## St Bede's Catholic Academy Parents' Newsletter

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It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of our beloved Year 9 student, Laila Mai Lo. Laila was a bright, compassionate young person who touched the lives of so many around her. While we mourn her loss deeply, we find comfort in knowing that she is no longer in pain and rests now in God's loving embrace.

We understand that this is a difficult time for our school community, and we are committed to providing support for both students and staff as we navigate this together. Grief support and additional services are available in school for anyone who needs them. Please keep Laila's family, friends, and loved ones in your thoughts and prayers as we honour her memory and the beautiful spirit she brought into our lives.

November is a special time in our Catholic community as we observe the Month of Holy Souls, a time dedicated to remembering and praying for loved ones who have passed. As we keep them in our thoughts and prayers, we are reminded of the strength and unity of our school community.

We've had had a productive first week filled with activities and opportunities for our students. On Thursday, our Year 9 students were thrilled to welcome The Royal Navy for a workshop focused on skill-building and teamwork. Our Year 11 students have been busy with college interviews with North Lindsey College throughout the week, helping them explore their post-16 options. Additionally, Scunthorpe United visited to train students as reading mentors, supporting literacy across our school. Over in the library, students enjoyed some creative relaxation on Thursday with Mindful Magic coloring and bewitching bookmark making—a wonderful way to combine mindfulness and creativity!

Looking ahead, we have some exciting events on the horizon. Next week, students will have the chance to participate in a London Theatre visit, an opportunity to experience live performance and culture. On Thursday evening, we'll be holding a Year 11 Parents Information Evening, providing key updates and guidance for the year ahead. John Leggott College will also be in school all week to conduct interviews with Year 11 students, continuing our efforts to support them in planning for the future.

Finally, a reminder to parents to park safely and responsibly outside the school when collecting students at the end of the day. With the clocks going back and evenings getting darker, extra caution will help keep all of our students safe.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to a successful and meaningful term ahead.

# Diary Dates

Tuesday 5th November London Westend Trip

Thursday 7th November Yr 11 Parents Information Evening

> Tuesday 12th November GCSE Music Performance

w/c Monday 18th November Yr 11 Mock GCSE's Flu Vaccinations all years

Thursday 21st November Yr10 Consultations

Wednesday 4th December Blood Brothers Theatre trip North Lincs Cross Country Central Park

Monday 9th December School closed for teacher training

> Friday 13th December JLC Choir

Monday 16th December GCSE Food Mock exam Carols by Candlelight

Wednesday 18th December Christmas Dinner

Thursday 19th December 3.05pm school closes for Christmas

#### **Christmas Dinner**

The school will be having Christmas lunch on Wednesday 18th December, it will also be Christmas jumper day. On the 18th only Christmas dinner is served there will be no other options in the canteen and therefore if your child does not wish to have this they will be required to bring in a packed lunch. Please see the menu attached there is a non-vegetarian and vegetarian option and the cost is £2.80.

So the catering team can purchase the food in advance, if your child wishes to have this it must be purchased on the Arbor app (it will be available from Monday 4th November), there will be separate items under School Shop called 'Christmas Dinner', please order either the vegetarian or non vegetarian option. If your child is Free School Meals, please order on the Arbor app but there will be no charge.

All orders must be placed by Friday 6th December, no orders can be taken after this date. All orders must be placed under the school shop in Arbor, please do not pay for this where you would usually top up your child's dinner account the school shop item must be used.

Please note that the canteen will not be open during break for food on the 18th, therefore, if your child wishes to have a morning snack please can they bring one into school.





#### Parent Survey: Workshops on Children's Wellbeing and Mental Health

We are committed to supporting the wellbeing and mental health of our students and believe that parents and carers play a key role in this effort. To better understand how we can assist you, we would like to ask you to please take a moment to complete our Parent Survey by clicking the link below https://forms.gle/LVNK8irFNRXNEEu66

. Your feedback will help us shape these workshops to best meet the needs of our school community.

Thank you for your valuable input and support in promoting a healthy, positive environment for all our students!

