



Headteacher's Update – Friday 24th June 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Headteacher's Commendations

Congratulations to our recipients this week:

Rhys Gale (Year 7) - Outstanding sporting achievements in extra-curricular activities

Ethan Scot, Samuel Wright (Year 9) - Compassion and kindness to another pupil

Gabriele Fontana (Year 7) - Excellent effort in English

Ameerah Loup-Devere (Year 10) - Outstanding achievement in Drama

Frazer Harrison (Year 10) - Outstanding effort in Art Exam

Phoebe Armitage (Year 8), Rylee Wilkinson (Year 9), Mia Fegan (Year 10) - Outstanding effort in R.E.

Lydia Walker (Year 10) - Outstanding Photoshoots for her Exam

Year 11 Leavers' Ball

Last night's 'Prom' was a wonderful event and a fitting conclusion to the Saint Bede's experience for our Year 11 'Class of 2022'. Pupils conducted themselves in an exemplary manner throughout the evening, as they have done for the duration of the exam season, and I was very proud to have them 'on show' at Ribby Hall. They certainly deserved the celebration and the restful summer that is to come.

I would like to thank all our staff who supported the event, particularly Miss Rodgers and Mr Langley for their organisation. I would also like to express my huge appreciation for our outgoing Head Boy and Head Girl, Fergus and Isabelle, who spoke brilliantly last night and represented their school and year group superbly as they have done all year. I have very much enjoyed working with them and have been grateful for their personal support.

We look forward to celebrating the successful outcome of the exam period with our pupils on Results Day and during our Presentation Evening later in the year.

Year 10 pupil leadership

As Year 11 move on, it has been my pleasure today to appoint our new team of Senior Prefects for the 2022/23 academic year. Some of these pupils have also been shortlisted for our Head and Deputy Head Boy/Girl positions, interviews for which will take place next week. I look forward to sharing news of all the successful candidates with you once the process is complete.

Toilet refurbishment project update

The toilets refurbishment project has begun as planned this week. We have been very grateful for the co-operation of pupils in both getting used to new routines when moving around the site and putting up with the noise disruption (at the same time as dealing with very warm temperatures!).

Uniform update

Further to my letter to all parents/carers before half-term, we have finalised arrangements with our uniform suppliers for the sale of the new school skirt. As a reminder, from September 2022 our existing school skirt will not be permissible for any pupil, and our uniform policy will provide three options:

- Traditional black school trousers from any retailer (as is currently the case)
- A new alternative tailored trouser, available from Saint Bede's uniform retailers
- The new badged knee-length school skirt, available from Saint Bede's uniform retailers

As I explained in my letter, we will be providing financial support to assist some families with the transition to the new uniform policy:

- The school will purchase a new skirt for all girls currently in Years 7-10 who are eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant (this includes pupils eligible for a free school meal at any time in the last 6 years).
- The school will purchase a new skirt for any household where there is more than one girl currently in Years 7-10.

All Parents/Carers who fall into any of the above categories will receive a separate letter shortly explaining how this support will be provided. I also encourage any family who do not fall into the categories above, but are concerned about meeting the cost of the new skirt, to contact the school via contact@stbedeslytham.lancs.sch.uk to discuss what support we can provide. In addition, the school will offer a 'buy-back' scheme to families of pupils currently in Year 10 who purchase a new skirt. This will involve the school reimbursing families £10 (approximately 50% of the cost of a new skirt) for a new skirt that is returned to the school in a reusable condition once these pupils leave Saint Bede's in Summer 2023.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr P Marsden
Headteacher