

St Bede's Catholic Academy Parents' Newsletter

Friday 10th November 2023
Issue 9



Lest we forget

O God, by whose mercy the faithful departed find rest, look kindly on our departed veterans who gave their lives in the service of their country. Grant that through the passion, death and resurrection of your Son they may share in the joy of your heavenly kingdom and rejoice in you with your saints forever. Amen.

Today, the whole school joined together for a moment of reflection to remember those who have gave their life so we could have ours. Students led us in a poignant service, punctuated with prayer, poetry and a beautiful rendition of 'The Last Post', played by Mr Fields. We were honoured to be joined by a serving member of the Armed Forces, Lance Cpl Kirk, which made the event even more special.



Diary Dates

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



Lance Corporal Kirk and Ms Taylor

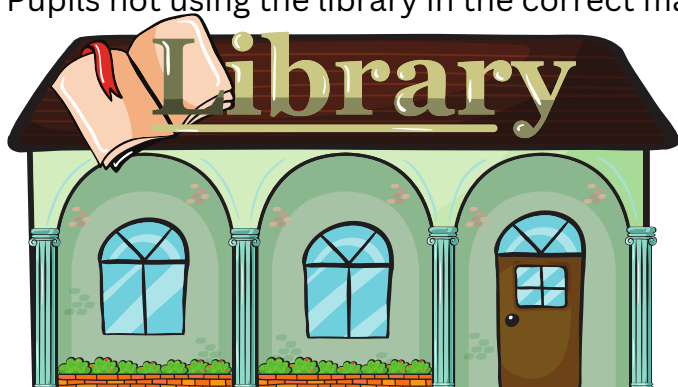


Year 8 Consultation Tuesday 21st November

The Year 8 consultation will take place on the date above, to book appointments you will need to access the 'Arbor App', this will go live for booking on Monday 13th November, you will not be able to book appointments until this date. If you have not set up the app and you are a Year 8 parent I recommend you do this over the weekend so you can make the appointments when it goes live on Monday. You should have received a welcome email from Arbor over the last few weeks, if you do not have this please check your Spam or contact the school directly.

Library

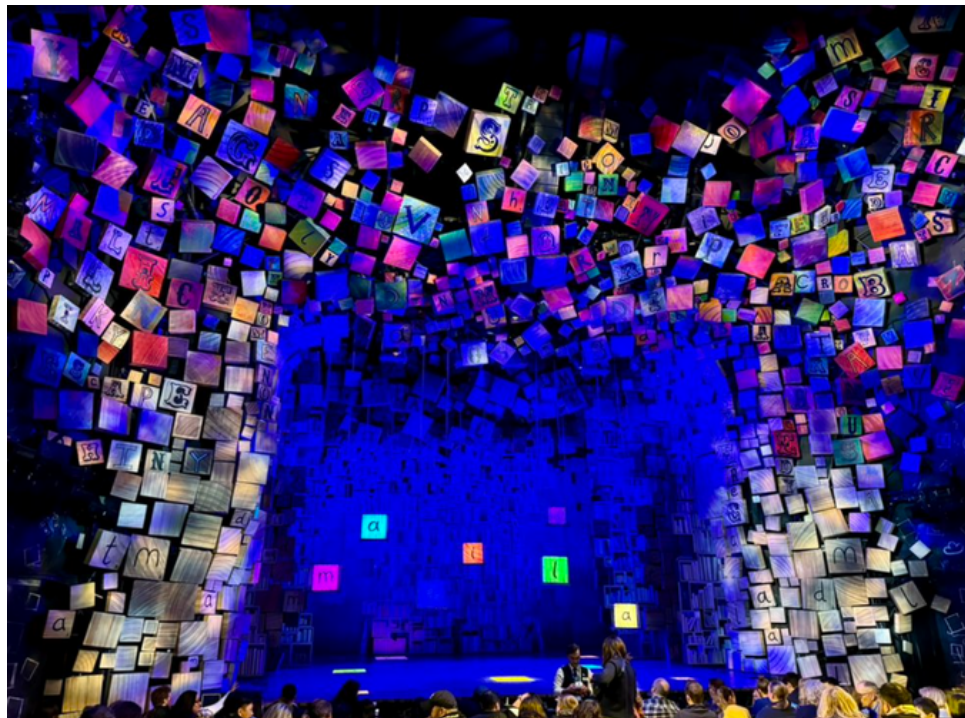
We would like to remind parents that the library is open until 4pm to be used by students to study, to complete homework or to read. Pupils are not permitted to wander around the school. If pupils are waiting for a lift, they must either sit down in the library, or they can wait in the reception area. Pupils not using the library in the correct manner will be asked to leave.





