

St Bede's Catholic Academy Parents' Newsletter

Friday 15th September 2023
Issue 2



Safeguarding

Dear parents and carers,

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/>

With Me In Mind coffee morning

There will be a With Me In Mind coffee morning at school in the library on Thursday 12th October 9:15am-10:15am. This is to offer support around children's well-being.

Medical Conditions/Needs

Polite reminder to complete the medical form emailed to parents/carers at the start of this academic year. It is vital that you ensure we have correct, up to date information regarding your child's medical needs. Thank you to those that have completed the form already. If you need another copy of the form, please contact Miss Pope at the school

Diary Dates

Friday 29th September
Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thursday 5th October
Flu Vaccinations
Open Evening

Friday 6th October
Mizens Visit Yr 10 & 11
Flu Vaccinations
Open Morning

Thursday 12th October
WMIM Parents Coffee morning
8:15am - 9:15am
Yr 7 Surgery

Thursday 19th October
Yr 7 Mass of Welcome

Monday 23rd October
School closed for Half Term

PSHCE

This week your child will be bringing home a letter regarding PSHCE. You only need to complete the reply slip if you wish to withdraw your child from sex education.

Contingency Day

Next year's Contingency day for GCSE exams has been released – Wednesday 26th June 2024. This will be followed up with formal communication in the coming school year. Ms Taylor

Term dates 2024-25

The following term dates have been agreed for 2024-25. Please note the dates below are for students.

Advent 1: Tuesday 3rd September – Friday 18th October

Advent 2: Monday 28th October – Thursday 19th December

Lent 1: Tuesday 7th January – Thursday 13th February

Lent 2: Monday 24th February – Friday 4th April

Pentecost 1: Tuesday 22nd April – Friday 23rd May

Pentecost 2: Monday 2nd June – Friday 18th July

May Day: Monday 5th May