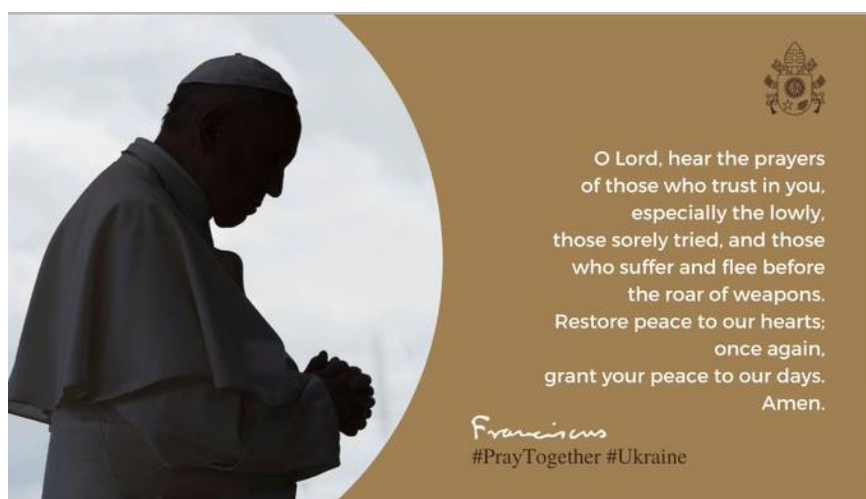




**St Bede's Catholic
Academy
Parents' Newsletter**

**Monday 7th March
2022**

Issue 23



Pope Francis' Prayer for Ukraine

Diary Events

Monday 7th March

Yr11 MFL Oral Exams
commence

Thursday 10th March

Careers – Yr8 York St John

**Monday 14th - Friday 18th
March**

Yr11 English & Maths Mock
Exams

Thursday 17th March

Yr8 Day of Reflection

Monday 21st March

Yr9 Vaccinations

Tuesday 22nd March

Careers – Hull Truck Theatre

Wednesday 23rd March

Yr11 Food Exam

Thursday 24th March

Yr7 Consultation

Friday 25th March

Yr11 Maths PGL Weekend

Thursday 29th March

Yr10 Day of Reflection

Year 9

Thank you to all parents who attended the parents evening on Thursday. It was really positive to see you all coming into school to get updates on the progress of your children. If you wish to provide any feedback on the evening please email admin@stbedesscunthorpe.org.uk

Attendance

Each child is entitled to a full-time education that meets their needs and as a parent, it is your responsibility to ensure that this is taking place. Our priority is ensuring that all students have an attendance of at least 95% as each day lost contributes to the educational attainment of your child. The Education Secretary made increasing attendance a priority this academic year. Nadhim Zahawi said:

"They [attendance alliance] will be working over the coming months to make sure everyone working on the ground with children, as a teacher, football coach, mental health worker or in any other role, has the tools and resources they need to break down barriers to children attending school. I will continue to prioritise taking action to make sure children have the opportunity to

spend time in class with inspirational teachers and good friends – simply because it is the single most powerful tool at our disposal to make sure every child fulfils their potential."

Students should arrive to school, on time, ready to learn every morning. When a student is too ill to attend, you must ring the school each morning of the absence to inform us of this. It is not our policy to accept emails from parents and a phone call must be made. A member of the attendance team will take your call and they will ask you a series of questions to ascertain what the matter is, can anything be done to support and when is the pupil expected to return. This is to also ensure you know how we can support your child in getting back to school. Our attendance team is there to support you and will ask for an explanation as they will also decide if the attendance is to be authorised or not.

You may be sent letters or invited into school if your child's attendance falls below 95% to discuss any barriers to attendance, and to create an action plan. We would much prefer to work together with our families to support the educational endeavours of our students, however, occasionally we do make referrals to the Educational Inclusion Team. You can be issued with a fixed penalty notice or face prosecution for your child's absence from school.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance, please speak to your child's tutor, head of year, our attendance officer, Mrs L Ellis, or Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Jackson so that we can look at ways of helping you.

Collection for Ukraine

Some of our wonderful students in 11 Vaughan have started to collect items for those seeking refuge after fleeing Ukraine, following the unrest there. We have requests for specific items: baby food and new baby clothes, duvets, blankets, bedding and sleeping bags in new or excellent condition, first aid kits (paracetamol, ibuprofen, bandages), toiletries and hygiene products (including feminine products), washing powder/liquid, portable power banks, flashlights etc and non-perishable food such as rice and pasta. Please note that the foundation is currently not in need of clothes (only baby clothes are required)

The items will be delivered to the foundation on Friday 11th March, if the items can be brought into school by this date. Thank you for your generosity.

Year 11 English and Maths Mock Week and Consultation Evening

Students have been provided with a mock timetable for the March series which will commence on the 14th March 2022, this can also be found on our website. During this week students will be sitting 3 English papers and 2 Maths papers. We will then be holding an additional consultation evening on **Thursday 31st March** to discuss the results of these exams.

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>

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.