#### Winter Rucksack Appeal

Please find attached the information regarding the Year 7 Winter Rucksack Appeal for The Forge. Any donations please bring into school and we will deliver the donations to





The Forge. Thank you for your support. Mr Iggleden.

www.theforgeproject.co.uk



#### YouTube podcast

We have a new YouTube podcast called the 'Five Minute Mindshift'. It's your weekly burst of insight and reflection. Each episode dives into a new theme like compassion, resilience, or gratitude, helping you shift perspectives and grow in just five minutes. Perfect for busy people looking to explore life's big ideas in bite-sized chunks! In Episode 1 we look at 'Compassion in Action' - What does it mean to truly care? In this quickfire episode, we're exploring how small acts of compassion can make a big difference. Tune in for five minutes to uncover the power of kindness and how it can shape impact your day and the people around you! https://youtu.be/gK6\_zqVFwuk

### Safeguarding -Dear parent/carer

In today's digital age, social media offers both opportunities for connection and challenges for our children. As parents, it's essential to guide them in creating a safe online environment, rooted in our Catholic values of respect, dignity, and love for one another.

Familiarize yourself with the privacy settings on the platforms your child uses. Most social media sites, such as Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok, allow users to block accounts. This important tool helps prevent unwanted interactions and fosters a sense of safety. To block someone, navigate to their profile, click on the three-dot menu (or settings icon), and select the "Block" option. Empower your child to make choices that protect their well-being.

Encourage your child to report inappropriate content, such as bullying or explicit material. Just as we are called to protect the vulnerable in our community, we must teach our children to stand up against online harm. Most platforms have a straightforward reporting process—look for the "Report" button and provide as much detail as possible. By doing so, they contribute to creating a more respectful online community.

Moreover, regularly discuss their online experiences. Create an open dialogue where your children feel comfortable sharing their thoughts and concerns. Remind them that we are all created in the image and likeness of God, and our online interactions should reflect this truth. Encourage them to engage with others in a way that uplifts and affirms their dignity.

Together, let us model and reinforce these values, ensuring our children navigate social media safely and responsibly. By guiding them with love and faith, we can help them foster a positive online presence that reflects the teachings of Christ.

If you have any concerns please contact our safeguarding team.

For further support on reporting and blocking please follow this link <u>Reporting online safety concerns | NSPCC</u>



#### STREATERIES AMERICAN Ohins INCREDIBLE Home Diner WEEK 1 Italian & More STYLE 2/9, 23/9, 14/10, 4/11, 25/11, 16/12, 6/1, 27/1 MON TUE WED THU FRI GARLIC CHILLI CHICKEN CURRY MEATBALL MARINARA NASHVILLE BAKED CRISPY ROAST PORK, STUFFING & MAINS RATTERED EISH PASTA BAKE CHICKEN BURGER APPLE SAUCE ric Crur SAUSAGE or VEG SAUSAGE SWEET & SOUR ASPENS LOADED UN SPICED BAKED Margherita Pizza 🕥 ROASTED ROOTS CHICKPEA VEGETABLE PATHIA CURRY MAC & CHEESE VEGGIE BURGER 🕥 **Chicken Nuggets** FILO STRUDEL Ø Chips CRUNCHY CRISPY BAKED SKIN ON ROASTIES CARDAMOM RICE & MINTY PEAS, BAKED BEANS SIDES RAINBOW SALAD HOME FRIES CARROTS & BROCCOLI GREEN BEANS GRAVY OR CURRY SAUCE - PASTA & NOODLE POTS -BEANS - CHEESE - JACKET POTATOES - TUNA MAYO - SIMPLY PLAIN **BIG BOWL** HARISSA ROASTED FALAFEL & POMEGRANATE CHICKEN QUINOA & FETA TIKKA CHICKEN & MINT CAULIFLOWER, CHICKPEA & CAESAR SALAD COUSCOUS SALAD SUPERFOOD SALAD YOGURT SALAD SALAD SPINACH SALAD BLACK & WHITE SHORTBREAD COOKIE WARM LEMON STICKY TOFFEE STRAWBERRY FLAPJACK DRIZZLE SPONGE DESSERTS PUDDING **TRIFLE POT** with Toffee Sa Daily Meal Deals Fresh Cut Fruit HANDCRAFTED DELI DELIKITCHEN Regular & Yogurt Pots SANDWICHES, BAGUETTES, DAILY! WRAPS, SALADS & MORE **Chef's Specials**

## This week's lunch menu