

Headteacher's Update – Friday 3rd February 2023



SAINT BEDE'S
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers

Reflection

Our prayer theme for next week is:

Light of the World

If there is no light, just total darkness, we are frightened. When we put on a light, we relax, and the fear goes away. Light is comforting and reassuring.

Life can seem dark and something to be afraid of sometimes, especially when we think about some of the terrible and difficult things that we see or hear in the news. But, as Christians, we believe that Christ is 'The Light of the World.' It is Christ and his message that lights our way and shows us how to navigate the darkness of life. We believe that it is the light of Christ that puts real colour, meaning and purpose into our lives.

Headteacher's Commendations

Congratulations to our recipients this week:

Alice Harrington (Year 8): Leadership and setting an example

Emily Weafer (Year 8): Outstanding creativity in Art homework

Charlotte Henderson (Year 9): Hardwork and dedication in R.E.

Elliott Hatton, Mollie Jenkins (Year 9): Academic excellence in RE

Bridget Boylan, Ethan Cassidy, Emily Craddock, Raphael Hall, Sam Holliday, Ethan Rimmer, Hannah Sergeant (Year 8), Finn Cawdell, Robert Jankowski, Macee Pedley (Year 10): Academic excellence in Mathematics

Theresa Boylan (Year 10): Leadership within the classroom

Alfie Dowle (Year 11): Acts of kindness to both pupils and staff

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%

NEU Industrial Action

Thank you for your understanding regarding the NEU strike action on Wednesday. As I explained in my earlier letter, the NEU have indicated they will be taking further strike action in the north-west region on the following dates:

- Tuesday 28th February 2023
- Wednesday 15th March 2023
- Thursday 16th March 2023

Having reviewed the impact of the strike action on Saint Bede's this week, and the likely impact of the next strike on 28th February, I can confirm that **school will be closed to Year 10 pupils on Tuesday 28th February.** Pupils in Years 7, 8, 9 and 11 will attend school as normal.

As was the case for Year 9 this week, a small number of our most vulnerable Year 10 pupils will be invited in to school and will be supported to complete the work other pupils will be completing at home. Provision will also be made for a packed lunch to be provided for Year 10 pupils who are entitled to a free school meal. I will write to you again with full details of the arrangements for the day immediately after half-term.

Year 10 Parents' Evening

We are very much looking forward to seeing Year 10 parents, carers and pupils on Monday for our Parents' Evening in school. 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.

School Production

Excitement is growing as we are just a few weeks away from our school production, Narnia – The Musical. Tickets for the two shows on 23rd and 24th February are selling fast – get them now via ParentPay to avoid disappointment!

Half-term

Saint Bede's will close for the half-term break at 3.15pm on Friday 10th February. School will re-open for all pupils on Monday 20th February at 8.55am.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr P Marsden
Headteacher