



## Headteacher's Update – Friday 3 December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

### Headteacher's Commendations

Congratulations to our recipients this week:

**Bridget Boylan (Year 7), Jessica Grimshaw (Year 9)** – Outstanding effort in Gardening Club

**Layla Acton, Ava Everton (Year 7)** - Act of kindness towards staff

**Cassie Houlihan, Gabriella Mulligan-Green (Year 7), Molly Jenkins, Izzy Tuck, Bethany Sherlock (Year 8), Olivia Cunliffe,**

**Matthew Holton, Katie Rees (Year 10)** - Outstanding achievement with extra-curricular activities

**Eddie Bridgeman, Elliott Hatton (Year 8), Eva Edwards, Maisie Newburn, Evie Redgrove, Teddy Smith (Year 9)** – Outstanding contribution to SVP

**Daniel Crompton (Year 10)** - Outstanding example to others

### Christmas activities

Year 7 enjoyed a day of reflection and prayer during their Advent Retreat this week. My thanks go to Miss Newsham, Paula and the RE & Chaplaincy team for their work in leading such a meaningful and positive opportunity for our pupils.

We have a number of other festive activities to look forward to during this Advent season:

- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Carol Concert at St. Peters RC Church, Lytham, at 6.30pm
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Lunch for pupils
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> & Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Liturgies

School will close for the end of term at 1pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Buses will be arranged for the earlier time.

### Year 11 Mock Exams

Well done once again to our Year 11 pupils, who are approaching the final stages of their Mock Exams. Mr Barnett, who has responsibility for exam arrangements, has been very impressed by the mature way pupils have conducted themselves in the exam hall. This is particularly pleasing given the long passage of time since formal exams have been undertaken in school.

### CCTV

In the recent parental feedback survey, some parents and carers raised concerns about poor behaviour by a small number of pupils in our toilets. These are concerns I share and as a result we are in the process of extending our CCTV system to include a camera in some of the toilets. Please be assured that, of course, cameras will be directed only at open communal areas and will not impinge on privacy in any way. This is a common measure used by many schools to support the safety and comfort of pupils.

### Flu vaccinations

On 15<sup>th</sup> December the vaccination team will be visiting school to administer the nasal spray flu vaccine to those pupils whose parents/carers have provided consent for their child to receive this.

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**COVID-19 update**

Thank you for your support with the re-introduction of face coverings in school this week under new government guidance. Pupils have adapted without fuss, and I have thanked them for their co-operation in assemblies. Aside from this change, school is continuing to operate normally as we have done since September.

The government have once again asked schools to offer an on-site LFD test to all pupils prior to returning to lessons after the Christmas holidays. To facilitate this, schools are again able to stagger the return of pupils at the beginning of the new term. We are currently working on how we will schedule the testing arrangements at Saint Bede's in order to ensure pupils are able to return to classes as quickly as possible. I will write to you again next week with further details, which are likely to include a slight change in the timing of exams for Year 9.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr P Marsden  
Headteacher