

# St Bede's Catholic Academy

## Parents' Newsletter

Friday 3rd November 2023  
Issue 8



## All Souls Day

### NOVEMBER 2



### Feast of All Saints (1st November) and All Souls (2nd November)

Canon Matthew joined us to celebrate the Feast of All Saints on Wednesday at the start of the month of November. He used the example set by St Therese of Lisieux so that our young people can continue to inspire each other and our local community.

Thank you to students who brought in photographs of loved ones. These have been put on display in our chapel and Presentation Centre and will remain there throughout the month of November. During this month, we remember all those who have passed and are in need of our prayers.



### Laila

With permission from parents, we wish to share with you a link to a just giving page that is for one of our year 8 students. Laila was diagnosed with cancer just before she started with us at St Bede's and is now in need of further care. This page was set up so that funds can be used to support potential experimental treatment or for Laila to make precious memories with her family. Please follow the link if you wish to donate to this cause and read more about her story. Please keep Laila and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/please-help-our-laila-with-her-battle-with-cancer>

## Diary Dates

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

Thursday 9th November  
GCSE Music Performance Exam

Monday 20th November  
Year 11 mock exams

Tuesday 21st November  
Yr 8 Consultation

Wednesday 6th December  
North Lincs Cross Country -  
Central Park

Monday 11th December  
Carol Singing Lindsey Lodge  
Hospice

Wednesday 13th December  
Medical Mavericks Yr 10

Friday 15th December  
OAP Christmas Dinner

### **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

### **GCSE PE Tops**

The GCSE PE tops have been ordered, the suppliers are expecting the order to take up to 4 weeks. If you have placed an order but have not yet paid, please can this be done as soon as possible. Thank you.

### **Urgent – New Communication Portal**

In September we have moved over to a new system called Arbor, this system has replaced ParentPay for all communication. ParentPay is still in place for taking payments, we intend to move this part of ParentPay over early next year. In addition to this Arbor can be used for the booking of parents evening appointments, as year 8 parents evening is approaching it is imperative that all Year 8 parents have access to this to allow you to make appointments.

Since September you should have received a Welcome to Arbor email asking you to download the app and set up the system, once you have access please can I ask you to check your email addresses, contact telephone numbers etc in Arbor and make any necessary amendments, this will allow you to receive messages through this portal.

If you have not already set up Arbor please can I ask you to do this as soon as possible, if you do not believe you have received this Welcome email please contact school, please can I ask you to check your spam first as I know many parents have received it into there.

### **Front of school - Parking**

We understand that Collum Avenue gets extremely busy in the morning and especially around 3pm as students leave the school. Can we please request that where possible parents who are collecting or dropping off children in cars do so away from the immediate entrances and exits and certainly not on the yellow zig-zags. This will enable the traffic to pass more freely and will make crossing the road more safe for our students. Thank you for your understanding in this matter. Mr Hibbard

### **Young Carers**

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/home-families/family-relationships/young-carers/>

### **Safeguarding**

Dear parents and carers,

We want to talk about mental health in adolescents. 75% of mental health problems start before adulthood. 50% of lifetime mental health problems start before the age of 14. For this reason, we want to support you, as parents and carers to be able to notice the signs and symptoms of when your child may need further support.

Please access the following link which will take you to the NSPCC website to explore signs and symptoms of mental health concerns.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/childrens-mental-health/>

## Reading tips for parents

### ENCOURAGE WRITING

Encourage your child to write thank you notes, letters, journal entries and stories about their daily life and experiences. If your child is uncomfortable writing, suggest that they create a comic strip. Every moment of creativity is a step towards a new skill. A great rainy-day activity is creative writing, be it poems, stories, or songs, it all encourages children to be inventive in the moment, especially if you read them aloud to one another, as this will give them more confidence in public speaking. If your child (or even you), feels confident enough to share their work with the world, there are many competitions to enter and win prizes.

The Scottish Book Trust for example runs a 50-word story competition each month with prizes to win. This could be an activity for the whole family to join in with as they read and make suggestions about each other's stories.

Book Recommendation: **The Outsiders** by S.E. Hinton



## 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.

## North Lincolnshire Talent show

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