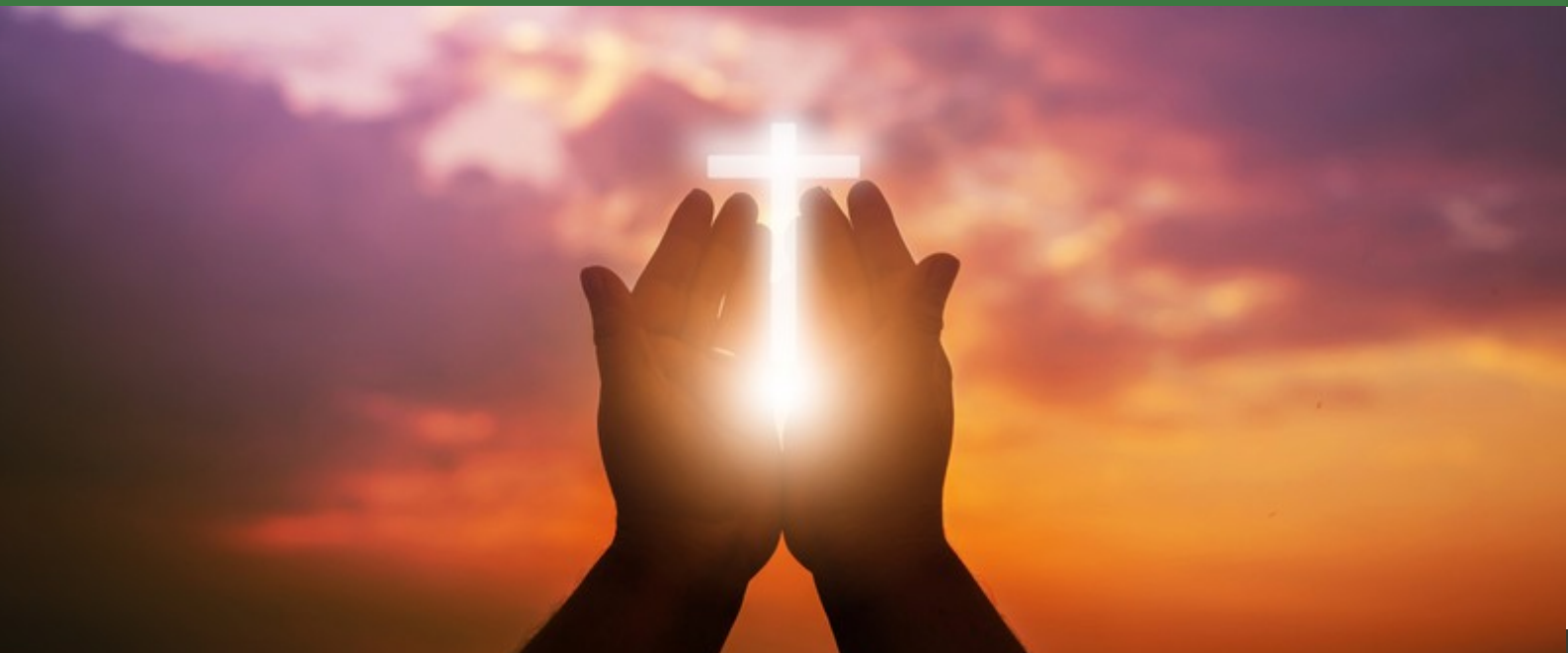


St Bede's Catholic Academy Parents' Newsletter

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Measles, Chicken Pox and Shingles

Please may we ask for your cooperation in a vitally important matter? Two of our pupils are receiving medical treatment for cancer. This puts the pupils at serious risk if exposed to measles, chicken pox or shingles.

Your child is not at risk whatsoever from this situation. However, the health and wellbeing of our pupils with cancer may be at serious risk. We depend on the co-operation of all parents and know we can rely on your help. Please contact school as soon as possible if you believe your child is unwell with the above. Many thanks, R Hibbard.

NHS Health Bus

We are going to be at Central Park with the NHS bus and School nurses on Tuesday 11th April between 1pm to 4pm!

We will be offering information and advice and will have some games for young people and families to get involved with.

Year 9 HPV Vaccine

The Year 9 HPV Vaccine session will be on Friday 31st March. Please find below E-Consent link for you to provide consent.

<https://systems.rdash.nhs.uk/eConsent/138018SB2296818>

Road Safety

Please could students be reminded of the importance of road safety and continuing to take care by looking and listening for traffic prior to crossing a road.

It is vital that our students are vigilant when outside the school gates and do not attempt to cross in front of or behind our school bus. Students should find a safer place to cross such as the school crossing patrol or a zebra crossing. It is important for students to keep looking and listening while crossing in case a driver has not seen them. Thank you.

Diary Dates

Monday 20th March
BAE Systems STEM
Roadshow with Year 8

Thursday 23rd March
Yr 11 photos

Tuesday 28th March
Yr 10 Consultation

Friday 31st March
Year 9 HPV Vaccine
School closed for Easter

Encouraging Reading At Home

How can you support your child's reading at home?

- **Share Your Experiences:** Share your experiences about why reading is important for life and work, but be mindful not to add any negative feelings into the discussion. This can help children to see that everyone struggles with certain things but it is worth persevering.
- **Don't Make it a Chore:** Avoid requests such as, 'If you read for 15 minutes, you can...' Whilst this may work for some young people, many will begin to see reading as negative aspect of their daily routine that must be overcome in order to have something more positive.
- **Take An Interest:** Take an interest in what your child is studying in school by reading around topics - this could be through books at home, library books or online research. Engage them in discussions about their areas of learning to show an interest in their reading.
- **Give Lots of Praise:** Help your child to experience feeling successful with reading by praising them and encouraging them. Ask questions to show an interest in what they have read.

Safeguarding

Dear parents and carers,

As you will know, talking to young people about difficult topics can be tricky and tough at times. Below is a parental guide to having difficult conversation from the NSPCC website.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/talking-about-difficult-topics/>

Please contact the safeguarding team at St Bede's if you require further support or if you have any concerns.

Accelerated Reader Programme

As part of the St Bede's Reading Strategy, we have launched the Accelerated Reader programme with our lower KS3 students. All students are tested when they arrive at St Bede's to determine their reading age and this is shared with staff to help support the teaching and learning in the classroom. Accelerated Reader includes additional testing in order to recommend a suitable book for an individual based on their reading age. Students are encouraged to read for pleasure and enjoyment and will see a dramatic improvement in their reading age if they engage in this. Students who do not regularly read or are reading book unsuitable for their age, will not see their reading age progress in the same way. As reading is a priority at St Bede's, we appointed a full-time librarian this academic year who has transformed the library into a vibrant and welcoming environment to foster that love of reading. This is a place where students can read through social times, before and after school and this will also help boost their reading age.

We understand that each student has their own narrative, their own journey, when it comes to reading and this presents challenges too. It is recommended that 20 minutes of reading is built in every day. This will be facilitated both in school and encouraged at home. Over the next few weeks, we will be sending out useful information to help support parents and carers to encourage reading at home and what you can do to help your child if they are a reluctant reader. Please find attached a link to the Accelerated Reader parent's guide for more information on this particular programme: <https://www.renlearn.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Parents-Guide-to-Renaissance.pdf>