

St Bede's Catholic Academy

Parents' Newsletter

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New year

I hope that you enjoyed a fabulous Christmas and would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the very best for the 2023. This is going to be an important year for many students and the success of this is often determined by the support that you show to them.

Year 11

On Thursday the results of the mock exams will be released to students, a copy will be sent to all parents. There will be a further letter to Year 11 parents in due course detailing the support that will be on offer for all students in the preparations for their exams.

Current health advice in relation to flu, Covid-19 and scarlet fever

As you will be aware there are currently very high levels of flu, scarlet fever and Covid within both the local and national context. The latest advice includes four recommendations for the UK health security agency:

- It's important to minimise the spread of infection in schools and other education and childcare settings as much as possible. If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has resolved.

Diary Dates

Thursday 12th January
Yr 11 Day of Reflection

Thursday 19th January
Yr 9 Etihad Stadium

Friday 20th January
Y9 National Justice Museum

Tuesday 24th January
Yr11 Mock Interview Day

Thursday 26th January
Yr 10 Consultation

Tuesday 31st January
County Cross Country
@ Central Park

- Helping children to learn about the importance of good hand hygiene is also key, so practice regular handwashing at home with soap and warm water. Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading.
- Adults should also try to stay home when unwell and if you do have to go out, wear a face covering. When unwell don't visit healthcare settings or visit vulnerable people unless urgent.
- Remember that flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups and is the best protection against the virus. We have seen good uptake in older age groups but vaccination among young children remains low. Flu can be very unpleasant and in some cases can lead to more serious illness. Getting your child vaccinated protects them and others they come into contact with, and it's still not too late.

We are asking that all parents follow the above advice where possible.

Please also find a letter attached from North Lincolnshire council relating to the current situation. Thank you for your support.

Year 9 Work Trip Week

We have a few spaces available for the trips to York Chocolate Story (Tuesday 17th January) and Yorkshire Wildlife Park (Monday 16th January). These have been opened up to all of Year 9 & 10 on ParentPay and are on a first come, first served basis. Year 9 are able to book a second trip for that week if they wish to, as the cap has been lifted. Thank you - Ms Taylor

Breakfast club

Breakfast Club is open for a free breakfast every morning 8am- 8:30am in the Food Tech Room.

Health Bus

Here are the following dates for the health bus at a weekend for children that have missed the flu vaccination in school.

Sun Jan 22nd 2023 BRIGG Tesco superstore Barnard Avenue Brigg North Linc DN20 8AT 0930-1130.

Sun Jan 22nd 2023 Scunthorpe Tesco Extra Gallagher Retail Park. Doncaster Road Scunthorpe DN15 8GR 1300-1500.

Attendance:

We continue to encourage good attendance from our pupils and the aim is above 95% attendance. It is crucial that students attend regularly and on time, unless the reason for absence is unavoidable, so that students have the best possible chance of success at school. If your child is absent from school, please contact the school by telephone only to explain the absence. The school office will ask for an explanation of the absence and will engage in dialogue to ascertain if the absence can be avoided. The Heads of Year work closely with the Attendance Officer to identify patterns of absence and those who fall below the threshold may be subject to an attendance plan and invited into school for a meeting.