

Headteacher's Update – Friday 28th April 2023



Dear Parents/Carers

Reflection

Our prayer theme for next week is:

Be Courageous

'I am come that they may have life and may have it more abundantly.' John 10:10

Courage can mean a great many things. From strength of heart to perseverance, to taking a leap of faith or following your heart. It can be difficult to leave your place of familiarity to venture out into the unknown, but as Nelson Mandela said, 'courage is not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it.'

Like the courage that Jesus showed throughout the Gospel, we must find it within ourselves to be creative, to try new opportunities, to change, to say sorry, to forgive, to speak up for the persecuted and to lead by example. The Bible teaches us that we should not be fearful or worry, as God says, *'I know the plans that I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'* Jeremiah 29:11

Headteacher's Commendations

Congratulations to our recipients this week:

Evie Abberley, Jenson Adams, Hettie Bridgeman (Year 7): World Book Day Challenge

Jacob Scot (Year 7): Representing school at Year 7 Parents' Evening

Connor Johnston (Year 7): Fantastic contributions in Geography lessons

Chloe Naylor (Year 7): Outstanding performance at the Lytham Arts Festival

Brody Breslin, Jenson Breslin, Bella Callaghan, Sophie Elliott, Laila Grundy, Raphael Hall,

Patrick Hesketh, Phoebe Higham, Analiese Jackson, Frankie Lyons, Finley Watts (Year 8):

RSC Sandgsonian Project at The Grand Theatre

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 8 Parents' Evening

Thank you to the Year 8 parents, carers and pupils who joined us for this event on Wednesday. We would be very grateful for your feedback on the event through the survey which has been circulated separately.

Year 11 Update

Year 11 are continuing to work exceptionally hard in preparation for their GCSE exams, which begins on 15th May. Well done this week to our Photography students, who completed their practical exam over two long but successful days. It will be the turn of our Art students next week, with French speaking tests also taking place. Good luck to all involved.

The arrangements for Year 11 pupils once GCSE exams begin were communicated to parents/carers in my end of term letter before Easter. From Monday 15th May to Wednesday 14th June, **all Year 11 pupils will continue to attend school full-time.** There will be a programme of revision sessions for pupils to attend when they are not sitting exams. These sessions will be scheduled according to the exam timetable, so pupils will have time with the relevant subject teachers as close to each exam as possible. We believe this approach will best prepare pupils to succeed in their exams by maximising the amount of time spent in classrooms, with their subject teachers, before they sit each exam.

From Thursday 15th June until the end of the GCSE exam period on Wednesday 21st June, Year 11 pupils will be on study leave and will only be required to attend school for exams. However, some pupils may be expected to attend school for additional revision sessions related to the remaining exams.

Year 9 Options

Please note that the deadline for submission of the electronic 'Options' form for Year 9 pupils is next Friday, 5th May.

Curriculum Information

A reminder that the Curriculum pages on our website now provide parents and carers with more specific information about what your child is learning at school.

For each subject, there is a '5 Year Curriculum Overview', which sets out the learning journey your child will be following throughout their time at Saint Bede's. In addition, there are 'Curriculum Plans' for each year group, which detail the knowledge and skills pupils will acquire in each topic, and how this will be assessed.

Please click on the link below to access the curriculum information for the various departments. I hope you find this useful.

[Saint Bede's Curriculum Information](#)

School closures

A reminder of the school closures over the next two weeks:

- Monday 1st May: School closed to all pupils (May Day Bank Holiday)
- Tuesday 2nd May: School closed to Year 8 pupils (industrial action)
- Monday 8th May: School closed to all pupils (King's Coronation Bank Holiday)

Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend.

Mr P Marsden
Headteacher