



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

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**Issue 17**



**Diary Events**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> & Friday 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Yr11 Hospitality & Catering Exam  
**Friday 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Yr11 GCSE Music Practical Exam  
**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> & Friday 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Yr11 Engineering Exam  
**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Yr11 Health & Social Care Exam  
**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February**  
School Closes

**COVID**

Cases in school currently are quite low and fortunately staffing levels have remained high, which enables the school to function normally. Students will continue to be expected to wear face coverings in class and communal areas until the end of this month, the school will continue to follow government advice.

There has been a change in relation to rules around testing, if your child tests positive on an LFT and does not display any symptoms they are no longer required to confirm this positive with a PCR test, the period of isolation will begin from the date of the positive LFT.

**Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19**

From Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January, those who are self-isolating with COVID-19 can reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education setting immediately on day 6. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and a second must be taken on the following day.

All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#)

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.

**Year 11 parents evening**

Thank you to all parents who attended the parents evening last night. I hope that the event was useful and allows your child to make the necessary improvements in preparation for the exams this summer.

**North Lincolnshire Council Survey**

North Lincolnshire council are asking for your views about changes to the North Lincs offer of help and support to children and families. Schools have been asked to highlight the survey to their parents and carers and encourage local families to complete the survey and have their say.

**Year 7 Girls Football**

Congratulations to the Year 7 Girls Football Team on their success on Tuesday this week. They worked brilliantly as a team, won all 4 games, and only conceded 1 goal. Well done girls!

**Men-ACWY Vaccinations – Year 9 Students ONLY**

Year 9 students will be given a booster on the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022, please can you follow the link to provide consent

<https://systems.rdash.nhs.uk/eConsent/138018SB2109054>

**Period 6 (Year 11)**

This starts on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January. We are running period 6 as a **compulsory** after school revision session until 4:05pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Those students studying GCSE Drama will also be required every Friday until 4:05pm.

Attendance at period 6 will be treated like any other period and therefore non-attendance will be tracked and chased up. If your child cannot attend a session, then it is important that you contact school in the usual way.

Due to a pre-arranged staff meeting, on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January, there will be no Period 6 on this evening.

**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](mailto: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.

