

Headteacher's Update – Friday 6th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

A belated Happy New Year to all our families, and welcome back to our pupils who have returned successfully this week.

Headteacher's Commendations

Congratulations to our recipients this week:

Olivia Ellis (Year 7): Outstanding Achievement with extra-curricular activities (Swimming)

Dulcie Richardson (Year 7): Outstanding Achievement with extra-curricular activities (Ju Jitsu)

Kian Weatherall (Year 7): Outstanding achievement with extra-curricular activity (Sea Cadets)

Olivia Myerscough (Year 8): Academic excellence in French

Ethan Rimmer (Year 8), Rhys Bamber, Jemima Harrison, Carla Owen, Maximus Payne, Keira Van Bogerijen,

Aimee Wallace, Georgina Walsh (Year 10): Academic Excellence - Mathematics Test

Amelia Donnelly-Nelson, Alice Harrington, Lydia Holliday, Freya Wilson (Year 8), Cecily Richardson (Year 10):

Contribution to Catholic School Life - Respect Ambassador

Tilly Kilgallon (Year 10): Representing School at Careers Evening

Niamh Heron (Year 10): Outstanding Achievement - Performing in Sleeping Beauty

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: 92%

Whole-school attendance this year: 93%

Feast of the Epiphany

Today is the Feast of the Epiphany, celebrating the revelation of Jesus as the Messiah and Son of God, and his adoration by the Wise Men (Maji) from the east. On this holy day of obligation we were delighted to be joined by our Priest Chaplain, Father John Millar, who presided over Mass in our chapel at lunchtime.

Year 11 Mock Results and Parents' Evening

It has been an exciting day for Year 11 pupils as they received their grades during our 'Mock Results Day' in the hall. A copy of the results is also being emailed to parents/carers.

Yesterday, during assembly I emphasised that the most important part of the Mock Exam process is what happens next – how will pupils respond to and learn from their results in order to maximise their chances of success in the summer?

On Wednesday 18th January we will be holding our Year 11 Parents' Evening, face-to-face in school. A letter with further details, including the arrangements for booking appointments, will be issued shortly. I strongly encourage all parents/carers, together with your child, to attend this important event.

Finally, prior to the Parents' Evening the latest Progress Report for Year 11 pupils will be issued. This will include up to date Forecast Grades, which indicate the grade teachers currently believe pupils are most likely to achieve **at the end of the course**.

Class Charts

A reminder that this week we have begun to increase the amount of information we share with parents/carers via Class Charts. This now includes records of behaviour incidents and, where required, the setting of detentions. It is therefore essential that all parents/carers activate and regularly access their Class Charts account. If you have experienced any technical difficulties in accessing Class Charts or would like a new invitation to activate your account, please let us know via email at remotesupport@stbedeslytham.lancs.sch.uk.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr P Marsden
Headteacher