

St Bede's Catholic Academy Parents' Newsletter

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A SEASON OF REPENTANCE

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.

NCS

This week a video will be shown to your teen launching the NCS programme for students at St Bede's Catholic Voluntary Academy. You should also be receiving our flyer, however we wanted to give you a little more personalised info on who we are and what we do!

NCS is an opportunity for 15-17-year-olds (Year 11 and 12) to build skills for work and life, take on new challenges, meet new people and make a difference in their local community. 750,000 young people have already completed the programme and are out there reaping the benefits of taking part.

There are many benefits of NCS, including:

- Enhancing their CVs;
- NCS enhances college applications;
- NCS is recognised by UCAS and will benefit their personal statements;
- NCS improves confidence and offers skills essential for starting work;
- Your teen can gain new skills and start to become more independent;
- NCS allows your teen to volunteer to help their local community;
- Allows them the chance to stay away from home.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 28th March
Yr 10 Consultation

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

Sunday 9th April
Easter Sunday

Monday 17th April
School Reopens for students

Tuesday 18th April
GCSE Photography Exam

Wednesday 19th April
GCSE Photography Exam

Thursday 20th April
GCSE Art Exam

Friday 21st April
GCSE Art Exam

Tuesday 25th April
Yr9 Boys & Girls Vaccinations

Monday 1st May
May day - school closed

Monday 8th May
The Kings Coronation - school closed

Safeguarding

Dear parents and carers,

As you will know, technology is a hugely valuable and influential part of a young person's life. It needs to be used responsibly and maturely by young people and adults alike. Attached is a link to UK Safer Internet Centre offering advice and resources for parents and carers about technology.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

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

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.