



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

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September  
2022**

**Issue 2**



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- State Funeral of  
Queen Elizabeth II

*May Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth II rest in  
peace and rise in Glory*

**19<sup>th</sup> September**  
School Closed Bank Holiday  
**20<sup>th</sup> September**  
Yr11 Ask Apprenticeship Talk  
**30<sup>th</sup> September**  
MacMillan Coffee Morning  
**6<sup>th</sup> October**  
Yr6 Open Evening 3.30– 7pm  
**7<sup>th</sup> October**  
Yr6 Open Morning  
**13<sup>th</sup> October**  
Yr11 Consultation  
Yr7 Day of Reflection  
**20<sup>th</sup> October**  
Yr7 Surgery  
**October 21<sup>st</sup>**  
School closes for half term

**Bank Holiday**

The school will be closed on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September, we will reopen on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

**This Week**

We have now come to the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> week back from the summer holidays. The weather seems to have become rather chilly and the nights are pulling in. In school this week students returned to their normal timetabled lessons, parents will be aware that over the summer we have made substantial changes to the structure of the school day. We not have six lesson per day rather than the previous five and Year 9 is no longer a GCSE year. I have to say students and staff have made this transition seamlessly.

The last week has obviously been incredibly difficult and emotional for everyone in society, I hope that everyone has the opportunity to pay their respects to Queen Elizabeth II in whatever way they wish this Monday. As a result the school will be closed on Monday and will reopen on Tuesday.

**McMillan Coffee Morning**

St Bede's are hosting a Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Our students would like to invite you to this event between 9-10:30 for refreshments and cake to raise money for our House charity, Macmillan.

**Toilet Passes**

The school is changing its policy in respect of toilet passes. Last year a significant number of students were abusing the use of these passes which was causing disruption to lessons. Therefore, if your child needs a toilet pass, please can you provide medical evidence such as appointment letters. Teachers will continue to use their discretion to let a student go to the toilet during lesson time.

### **Safeguarding Updates**

As you will know, online safety is paramount to the safeguarding and wellbeing of young people. Students spend more time than ever online and we all have a part to play in keeping young people safe. In the first year of the pandemic, the NSPCC helpline saw a 45% increase in contacts from people worried about online sexual abuse. Together we can make sure it's safe for every child to go online. The NSPCC supports parents with online safety advice, and to protect and support young people.

The following link takes you to the NSPCC website and explores online wellbeing. Please contact the safeguarding team at St Bede's if you require support for your young person.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-wellbeing/>

### **Enrichment Timetable**

Please find attached the Enrichment Timetable for 2022/2023. This can also be viewed on the school website.

### **Open Evening**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October is open evening, this is an opportunity for parents of children who are in Year 6 to visit the school. If you know of any parent with a child in year 6 please pass on this information. The evening runs between 3:30pm and 6:45pm.

### **New School Catering**

Over the summer we are changing our catering provider so when the children return they will see fresh new menus. Our website has been updated with the new menus for you to view and if your child has any allergies please could I ask you to complete the form attached and bring into school when your child returns after the summer. Please find some literature attached for you to view.

### **Financial Support**

Families can access support for food and energy if they need to from the link. Click in the box below and follow it down to 'Support Fund for Residents'.

<https://www.northlincs.gov.uk/people-health-and-care/financial-support-advice-and-guidance/#1627038921996-4ec02fc9-4a4e>



[Financial support, advice and guidance - North Lincolnshire Council](https://www.northlincs.gov.uk/people-health-and-care/financial-support-advice-and-guidance/#1627038921996-4ec02fc9-4a4e)

Where to get help. We've brought together advice, guidance and support both from the council and external agencies and organisations. This guidance offers help including; grants and benefits available and helping with training and employment opportunities. [www.northlincs.gov.uk](https://www.northlincs.gov.uk)

### **Meetings**

I understand that at times parents wish to meet members of staff, and we will always try our hardest to facilitate this. However, it is incredibly hard to arrange meetings where parents present themselves in reception asking for an immediate meeting. As you will appreciate schools are very busy environments and as a result it is highly unlikely that staff will be able to see you. Therefore, if you do wish to meet a specific member of staff, please contact the school by phone and we will try our hardest to arrange a meeting as soon as possible. Thank you Mr Hibbard

