

# St Bede's Catholic Academy Parents' Newsletter

Friday 26th January 2024  
Issue 16



## Year 9 Work Trips Week

Last week we ran a number of trips related to Careers and the World of Work for our Year 9 students, to encourage them to think about their options. These trips were selected after conducting feedback from the students around their current ambitions and were designed to give student's a real life insight into industry. During the week we networked with professionals, sat in Man City's changing room, learned about conversation projects across the Humber and mastered the art of a Passionfruit Mocktail. I hope the students found the trips both enjoyable and useful, and we looked forward to working with them to select their KS4 choices soon.



## Closure of Parentpay

During the half term our cashless system will be moving over to Arbor, therefore when we return in order to top up dinners or pay for trips you will only be able to do this through Arbor. If you have not already set up the Arbor app please can you do so as soon as possible as you will no longer be able to access your account in Parentpay.

## Diary Dates

2024

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

Tuesday 20th February  
Yr 9 Vaccinations

Thursday 22nd February  
Yr 8 Day of Reflection

Monday 4th April  
National Careers Week

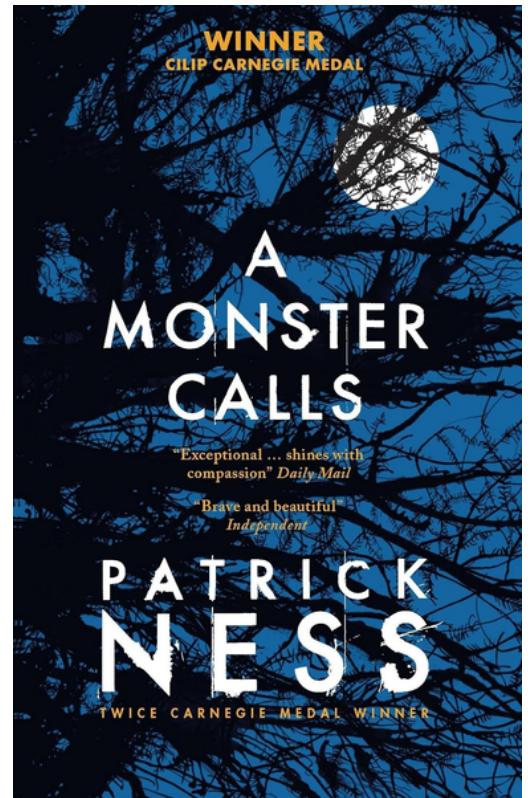
Friday 8th April  
Girls Games Day

Monday 11th April  
Yr 11 English & Maths  
mock exams



# ST BEDE'S READS

Conor has the same dream every night, ever since his mother first fell ill, ever since she started the treatments that don't quite seem to be working. But tonight is different. Tonight, when he wakes, there's a visitor at his window. It's ancient, elemental, a force of nature. And it wants the most dangerous thing of all from Conor. It wants the truth. Patrick Ness takes the final idea of the late, award-winning writer Siobhan Dowd and weaves an extraordinary and heartbreaking tale of mischief, healing and above all, the courage it takes to survive.



## CALLING CATHOLIC TEACHERS

Do you know somebody who is a practising Catholic and who is a teacher or senior leader working in a school outside of the Catholic sector? The Diocese of Nottingham along with the Catholic Multi-Academy Trusts is leading a virtual information session about working in a Catholic school on Monday 4 March from 7.00pm – 8.00pm. For further information, please contact: Julie Sweeney at the Diocesan Education Service ([julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk](mailto:julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk)).

## 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\\_DyZJs8A8jrShma5UQTBORkc5M0xNQldaUUJaOUNFWBSSklYMC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ImHqYCKGbkyT6kPA3x-vZnpOyM_DyZJs8A8jrShma5UQTBORkc5M0xNQldaUUJaOUNFWBSSklYMC4u)

## NL Family e-newsletter

Please see the following link to the latest edition of the NL Family e-newsletter that went out last week - <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKNOLC/bulletins/386dd01>

## 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/lincolnshireand> 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.