

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Headteacher's Update – Friday 25th November 2022**

#### **Headteacher's Commendations**

**Congratulations to our recipients this week:**

**William Morgan (Year 7), Alice Harrington (Year 8):** Contribution to Catholic School Life - Acts of kindness

**Gabriella Arciniega (Year 8):** Outstanding Achievement - Lancashire Champion North West Classics

**Lucinda Farrell (Year 9):** Outstanding Achievement - Lamda Results 2022

**Ella Flanagan (Year 9):** Outstanding Achievement - Performing in Matilda Jr

**Molly Walker (Year 10):** Excellent Achievement with extra-curricular activities

**Billy Palmer (Year 7), Zakhar Mamchurovskiy (Year 9), Charlie Zammit (Year 11):** Excellent effort in R.E.

**Thomas Kilshaw (Year 11):** Resilience and courage

**Maya Thomas (Year 11):** Academic Excellence - Mathematics

#### **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: 90%**

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

#### **Year 7 Mass**

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November (the Feast of St Andrew) we will be joined by our new Priest-Chaplain, Father John Millar, who will celebrate Mass with Year 7. This will be the second time Year 7 have celebrated Mass together at Saint Bede's and will be followed by a short session with the RE department reflecting on the beginning of Advent.

#### **Year 11 Mock Exams**

I am sure Year 11 parents and carers need no reminder that the written Mock Exams commence next week! After a great deal of hard work, I look forward to seeing all pupils ready and on time to make a fantastic start with RE on Monday morning.

#### **Year 7 to 10 Assemblies next week**

Throughout next week, we are fortunate to be able to welcome to school Gary Hickman, our local Police Community Support Officer. Gary will be delivering a series of assemblies to pupils in Years 7 to 10 entitled 'Choose Life not the Knife'.

This important assembly has been delivered in many other schools across the country in recent months. It aims to make young people aware of the implications of carrying knives and other offensive weapons, as well as how to report concerns if they know or suspect that someone else is carrying one.

We hope to arrange for Year 11 pupils to see the assembly at a later time following the Mock Exam period.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr P Marsden  
Headteacher