

ST BEDE'S NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Year 9 – DTPMEN Vaccines**
Friday 30th January
- **The Big Sing Student Showcase**
Thursday 12th February
- **School Closed – Staff Inset Day**
Friday 13th February
- **Half Term**
Monday 16th to Friday 20th February
- **Social Science Trip**
Wednesday 25th February
- **Thursday 5th March**
World Book Day
- **Friday 6th March**
Leaders Football Day
- **Wednesday 11th March**
Women in Engineering

Message from the Headteacher

I am delighted to share that North Lincolnshire Council has now granted planning permission for the construction of a new block at St Bede's. This development will be situated on the land between the MUGA and the music/science block and will provide much-needed additional space for our growing school.



The new building will include three classrooms as well as enhanced facilities to support students with Special Educational Needs. Work is due to begin in February, with completion expected by October half term. We anticipate minimal disruption to the school day; however, the bike sheds will need to be relocated within the school grounds. As a result, there will be a short period of approximately one week when we are unable to offer bike storage for students who cycle to school. This project represents an exciting step forward for St Bede's, and I am sure you will agree that the improved facilities will benefit our whole school community.



INSET day

The school will be closed on Friday 13th February, this is an INSET day. A small number of Year 11 students are being invited into school on this day, but this is via invitation only.

YEAR 11 GCSE 'S

Independent Study

The library is open from 8:00 a.m. each morning and is available for use during break and lunchtime. It also remains open in the afternoon until 4:00 p.m., except on Fridays, when it closes at 3:30 p.m.


In addition, a Year 11 study room will be available during lunchtime for independent study.


After school revision

Our after-school revision sessions will commence from Monday 26th January. The sessions will run on a rotational basis in two four-week blocks and will take place on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings until 4:00 pm.

You can check which sessions your child has been assigned to on their timetable on Arbor. These will appear in orange at the end of the school day. We will be taking registers at each session, so you will be able to see whether your child has attended.

If, for any reason, your child cannot attend a session, please inform the school as you would for any other absence so that registers can be kept accurate. If your child does not attend a session that they are expected to attend, you will be informed via an in-app message on Arbor.

|  GRADES EXPLAINED | |
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| NEW GRADES | OLD GRADES |
| 9 | A* |
| 8 | A |
| 7 | |
| 6 | B |
| 5 | C |
| 4 | |
| 3 | D |
| 2 | E |
| 1 | F |
| | G |
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DTP/Men ACWY

Booster vaccinations (13-18 years old)

These vaccines are routinely offered in Year 9, but if they missed them, they are still eligible up to 18 years old

What Are These Vaccines?

DTP Booster

- Diphtheria - can cause severe throat infection and breathing problems. It can damage the heart and nervous system, in rare cases, can kill
- Tetanus - causes painful muscle spasms and can cause breathing problems and can kill
- Polio - is a virus that attacks the nervous system which can cause permanent paralysis of muscles. If chest muscles or brain are affected, polio can kill

Men ACWY Booster

- Meningococcal diseases (Types A, C, W, Y) - can cause serious blood infections and meningitis (swelling around the brain and spinal cord). It can lead to life-changing disabilities such as amputations, hearing loss and brain damage
- Required for some travel destinations and university entry


Why is this Important?

- Teenagers are at higher risk of catching some of these illnesses
- Even healthy teens can get seriously ill
- Vaccines protect your teen and the whole community
- Boosters help keep immunity strong from childhood vaccines

What to Expect at School Vaccination

- Quick and simple injection
- Some short-term mild side effects like a sore arm or feeling a little tired are normal
- Students can return to normal activities straight after

For more info visit our website
www.schoolvaccination.uk

Part of the NHS School Aged Immunisation Service 

St Bede's Sporting Achievements

After a slightly slow re-start to the new calendar year, this past week has seen an explosion of activity.

Firstly, on Monday we had the KS4 girls representing North Lincolnshire in the Humberside Finals of the Badminton tournament held at Hull Badminton Club. Mariya, Jojo, Blossom and Thenuha competed well against schools from NE Lincolnshire, Hull, East Riding and Goole, finishing a respectable 3rd overall. An amazing achievement, particularly as this was the third year the girls have represented North Lincolnshire at this event!

Then, on Tuesday we had individuals and teams representing North Lincs in the Humberside Finals of the Cross Country held at Central Park. Although it is already an amazing achievement to qualify for this event - on the day we had two exceptional individual results. Jack from Y7 finished 2nd in Humberside, and Annabella in Year 9 finished 11th in Humberside - both amazing results.

Then, on Thursday, the Y11 boys took part in the 6-a-side football tournament held at Frederick Gough. On a cold and wet night, the boys performed exceptionally well, not conceding a goal or losing across all 8 games and finishing a highly respectable third place.

Frederick Gough will also be hosting a Y10 and Y9 tournament next week that we will be taking part in.



Congratulations to several of our students who discovered this week that they are to have their poems published in the Young Writers "I Have a Dream" poetry collection.

