



St Bede's Catholic Voluntary Academy

Parents' Newsletter

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DIARY DATES

Friday 1st
February 2019
Year 11 Health
and Social Care
Exam

Wednesday 6th
February 2019
Blood Brothers
Trip

Tuesday 26th
February 2019
Year 8
Reflection Day

Wednesday
27th February
2019
John Leggott
College Open
Evening

Thursday 28th
February 2019
Year 8 Options
Evening

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a parent governor which we need to fill as soon as possible. St Bede's Catholic Academy has always aimed for a partnership with parents which undoubtedly brings great benefits to the children. One of the most significant ways you can help in promoting this aim is to volunteer to be a parent governor.

The governing body's main tasks are to ensure that the school has a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction;

- Ensuring that the school is conducted as a Catholic school meeting the expectations set out for his schools by the Bishop of Nottingham including on the development of the Catholic Life of the school, the appointment of leaders and other staff and facilitating diocesan canonical inspection.
- Supporting effective governance at all levels of the CMAT.
- Safeguarding and promoting the Catholic values of the school.
- Supporting the leadership team at the school and acting as a critical friend.
- Supporting the CMAT in the development of succession planning of leadership within the school and the CMAT.
- Maintaining a detailed understanding of the strengths and areas for development of the school.
- Regularly monitoring the school development plan and in year performance and progress data.
- Monitoring performance management in the school and supporting the performance management of the headteacher.
- Monitoring the management of behaviour, attendance, exclusions and admissions

- Monitoring the effectiveness of the deployment of resources at the school
- Developing the engagement with the local school and parish community.

Parent governors are welcomed as valued members of the team and play a vital role in ensuring the governing body is aware of the views of parents and the local community. We feel sure that there are parents prepared to take on this important role and give their time and commitment to helping us to continue to improve the school's performance.

If you feel that you would be able to serve as a parent governor please can you contact Mrs Dexter at the school: (01724) 861371 or via email at jdexter@stbedesscunthorpe.org.uk The closing dates for nominations is Friday 11th February.

Careers Focus

Please see below the new Parent Pack from Amazing Apprenticeships. This guide is full of useful information and Q&A around Apprenticeships.

BAE Systems, British Steel, HETA and others have open applications for apprenticeships at present. Please contact me if you require any more information. Thank you - Ms Boreham

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/app/uploads/2019/01/Parent-Pack-January.pdf>

Year 8 Options

North Lindsey College will be in next Tuesday on February 5th for their annual Roadshow with us. This event supports our options process by allowing year 8 students time to investigate different course and career options available to them post 16. The Roadshow will take place in the Presentation Centre during Periods 2 and 3. Every student in year 8 will have an hour slot to work with the college. Thank you - Ms Boreham

Year 11 Exams

Please be aware of the following dates for exams -

w/c 25th February - Mock speaking exams for French, German & Polish

w/c 4th March - Year 11 mock week

Thursday 14th March - Drama practical exam

Wednesday 20th March - PE practical moderation

Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th April - Art practical exam

Thank You - Ms Boreham

Fortnite Pens

We have been informed by other schools that "Fortnite pens" are being sold to pupils. These pens contain a concealed knife and therefore are extremely dangerous. We have not had any cases of this at St Bede's but I would ask all parents to be vigilant.

RSE (Relationships & Sex Education)

During March we will be hosting BigTalk Education to deliver our required RSE components to Years 8, 9, 10 and 11. These sessions form an important part of the PSHCE and Citizenship framework and reflect Ofsted's recommendations for RSE in secondary education. Information about the sessions has been uploaded to the policies page on our website should you wish to find out more. Thank you - Ms Boreham

Social Media

Can parents please monitor their child's use of social media. Misuse of social media often leads to friendship issues, bullying and more serious situations. It is important that young people are monitored and spoken with about how to use social media and messages in a safe, positive way and not to cause harm to

anyone. Ms Busk

Cross Country Championships

Well done to all students that took part in yesterday's Humberside Cross Country Championships. 3 students received letters to represent Humberside at the English Schools' Championships! Well done to all who took part!

Blood Brothers

All students going to see Blood Brothers at Sheffield Lyceum next Wednesday (6th February) should be ready to leave school at 6.00pm. School uniform is not required but you will need money if you wish to buy a programme / ice cream.

We expect being back at school at 11.30pm.

School Uniform

From Monday 25th February all uniform (except PE clothing) will be purchased from Shah's Uniform on West Street Scunthorpe. School will no longer hold any uniform on site. Please continue to purchase any uniform before this date from school through the Parent Pay system.

The uniform prices remain mainly the same, some items may have slightly increased where others have decreased.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact school.

Term Dates - 2019/20

The following dates for students are confirmed:

Tuesday 3rd September - Friday 18th October

Monday 28th October - Friday 20th December

Tuesday 7th January - Friday 14th February

Monday 24th February - Friday 3rd April

Tuesday 21st April - Friday 22nd May

Monday 1st June - Friday 17th July

Year 11 will also be expected in school on Monday 20th April

The school will also be closed on Monday 4th May

Notification of a school closure

With the weather getting a little colder and talk of snow can I please remind parents that if a decision is taken to close the school parents will be notified by the following:

1. School Website including the twitter feed
2. A text message will be sent home
3. Listed on the council website
4. Announced on Radio Humberside and Lincs FM and also listed on their website

When a decision is made the above will take place. In the event of the school having to close early the above systems will also be used. Please do not accept any other form of communication. We always aim to give parents as much notice of closure as possible but sometimes this is not always possible due to the nature of the weather and the forecast. Thank you. Mr Hibbard