London West End Theatre Visit 2023

On Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th November, 48 students from across years 8 to 10 visited London as part of our annual West End Theatre Visit. The trip was accompanied by Mr Fields, Ms Taylor, Mrs Glynn and Mrs Branigan. On Tuesday, we departed school and made our way to the Science Museum where students explored the various exhibits on display. Following this, we enjoyed an early evening meal at Pizza Hut in Leicester Square, followed by a walk through the West End to the Cambridge Theatre to see the evening performance of 'Matilda: The Musical'. Following the superb performance, we headed out to Chessington World of Adventures where we stayed the night. On Day 2 of our visit, we enjoyed a cruise down the River Thames from Westminster to the Tower of London. This was followed by a sight-seeing tour of the City of London, The Embankment, Parliament Square and Whitehall before coming to a conclusion at Covent Garden where students ate their packed lunches and had some time to explore the shops and watch the street artists. This visit is always a highlight of the year for the Performing Arts Department and we look forward to next year's visit with anticipation. A huge thank you to all students who attended the visit; they were all a credit to the school!





Author Visit - Patrice Lawrence.

North Lincolnshire Council's Year of Reading continues and we are glad to be able to host another reading event. On November 15th, year 9 students will be meeting the author Patrice Lawrence who will share her experiences and discuss her new novel "Needle". Patrice is a popular children's author and has won several prizes for her work. 30 copies of her latest book have been donated to the English department and we hope that students will enjoy reading them. Ms. Graham.



Year 7 History

Congratulations to Year 7 History pupils on their Roman shield creations. We are very impressed with both the quality and detail that have gone into your designs. Thank you also to parents and guardians who have been involved in helping us bring History to life. Mrs Sharland-Collins and Mr Alexander





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.

Young Carers

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/coping-with-life/young-carers/>

Safeguarding

Dear parents and carers,

Self-esteem is how a person feels about themselves. Most children will have dips in self-esteem as they go through different stages or challenges in life, and there are different pressures that may affect them - including social media, bullying, exams, family problems and abuse. Things like starting a new school, moving house or going through changes in the family can also affect a child's confidence - but with support from parents and other adults they can usually get through this.

The following link takes you to the Young minds website to offer further support on how to improve your child's self-esteem

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/self-esteem/>

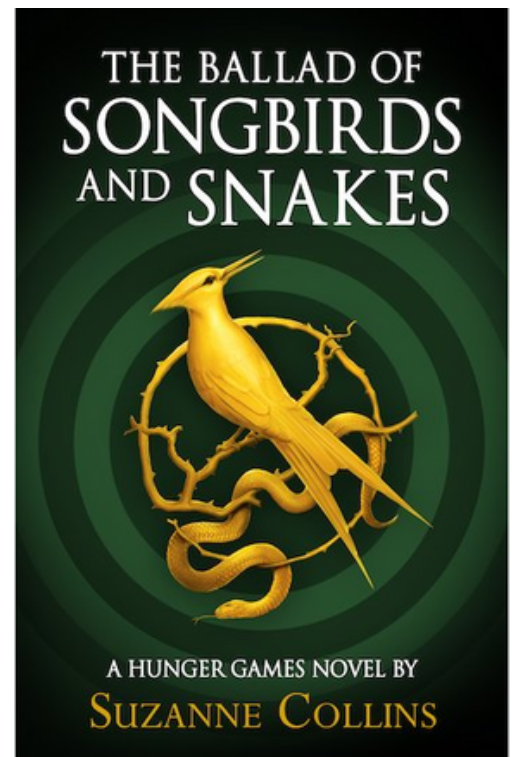
Please contact the safeguarding team at ST Bede's if you require support for your young person.



Book Recommendation: **The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes**

Novel by Suzanne Collins

This is a must read for fans of The Hunger Games, a dystopian adventure novel written by American author, Suzanne Collins. It is a prequel to the original The Hunger Games trilogy, set 64 years before the events of the first novel. The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes tells the twisted tale of Coriolanus Snow, in his time before his rise to power to become president of Panem, and of Lucy Gray Baird, the District 12 tribute who Snow is forced to mentor for the 10th Hunger Games.



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.

NL Family e-newsletter <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKNOLC/bulletins/378c94c>