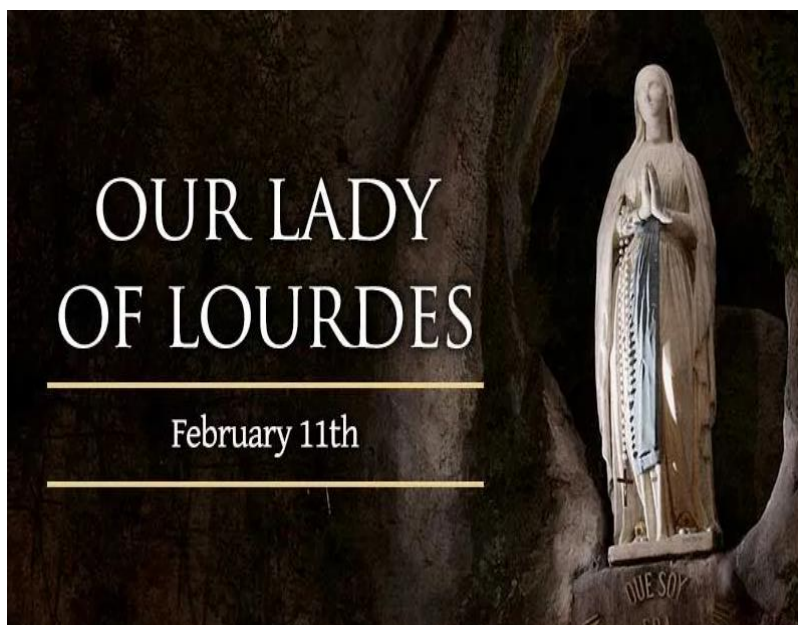




**St Bede's Catholic
Academy
Parents' Newsletter**

**Monday 14th February
2022**

Issue 21



Diary Events

Friday 11th February
School Closes

Monday 21st February
School Reopens

Tuesday 22nd February
Yr8 BAE Systems
Education Roadshow

Monday 28th February
Careers – National Justice
Museum

Tuesday 1st March
Careers – York Chocolate
Story

Thursday 3rd March
Yr9 Consultation

Friday 4th March
Careers – Hull Truck
Theatre

Half Term

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone all the very best for the half term holiday. School will reopen on Monday 21st February. Mr Hibbard

Face Coverings

When students return after half term, there will no longer be the requirement that students must wear a face covering. This decision has been made after reviewing data and information. If students wish to wear masks, they are free to do so. Mr Hibbard

Year 11 Information Evening

Thank you to all of those that attended last night. As promised the Presentation from last night, along with all the resources are now on the school website. The link is given below. If you have any questions at all, please do contact the school.

<https://stbedesscunthorpe.org.uk/revision/>

In the Subject Help and Advice booklet handed out last night there is an error for the 'Component 2 English Literature Exam', it should read Wednesday 8th June **not the** 18th June.

National Tutoring Programme

The online maths and English lessons will not take place next week. These will resume the week commencing Monday 21st February.

COVID Vaccinations

Over the half term week The Ironstone Centre, West Street Scunthorpe have dedicated 12-15 year covid vaccination sessions on Wednesdays and Saturdays 2.30-7.30pm. **Appointments can be booked via the [National Booking System](#) or by calling 119.**

Walk in appointments are possible but only if there is availability. Currently appointment availability stands at 50% still available for this Saturday 12/2, 70% available for Wednesday 16/2 and 95% available for Saturday 19/2.

If a child has been Covid positive they will be able to have the vaccine if they are within 12 weeks of a positive Covid test.

Keep Children Safe: Private Tutors

Please see the attached link which gives you guidance and information regarding the hiring of private tutors.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/away-from-home/sports-clubs-activities/#tutors>



[Sports, clubs and other activities | NSPCC](#)

The COVID pandemic has had a big impact on children's education, and you may be worried about your child falling behind with their school work or struggling to catch up. You may be thinking about getting a tutor to support your child during this time, or depending where you are in the UK they may be ...

www.nspcc.org.uk

Men-ACWY Vaccinations – Year 9 Students ONLY

The booster vaccination will now take place the 21st March 2022 not 24th February, please can you follow the link to provide consent

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

Year 8 RE Curriculum

During the next half term, year 8 pupils in RE will be looking at themes that are covered by Relationships and Sex Education-RSE. This component focuses the relationship element, specifically attitudes towards marriage, divorce, family life and homosexuality in the UK and how these have changed over time. This will also include explorations of Christian and Muslim attitudes to the above. Whilst promoting Catholic values and virtues and teaching in accordance with Church teaching, we are committed to ensure that pupils are offered a balanced programme by providing an RSE programme that offers a range of viewpoints on issues. Knowing about facts and enabling young people to explore differing viewpoints is not the same as promoting behaviour and is compatible with our school's promotion of Catholic teaching. We will ensure that pupils have access to the learning they need to stay safe, healthy and understand their rights as individuals. Parents do have the right to request that their child be withdrawn from some or all of *sex education* delivered as part of statutory RSE; the next half-term topic covers the relationships element of RSE. Please see below an outline of the lesson-by-lesson topics and if you wish to discuss any of the elements further, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

1. Students to describe how attitudes to marriage, divorce, family life and homosexuality in the UK have changed
2. Students to explore Christian and Muslim attitudes to sex outside marriage
3. Students to examine the purposes of marriage in Catholic Christianity and Islam
4. Students to explore Christian and Muslim attitudes to divorce

5. Students to explore why family life is important to Catholics and Muslims
6. Students to know and understand how Catholic parishes help with the upbringing of children
7. Students to explain how Catholic parishes help to keep families together
8. Students to explore Christian and Muslim attitudes to homosexuality
9. Students to look at different methods of contraception
10. Students to examine different Christian and Muslim attitudes to contraception
11. Students to explore Christian and Muslim attitudes towards equality of men and women.
12. Students to explore how an issue from marriage and the family has been presented on one form of the media

Young Minds Support

Please find attached a link to the YoungMinds support for parents via their Parents Helpline and webchat.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-helpline-and-webchat/>



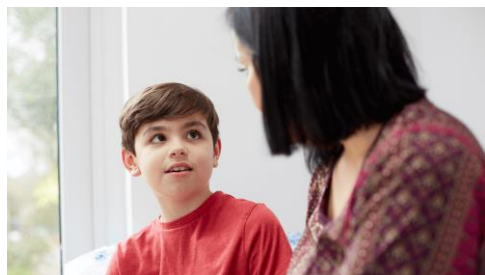
[Parents Helpline | Mental Health Help for Your Child | YoungMinds](#)

Call our Parents Helpline for detailed advice, emotional support and signposting about a child or young person up to the age of 25. You can call us for free on 0808 802 5544 from 9:30am - 4pm, Monday - Friday.

www.youngminds.org.uk

Please find attached the YoungMinds guide to supporting young people with their worries by making a worry box as a strategy to support your child.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/blog/how-to-make-a-worry-box-a-guide-for-parents/>



[How To Make A Worry Box: A Guide For Parents | YoungMinds](#)

If you're using a cardboard box, seal down the lid using sellotape and then use scissors to make a slit in the top that's big enough to post slips of paper through – so that it works like a post-box.

www.youngminds.org.uk

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.

