

St Bede's Catholic Academy

Parents' Newsletter

Monday 7th November 2022

Issue 8



London West End Theatre Visit

For all those attending the London West End Theatre visit, please find attached a letter which was emailed out on Tuesday as a reminder of the arrangements for tomorrow. Please ensure students do not 'over pack' for this one night trip but do ensure they are dressed appropriately for the relatively cold weather and an evening at the theatre. There is no time in the schedule to change on Tuesday before dinner and the theatre, so please ensure students are dressed warmly and appropriately. Thank you. Performing Arts Department.

Year 7 Lexia After School

Thank you to those parents who attended the Year 7 meeting to discuss reading and signed up your child to the after-school sessions. The classes are in the library on Monday, Tuesday and/or Wednesday from 3:05 to 4:00pm, and will start on 7th November. If you would like your child to attend on more than one night, there are spaces left. Please speak to B Graham or J Pinto.

8th November
London Theatre visit

17th November
GCSE Music Performance

21st November
Year 11 Mock Exams

24th November
Yr 8 Consultation

Year 11 mock exams and preparations

On Wednesday year 11 had an assembly to discuss the importance of their mock exams and to equip students with skills to support them in their preparations. The exam season starts on Monday 21st November and runs for three weeks. It is vital that their attendance is 100% during the season as we cannot guarantee that any missed exams will be facilitated during the school day. The results of their mock exams will be released the week of the 9th January. Students will also receive predicted grades for the end of year 11 which can be used on college and apprenticeship applications.

Students must be on time and present for every exam, we will not make exceptions for students who are not punctual. Students must come fully equipped for every exam, this includes a clear pencil case, black pens, pencils, rulers, highlighters, erasers and a scientific calculator. Students are allowed to bring in a clear, transparent sports bottle filled with water only and they must not bring in any mobile phones, watches, air pods or revision notes.

All students have been given a mock exam and revision booklet. This provides them with an additional copy of the mock exam timetable, the exam regulations as well as a wealth of material on how to revise and different revision techniques. This booklet is also available on the school website [Parent information – Exams].

The school offers opportunities for students to study independently, both within and outside of school hours. Please do encourage your child to make use of these facilities.

- The library is open to students at both break and lunch times.
- In library is open every day before school (8:15-8:40) and after school (3:05-3:45).
- RE4 is manned by Mr Waite and Miss Karlsberg on a Monday and Friday 3:05-4:00 so students can revise independently or ask for support in revision skills.

If you do have any questions regarding the mock exam season please contact Ms Taylor, for any general questions please contact Mr Waite.

Poppy Appeal

Calling all knitting and crocheting enthusiasts! We are reaching out to our very talented parents and families with a plea to help knit or crochet poppies for our remembrance event in school. There is no specific pattern to follow or size, all that we ask is that they are red in colour. Please send these in with your child/children to hand in.

Year 8 parents evening

A date for the diary - Y8 parents evening will take place on Thursday 24th November, more information regarding appointments will be given shortly.

Christmas Dinner

The school will be serving Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 14th December. Please see below on how you can order this for your child

Students who pay for lunch -

In order to prepare for this we have created an item in ParentPay for you to purchase Christmas Dinner for your child, there are two options meat or vegetarian which you will need to add into the notes when you purchase this, the cost is £2.40. If your child wishes to have Christmas Dinner please can you pay for it using the item in ParentPay called 'Christmas Dinner' we are unable to take money from their existing school dinner account in Parentpay. As we need to order the correct amount of food please can you order this by Wednesday 30th November, orders after this time unfortunately cannot be accepted. If your child does not wish to have a Christmas Dinner please can they bring a packed lunch into school as no other food will be served in the canteen on this day, however, they can still join in the Christmas celebrations and sit in the dining hall with all other students.

Free School Meal Students -

As a free lunch is provided you are not required to pay for this, however, we still require you to log into ParentPay if your child wishes to have this and select either the meat or vegetarian option, so we are aware of numbers etc. If your child does not wish to have a Christmas Dinner the school will prepare a packed lunch for your child, please can you access ParentPay and indicate whether your child would like a Meat Christmas Dinner, Vegetarian Christmas Dinner or packed lunch.

Please can you make your selection by 30th November 2022.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact school.

Safeguarding

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. During this half term, we will provide a series of links regarding online safety for you to read in order to support you to protect young people.

The following link takes you to the NSPCC website and advises how to report images and videos online and have them removed:

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

After school Sports Practices

On a typical week, the following practices will run on each afternoon until 4:10;

Monday: Year 7 & 8 Basketball and Years 9, 10 & 11 Football

Wednesday: Netball (all year groups) and Badminton (all year groups)

Thursday: Years 7 & 8 Football, Years 9, 10 & 11 Basketball, Hockey (all years) and Years 9 & 10 Rugby

If practices are not running, it will be on the daily student bulletin or on our twitter feed:

@StBedesPeDept

Information about fixtures is given to students individually.

After school detentions

As part of our behaviour policy, after school detentions run at C3/B3/P3 level as well as lates detentions. Parents are notified via text about any detention issued to a child. As I am sure you will appreciate, the detention system takes a lot of admin time to arrange and staffing is carefully managed to ensure we have a robust system in place. Therefore, it is expected that all students attend their detentions on the allocated day. We will not make adjustments to this unless truly exceptional circumstances are evidenced. We welcome your support in this matter as we move forward in this academic year.

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

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

Year 11 Careers

We have a number of Open Evenings coming up for Post 16 in the next few weeks. Please make every effort to attend the providers that your child is interested in, as we intend to make applications with our students in December through PSHCE.

Humber UTC - 9th November

Queen Elizabeths - 16th November

CALLING FOUNDATION GOVERNORS

If you are a practicing Catholic and interested in helping your community then this is for you!

A virtual information session about being a foundation governor in one of our Catholic schools is taking place on Tuesday 22 November from 7.00pm – 8.30pm.

Please see the poster attached to this newsletter. To reserve your place please contact: Julie Sweeney at the Diocesan Education Service (julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk).