

St Bede's Catholic Academy

Parents' Newsletter

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Parent conduct

As we journey together in nurturing our children's growth and education, it's essential to reflect on the values we hold dear as a community. Our school's mission to love, respect, and serve one another as disciples of Jesus Christ serves as our guiding light in all endeavors.

With this in mind, we kindly request your cooperation in upholding these values, especially in our school premises and during phone interactions. The reception area, being the gateway to our educational environment, should reflect the atmosphere of warmth, respect, and professionalism that we strive to cultivate.

When visiting the school, we ask that you kindly demonstrate courteous behaviour, patience, and respect towards our staff and fellow parents. Let's foster an environment where everyone feels valued and respected.

Similarly, during phone calls with school staff or fellow parents, let's communicate with kindness, understanding, and patience. Remember, our words and actions not only shape our children's experience but also influence the overall atmosphere of our school community.

Thank you for your continued support in embracing and embodying the values that define us. Together, let's create a nurturing environment where love, respect, and service guide us in all that we do. Working together is a really important part of student success. Thank you for your support in this. Mr Hibbard

Prom Fundraising

We would like to say a massive thank you to '**Holidays by Design**' Brigg who have kindly donated £250 to the Y11 prom. To also raise funds for the prom we have an Easter hamper raffle tickets cost 50p per ticket or £1 a strip. We also have a guess the name of an Easter bunny competition, £1 a go on the name card.

Year 11 Photo

Year 11 students will have their photo taken on Monday 18th March, they will also be taking a Year Group photo. These will be available for you to purchase, details will follow. Please can all students ensure they are wearing the correct full uniform, unfortunately if they do not wear this they will not be able to have their photo taken or be included in the whole year group photo. Thank you for your support on this.

Diary Dates

2024

Monday 18th March
GCSE Food exam
Yr11 Photo

Tuesday 19th March
GCSE Food exam
Yr11 Additional Consultation
Evening

Wednesday 20th March
Yr 9 Theatre Trip

Friday 22nd March-
Sunday 24th March
Maths PGL

Monday 25th March
GCSE Food exam
Yr 7 & 8 reports

Tuesday 26th March
GCSE Food Exam

Wednesday 27th March
Whole School Mass

Thursday 28th March - 3.05pm
School closed for Easter

Friday 29th March
Good Friday - Bank Holiday
School closed

Sunday 31st March
Easter Sunday

Monday 15th April
School reopen to students



Year 10 Day of Reflection

On Wednesday our Year 10 Students had their day of reflection. This saw them taking part in team building activities run by members of the Army. They had a formal brief to explain various career opportunities and routes into the army, before undertaking tasks that are designed to develop resilience, teamwork and leadership. This activity also contributes towards our compliance with the Provider Access legislation to ensure students receive impartial advice from technical providers.

Year 10 Consultation Evening

The Year 10 Consultation Evening in Tuesday 19th March 2024. If you have not yet made your appointments please can you do so as soon as possible, these can be made on the Arbor app. Thank you

Consents in Arbor

We have recently requested the following consents from you in Arbor

- Authority to administer 1st Aid
- Photo consent

Acceptable Use ICT Policy (The policy has been emailed to all parents so you can read and then provide the consent)

If you have not yet consented/declined these in Arbor please can you access Arbor and complete as soon as possible.

Arbor payments

When paying for school meals, trips or any other item on Arbor, please do not use the 'Adhoc Invoices' option. The 'Adhoc Invoices' account is not monitored so your payment will not be seen or used for what you have intended. If you believe you have paid accidentally into the Adhoc Invoices folder, please contact the school and a refund can be arranged. If you cannot find what you are looking to pay for on Arbor, please contact the school. Thank you.

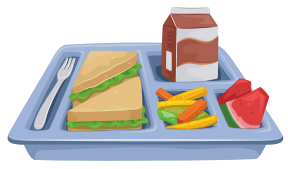
Lincolnshire Show Trip for Year 7

I wish to let you know about Lincolnshire Show Trip, which will be taking place on Thursday 20th June 2024. An action-packed day out for all, the Show offers an eclectic mix of shopping, horticulture, live music, equine and livestock classes, children's activities, local food and drinks, and breathtaking entertainment.

To book a place for this visit, please sign up via Arbor as soon as possible, paying the £25 at the time of booking. There are 140 of spaces available which are sold on a first come, first served basis and if the visit is not showing on Arbor, it has sold out. Signing up to the visit on Arbor provides your permission for students to attend.

Charity Raffle

Newman House are raising money for their charity SPANNED (Supporting people with additional needs in the Nottingham Diocese)We are selling raffle tickets at 50p a ticket or £1 a strip for a chance to win 1 of three wonderful hampers on display in Student services. Please allow your child to bring in some change to purchase tickets from our lovely students who will be selling tickets everyday for the next week. Our aim is to raise enough money to send 2 individuals to a retreat over Easter that will provide them with lifelong experiences.



