

# St Bede's Catholic Academy Parents' Newsletter

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Issue 6



## **Non-uniform**

Thank you to all parents who supported the school with world mental health day non-uniform. As a result, over £500 has been raised for charity.

## **Year 11 parents evening**

Thank you to all parents who attended the Y11 parents evening on Thursday, it was really good to see so many people there.

## **Half term**

A reminder that the school closes for half term on Friday 21st October at 3:05pm.

## **Lockers**

We still have a number of lockers keys that have not been returned from last year. Please can we ask that these are returned to our Student Services Office this week. We will then be able to issue lockers after half term. These will be available on ParentPay and will be on a first come first served basis.

20th October

Yr7 Surgery

October 21st

School closes for half term

8th November

London Theatre visit

21st November

Year 11 Mock Exams

## **Mental Health awareness week: Hello Yellow**

All week, students have been given opportunities to take part in activities to recognise Mental Health during lunchtimes and tutor activities.

Please find below a link to some parent guides to support you with supporting young people with their mental health.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/media/nsbbgfpe/parents-helpline-posters.pdf>

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Parents Helpline FEELING SMALL IS A BIG THING. Are you concerned about a young person in your life? Don't wait for the problem to 'go away', contact [www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)

## **St Bernadettes Relic**

Following the visit of St Bernadette's Relics, the Diocese have put together a video to commemorate the day at Scunthorpe and then later at Nottingham. The link has been shared via our Twitter account but you can also view it if you type the following into your browser: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YJv3nDszX2s>

We are extremely proud of our students and their contribution. We received thanks directly from the Trust Director of Chaplaincy: "I would just like to formally thank your staff and students for their outstanding contribution to the Relic Tour visit to St Bernadette's. Your presence, witness and example were truly moving and inspiration. The sensitivity and authenticity in the way you led everyone in prayer set the tone for what was an incredible day."

## **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.

## **Safeguarding Updates**

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 gives advice to help you understand the risks and support your child if they've been sending, sharing or receiving nude images.

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

Attached is a link to advise you about cyberbullying:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-and-support/advice-parents-and-carers/im-worried-about-cyberbullying>

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.

### **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 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.

### **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](http://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.

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