

St Bede's Catholic Academy Parents' Newsletter

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Peace



End of Advent term

On Friday 16th December the school community will come together to celebrate Advent by having a whole school mass. School on this day will close at 12:25pm, buses have been arranged to pick students up at this time.

A letter containing important information regarding the end of term can be found at

[End-of-term-2022.pdf \(stbedesscunthorpe.org.uk\)](https://stbedesscunthorpe.org.uk/End-of-term-2022.pdf)

Bikes

Unfortunately this week a student had their bike stolen, this was not secured with a lock and was not placed in the bike shed. Can I please ask all parents whose children cycle to school remind them about the need to secure their bike and also generally regarding safety. It is disappointing to see the number of students who cycle to school without wearing a helmet.

Advent

This week we celebrated the first week of advent by lighting our first candle on the advent wreath. The first week of Advent is the theme of Hope. Acts of worship was beautifully led by students in Year 10.

6th December
Aegir School to visit St Bede's

7th December
Cross Country @
Central Park

8th December
Yr 11 Photography Mock Exam

9th December
Flu Vaccines Y7,8&9
Yr 11 Art Mock Exam

12th December
Yr 10 Medical Mavericks

13th December
Carol Service - St Bernadettes

14th December
Christmas Dinner / Christmas Jumper
day (£1 charity donation)

15th December
Rewards Day

16th December 12.25pm
School Closes for Christmas

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

Scunthorpe Schools Cross Country Championships
Wednesday 7th December at Central Park
Races starting at 10:00

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

Christmas Dinner Wednesday 14th December

The ordering of Christmas Dinner has now closed, if your child has not ordered a lunch please can they bring a packed lunch as the canteen is not open to serve other food.

Flu Vaccines 9th December

The NHS nursing team are in school on Friday 9th December delivering Flu Vaccines to students in Yr7, 8 and 9 who have returned the consent form. If you have not returned the consent form the vaccination cannot be given in school, please contact your doctor/NHS to arrange.

Music Exams

Congratulations to:

Bram Ying who passed his Grade 5 piano with Merit

Lola Reynold who passed her grade 6 violin with distinction.

Safeguarding

Attached is a link to advise you how to spot signs that your child is being bullied:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-parents/spotting-signs-my-child-being-bullied>

Please contact your child's tutor, head of year or pastoral support if you are concerned about your child being bullied. The school has worked closely with The Diana Award and we have trained Anti-Bullying Ambassadors in school.

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.