Years 7-10 had an amazing opportunity this week to watch an up-and-coming artist, Joel Foster and listen to him speak about his experiences of bullying, mental health and healthy relationships. The students found Joel to be very relatable and listened well to both his music and messages. One student commented 'I think Joel Foster was very talented and gave very good advice'. Experiences such as this build on the students PHSCE curriculum, allowing them to develop their understanding of how to manage their mental health in 'real-life' situations. Some students were even given personal advice by Joel about developing their music skills and entering a career in music. Both staff and students alike enjoyed this interlude in their day, listening to new music and some old tunes too; 'Teenage Dirtbag' definitely got everyone rocking out!



*I REALLY ENJOYED LISTENING TO JOEL,
I FOUND HIM MOTIVATING AND HE
SPOKE INSPIRINGLY TO OUR YOUNG
PEOPLE.*

*HE SPOKE FROM THE HEART AND IT
WAS A REAL PLEASURE TO LISTEN TO
HIS TALENTED LIVE MUSIC.*

*EVENTS LIKE THIS ARE MODERN AND
ON A LEVEL TO ENGAGE AND GUIDE
OUR STUDENTS.*

*FINGERS CROSSED FOR MORE
SESSIONS LIKE THIS IN THE FUTURE.*



ST BEDE'S STUDENT SHOWCASE

Calling All Performers!!!



**Musician?
Dancer?
Actor?
Gymnast?**

Looking for a stage?

**Performance slots are
limited.
See Mrs Beuzelin to sign
up to be part of our next
student showcase.**

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your talents to an audience!
Deadline for signing up is Friday 23rd
January**

CAREERS

CORNER

Spotlight career



Wind Tunnel Technician



Colleges attend year 11 consultation evening

Thank you to the staff from Franklin College, John Leggott College and North Lindsey College sharing your post 16 opportunities with year 11 students and parents throughout the recent year 11 consultation evening.



Women In Manufacturing and Engineering Event – Baths Hall Wednesday 11th March

This trip is a fabulous opportunity for year 9 girls to find out about the many roles involved related to manufacturing and engineering. There will be many organisations represented at this event who will be able to share more about their world of work. Please sign up your child to this trip via Arbor at your earliest convenience.



Medicine and Dentistry Virtual Work Experience

Attending a FREE Get Into Medicine or Dentistry Conference not only allows students to gain invaluable knowledge about the medical/dental school application process, but it also provides an opportunity to network with medical and dental professionals, like-minded students and to build an understanding of their future career.

Students can register for the upcoming FREE LIVE Virtual Get into Medicine conference here:

Saturday 31st January, 9am – 1:30pm

Sunday 1st February, 9am – 1:30pm

https://medicmentor.org/get-into_medicine_conference_signup/?utm_source=Sendgrid&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=22%2F01+Teachers

Or the FREE virtual "Get Into Dentistry" conference on:

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Jazz Camp for Girls
Creative music making
for girls aged 8 - 14

Jazz North's Jazz Camp for Girls was inspired by a successful Danish initiative to introduce young female musicians to improvisation and address gender balance in the music industry.

The camps are a safe spaces for girls to explore improvisation in a fun, supportive environment.

Sunday 8th March 2026
10:00 - 15:00
The Baths Hall
Doncatser Road, Scunthorpe, DN15 7RG
All Instruments Welcome!

Free of charge!
To book, scan the QR code or email music@northlincs.gov.uk

jazznorth.org/jazzcampforgirls

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North Lincolnshire Music
NORTH EAST Lincs MusicHub

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Safeguarding

During times of change, teenagers can experience a range of emotions that they may not know how to deal with. As parents, you are called to help them understand how to manage feelings of sadness, anger, or anxiety when life takes unexpected turns. Remind them that these emotions are part of the human experience, a reflection of the joys and challenges of life that God has given us. When teens understand that these feelings are as natural as happiness, they are better equipped to cope with stressful events, such as the breakdown of a relationship, the loss of a loved one, a pet, or even a job.

Why is it important to talk about what's changed?

Your teenager needs to see that challenging situations affect everyone, and that it's okay to feel upset or angry. Share with them that you, too, experience these emotions but rely on faith and strength to handle them. Acknowledging and discussing these feelings shows your teen that it's normal and healthy to express what's in their heart.

Negative emotions may not disappear overnight, but with open communication and trust in God's presence, your teen can begin to process and accept what's happened. Remind them that change is part of life's journey, helping us to grow in virtues such as courage, flexibility, and resilience. You can also help your teenager feel they are not alone by reassuring them that this season of difficulty will pass, and with God's grace, they will emerge stronger.

Try one of these conversation starters:

- You've had a rough time recently. How are you feeling?
- It's hard to go through a break-up/lose someone/etc. How are you feeling about it?
- I've found what's happened recently super hard and have been feeling weird about it. What about you?

The following link discusses further methods of how to support your child through changes.

<https://parents.au.reachout.com/common-concerns/mental-health/things-to-try-anxiety/helping-your-teen-cope-with-change>

