

## **Headteacher's Update – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Reflection**

Our prayer theme for next week is:

**Be Green**

When God created the world, He made man and women in His image and gave us dominion over earth. As we have heard throughout history, with great power, comes great responsibility. We are all called to recognise our role in preserving the beauty and sustainability of creation, to give thanks to God for the abundant resources and blessing He has bestowed on us. Let us cultivate mindful habits of conservation, reducing waste, and embracing renewable practices. By nurturing the environment, we honour God's love and ensure a harmonious future for generations to come.

### **Headteacher's Commendations**

Congratulations to our recipients this week:

**Evie Abberley (Year 7):** Raising money for Marie Curie in Blackpool with her Dance School and Performing in the Wizard of Oz at The Grand Theatre

**Jayden Richardson (Year 7):** Contribution to Catholic School Life

**Elliott McCombie (Year 9):** Outstanding Achievement – Shortlisted for a BAFTA Young Games Designer Award for Game Making.

**Sam Marlow, Bea Smith (Year 7), Jessica Grimshaw (Year 10):** Performing in the Wizard of Oz at The Grand Theatre

**Rivin Heard, Flossy Plum (Year 9):** Academic Success in RE

**Meeka Burns (Year 10):** Outstanding effort with Art coursework

**Teddy Smith (Year 10):** Lead Cadet and 100% Excellence with Blackpool RAF examinations

### **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 update**

Congratulations and well done to the many Year 11 pupils who have reached the end of their exams after Physics and Geography today. For the benefit of those pupils who still have exams to sit in Product Design, Food and Polish next week, I will save any further words until the next update!

### **Prefect Recruitment 2023/24**

Thank you to the large number of Year 10 pupils who have submitted applications to join our Prefect team for 2023/24. These applications will be considered over the coming days, and we hope to be able to announce our Prefect team, as well as those who have been shortlisted to become Senior Prefects, by the end of week.

### **Year 10 PSHCE Day**

On Tuesday 20 June, Year 10 pupils will be spending most of the day in a series of sessions to support the PSHCE curriculum. Please see the letter issued by Mrs Holmes for further details.

### **Pastoral Leadership 2023/24**

Our Head of Year 10, Mrs Langley has today given her year group the very sad news that she will be leaving us at the end of term to take up an exciting promoted role in a new school. Mr Coleman, currently Head of Year 9, will be taking up a different role at Saint Bede's next year. As a result of these changes, our Head of Year team for 2023/24 will be as follows:

Head of Year 7 – Miss Bowers  
Head of Year 8 – Miss Rodgers  
Head of Year 9 – Mr Joyce  
Head of Year 10 – Miss Dixon  
Assistant Headteacher & Head of Year 11 – Mr Langley

### **Weather**

Thank you and well done to our pupils, who have coped very well with the unusually warm temperatures in school this week. The forecast suggests much cooler weather next week (and perhaps even some rain!), so from Monday we will return to our usual uniform expectations. Pupils must therefore bring their blazer to school every day.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr P Marsden  
Headteacher