



## **Headteacher's Update – Friday 12 November 2021**

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Headteacher's Commendations**

Congratulations to our recipients this week:

**Jack Brown, Emily Craddock, Cassie Houlihan, Isabella Mannino, Ethan Rimmer, Holly Schofield (Year 7) -**

Outstanding effort with homework in Science

**Jason Sandford-Jones (Year 8) -** Outstanding effort in English

**Marcus Ellsender-Harris (Year 9) –** Outstanding effort across the curriculum

**Louisa Parkinson (Year 9) -** Dedication and hard work in Maths

**Will Tobin (Year 10) -** Act of kindness towards another pupil

**Dilys Camenzuli Chetcuti (Year 11) –** Leadership and outstanding contribution in Drama

**Daniel Killick (Year 11) -** Act of kindness towards another pupil

### **Remembrance**

This week the Saint Bede's community has participated in the Remembrance commemorations in a variety of ways. On Wednesday, Year 9 pupils represented the school in our annual Mass of Remembrance in the hall, where we were honoured to be joined by a number of veterans. Yesterday, the school fell silent at 11am as we marked the national period of silence for Armistice Day. Staff and senior pupils will represent the school at the Remembrance Sunday events in both Lytham and St Annes this weekend. Remembrance has also been the theme of our assemblies across the week. My particular thanks go to Emily Warrington in Year 9, who played the Last Post and Reveille beautifully during both the Mass of Remembrance and the period of silence yesterday.

### **Reporting to parents**

This academic year you will notice some changes in the way in which the school will communicate with you regarding the progress your child is making in their various subjects. You will now receive three short Progress Reports on a termly basis. For pupils in Years 7-10, the first report will be issued later this term. For pupils in Year 11, the first report will be issued immediately after Christmas, in order for achievement in the forthcoming Mock Exams to be reflected in the report.

In addition, the school will offer a traditional Parents' Evening for each year group, during which you will have the opportunity to meet individually with your child's subject teachers. It is likely that these events will take place remotely, as I am aware many parents found this to be a more convenient and efficient approach when introduced last year as a response to COVID-19. The dates for these events are set out below and we will write to you again in advance of each event to confirm the arrangements and the procedure for making appointments.

**Year 7 - Wednesday 6 July 2022**

**Year 8 - Wednesday 27 April 2022**

**Year 9 - Wednesday 20 April 2022**

**Year 10 - Wednesday 30 March 2022**

**Year 11 - Wednesday 19th January 2022**

Please also feel free to contact your child's Form Tutor or subject teacher via the school office at any time should you have a query or concern you wish to raise.

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### **Parental feedback survey**

Thank you to the large number of you who have responded to the survey circulated via Firefly earlier this week. The survey will remain open until 9.00am on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Year 9 and Year 11 exams**

Mock Exams for Year 11 will take place between Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Exams for Year 9 will take place between Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January. Pupils in both year groups have been issued with final timetables for these exams this week.

### **Post-16 Options Evening**

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November, we are hosting a Post-16 'Options' Evening for pupils in Years 10 and 11 and their parents/carers. The event, which will take place in the School Hall and Sports Hall, will provide pupils with the opportunity to speak with representatives from colleges, universities and a range of professions about their options once they leave Saint Bede's. We will be welcoming visitors from numerous fields including the Army, the RAF, clinical psychology, social work, law, engineering, sports journalism and the Air Ambulance among many others. The event will run from 6pm to 8pm and we hope to see as many pupils and parents/carers in attendance as possible.

### **COVID-19 update**

A final reminder to please return the consent form indicating whether you wish for your child to receive a vaccine by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November. If no consent form is received, your child will not be offered a vaccine in school.

I am very grateful for your continuing support with the LFD testing programme. Please note that if your child has previously tested positive for COVID-19 in a PCR test, they should not be tested again for 90 days unless they develop new symptoms. This is because the LFD test may produce a false positive result. If your child develops new COVID-19 symptoms, please arrange a PCR test via the NHS website immediately.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr P Marsden  
Headteacher