

# St Bede's Catholic Academy Parents' Newsletter



Tuesday 17th December  
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Merry Christmas  
&  
Happy New Year

## *A Message from the Headteacher*

As we approach the final days of this term, we are reminded of the joy, hope, and reflection that the season of Advent brings. It is a time to prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of Christ's birth and to embrace the spirit of giving, gratitude, and community.

On **Wednesday, 18th December**, we invite students to take part in a non-uniform day in exchange for a £1 donation, payable via Arbor. These small acts of giving reflect the values we hold dear and remind us of our shared responsibility to support one another.

On **Thursday, 19th December**, we will celebrate the season with a Christmas Jumper Day. Students are welcome to wear a festive jumper over their school uniform, bringing a little extra joy and colour to our final day together. There is no donation required for this.

Please also note that **school will close early at 1:00pm on Thursday, 19th December** for the Christmas break.

As we prepare for the holidays, let us take time to reflect on the blessings of this year and look forward to the promise of the year ahead. On behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank you for your continued support and wish you and your loved ones a peaceful and joyful Christmas.

With every blessing,

*Mr Hibbard*

## Diary Dates

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Thursday 19th December  
school closes for Christmas at 1pm

Monday 6th January  
Students return to school

Tuesday 14th January  
GCSE Music performance

Thursday 16th January  
Year 11 Consultation

Tuesday 28th January  
Humberside Secondary  
Cross Country Finals

Wednesday 5th February  
Health & Social Care  
JLC visit 10am - 12.15pm

Tuesday 11th February  
Yr 8 Day of Reflection

Thursday 13th February  
School closes for  
half term at 3.05pm





## Safeguarding

Dear parent/carer

As the joyous season of Christmas approaches, it's easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of gift-giving, celebrations, and holiday spending. However, as we celebrate this special time, it's important to remember the values of simplicity and stewardship that our Catholic faith teaches us.

The Christmas season is ultimately about the gift of Christ—the greatest gift of all. It invites us to reflect on the true meaning of generosity and love. Rather than succumbing to the pressure of overspending or feeling the need to provide extravagant gifts, we can focus on meaningful gestures that reflect our faith and values.

Consider setting a budget that aligns with your financial situation, allowing you to celebrate without the burden of debt. This not only fosters a sense of peace but also models responsible stewardship for your children. Teach them the importance of making thoughtful choices and prioritizing experiences over material possessions. Family activities, such as volunteering together, attending Mass, or participating in community events, can create cherished memories without significant financial strain.

Encourage your children to embrace the spirit of giving in ways that do not require spending money. Simple acts of kindness, like baking cookies for neighbours or writing heartfelt notes to friends and family, can be incredibly meaningful. These gestures reflect the love of Christ and remind us that the essence of Christmas is found in our relationships and the love we share.

As you plan for the holidays, take time to pray and reflect on what truly matters. By grounding your celebrations in faith and gratitude, you can create a joyful season that honours the spirit of Christmas without the stress of financial burden.

May this Christmas be filled with peace, love, and the joy of giving, as we celebrate the birth of our Savior together.

For further support around finances please visit the following site

[Financial support, advice and guidance - North Lincolnshire Council](#)



## In This Holy Season

Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in a lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child. We behold his glory and are bathed in its radiance.

Be with us as we sing the ironies of Christmas, the incomprehensible comprehended, the poetry made hard fact, the helpless Babe who cracks the world asunder. We kneel before you shepherds, innkeepers, wise men. Help us to rise bigger than we are. Amen.

