St Bede's Catholic Academy Parents' Newsletter

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The school gathered as one community today on Armistice Day to remember those who have gone before us. The service was written and lead by our Year 11 Leadership Team and was impeccably observed by the whole school. Following this those Year 11 leaders and students in military uniforms marched to the Cenotaph to lay a wreath.



17th November
GCSE Music Performance

21st November Year 11 Mock Exams

24th November Yr 8 Consultation

12th December
Yr 10 Medical Mavericks

13th December Carol Service

14th December Christmas Dinner

17th December School Closes for Christmas

London West End Theatre Visit

48 students from Years 8 to 10 enjoyed two days in London this week. Leaving school on Tuesday morning, students travelled by coach to London before visiting the Natural History Museum in South Kensington. This was followed by an early dinner at Jungle Cave (formerly the Rainforest Café) before watching the evening performing of The Lion King at the Lyceum Theatre. Overnight accommodation was at Chessington World of Adventures in South West London. On Wednesday, following a substantial breakfast, students enjoyed a visit to the Tower of London and the Crown Jewels, before exploring the many areas and exhibitions of the Tower. An enjoyable experience was had by everyone who attended. Details of next year's (November 2023) visit will be published in January and will be sold on a first come, first served, basis. A huge thank you to all students and staff on the trip. Mr Fields.



St Martin's Day Collection

The 11th of November is the feast of St Martin. St Martin was a soldier who cut up his coat and gave half to a homeless beggar in a snowstorm. In Germany this day is celebrated by lantern parades and by donating items to the homeless. To commemorate this day the MFL Department is collecting items for homeless people in our community.

We need:

- second hand warm coats/hats/ gloves/ scarves
- pocket tissues
- hand/face wipes
- loose change

If you are able to donate any of these items, please ask your child to give them to any language teacher. Any donations would be gratefully received.

The MFL department

PE Department

To keep up to date with all things sports related within St Bede's please follow the below link to our Twitter page:

<u>St Bede's CV Academy PE Department</u> (@StBedesPeDept) / Twitter

It was lovely to welcome Jack Muldoon back to St Bede's last week, he has has kindly donated one of his framed Harrogate Town T-shirts to the school for our PE Dept Wall of Fame. Good luck for the rest of the season Jack - Class of 2005

Sports events next week

Monday - Y7 5-a-side football @ Baysgarth Tuesday - KS3 Boys Badminton tournament @ St Bede's

Thursday - Y10 Girls Netball Tournament @ St Bede's



Anti Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week 14-18 November 2022. Next week is Anti-Bullying week and on Monday 14th November we are supporting Odd Socks Day where we ask all students to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all different and unique.

Library

Beg, borrow (don't steal!)

If any households have any good, clean and suitable books gathering dust at home, would they consider donating them to St Bede's Library?

As you may be aware, the library is up and running now and has become immensely popular, though we are desperate need of some new stock. We have a lot of shelves to fill and a lot of readers eager for something new to read. We are after young adult books, Non-fiction, fiction, fantasy, Sci-Fi, graphic novels/comics, magazines, humour, sport, cookery, poetry, autobiography, etc.

If you have a surplus of suitable literature cluttering up a corner and would like to donate them to a worthy cause, bag a few books for us, as books deserve to be read!



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.

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 keep your young person safe online:

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/online-abuse/

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.

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).





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 you 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 will 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.