

4th November 2022



SAINT BEDE'S  
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Headteacher's Update – Friday 4th November 2022**

#### **Staffing Update**

At half-term we were very sorry to say goodbye to Mr Hargreaves, who is pursuing an exciting new opportunity abroad which combines his twin passions of teaching Science and skiing! As a result, this week we have been pleased to welcome Mr Buckley as a temporary Teacher of Science.

#### **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: 94%**

**Whole-school attendance this year: 94%**

#### **Post-16 'Options' Evening**

On Wednesday 16th November we are hosting our annual Post-16 'Options' Evening in the Sports Hall. The event will provide pupils and their parents/carers with the opportunity to speak with representatives from colleges, universities and a range of professions about their options after Saint Bede's. We will be welcoming visitors from numerous fields including the armed forces, NHS, social work, law, engineering and retail among many others.

The event will run from 6pm to 8pm and is primarily aimed at Year 10 and 11 pupils and their parents/carers, who have received a separate invitation. However, if you have a younger child who you feel would benefit from the opportunity you are very welcome to join us. Please note that there will only be limited parking available on site due to the number of visitors, and so please park in the local area with due consideration for residents.

#### **Year 11 Exam Preparation Evening**

Thank you to the many parents, carers and pupils who attended our Exam Preparation Evening on Wednesday. I hope you found the session useful and would be grateful if you could offer your feedback on the event by completing the short survey which has been circulated separately. The presentation has also been sent out via email so please look out for this if you were unable to attend.

#### **Year 7 Update**

On Tuesday 8th November there are two important school events involving Year 7. During the school day, pupils will have a day away from their usual lessons to attend a variety of sessions related to wellbeing, health and safety. Themes will include fire safety, water safety and CPR. A letter with further information has been issued to Year 7 parents and carers separately.

During the evening, our Year 7 Form Tutors are looking forward to meeting with parents, carers and pupils for our online 'Settling-In' evening. Please see the information issued separately for details as to how to arrange and access appointments.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr P Marsden  
Headteacher