



ST. TERESA OF AVILA

October 15th



St Bernadette's Church

Last week, we took 50+ children on pilgrimage to St Bernadette's church for the visit of St Bernadette's relics. 11 of our children facilitated the event from 7:30 in the morning and many then left at 3 to help out at our open evening. We want to congratulate our students on their impeccable behaviour throughout the day and their reverence during the Bishop's Mass. Our students really helped mark this momentous occasion; they performed water blessings, handed out Holy Water from Lourdes, sang in the choir, read during Mass, served during Mass and the anointing of the sick, stewarded the relics, and even served tea and bacon sandwiches! It was an honour and a privilege to be invited as a school to join in the day.

Year 6 Open Evening

Thank you to all of our students who volunteered to help during our recent Year 6 open evening, The evening was a great success and our students were a credit to themselves and the school.

13th October
Yr11 Consultation
Yr7 Day of Reflection

20th October
Yr7 Surgery

October 21st
School closes for half term

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.

John Leggott College - 11th October

North Lindsey College - 18th October, please book here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/october-open-event-tickets-419667435597>

Grimsby Institute - 13th October and taster sessions available <https://grimsby.ac.uk/tasters/>

HETA (Apprenticeships) - 19th October

Bishop Burton - 15th October

Humber UTC - 9th November

Queen Elizabeths - 16th November

I will be available during Year 11 consultation evening in the Library, along with representatives from the local colleges to support any conversations with students and parents regarding post 16 study. Thank you - Ms Taylor

Year 11 consultation evening

The Year 11 Consultation Evening is on Thursday 13th October 2022 from 3.30pm to 7pm. As Year 11 is a crucial year, we strongly encourage all parents and students to attend this important consultation with their teachers. This is a face-to-face evening in school but we are using School Cloud to book and manage appointments. Appointments can be made on School Cloud from Monday 3rd October at 4pm and are available on a first come first served basis.

PSHCE

Letters will be coming home this week regarding the content of PSHCE for this academic year. You only need to return the form to school if you wish to withdraw your child from Sex Education. A copy of these can also be found on our website from next week. Thank you - Ms Taylor

After school detentions

As part of our behaviour policy, after school detentions run at C3/B3/P3 level as well as late 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.

Toilet Passes

The school is changing its policy in respect of toilet passes. Last year a significant number of students were abusing the use of these passes which was causing disruption to lessons. Therefore, if your child needs a toilet pass, please can you provide medical evidence such as appointment letters. Teachers will continue to use their discretion to let a student go to the toilet during lesson time.

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.

Drinks Sustainability Station

We now have in operation a drinks sustainability station in the school canteen where students can purchase a variety of flavoured juices. When purchased students will be given a token to put into the machine and it will allow them to fill up their drinks bottle.

Drinks can still be purchased in cartons etc but we will be gradually phasing these out, therefore, please can students be encouraged to bring a refillable drinks bottle to school so they can use the drinks station to avoid purchasing drinks in plastic bottles/cartons.

Safeguarding Updates

Attached is a link to advise you how to spot signs that your child is being bullied:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-parents/spotting-signs-my-child-being-bullied>

Please contact your child's tutor, head of year or pastoral support if you are concerned about your child being bullied. The school has worked closely with The Diana Award and we have trained Anti-Bullying Ambassadors in school.

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.

The following link takes you to the NSPCC website and explores types of inappropriate or explicit content:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/inappropriate-explicit-content/>

Please contact the safeguarding team at ST Bede's if you require support for your young person.

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