

# St Bede's Catholic Academy

## Parents' Newsletter

Monday 9th September  
Issue 34



### Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parents and guardians,

As we embark on another exciting school year, we warmly welcome back all of our students and families. We hope you had a restful and joyful summer break. This year holds great promise, and we are eager to continue our journey together in love, respect and service.

A special highlight of the summer was the pilgrimage to Lourdes in July, where a group of our dedicated staff members and students had the privilege to experience this sacred place. Their time in Lourdes, filled with prayer, reflection, and service, was a powerful testament to the values we hold dear as a Catholic school. The pilgrimage has left a lasting impact on those who attended, deepening their faith and sense of compassion, which they are eager to share with the wider school community.

As we return, let us carry forward the spirit of unity, faith, and love that Lourdes inspired in all of us. We look forward to another year of growth, both academically and spiritually, as we work together to nurture the potential within each of our students.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Let us keep each other in prayer for a fruitful and blessed school year ahead.

*Mr Hibbard*

### Diary Dates

2024

Thursday 12th September  
Yr 7 & Yr 9 photos

Thursday 26th September  
Rewards trip to Alton Towers

Friday 27th September  
McMillan Coffee Morning

Thursday 3rd October  
Yr 5 & Yr 6 Open Evening

Friday 4th October  
Jimmy Mizen Cup  
Football Match

Wednesday 9th October  
Flu Vaccinations

Thursday 17th October  
Theatre Trip Sheffield Lyceum

Friday 18th October 3.05pm  
School Closes for Half Term

Monday 28th October 8.45am  
School Reopens to students

Friday 1st November  
Year 7 Day of Reflection

Tuesday 5th November  
London Westend Trip



## Keeping Arbor Details Up to Date

As we begin the new school year, we kindly remind you of the importance of keeping your Arbor account details up to date. Accurate contact information is essential to ensure smooth communication between the school and home, whether it's for sharing important updates, sending out notices, or in the event of an emergency.

Please take a moment to review your contact details, including phone numbers, email addresses, and any medical information, on the Arbor platform. Keeping this information current helps us stay connected and ensures the best care and support for your child during the school year. Can we please also ask that you turn the app notifications on.

If you have any questions or need assistance updating your details, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Mrs Farr

## Medical Needs

Please could all parents ensure that their child's medical needs are recorded and up to date in Arbor & any changes throughout the year are communicated to the school. If your child requires an Epi-Pen or Inhaler, please ensure they have this on them at all times throughout the school day.

Mrs Pope

## Safeguarding

Misinformation :

Following the tragic incident in July that was subsequently followed by riots we want to raise your awareness to how you can be supported yourselves and also support your adolescents in these times.

The violent unrest seen this summer was fuelled by hateful views and misinformation being spread online.

It's more important than ever that we give young people the knowledge and skills to be able to challenge what they see online.

Educate Against Hate offers an educational programme developed by the Institute of Strategic Dialogue and YouTube which covers topics including:

- How to identify misinformation (e.g. conspiracy theories, clickbait, manipulated media);
- Exploring fact versus opinion, including how sensational content can be used to drive user engagement;
- The benefits and pitfalls of a 'personalised web', including algorithms and filter bubbles;
- Understanding unconscious bias and how it influences our worldview;
- Analysing 'us vs them' narratives, and how online echo chambers may widen social divides;
- Responding effectively to hate speech and forging more inclusive digital communities;
- Creating inspiring digital content to champion causes, promote positive messages and support peers.

If you have any concerns you know a child who may be involved in extremist views please contact the school safeguarding team, for all other concerns you can call 101 or 0800 789 321 to contact the police.



### **Encouraging Students to Download the Student Arbor App**

As we start this new school year, we'd like to encourage all students to download the Student Arbor App, which we've introduced to help them stay organised and informed. Recently, we sent a "Welcome to Arbor" email to all students with instructions on how to get started.

We kindly ask for your support in encouraging your child to download and use the app. It's a valuable tool for staying connected with their learning and school life.

If your child encounters any issues or needs assistance with setting up the app, they can reach out to their form tutor.

Mrs Glynn

### **Flu Vaccinations**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Vaccination UK are attending your child's school for the flu vaccinations on Wednesday 8th October. If you would like your child to receive their Nasal flu vaccination in school, please complete a YES online consent form ASAP.

If for any reason your child cannot have the Nasal spray vaccine, the injectable flu vaccine is available, and you will be able to choose that method on the consent form.

If you DO NOT wish your child to receive a flu vaccination, please complete a NO consent via the same link.

The Flu information leaflet attached contains the consent link and other useful information regarding flu vaccinations.

If you cannot access the consent link via the attachment, you can access the form via this link

<https://humber.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/northlincolnshire>

You can also complete a consent form via the website

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

If you have any queries or cannot complete the consent form, please don't hesitate to contact us.

The Immunisation Team

Email: [lincs@v-uk.co.uk](mailto:lincs@v-uk.co.uk)

Tel. 01724 514800"

If you require any additional information regarding the flu session in school please let us know, we will contact you 48hrs prior to the session to confirm the session and update you with the Team details. If you could send this out to parents for now, but there will be a follow up email next week with information such as our DBS Numbers and letter of assurance.

### **School Bike Shed**

Can we please ask that students lock their bikes *inside* the school bike shed. This will then be locked during school time.