

Headteacher's Update – Friday 13th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Headteacher's Commendations

Congratulations to our recipients this week:

Lily Long (Year 7), Carys Owen (Year 11) - Academic excellence in RE

Leon Eastham (Year 7), Megan Jack (Year 9), Phoebe Rowlings (Year 11) - Outstanding effort in RE

Milli Rose (Year 9) - Compassion towards another student

Liam Clitherow (Year 10) - Academic excellence in Maths

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: 93%

Whole-school attendance this year: 93%

Year 11 Parents' Evening

We are looking forward to our Year 11 Parents' Evening on Wednesday 18th January. This is one of our most important parental events of the year and I strongly encourage all parents/carers to attend, **together with your child**. Please see the letter issued separately for further details, including the arrangements for booking appointments. Should you experience any technical difficulties using the booking system please do not hesitate to contact us.

Year 10 & 11 theatre visit

On Wednesday this week around 150 Year 10 and 11 pupils visited The Lowry Theatre in Salford to watch a production of 'An Inspector Calls', which is one of the texts studied in GCSE English Literature. Thank you to Miss Beswick and colleagues for leading the visit, and well done to pupils who represented the school exceptionally well throughout.

School Production 2023: 'Narnia'

I am delighted to confirm that we will be performing our school production on Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th February. Information regarding purchasing tickets will be published soon. We look forward to seeing you for what promises to be two memorable nights inside the wardrobe!

Coronation of King Charles III

As you may be aware, the government has announced an additional Bank Holiday on Monday 8th May to mark the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. School will be closed on this day.

E-Cigarettes

I continue to be concerned about vaping among some of our pupils, and I would like to reiterate our strong stance in relation to this.

It is illegal in the UK for retailers to sell e-cigarettes or e-liquids to a person under the age of 18, or for an adult to buy these products for a person under the age of 18.

If you know or suspect that your child is using e-cigarettes, please ensure that under no circumstances are these brought into school. The possession and/or use of these in school, or in the community when in any way identifiable as a Saint Bede's pupil (including, but not limited to, when pupils are wearing school uniform), is forbidden.

Should a pupil be found to have breached these rules, they will be sanctioned. This may include suspension from school. In line with our behaviour policy any items relating to smoking, vaping or similar activity brought into school will be confiscated and disposed of.

Class Charts

A reminder that this term 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