

# St Bede's Catholic Academy Parents' Newsletter

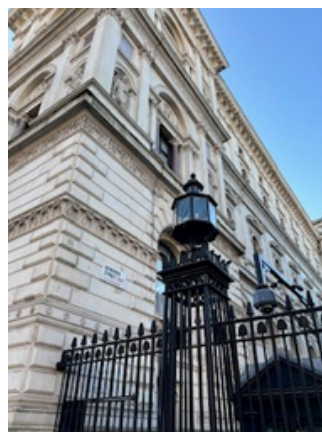
Friday 19th January 2024  
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*God we ask that you give them peace and courage as they begin a new year of classes. Surround them with supportive and encouraging friends. Bless their hard work over the coming months. Surprise them with unexpected moments of joy. Raise up this next generation of leaders and may they reflect Your love to those around them. Amen.*

## Houses of Parliament

On Tuesday a number of our Year 10 students travelled down to London where they had a guided tour of the Houses of Parliament before watching David Cameron debate in the House of Commons. Staff at the Houses of Parliament praised our students on their exemplary behaviour during their visit. They also visited Downing Street, Trafalgar Square and the London Eye, a fantastic time was had by all.



## Royal Navy

Some of our KS3 students had a great morning with the Royal Navy. It is so important to explore different careers as young as possible.

## Reporting your Child's Absence

If your child is absent from school please can you telephone to inform us each day before 9.30am so it can be authorised. If we do not receive a call we will have to record your child's absence as unauthorised. Thank you for your help on this.



## Diary Dates

2024

Tuesday 23rd Jan  
Yr 11 Consultation

Wednesday 24th Jan  
Yr 8 BAE Systems  
Yr 11 Food Mock Exam

Thursday 25th Jan  
Yr 11 Food Mock Exam

Tuesday 30th Jan  
County Cross Country  
Yr 11 Mock Interview Day

Thursday 1st Feb  
GCSE Music Performance  
Exam  
Yr 11 Information Evening

Friday 9th February  
School closed for half term

Monday 19th February  
School reopens



Forbidden to leave her island, Isabella dreams of the faraway lands her cartographer father once mapped.

When her friend disappears, she volunteers to guide the search. The world beyond the walls is a monster-filled wasteland – and beneath the dry rivers and smoking mountains, a fire demon is stirring from its sleep.

Soon, following her map, her heart and an ancient myth, Isabella discovers the true end of her journey: to save the island itself.

- A beautifully written, multi award-winning story of friendship, discovery, myths and magic for any age – perfect for fans of Philip Pullman, Frances Hardinge or Katherine Rundell
- From the author of *Julia and the Shark* and *The Mercies*, chosen for the Richard & Judy Book Club
- Set in an extensive and stunningly-imagined parallel world imbued with magical realism
- A gorgeous gift with intricate star-chart illustrations throughout - a present for young and old, which will stay with you long after reading

'One of those timeless stories that feels like a real myth' SAMANTHA SHANNON

'FANTASTIC!' CARRIE HOPE FLETCHER

'Absolutely stunning' CATHERINE DOYLE

'So beautiful and magical' PIERS TORDAY

## ST BEDE'S READS



### RSE Policy

Please find attached the RSE policy that is due for renewal in January 2024. We would like to consult with parents at this time on the subject of RSE and would welcome feedback via the below form.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ImHqYCKGbkyT6kPA3x-vZnpOyM\\_DyZJs8A8jrShma5UQTBORkc5M0xNQldauUUJaOUNFWFBSSklYMC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ImHqYCKGbkyT6kPA3x-vZnpOyM_DyZJs8A8jrShma5UQTBORkc5M0xNQldauUUJaOUNFWFBSSklYMC4u)

### Year 9 students

Dear Parent/Guardian

Your child in YEAR 9 is due to receive the DTP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio) and MENINGITIS ACWY vaccinations this year. Please go to <https://humber.schoolvaccination.uk/dtp/2023/lincolnshire> and complete a consent form online, please do this as soon as possible.

If you do not wish to consent to your child having the vaccinations, then please complete a formal NO consent via the same link.

Information about the vaccines can be found on the following websites:

[www.schoolvaccination.uk](http://www.schoolvaccination.uk)

<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6405e7ae8fa8f527fb67cb6a/UKHSA-12287-immunisations-young-people.pdf>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hpv-vaccine-vaccination-guide-leaflet>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immunisations-for-young-people>

## The Benefits of Graphic Novels for Kids

Introduction: Graphic novels are a dynamic tool for nurturing a love of reading in children, and are a valuable addition to your child's literary journey, especially if traditional books seem challenging to engage with.

1. **Visual Literacy Boost:** The combination of images and text enhances visual literacy, aiding children in interpreting information presented in diverse formats.
2. **Improved Comprehension:** Visual elements support the narrative, deepening understanding and improving overall reading comprehension.
3. **Reluctant Reader Appeal:** Accessible and visually engaging, graphic novels provide an inviting entry point for reluctant readers, transforming reading into an enjoyable experience.
4. **Sparking Creativity:** Vibrant illustrations and imaginative storytelling ignite creativity, encouraging kids to visualize and think beyond the page.
5. **Teaching Visual Sequencing:** The use of panels in graphic novels helps children understand the sequence of events, a skill crucial for comprehension and problem-solving.
6. **Diverse Themes and Genres:** Covering a broad spectrum, graphic novels expose children to various themes, genres, and perspectives.

If your child is struggling to engage with traditional books, introducing graphic novels into their reading routine can not only enhance literacy skills but also nurture creativity and instill a lasting passion for storytelling.

Here's a list of graphic novels that are known for their accessibility and appeal to teenagers:

1. "Smile" by Raina Telgemeier
  - o A memoir-style graphic novel about a girl navigating through the challenges of adolescence, including braces, boys, and friendship.
2. "Persepolis" by Marjane Satrapi
  - o An autobiographical graphic novel depicting the author's childhood and early adult years in Iran during and after the Islamic Revolution.
3. "Amulet" series by Kazu Kibuishi
  - o A fantasy series that follows siblings as they explore a magical world filled with creatures and challenges. The engaging story and beautiful artwork make it a hit among teens.
4. "The Hate U Give" by Angie Thomas (Graphic Novel Adaptation)
  - o Based on the bestselling novel, this graphic adaptation addresses important issues like race, identity, and social justice.
5. "El Deafo" by Cece Bell
  - o A memoir in graphic novel format that tells the story of a girl who loses her hearing and her experiences with a powerful hearing aid.
6. "Seconds" by Bryan Lee O'Malley
  - o A standalone graphic novel from the creator of "Scott Pilgrim," "Seconds" combines humor and fantasy elements in a story about second chances.
7. "Ghosts" by Raina Telgemeier
  - o Another title by Telgemeier, this graphic novel explores themes of family, friendship, and cultural traditions in a charming and accessible way.
8. "Awkward" by Svetlana Chmakova
  - o A middle school graphic novel that deals with friendship, bullying, and self-discovery in a relatable and engaging manner.
9. "My Brother's Husband" by Gengoroh Tagame
  - o A heartfelt graphic novel about family, acceptance, and cultural differences, featuring a Canadian man visiting his deceased husband's family in Japan.
10. "Anne Frank's Diary: The Graphic Adaptation" by Ari Folman and David Polonsky
  - o A graphic adaptation of Anne Frank's diary, making the powerful and important story more accessible to young readers.

These graphic novels cover a range of genres and themes, providing options that can appeal to various interests and preferences among reluctant teenage readers.