

16th September 2022



SAINT BEDE'S
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers

Queen Elizabeth II

Throughout the week, I have led assemblies of reflection and prayer during this period of national mourning following the sad passing of the Queen last week. A Book of Condolence has also been available in our school chapel.

A reminder that school will be closed on Monday 19th September due to the public holiday for the state funeral.

Headteacher's Commendation

Congratulations to our recipients this week:

Jacob Scot (Year 7): Outstanding Achievement - Nominated for Blackpool Active Lives Community Award

Gabriele Fontana (Year 8), James Livesey & Abigail Wild (Year 9): Excellent Achievement - Summer Reading Challenge in English

Cecily Richardson (Year 10): Excellent Achievement - Duke of Edinburgh 'Bronze' Award

Kenzie Nodwell (Year 11): Outstanding dedication and talent - Marvel Artwork

Attendance Update

Please see below our whole-school attendance level for the current week and the academic year overall, which you can compare to the attendance level of your child in Class Charts.

Whole-school attendance this week: 96%

Whole-school attendance this year: 97%

Class Charts

In recent days you should have received an invitation to activate your parental Class Charts account. This online tool will greatly increase the information the school shares with you regarding your child. Initially, you will be able to access up to date attendance and punctuality information, as well as details of the 'Be a Bede' credits your child has been rewarded with. In the near future, we will also begin to use Class Charts to alert you if your child receives a 'log' for a behaviour incident or a detention. Up to date information relating to your child's timetable and classes is also visible through the system.

It is expected that all parents and carers will access and engage with Class Charts so please do activate your account as soon as possible. Should you experience any difficulties in doing so, please contact remotesupport@stbedeslytham.lancs.sch.uk. Although pupils already have access to Class Charts accounts, we will be 'relaunching' this with them over the coming weeks.

Year 7 Day of Retreat

On Wednesday, Year 7 pupils participated in a day of retreat with the theme 'One Body in Christ'. The retreat culminated in a beautiful Mass of Welcome for all pupils at St Peter's Catholic Church. Thank you to Miss Newsham, Paula and the RE team for their leadership of the day, and to those parents, carers and family members who were able to join us for Mass.

Each year group will participate in their own retreat and Mass over the course of the academic year.

Open Evening

A reminder that next Thursday 22nd September is our annual Open Evening for prospective parents, carers and pupils. As usual, there will be an early finish to the school day at 1.00pm for all pupils. Lunch will be available as normal and the school buses have been rearranged for the earlier time.

Parent Information Evenings

Thank you to all parents and carers who were able to join us for the Year 8 and Year 9 Parent Information Evenings this week. I would be very grateful if you could offer your feedback on the event by completing the short feedback survey which has been circulated separately.

We will be holding a 'Welcome' information evening for Year 7 parents and carers on Wednesday 5th October at 6.30pm. Further details will be issued separately in due course.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr P Marsden
Headteacher