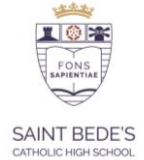


Headteacher's Update – Friday 15th September 2023



Dear Parents/Carers

Our prayer theme for next week is:

Be Forgiving

“Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?” “No, not seven times,” Jesus says, “but seventy times seven!”
Matthew 18:21-22

Jesus often spoke about forgiveness, and he led by example. He forgave those who sinned against others and forgave those who sinned against him. He taught: *“If you forgive others their sins, your heavenly Father will forgive you.”*

Jesus said it time and time again. We must forgive, all the time. Not just when we want to, and not just when we feel we are ready. People will sin against us, and try as we might, we will sin against others. But just as God forgives and will always forgive, we must forgive others in the same way.

BEDE Headteacher's Commendations

Engagement: Evie Abberley, Phoebe Atkinson, Hettie Bridgeman, Olivia Croft, Deborah Doherty, Henry Fielding, Brooklyn Gerard, Connor Johnston, Amelia Knight, Kiana Molyneaux, Oliver Oatridge, Rosie Daryl-Paraskeva, Oakley Sanderson, Bea Smith (Year 8): Welcome Ambassadors – Supporting our new Year 7 pupils.

Excellence: Evie Abberley, Ffion Butcher, John McGuickin-Kelly, Bea Smith (Year 8), Bella Horsley, Elpheba Yeung (Year 9), Ella Flanagan, Bella Maano, Jason Sandford-Jones (Year 10): LAMDA Award

Bridget Boylan (Year 9): Grade 3 Music Exam (Cello, Trombone with Merit, Piano)

Clayton Barnes (Year 10): Kindness and Sportsmanship

Attendance update

Whole-school attendance this week: 95%

Whole-school attendance this year: 96%

Year 7 Retreat Day & Mass of Welcome

On Wednesday our Year 7 pupils took part in their first year group retreat at Saint Bede's. With the theme 'One Body in Christ,' the day culminated in a beautiful Mass in the hall with Father John. Thank you to the parents and carers who were able to join us.

Parent Information Evenings

Thank you to parents/carers of Year 8 and Year 9 pupils who joined us for our start of year information evenings this week. We hope you found the sessions useful and invite your feedback via the survey which will be issued separately.

Our Year 7 Parent Information Evening will take place on Wednesday 11th October. A letter with further details will be issued nearer the time.

Reading Books

This year we expect pupils to bring a reading book or other appropriate reading material to school each day as part of their basic equipment, in particular for use during regular reading time in morning registration. Thank you for your support with this important initiative.

Recruitment Fair

On Wednesday 20th September we will be holding our 'Fresher's Fair' style Recruitment Fair in the school hall at lunchtime. During this event, pupils will have the opportunity to find out more about the wide range of co-curricular clubs and activities on offer at Saint Bede's. Please encourage your child to attend the fair and, most importantly, 'Be a Bede' by showing engagement and signing up to try something new.

School Production 2024 – The Lion King

A reminder that there will be an introductory workshop on Monday 18th September in the hall from 3.30-4.30pm. This workshop is for anyone who thinks they may be interested in performing, designing, or helping backstage in our school production of 'The Lion King.' Formal auditions will be held in the hall on Monday 25th September from 3.30pm onwards. Please do encourage your child to go along to the workshop and find out more.

Class Charts

Class Charts is the platform we use to communicate with parents and carers regarding attendance, behaviour and achievements. It is expected that all parents/carers have activated their Class Charts account and access it regularly. Please note that if your child receives a detention, this will only be communicated via Class Charts and no separate email reminders will be issued.

Should you experience any difficulty activating or using your Class Charts account, please contact remotesupport@stbedeslytham.lancs.sch.uk.

Behaviour in the community – Saltcotes Road

We are continuing to receive occasional reports of anti-social behaviour involving young people in the vicinity of the 'Premier' shop and bus-stop on Saltcotes Road, and the nearby residential areas. Pleasingly, it is often clear that the young people responsible are not Saint Bede's pupils, and we know that the vast majority of our pupils conduct themselves in an exemplary manner during their journey to and from school. However, if you know your child passes through this area before or after-school, please do remind them of the importance of representing the school well at these times. If possible, please encourage them to use an alternative bus stop.

Open Evening – early closure

A reminder that our annual Open Evening for parents/carers of pupils considering applying for a place at Saint Bede's is next Thursday, 21st September. As usual, school will close early at 1pm on this day. Lunch will be served as normal, and the school buses have been arranged for the earlier time. Please note that this is considered a full day for attendance purposes, and so any pupil who is absent on Thursday will be recorded as absent for a full day. School will re-open as usual at 8.45am on Friday 22nd September.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr P Marsden
Headteacher