

St Bede's Catholic Academy

Parents' Newsletter

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Online Safety and social media

As a school, we educate students how to keep themselves safe online and how to report any concerns or issues they have. Since returning to school in January, there has been some online incidents reported to the school which we have dealt with. This is important to keep our students safe and it is also time consuming. We have a no mobile phone policy during the day to reduce concerns and mitigate any risks. However, the majority of incidents happen outside of the school and we then deal with these when we are alerted to them in school.

As parents and carers, we regularly update you about online safety. Can you please ensure students do not access social media apps if they are underage. Can we also ask that you regularly monitor your child's conduct online to protect them and also to ensure they are not being unkind to others. You can synch phones in order to monitor and safeguard your child and download apps to support you with this. You can visit any phone shop who will support you with this.

We all want our young people to be safe online and to use the internet safely. If you can support the school by monitoring your child's phone and online presence, it would be greatly appreciated.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 24th January
Yr11 Mock Interview Day

Thursday 26th January
Yr 11 Consultation

Week commencing 30th
January
BTEC exams in Health &
Social Care, Engineering
and ICT
Launch of after school
revision

Tuesday 31st January
County Cross Country
@ Central Park

Tuesday 7th Feb
North Lindsey Open event

Thursday 9th February
Year 11 Information Evening
(6:00 - 7:30pm)

Monday 30th January. HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE external exam. Please ensure your child is fully prepared for this exam as they must pass this to achieve a grade in the subject overall. Revision work has been provided in lessons and to be continued at home, alongside revision books that students should already have. Period 7 has also been running on a Wednesday evening with the last one running next week until 4 pm. DE

Year 9 work experience trips

Last week our Year 9 students had the opportunity to experience a workplace encounter as part of their careers curriculum at St Bede's. This week of trips sees the students select their preferred visit and participate in a range of activities to help them experience the workplace. We successfully ran trips to Yorkshire Wildlife Park, York Chocolate Story, Etihad Stadium and the National Justice Museum. Our students participated in chocolate making workshops, talks about zoo careers, mock courtroom cases and much more. The feedback from the venues and the student themselves has been really positive and we are looking forward to hosting many more careers trips and visits during the summer term. These include Hull University, a Bishop Burton residential and college taster days at John Leggott College & North Lindsey College.



Feedback from Yorkshire Wildlife Park 'When the pupils attended Yorkshire Wildlife Park on 16th January our retail team said how well behaved and mannered the pupils were. They said everyone they spoke to from the school was polite and respectful so I thought I would pass across these positive comments so you can pass them on to the pupils'.

Parent Mental Health Day 2023

Friday 27th January 2023 is Parent Mental Health Day and this year's theme is #BuildFamilyResilience, focusing on how parents and carers can successfully adapt to challenging life situations. Stem4.org.uk has lots of useful information on their website including advice on building digital resilience in an increasingly online world. They are also offering a free webinar on building resilience in parents and carers at 7pm on Thursday 26th January. If you wish to sign up for this please go to https://stem4-org-uk.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tqKrG8-VST2y-nrghx7UvQ.



Drinks Machine

The new drinks machine in the canteen is now fully operational, students can purchase the drink as part of the meal deal or on its own. For students to use this they will need to bring a water bottle so they can fill it up, as we are trying to reduce the number of plastics/cardboard containers around school. There is a choice of 4 flavoured drinks and as they get 330ml it is far better value for money than purchasing a drink from a carton.

Supporting your child's reading and vocabulary development.



The academy has recently paid for access to The Day; an online daily news site with up-to-date articles on current news topics. Reading helps to develop vocabulary and increases general knowledge and understanding of the world. To access The Day, please go to the homepage of the St Bede's website, click the Reading tab and enter the following password: Readingcounts@stbedes then click on the logo to go to the homepage where you will find a range of articles which are updated daily. By clicking on the Resources tab on the site, you can select a reading level, read the article in another language and find links to topics and themes. We hope that you will find it interesting and a useful way to encourage your child to read. You may wish to read the articles together and discuss some of the news items. Reading is such an important life skill and regular reading leads to increased academic success. Thank you for your support. Ms. Graham.