that no students are to leave school either for appointments or ill without an appropriate adult collecting them from reception.

Year 11 mock exams and preparations

The exam season starts on Monday 21st November and runs for three weeks. It is vital that their attendance is 100% during the season as we cannot guarantee that any missed exams will be facilitated during the school day. The results of their mock exams will be released the week of the 9th January. Students will also receive predicted grades for the end of year 11 which can be used on college and apprenticeship applications.

Students must be on time and present for every exam, we will not make exceptions for students who are not punctual. Students must come fully equipped for every exam, this includes a clear pencil case, black pens, pencils, rulers, highlighters, erasers and a scientific calculator. Students are allowed to bring in a clear, transparent sports bottle filled with water only and they must not bring in any mobile phones, watches, air pods or revision notes.

All students have been given a mock exam and revision booklet. This provides them with an additional copy of the mock exam timetable, the exam regulations as well as a wealth of material on how to revise and different revision techniques. This booklet is also available on the school website [Parent information – Exams].

The school offers opportunities for students to study independently, both within and outside of school hours. Please do encourage your child to make use of these facilities.

- The library is open to students at both break and lunch times.
- In library is open every day before school (8:15-8:40) and after school (3:05-3:45).
- RE4 is manned by Mr Waite and Miss Karlsberg on a Monday and Friday 3:05-4:00 so students can revise independently or ask for support in revision skills.

If you do have any questions regarding the mock exam season please contact Ms Taylor, for any general questions please contact Mr Waite

After school detentions

As part of our behaviour policy, after school detentions run at C3/B3/P3 level as well as lates detentions. Parents are notified via text about any detention issued to a child. As I am sure you will appreciate, the detention system takes a lot of admin time to arrange and staffing is carefully managed to ensure we have a robust system in place. Therefore, it is expected that all students attend their detentions on the allocated day. We will not make adjustments to this unless truly exceptional circumstances are evidenced. We welcome your support in this matter as we move forward in this academic year.

Library

Beg, borrow (don't steal!)

If any households have any good, clean and suitable books gathering dust at home, would they consider donating them to St Bede's Library?

As you may be aware, the library is up and running now and has become immensely popular, though we are desperate need of some new stock. We have a lot of shelves to fill and a lot of readers eager for something new to read. We are after young adult books, Non-fiction, fiction, fantasy, Sci-Fi, graphic novels/comics, magazines, humour, sport, cookery, poetry, autobiography, etc.

If you have a surplus of suitable literature cluttering up a corner and would like to donate them to a worthy cause, bag a few books for us, as books deserve to be read!



Additional bank holiday

It has been agreed that Monday 8th May 2023 is a bank holiday to celebrate the King's coronation. The school will be closed on this date.

Calculators - Year 11

Casio FX-83GTX Calculators are available to purchase from school for Year 11's at a cost of £11. Please pay this via ParentPay and ask your child to collect this from Student Services. Thank you.

Examinations for Year 11

We are now in receipt of the final timetables for the Summer 2023 series. Your child should have brought home a letter regarding this information, this letter can also be found on our website under the Parents Information tab.