

St Bede's Catholic Academy

Parents' Newsletter

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Issue 3



St. Matthew THE APOSTLE



Expectations

It has been a pleasure to see so many students settling into the new school year and exhibiting so many positive characteristics and behaviours. Many students have supported and guided the new y7 students and acted as positive role models which truly reflects the Catholic ethos and mission of our school community to 'love, respect and serve one another as disciples of Jesus Christ.' Thank you for your supporting in encouraging your children to meet our high expectations and positively contribute to the school community. Many students are actively attending enrichment activities including clubs, acting as leaders across the school as well as doing the daily things such as completing homework, being polite, engaging in lessons and holding meaningful conversations with staff and students. Thank you for your encouragement with this. May I also take this opportunity to remind you that the behaviour policy is on the school website for your perusal. It is important to note that homework and completion of any detentions are expected by all students; we do not negotiate on these matters in order to create a consistent and fair approach to school life. Our behaviour curriculum, including culture week, teaches our young people the expectations at St Bede's so that they can thrive and enjoy school life and all it has to offer whilst also being confident in the knowledge of what the school systems are. We truly appreciate you supporting the school and it's high expectations.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are holding a Macmillan Coffee morning in School on Friday 29th October in school, parents and carers are invited into school to join us from 9-10:30am.

Diary Dates

Friday 29th September
Macmillan Coffee Morning
Parents/carers very
welcome to attend
9-10.30am

Thursday 5th October
Flu Vaccinations
Yr 6 Open Evening 4:30pm-7pm

Friday 6th October
Mizens Visit Yr 10 & 11
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

Monday 30th October
Schools reopens for students

Wednesday 1st November
Feast of All Saints' Day

Tuesday 7th November
& Wednesday 8th November
London Westend Theatre Trip

Thursday 9th November
GCSE Music Performance Exam

Author/Playwright coming to St Bede's

As part of the North Lincolnshire Council Year of Reading 2023, we have been lucky enough to get an author visit from Author/Playwright Hessam Amiri, who is visiting Scunthorpe on Thursday 28th September 2023. Some of our students from years 10 and 11 will be meeting the author, who will share his experiences and discuss his successful novel "The Boy with Two Hearts," which has recently been dramatized for theatre and is currently touring in the UK. This is an excellent opportunity for our students to meet an author who has overcome unique and challenging experiences to become a successful and motivational individual. For more information about the author, please click here: <https://hamedamiri.co.uk/>



Yr 6 Open Evening

We have had a large number of students volunteer to help during our Yr6 Open Evening on Thursday 5th October which is fantastic. The event starts at 4:30pm and we request that students be at school for 4:15pm and picked up between 6:30pm and 7pm. If your student needs to stay at school between 3:05pm and 4:15pm can you please let the school know so that we know who is on site. School uniform must be worn.

Flu Vaccination

A Note from the school nursing team -

"We will be arriving in your school to deliver the Flu immunisation programme over the next few weeks. To give consent for your child to have the flu vaccine, please click here:

<https://humber.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/Lincolnshire>

Please complete the e-consent form as soon as possible (even if you do not wish for your child to receive the vaccination)."

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 children safe on social media platforms:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/>

Alumni Database

We are keen to keep building our alumni database to support our ongoing careers work in school. Each year our ex-students help us in a number of ways including; presenting at assemblies, delivering workshops, supporting us with trips and visits, attending our mock interview day, providing job profiles and words of wisdom for our students as well as donations of equipment for the school. We welcome any support, big or small, that our community can offer. To sign up to our database and receive our termly email please complete the Microsoft form which will only take a few moments <https://forms.office.com/r/Wgc31JbFmB> - Thank you - Ms Taylor

Young Carers

https://www.carersfirst.org.uk/young-carers/?utm_term=young%20carers%20uk&utm_campaign=Carers+First-Brand-Carers&utm_source=adwords&utm_medium=ppc&hsa_acc=6809945356&hsa_cam=20161242631&hsa_grp=152178692551&hsa_ad=659016063315&hsa_src=g&hsa_tgt=kwd-298841080721&hsa_kw=young%20carers%20uk&hsa_mt=b&hsa_net=adwords&hsa_ver=3&gclid=EAlaQobChMI8PP407KOGQMVwtTtCh1VFAC-EAAYASAAEgIagfD_BwE

Year 10 ICT & Art

If you have a student that is in Year 10 and studies ART or ICT can you please check Parentpay for the details about the educational visit on the 18 October 2023. Thank you, Mrs Stones

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

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.

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

GCSE PE TOPS

From Friday 29th September 2023, we are going to be offering students who are part of GCSE PE the opportunity to purchase a GCSE PE top (via ParentPay). The top will include the school badge, student initials and GCSE PE on the back. An electronic form, which will include sizing and purchase information, has already been sent via emails to the students, attached to their class on google classroom and can be found by clicking on the link <https://forms.gle/S87LFiwdVBNgfgoUA>. The deadline for purchasing them will be Friday 20th October 2023 to. If anyone does have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Iggleden.



Parent Portal and Arbor App

To prevent any issues we will be phasing parents into this portal over a period of time, please can you set this up when you receive the email. Once you are in the app if you have more than one child in the school you should see all children if you don't please contact school. Please can I ask that all names/contact details are checked and if any are incorrect amend within the app and we will see those changes come through to approve. Messages home are now sent via our new portal Arbor, replies via text will not be read so please continue to contact the school via phone or email.

St Bedes Facebook and Twitter

We will be using our Facebook and Twitter accounts to keep Parents / carers up to date with all things St Bede's related. Please give us a follow.



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