



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

Monday 10th January 2022

Issue 16



Diary Events

Wednesday 12th

Yr11 Art Exam

Thursday 13th

Year 11 Online Consultation

Wednesday 19th & Friday 21st

Yr11 Hospitality & Catering Exam

Friday 28th

Yr11 GCSE Music Practical Exam

Monday 7th & Friday 11th

Yr11 Engineering Exam

Wednesday 9th

Yr11 Health & Social Care Exam

Friday 11th February

School Closes

COVID update

I would like to thank all parents who gave consent for their child to have a Lateral Flow test in school. We identified a very small number of positive cases.

The priority this half term is to preserve face-to-face education for as many students as possible and I wrote to you last Sunday outlining the actions that the school was taking these included:

- The wearing of face coverings in classrooms and communal areas.
- Reducing the number of visitors coming into school.
- Not having mass gatherings of students in one place.

I do therefore ask that where possible you correspond with the school via phone or MS Teams meetings until further notice and do not present yourself at reception unless booked through a prior appointment.

One of the best ways to keep everyone safe is to ensure that your child has two lateral flow tests every week. The school does have a supply of these and students can collect them from student services.

I would also like to outline the current guidance in relation to what to do if your child tests positive for COVID:

1. Contact the school at the earliest possible opportunity.
2. If your child has symptoms of COVID then book a PCR test.

3. From Monday if your child tests positive via a lateral flow test and does not have symptoms they will need to isolate for 10 days from the date of the lateral flow test. Please note even a faint second line should be tested as a positive result.
4. If your child is well enough they can take lateral flow tests on day 6 and 7, ideally in the morning. If both are negative then your child can return to school on day 7. If you child is still positive on day 6, they must have negatives on days 7 and 8 and so on.

Consequence system

There has been one change made to the consequence system:

“Students who fail to attend an after-school detention will be placed in our consequences room the following day for periods 4, 5, lunchtime and one hour after school”. We will continue to communicate this through the text system.

Remote Learning

Please find attached an instructional document regarding where to find remote learning should your child/children need to isolate and are well enough to continue working. If you have any queries about, please contact your class teachers.

Reports

The Year 7, 9 and 10 reports were issued today on Go 4 Schools. Please can you access Go 4 Schools to read your child's report.

Year 11 Parent Consultation

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation the Year 11 Consultation on the 13th January will be held online. Your child has been given a letter and some instructions on how to book the appointments, the instructions can also be found on our school website. Appointments are done on a first come first served basis so I encourage you to book these as soon as possible.

Guide - <https://stbedesscunthorpe.org.uk/parent-consultations/>

Letter - <https://stbedesscunthorpe.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Year-11-Parents-Evening-Letter.pdf>

Rapid Lateral Flow Testing Quality Assurance

We have been asked by the NHS to participate in the Quality Assurance testing of the lateral flows, it is entirely optional but we would like some children to participate, the child needs to be between the age of 12 and 16. I have attached some information to this newsletter for you to read. If you would like your child to participate please can you email your consent to kglynn@stbedesscunthorpe.org.uk. I will then arrange for the leaflet and pack to be given to your child when they come into school in January on the dates above.

Free School Meals

If you are not in receipt of free school meals already we have purchased a new online application system for you to check to see if you are now eligible. The application process is simple and does not require you to provide any documents. You can find this on our school website under Parent Information, Free School Meals.

