

22 September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 11

This is very much the time of year when there are Open Events for the Post 16 providers. Please find attached a flyer for the Open Event at AKS Lytham which is on Saturday 7 October, 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. Blackpool & The Fylde College have also informed us of some Post 16 taster opportunities in November, January and March. It is open to Year 11 students only and they can book one taster on each date by following this link below.

A Creative taster session will be at the School of Arts Campus. The link to book is here;

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/twilight-tasters-blackpool-school-of-arts-tickets-694586355487?aff=oddtcreator>

For any other course tasters, these will be held at Bispham Campus. The link to book is here;

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/twilight-tasters-bispham-campus-tickets-690696982267?aff=oddtcreator>

Year 7

Thank you to parents and carers of Year 7 who attended the 'Meet the Mentor' and Information Evening yesterday. I hope you found this useful and it was good to see you in school. The presentation will be on the website.

On 4 October, Year 7 will all have the opportunity to listen to children's author Frank Cottrell-Boyce talking about his new book, 'The Wonder Brothers'. If students wish to purchase a copy of the book you can do so by pre-ordering on Scopay, the cost is £9. Year 7 students in receipt of free school meals will be bought a copy.

Open Evening

Next Thursday, 28 September, is the annual Open Evening from 6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. To help us prepare for the event and get the school cleaned, students will finish at 2.10 p.m. The school buses will be available at this time.

Parent Governors

There are three elected Parent Governor positions on the Board of Governors and currently we have 2 vacancies after previous terms of office have ended. On Monday I will send out further information regarding the nomination and election process – but please be thinking whether this is a role you might consider, especially if you have a finance/business or social work background.



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Drop-Ins

Next week there are a number of drop-in events for parents.

On Tuesday morning there is the SHINE Coffee morning to meet our mental health worker and discuss any concerns about your child with them.

On Wednesday afternoon there is the regular SEN Drop In from 2.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Assemblies

Sadly there are a very small number of young people who engage in anti social behaviour in the community at weekends and in the evening. To raise awareness of the dangers and consequences of such behaviour the Police will be leading assemblies for all year groups starting Friday 29 September.

Finally

Congratulations to our new Year 7 boys' football team who won their first match against St Bede's – a great performance!

With best wishes.

Yours faithfully



Mr A Waller
Headteacher