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Headteacher's Update – Friday 8th July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

'Million Minutes' Awards

We are thrilled to announce that two of our Year 7 pupils, Layla Acton and Ava Everton, alongside two of our departing Year 11 pupils, Isabelle Payne and Gemma Downes, have received a 'Highly Commended' prize in the national Celebrating Young People awards, hosted by the 'Million Minutes' charity. The prize recognised the environmental work they have been doing through Saint Bede's Action Group and was issued in the presence of Cardinal Vincent Nichols in a special reception at the Houses of Parliament last night. Layla and Ava were able to travel to receive their award in person - they certainly picked an interesting day to visit Westminster!

To receive this recognition from the Cardinal, in a national awards ceremony, is an extraordinary achievement and we are immensely proud of them all.

Year 7 Parents' Evening

Thank you to parents and carers who were able to meet with teachers during our online Year 7 Parents' Evening on Wednesday. I hope you found the conversations useful. I would be very grateful if you could spare a moment to complete the feedback survey which has been circulated separately, whether or not you attended the event.

Shakespeare Festival

The creative talent at Saint Bede's was again on show on Tuesday evening as pupils from all five year groups took to the stage for our 'Shakespeare Fest' in the hall. We were very grateful for the support of parents and carers who attended the event and for the positive feedback we have subsequently received. Thank you to all the staff who supported the event, co-ordinated by Mrs King and Mrs Blackburn.

Rewards Trips

I hope those pupils who were able to earn their place on the Rewards Trips to the Pleasure Beach and Trafford Centre enjoyed their day. Thank you to the many staff who supported the visits, and to Mr Langley for his organisation.

Sports Day

We are all hoping to be blessed with fine weather on Monday so that our annual Sports Day can make a welcome return. Please remind your child that they should attend school in full and complete PE kit, regardless of whether they are participating in an event.

Foundation Governor Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for Foundation Governors on our Governing Body. The role of the Governing Body is to operate at a strategic level, for example by holding the Headteacher and leadership to account and overseeing the budget and financial performance of the school. Foundation Governors are appointed by the Bishop specifically to preserve and develop the Catholic ethos of the school.

The Diocese has published 'Called to Serve,' a guide to being a Foundation Governor in a Catholic school. An electronic version of this document is attached to this update. If you are a practicing Catholic and believe you have the skills, experience and availability to join the Governing Body, please feel free to contact me via head@stbedeslytham.lancs.sch.uk for a conversation regarding the role.

Have a lovely weekend.

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