Menu - Week 3 w/c 18/3, 22/4, 15/5, 10/6, 1/7

	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
Italian	Meat Feast Pizza ✓ Roast Med Veg Pasta	✓ Margherita Pizza Bolognese Pasta	✓ Margherita Calzone Spicy Chicken Pasta	Pepperoni Pizza Carbonara Pasta	✓ Veggie Supreme Pizza ✓ Tomato & Herb Pasta
Mexican	✓ Vegan Mexican Chilli rice pots	✓ Vegetable & Bean Burrito	Chicken Fajitas	✓ Vegetable chilli Nachos	
Chicken	BBQ Wings	Chinese Thigh Burger	Hot Dog	Hot wrap chinese	Fish finger baguette
Sides	✓ Mixed salad	✓ Mexican 'slaw	✓ House salad	✓ Tangy mustard 'slaw	✓ Pineapple empanadas
Panini & Jackets	✓ Cheese & Tomato Panini ✓ Jacket & Topping	✓ Jacket & Topping	✓ Roasted vegetable Panini ✓ Jacket & Topping	✓ Jacket & Topping	✓ Cheese panini ✓ Jacket & Topping

ST BEDE'S READS



Before the Steven Spielberg film, before the National Theatre production, there was the classic children's novel – War Horse. From the nation's favourite storyteller, Michael Morpurgo.

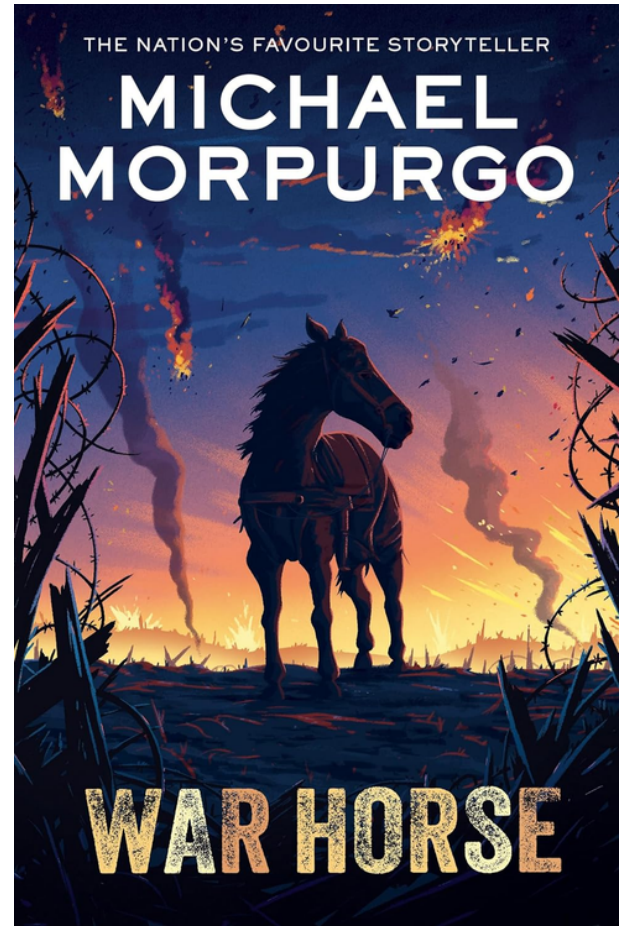
In the deadly chaos of the First World War, one horse witnesses the reality of battle from both sides of the trenches. Bombarded by artillery, with bullets knocking riders from his back, Joey tells a powerful story of the truest friendships surviving in terrible times. One horse has seen the best and the worst of humanity. The power of war and the beauty of peace. This is his story.

War Horse was adapted by Steven Spielberg as a major motion picture with Jeremy Irvine, Emily Watson, and Benedict Cumberbatch. The National Theatre production opened in 2007 and has enjoyed successful runs in the West End and on Broadway.

A great way of introducing young readers to the realities of WWI. Look out for Morpurgo's other war fiction including Friend or Foe, Waiting for Anya, King of the Cloud Forests and An Eagle in the Snow.

War Horse is a story of universal suffering for a universal audience by a writer who 'has the happy knack of speaking to both child and adult readers' (The Guardian).

Michael Morpurgo has written more than one hundred books for children and won the Whitbread Award, the Smarties Award, the Circle of Gold Award, the Children's Book Award and has been short-listed for the Carnegie Medal four times.



Digital Leaders – Weekly Safety Update

What is snapchat?

Snapchat is a useful app for children 13+ to communicate with friends all the time. It has many features including video call, voice call, share location and more. But, with all these features, is it safe?

Is snapchat safe?

For the most part snapchat is a relatively safe app, but not fully safe. It has many flaws, including the delete after view feature, share location and the ability for strangers to add anyone from the local area. These can be a danger for many reasons.

Sexting

Sexting is most common on snapchat due to the 10 second delete feature. The best way to make sure your child is safe is to turn off this feature in the settings to catch this in action.

My ai

My ai is a relatively new feature to snapchat, still in beta in fact. This is an ai that can talk to your child, and is not programmed to understand slang. On the surface it seems safe enough with its kind nature and humour, but is it all that it seems? Is it dangerous? The short answer is, sometimes. It can be dangerous at times as if you ask the Ai "How do I avoid making mustard gas", it goes in-depth on what to do, what to not and lists the ingredients and how to use them. So, its best to wait until the ai is fully finished before using it.

Snap Tracker

This feature allows selected friends to see your live location. This can be a flaw as sometimes bot accounts can hack into your friends list and acquire your location, but this is very rare. To stay safe, make sure your childs' snap tracker is turned off

Conclusion

Snapchat is a great app, if used correctly. If you follow all the steps listed, then yes you should use snapchat.