



Vigil of All Saints

It seems hard to believe that we are already at half term and seven weeks into the new academic year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all students who have been involved in a range of different activities within the school. This half term over 100 students volunteered to stay behind to conduct tours on open evening, showing perspective parents around. The school raised over £250 for MacMillian cancer support from a cake sale and last Friday we raised over £500 for mental health charities through the non-uniform day. Two weeks ago myself and two students represented the school at a mass in Newark to celebrate St Bede's becoming part of the newly expanded Our Lady of Lourdes (OLOL) multi academy trust. In the same week over 70 students were at St Bernadette's church to celebrate the relics of St Bernadette's visiting Scunthorpe, the feedback from everyone involved was that students represented the school exceptionally, it was a privilege for me as Headteacher to see this.

This week you may have seen the school on Tuesdays' Look North, this was part of a news article on longer school days, there were a number of students who spoke to the BBC and did so with great maturity.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all students and their families all the very best for the half term, school will reopen on Monday 31st October. Thank you Mr Hibbard

31st October
Students return to school

3rd November
Yr 7 Day of Reflection

8th November
London Theatre visit

17th November
GCSE Music Performance

21st November
Year 11 Mock Exams

24th November
Yr 8 Consultation

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).

Collecting students from school

Please be aware that if a student needs to leave school, during the school day, for any reason, they must be collected by a parent or carer named on the school system. Students will not be allowed to leave site without an appropriate adult over the age of 18.

Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Opticians

Below is an interesting article regarding children's opticians' appointments. May we take this as a small reminder to book children's eye tests if they haven't had one in the past year. If a child needs glasses and doesn't have them or even forgets to bring them into school this can affect their ability to access work on our boards.

[https://www.aop.org.uk/ot/industry/charity/2021/08/27/over-half-of-parents-have-not-booked-an-eye-test-for-their-child-since-the-start-of-the-pandemic#:~:text=Over%20half%20\(54%25\)%20of%20parents%20have%20not%20booked%20an%20eye%20test%20for%20their%20child%20since%20the%20start%20of%20the%20COVID%2D19%20pandemic%20nearly%2018%20months%20ago%2C%20according%20to%20data%20released%20yesterday%20\(26%20August\)](https://www.aop.org.uk/ot/industry/charity/2021/08/27/over-half-of-parents-have-not-booked-an-eye-test-for-their-child-since-the-start-of-the-pandemic#:~:text=Over%20half%20(54%25)%20of%20parents%20have%20not%20booked%20an%20eye%20test%20for%20their%20child%20since%20the%20start%20of%20the%20COVID%2D19%20pandemic%20nearly%2018%20months%20ago%2C%20according%20to%20data%20released%20yesterday%20(26%20August))

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.

Attached is a link to advise how to help your child if they are being bullied

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-and-support/advice-parents-and-carers/how-can-i-help-my-child-if-they-are>

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.

Please see the following link for advice and guidance on online safety.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/online-challenges-advice-for-parents>

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

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

Musical Instruments

We have spaces for private tuition on the following instruments: Flute, Trumpet, Bass Guitar, Guitar and Violin. If you would like further information about this please see the school website for further information or email Mrs Beuzelin nbeuzelin@stbedesscunthorpe.org.uk