

St Bede's Catholic Academy Parents' Newsletter

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On Wednesday 8 Wiseman hosted a bake sale to raise funds for Laila in year 8 who has been receiving treatment for cancer. Laila has a Go Fund Me page that people have been donating to and where you can read her story. The page is set up to raise money for Laila for either experimental treatment beyond what England can offer or for the family to make memories together. We raised £400, thank you for everyone's generous donations. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/please-help-our-laila-with-her-battle-with-cancer>



Thank You

Diary Dates

2024

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

Study United

Last week, Year 7 and 8 students had a fantastic time at Scunthorpe United Reading Stars. They met children's author Tom Palmer who signed copies of *Ghost Stadium* for them as well as a spooky stadium tour. After lunch, the pupils had a Q&A session with Scunthorpe United players, followed by the chance to get autographs from them, and a penalty shoot out with the players.





WORLD
BOOK
DAY

Photo & administration of First Aid Consent

We are updating our new Arbor portal and have submitted via it Photo and administration of First Aid consent. Please log onto to the Arbor portal to provide/decline consent.

Meal Price Increase

The Trust and our catering partner Aspens wanted to inform you that effective from 4th March the meal price in our schools will increase to £2.80

The challenges we're seeing in our kitchens are the same as those you're likely experiencing at home. Ingredient prices are rocketing, and energy costs are sky high. Additionally, we're funding important National Minimum wage increases for the catering teams. Here is some background information that we would like to share with you.

As is the case for supermarkets and restaurants across the UK, we are experiencing weekly increases in the prices of food and drink, with the inflation of 12.2% in September and a further inflation of 6.7% in October according to the Office of National Statistics. Supply volumes have dropped, due to factors such as the invasion of Ukraine, bird flu, swine fever and extreme weather internationally, driving prices up. Aspens are working closely with our chefs and supply partners to introduce new products and dishes, along with driving the best deals we can but these mitigations have limits.

The Government is increasing the minimum wage by 9% in April. This is a positive move that will mean our teams are better able to address the cost pressures they are under, which is great progress, but does subsequently create funding pressures.

The situation is far from ideal, we would like as many students to enjoy our services as much as possible and we appreciate price increases make this harder, particularly when many families are feeling the effects of the general cost of living crisis. That said, we believe our food continues to offer excellent value for money against the £2.95 meal cost in the local authority schools.

As always, thank you for your support and understanding. We will continue to partner with schools, students and parents to explore new approaches and gain input and feedback as we navigate this challenging period.

Lourdes Pilgrimage

We are thrilled to say that we 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. Students have been given information on the Pilgrimage, if you would like your child to attend please confirm their place with us, **a £150 deposit needs to be paid on Arbor by 15th March.**



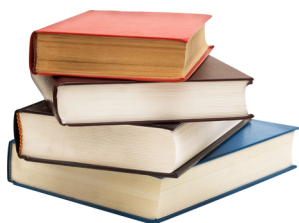
Jewellery and keyrings

Polite reminder that jewellery including rings are not allowed to be brought into school. We have had an incident where a keyring had gotten stuck on a student's finger. Please could you remind your child to not wear rings in school and to please keep any keys containing keyrings securely in their bags or zipped blazer pockets. Thank you

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.

ST BEDE'S READS



'The boy's an absolute menace.'

'He's a bully. A lost cause!'

'Why can't he be more like his sister?'

'I've been getting into trouble for as long I can remember. Usually I don't mind - some of my best, most brilliant ideas have come from sitting in detention. But recently it feels like no one believes me about anything - even when I'm telling the truth! Everyone thinks I'm just a bully. They don't believe I could be a hero. But I'm going to prove them all wrong...'

Meet Hector: a bully whose dastardly antics spiral out of control when, after school one day, he decides to bully a homeless man in the local park.

But as London's most famous statues and emblems go missing and its homeless communities are pointed to as the thieves, has Hector managed to pick on the leader of them all? And if so, what can he do in a world that won't believe a word he says?

*Written in lockdown when - for the first time in history - London's homeless community were gifted shelter, The Night Bus Hero explores themes of bullying and homelessness, and the potential **everyone** has to change for the good.*

