

St Bede's Catholic Academy

Parents' Newsletter

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Hello Half Term

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. We raised over £300 for MacMillian cancer support from our bake sale and on Wednesday we raised £625 for the Jimmy Mizen Charity through our Charity football match and non uniform day. Everyone should be so proud of this tremendous effort.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all students and their families all the very best for the half term, I hope you have a positive, relaxing and safe week. School will reopen on Monday 30th October. Thank you, Mr Hibbard

Jimmy Mizen Cup

Margaret and Barry Mizen came to talk to year 10 and year 11 about their son Jimmy and his story. You may recall that this was in the newspapers back in 2008 as Jimmy was sadly murdered just days before he was to start his GCSE's and a day after he turned 16. His parents set up the Mizen Foundation in his name and deliver Talks for change so that young people are spoken to about issues of anger and violence, turning this tragic event into something positive; building peaceful communities so that young people can realise their potential.

To celebrate his legacy and raise money for the foundation, year 10 took on year 11 in now what is known as The Jimmy Mizen Cup! Year 8 took on year 9 in the Junior Jimmy on Wednesday afternoon. It was a fantastic event! Year 11 triumphed over the year 10 in what was a fair and good spirited event, and year 9 edged year 8 on the day too. Year 10 have already pencilled in a re-match!



Diary Dates

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

Tuesday 21st November
Yr 8 Consultation

Wednesday 6th December
North Lincs Cross Country -
Central Park

Charity Evening

Please join us on Wednesday 15th November 7pm for an evening of Big Band Music, raffles and more to launch our new Manning House Charity. Tickets £2 each or a table of 8 for £12 available after half term on parent

Safeguarding

Dear parents and carers,

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>

Young Carers

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/social-care-and-support-guide/support-and-benefits-for-carers/being-a-young-carer-your-rights/>

Families Direct

Please find below the link to the latest edition of Families Direct.

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKNOLC/bulletins/374179b>

Urgent – New Communication Portal

We are now using a new system ‘Arbor’ and all communication to parents will be going through this instead of ParentPay, you should have already received an email asking you to download the app . When you have access in the app you can check your child’s data i.e. address, contact details, medical conditions etc and make amendments. If you have not already done this please can you do this as soon as possible. If you have not received an email please contact school and we will be able to get this resent. Thank you

Parent communication - detentions

From Monday 9th October all communication to parents’ will be via the Arbor app - if you have not signed up for this yet you will receive emails rather than text messages, this includes information on detentions.

GCSE PE tops

The deadline for the GCSE PE tops has now passed. If you have ordered a top via the Google form but not paid via ParentPay, please ensure this is done as students will not receive their tops until the payment is made. Thank you.

Flu Vaccinations - Catch up clinics

During the half-term week – 23rd October – 27th October, Vaccination UK will be holding drop-in FLU clinics for those children/young people who have missed their immunisation in school for example, if they were absent, unwell or any other issues. Times attached.

Reading tips for parents

VISIT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Plan a trip to your local library.

Reading does not have to cost anything.

There are 14 libraries in North Lincolnshire alone.

Getting your child a library card can get them excited about books. Do not worry about reading every book, library trips should be fun! At first, these visits may simply consist of spending time wandering the rows of books and meeting librarians. Libraries are a fantastic resource for free books but offer so much more such as the Borrow Box app which offers free access to many e-books, digital magazines, and free to download audiobooks, and library events to encourage children (and adults!) to read more.

[Libraries-in-north-lincolnshire](#)

Book Recommendation: **The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins**



Chain Messages

I have had a couple of children come to me regarding chain messages and the anxieties that may surround not passing them on. Please take a look at the link below and encourage your child/ren to delete any such messages rather than forwarding them on.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/61311888>

[Chain messages: Where did they come from and are they real?](#)

De-Graft investigates the history of chain letters, emails and messages and tells you what you can do about them. The simple answer - ignore them!

www.bbc.co.uk

Thank you

Mrs King

North Lincolnshire Talent show

<https://www.northlincs.gov.uk/your-council/spotlight-the-big-north-lincolnshire-talent-show/>