

# Saint Bede's Catholic High School

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## Headteacher's Update – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

### Headteacher's Commendations

Congratulations to our recipients this week:

**Evie Leech (Year 8)** - An act of kindness towards a member of staff

**Abigail Wild (Year 8)** - Outstanding fundraising and donations to the Little Princess Trust

**Cecily Richardson (Year 9)** - Outstanding achievement in Jujitsu

**Tilly Rose-Boardman, Oliver Fallon, Estee Parkinson, Kerry Walsh, Amy Whitsey (Year 10)** - Outstanding effort in Food Technology

**Kacie-Lee McGuigan (Year 10)** - Outstanding effort in Maths

**Ava Everton, Gabriella Mulligan-Green (Year 7), Jack Palmer, Ethan Scot (Year 9)** - Outstanding effort in P.E.

### COVID-19 update

In a further change to national guidance, from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 are able to end their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6. For example, if your child tests negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to school immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests, or anyone who continues to have a temperature, will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

If your child is unfortunately required to self-isolate due to a positive test, please keep the school informed as to their return date.

The testing programme remains crucial to reducing transmission of the virus and reducing the possibility of disruption to education. Please continue to ensure your child takes a twice-weekly LFD test and the result is reported both to school and the government website.

### Year 11 Reports & Parents' Evening

Year 11 Progress Reports are being issued via Firefly today. We are looking forward to meeting with parents, carers and pupils during the online Year 11 Parents' Evening next Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> January. Please see the letter issued earlier this week should you have any queries regarding making appointments or other technical issues.

### Year 9 Exams

I am pleased to report that Year 9 pupils continued with their excellent attitude and application through to the end of the exams this week, and I was delighted to hear a number of positive comments from our team of invigilators. Thank you to parents/carers for the support and encouragement you provided throughout.

### School Website

As many of you will no doubt have noticed, our school website is badly in need of a makeover. I'm pleased to say that in the coming months we will be launching a brand-new website, and work is already underway behind the scenes. The new site will include up to date and much more detailed information regarding the curriculum being studied by your child in each subject, which I hope will be helpful in enabling you to support your child in their learning at home. I look forward to sharing more news about this development in the weeks ahead.

Have a lovely weekend.

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