

St Bede's Catholic Academy Parents' Newsletter

Friday 29th September 2023
Issue 4



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Our Macmillan Coffee morning was a huge success, parents, staff and students enjoyed some wonderful baked goods and we raised over £300 for Macmillan cancer research! Thank you to everyone for their contributions, it was lovely to see our community come together for a great cause.



Diary Dates

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

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

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.

Safeguarding

During last year, the academy worked closely with The Diana Award and the Anti-Bullying Alliance to revise procedures around bullying behaviour.

So far, we have had a number of Y7, Y8, Y9 and Y10 students participate in The Diana Award Anti-Bullying Ambassador training. We are hoping to roll this out to the new Y7 students this year.

All staff have participated in Anti-Bullying training and this has been cascaded to all students within the academy so that we are all aware of what bullying behaviours are, the roles that students adopt in such situations (online and offline) and so that we are all using a common language regarding bullying behaviour situations. Further education around bullying behaviours is being delivered via our Acts of Worship programme to reflect our Catholic virtues.

As part of our revised procedures, students who have exhibited bullying behaviours will receive a C4 or C5, depending upon the investigation within the academy. Alongside this, students will take part in an 'education and awareness' package in order to reflect on their actions, educate them about the impact of their actions and to promote positive change so that the culture in the academy is as we all desire.

It is vital that all stakeholders recognise that bullying behaviours are a choice that can be changed, which is why we call it 'bullying behaviour' rather than label students as 'bullies'. As a Catholic academy, the values of reflection, forgiveness and hope are key to helping students live out their mission to 'love, respect and serve one another as disciples of Jesus Christ' because all students have the opportunity to change and to reflect on their actions. Alongside the work around Catholic virtues, we are reflecting on virtuous behaviours that we can all exhibit in our daily lives to show humility, compassion, tolerance and love to one another.

Students have helped to design signage which is displayed around the academy, which promotes the Catholic Ethos, values, virtues and positive behaviours associated with the Catholic life of the academy. There are also clear signs about how student can report concerns and bullying behaviours .

On the academy website you will find information regarding the academy's terminology when investigating bullying behaviours. There is also further information regarding reporting systems and support mechanisms within the academy. It is vital to note that where an incident is not defined as bullying behaviour, it will still be dealt with using the consequence system or any other sanction and support deemed necessary. Bullying behaviour is defined as 'repeated, negative and intentional' as support by The Diana Award.

We are advocates of an 'upstander' culture in which students act as upstanders to reduce the potential for bullying behaviours.

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.barnardos.org.uk/get-support/young-carers>

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.

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).”

Arbor

The Parent Portal has been released for Arbor, you should have received a link for this, can you please login and setup your accounts and check the student details on there.

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 attached to their class on google classroom and can be found by clicking on the link

<https://forms.gle/tdGU5FiSVd7r3otS6>

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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