



Headteacher's Update – Friday 26 November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Headteacher's Commendations

Congratulations to our recipients this week:

Amy Stone (Year 7) - Outstanding effort in Maths

Alexander Wood (Year 7) – Outstanding effort in Geography

James Livesey (Year 8) – Outstanding effort in Maths

Luke Rainsforth (Year 8) – Outstanding effort in Geography

Brooke Wragg (Year 8) – Outstanding effort with extra-curricular activities

Riley Jones, Karol Pasko (Year 8) – An act of kindness towards another pupil

Keesha Tarrant (Year 9) – Outstanding effort in Maths

Cian Byrne, Meeka Burns, Lola Fearn-Donagan, Stanley Fielding, Heidi Greenwood, Jessica Grimshaw, Niamh Heron, Fionnula Murphy-Horton, Louisa Parkinson, Eva Phillips, Evie Redgrove, Emily Warrington, Tom Yates (Year 9) – Year 9 Mass of Remembrance

Leah Banham, Maddie Robinson, Maddie Sanderson, Lily Stansfield (Year 9) – An act of bravery and kindness towards another pupil

Yazmin Sbaa (Year 10) – Outstanding effort in Food Technology

Daniel Brimble, Maya Thomas (Year 10) – Outstanding effort with extra-curricular activities

Harry Johnston, Kai Jones, Thomas Kilshaw (Year 10) – Outstanding effort in Computer Science

Anthony Gosling (Year 10) – Outstanding effort in Computer Science and Maths

Year 11 Mock Exams

Well done to our Year 11 pupils who have conducted themselves superbly during the first three days of Mock Exams this week. Thank you also to parents and carers for your support at home during what I know can inevitably become a stressful period! Exams will resume on Monday and continue until Friday 10th December.

Unavoidable School Closures – Snow

As we enter the winter months, I would like to outline how the school will respond should significant snowfall affect the opening of the school.

In the unlikely event that snowfall results in it being necessary to close the school, this decision will be informed by our need to ensure the safety of our pupils and staff. Safe access to the school grounds and the condition of the site will be a key consideration, as well as the number of staff who are able to get to school to ensure safe levels of supervision for any pupils who are present.

Should it be necessary to close the school for some or all pupils, we will use our school website, social media platforms and local radio to update you on the situation. Staff will set work via Firefly following the pupils' timetables for each day a closure is necessary. We will, of course, advise you when we are able to re-open.

BBC Bitesize Visit

On Thursday we were visited by the BBC Bitesize Roadshow. Each year group enjoyed a 45- minute session during which a panel of industry figures shared their experiences of careers in a range of creative industries and took questions from pupils. Thank you again to Miss Beswick for her organisation in providing another opportunity for pupils to explore their options after Saint Bede's.

Year 7 Advent Retreat

As we approach the First Sunday of Advent this weekend, our RE department and Chaplaincy team have planned an Advent Retreat in school for Year 7 pupils next week. 7 Bamber and 7 Finch will take part on Tuesday, 7 Beesley and 7 Haydock on Wednesday and 7 Cottom and 7 Harcourt on Thursday.

COVID-19 update

The vaccination team visited school today as planned. If your child aged 12 and above did not receive a vaccination in school today but you would like them to do so, you are able to book an appointment to attend a vaccination centre via the NHS website or calling 119 free of charge.

Fortunately, the number of COVID-19 cases in the school community has remained at a very low level in recent weeks. We are grateful for your ongoing support with the twice-weekly LFD testing programme, which continues to be of crucial importance in keeping people safe and minimising disruption to school life.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr P Marsden
Headteacher