

## **Headteacher's Update – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024**



### **Lent Reflection**

*"Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market"*  
(Jn2:16)

In this week's Gospel, Jesus cleanses the temple from greed and dishonesty to make it a more perfect place for God to dwell. This Lent he wants to do the same in our hearts, and make us people who can resist the intense consumerism that is commonplace now.

*Help us Lord to know your presence.*

### **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: 92%**

**Whole-school attendance this year: 93%**

### **BEDE Headteacher's Commendations**

Congratulations to our recipients this week:

#### **Engagement:**

**Abi Cassidy, Izzy Issitt, Jake Schofield (Year 7):** Excellent contribution to Geography lessons.

**Harry Hamer (Year 11):** Representing school – Pupil helper at Year 10 Parents' Evening

#### **Devotion:**

**Isla Gregson (Year 7):** Caring for others

**Thomas Eames, Seb Cartmell, Oliver Lane (Year 11):** Taking part in the Swimathon for Charity

**Grace Brocklesby, Jack Frew, Jacob Holmes, Olly Millin, India Verdi (Year 7), Brendan**

**Cowell (Year 8), Troy Bradoo, Elliott Hatton, Beth Mazzola (Year 10):** Reading prayers at Year Assembly

### **Presentation of work**

Congratulations to the below pupils who have produced beautifully presented work this week:

Year 7: **Abi Cassidy**

Year 8: **Olivia Ellis & Rosa Hatjoullis**

### **BEDE Points – recognition of achievement**

Following some useful feedback from pupils and parents and carers, we are keen to do even more to acknowledge the achievement of our pupils through BEDE reward points on Class Charts. As you are already aware, we have set up a system which notifies parents/carers when their child reaches various stages of the behaviour system. We are now replicating this system for BEDE reward points, by contacting you to acknowledge when pupils reach various point thresholds.

You will now be notified when your child achieves their first 25 BEDE points, and then again at 50, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 450 and 500+ points. These notifications will begin for BEDE points awarded since 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024, but all points received before this date still count and remain on the system.

We hope that celebrating the achievement of your children in this way will make collaboration between home and school even greater, and continue to develop the positive culture of praise and recognition we always seek to foster.

### **Year 10 Castlerigg Residential Retreat**

On Monday, a group of 60 Year 10 pupils, led by Head of Year Miss Dixon, will be departing for Castlerigg Manor, Keswick, for our annual residential retreat. We hope they have a wonderful week growing closer to God, and each other. I look forward to joining the group on Thursday.

### **Careers Week & World Book Day**

Meanwhile, a busy week lies ahead with Careers activities across the week and World Book Day being celebrated on Thursday. Please see the information sent out separately for further details.

Have a lovely weekend.

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Headteacher