

St Bede's Catholic Academy Parents' Newsletter

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Lourdes Pilgrimage

We are thrilled to say that we are going to be part of the Lourdes Pilgrimage this year. Fr Simon Gillespie, secretary to Bishop Patrick, sent out details this week confirming the schedule as outlined below:

- Outbound departure - Saturday 13th July, Nottingham, 2pm ish, by coach
- Arrival - Sunday 14th July, Lourdes, 12 noon ish
- The main part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage will arrive at about 1.30pm on Monday 15th July
- Accommodation - Hotel Mediterranee, Lourdes
- Cost - £649 (excluding insurance, including two polo shirts, prayer book, Robin Hood hat)
- Return departure - Friday 19th July, Lourdes, 12 noon ish, by coach
- Arrival - Saturday 20th July, Nottingham, 12 noon ish

This is open to year 10 and year 11 students this year, both Catholic and non-Catholic. We encourage as many students as possible to make this wonderful pilgrimage. Further details, including how we can fundraise and help support with the cost will be sent in due course.



Closure of ParentPay

During the half term ParentPay was closed to all parents and payments for school lunches/trips/bus money, additional items ie revision guides etc will need to be paid using the Arbor app. If you have still not set this up please do so as soon as possible. All credit/debit balances in Parentpay have been moved over to Arbor. Please make all future payments using Arbor.

To make a payment onto your child's lunch balance. Please select Active Payments, then select meals, then Top up account. There is also a school shop for other miscellaneous items.

Diary Dates 2024

W/C 26th Feb
GCSE Oral exams

Thursday 29th Feb
GCSE Drama performance exam

Monday 4th March
National Careers Week

Tuesday 5th March
Yr 9 Consultation

Friday 8th March
Girls Games Day

Monday 11th March
Yr 11 English & Maths
mock exams

Wednesday 13th March
Yr10 Day of Reflection

Thursday 14th March
Yr 9 options
With Me in Mind Sleep Corridor
Workshop

Monday 18th March
GCSE Food exam
Yr11 Photo
Yr 7 & 8 reports

Tuesday 19th March
GCSE Food exam
Yr11 Additional Consultation Evening

Wednesday 27th March
Whole School Mass

Friday 29th March - 3.05pm
School closed for easter

PSHCE - VR Interactive Session

On Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th March, Year 10 will be participating in a VR interactive session as part of their PSHCE curriculum. If you do not want your child to participate, or you have any queries please contact Ms Taylor or Mrs Frost at school. Thank you.

Yr9 Consultation - Tuesday 5th March

You can now log into Arbor and book your slots for the Yr9 Consultation, we would advise that you do this at your earliest convenience as slots do fill up quickly.

TikTok

It has been brought to our attention that another Tik tok account has been created listed as St.bedes.wetties along with the previous account @littlemissstbedes. This has been found to have content shared involving some of our students and mostly in a negative way. Please speak with your child about this and encourage them to report the account so that it can be removed. If your child is identified as either following the account or being followed by the account, please ask them to unfollow or block.

As I am sure that you will appreciate this is an area of concern from a safeguarding aspect regards whom your children are accepting and following on social media also identifying their place of education. Therefore, we are asking that you as parents support the school by encouraging your child to remove themselves from the account associated within the next 48 hours. Anyone who is identified as still following or being followed after the 48 hours will be subject to appropriate sanctions within line to our school behaviour policy around acts of defiance.

If anyone has any further information on where the account originated from please feel free to contact the school and it will be dealt with anonymously. Alternatively, please email kking@stbedesscunthorpe.org.uk

Year 11 Mock Speaking Exams

All students in Y11 who are studying a Language please note:

Speaking Mocks are week commencing 26.02.24 (2nd week back after half-term).

Students will be issued with an individual exam time by their teacher.

It is important that students are revising regularly for this exam using the speaking exam pack which they have had at least since the start of Year 10 and which they have been using in class.

This is the final dress rehearsal before the real speaking exams which are scheduled for week commencing 22.04.24.

Food Technology, KS3 Year 7-9, Mrs Ryan

Please note the following information which may be of help:

From the first lesson:

- Year 7-9 are issued with an A4 sized booklet with all the recipes, methods and homeworks included.
- Year 7-9 are also issued with a duplicate list of ingredients – one glued into their planner and the other to be kept at home – this list is the order in which they will be cooking the recipes.
- Vital every lesson is: a suitable container labelled eg:- take-away tubs, empty sweet tubs etc. to take home cooked produce.
- Savoury recipes are a maximum of 2 portions only.
- You may adapt and include alternatives to these recipes to suit your tastes – students are encouraged to check the fridge and cupboards before buying.

- Apron - optional
- Cooking days: 7Q- Tues, 7P – Thurs
8P- Monday. 8Q -Wed
9P Tues and 9Q Wed

your child will know which class they are in. They are encouraged to inform/remind home of the requirements for the following week – I reiterate it is part of the course that they are responsible for all aspects of the Food Technology course.

All of this information has been communicated to your child including the fact that organisation skills are part of this course and that ultimately it is their responsibility to ensure that they are prepared in advance. The list is also displayed outside the Food Technology classroom and we ask that pupils do not ask reception to contact parents regarding their ingredients.

Mrs Ryan.

KS3 FOOD TECHNOLOGY.

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