

St Bede's Catholic Academy

Parents' Newsletter

Monday 30th January 2023

Issue 18



Strike action

A letter has been sent to all parents through ParentPay with information on the plans for the NEU strike on Wednesday 1st February. This letter can also be found on the school website at: <https://stbedesscunthorpe.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Letter-to-parents-Industrial-Action.pdf>

If you are a key worker and would like your child to be in school on any of the strike dates, please fill in this MS Form. The deadline for this will be 9am on Monday so that plans can be made: <https://forms.office.com/e/YMJ0Y71yNN>

Thank you for your support. Mr Hibbard

Year 11

The parents information evening will take place on Thursday 9th February. This is an important evening as we will have lots of helpful advice on how parents and school can work together to enable students to succeed. This will include going through revision materials with students.

Year 9

Last week Ms Taylor ran a number of different careers trips. The feedback from a number of venues was extremely positive in relation to their conduct and how articulate they were. Thank you to Ms Taylor for taking the time to run these important work based trips.

Diary Dates

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)

Week Commencing 6th March – National
Careers week with activities on site.

Monday 20th March – BAE Systems STEM
Roadshow with Year 8



Year 11- Mock Interviews

On Tuesday 24th January, the majority of our Year 11 students took part in a mock interview day organised by the school. We welcomed a group of employers on site with representatives from the IT industry, Civil Service, Catering and STEM companies. Each student was interviewed one to one and was able to take away written feedback about their performance. The employers were very complimentary of our students and commented on how successful the day had been, as well as how necessary they believed the process was to ensure that school leavers are given opportunity to prepare for the world of work. The mock interview day is a new addition to our Careers Programme, and after being so well received will remain in the curriculum moving forward. As part of our commitment to the national careers strategy, we ensure that our students have encounters with employers at least once a year, as this enables them to have aspirational interactions to help broaden their awareness of the world of work.

Alumni

We are continually expanding our alumni database to enable our students more interactions with the workplace. If you are an ex St Bede's student please complete this short form so we can add you to our database <https://forms.office.com/r/qGkRU6MU0m> If you have older children who have studied with us previously and are now in further study or employment, please share this link with them so that we add them too. Our alumni group support in a number of ways, some give us case studies for our newsletters, and other deliver assemblies. We are grateful for any contribution that they can give. Thank you - Ms Taylor

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

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.

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.