



St Benedict's Newsletter



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HARVEST MASS On 4 October, staff were joined by parents and students to celebrate our annual Harvest and Year 7 Welcome Mass. During the build up to Mass, form groups collected items for our Harvest collection which was donated to a local charity and to Stratford food bank. We would like to thank students and families for your generosity. Pictured- Annette and Sean from Stratford foodbank with Year 7 Students Andrew Macleod, Lucy Cosgriff, Alex Fryer and Sophia Carpinato.



SUMMER PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION We are pleased to announce the results of the school photography competition held over the summer. This year's theme was 'Escape for the Summer - landscapes' and we received 54 fantastic entries. The winners are:

Year 7 Winner - Andrew Macleod 7M **Highly Commended** - Faye Burden 7C

Years 8 and 9 Winner - Katey Brown 8D **Highly Commended** - Tom Clarke 9B

Years 10 and 11 Winner Amelia Haywood 10B **Highly Commended** - Millie Patterson 10C, James Andrews 10F House points were awarded for entering and winning with More in 1st place, 2nd Beckett, 3rd Clitherow, 4th Dibdale and 5th Fisher. Certificates will be awarded to students in assembly on Monday and their work is on display in the school hall.



"THE PLAY'S THE THING" Year 13 IB Literature students had a fantastic day at the RSC Clore Learning Centre on Wednesday, exploring Shakespeare's *Hamlet* through a range of dramatic activities. Students are preparing for an Individual Oral Commentary on the play, and a day spent learning about context, the rhythms of blank verse, Shakespeare's exploitation of the sounds of words and various aspects of stagecraft, meant that all came away with a deeper understanding of and insight into the text, its central themes and characters and Shakespeare's dramatic choices. Led by RSC actor Peter Basham (most recently in *Love's Labour's Lost* and *Love's Labour's Won*), but who some may recognise from *The Christmas Truce*, the workshop was great fun and certainly boosted students' confidence and fluency discussing one of the most famous plays of all time.

CHAPLAINCY COMMISSIONING MASS AT ST CHAD'S CATHEDRAL On 27 September, the Chaplaincy team, with Naomi and Mrs Boote-Powell, visited St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham for the Diocesan Chaplaincy commissioning Mass. We joined schools from across the Archdiocese to reflect on our mission for the academic year. Bishop Robert Byrne inspired us to be channels of God's love for others in our school communities as he gave us a special blessing. The Chaplaincy team is made up of Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, and staff and students who take an interest in the Spiritual life at St Benedict's. The Chaplaincy team is growing and anyone who would like to join should see Naomi.



FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE WARWICKSHIRE are a local organisation providing free information and support on a range of issues including Childcare, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, help with family finances, one to one support, parenting support and bullying. For more information please see <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis> To contact please ring 0845 090 8044 / 01926 742274 or email fis@warwickshire.gov.uk



KNITTING NEEDLES AND CROCHET HOOKS are at the ready for the Innocent Smoothies campaign this winter to raise the money for AGE UK. For every 'little smoothie bottle hat' that is donated, Innocent will donate 25p to the charity. 'Knitting club' takes place in Room 7 on Wednesdays and patterns can be found at <http://www.thebigknit.co.uk/>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 17 to Friday 21 October

Wednesday 19 October

Friday 21 October

Monday 31 October

Tuesday 15 November

Year 11 Work Experience Week

Teacher Training Day - students not in school

End of half term / Non-school uniform day

Return to School

Sixth Form Open Evening - please see attachment



CONGRATULATIONS to Alex Deacon in 10F who has recently won the Wassell Cup for Bell Target shooting. Alex only took up shooting in July this year and has made a big impression on his coach, who said that in his 20 years of coaching he had never come across anyone as talented as Alex! He was asked to join the Badsey team to play in the local league and has been competitively shooting since September. Alex will be presented with his award at a dinner dance in May.

RUGBY FESTIVAL Our Year 7 and 8 students took part in the Alcester Rugby Festival this week. 12 Year 7 players and 16 Year 8 players took part - our Year 7s drew against Alcester Academy 5:5 and lost against Alcester Grammar 15:0, our Year 8s beat Alcester Academy 15:0 and drew with Alcester Grammar 5:5. The next tournament is on the 23 November.



YEAR 8 BOYS played football against Kenilworth school on Monday, they lost 6-3, but played very well considering that it was their first 11 a side game for the school, against a strong side. Nathan Harrison-Wells scored 2 goals and Joe Waterfield 1, the man of the match was Tom Nash. Year 8 have 2 matches next week - Monday - Henley away and Thursday - Stratford at home



YEAR 9 BOYS began their football season in fine style, when they came from behind to beat Trinity School 6-1. Trinity scored with a simple long ball that split the St Benedict's defence, however, this brought the team to life and after some heavy pressure Olaf Pufka equalised. Olaf then calmly slotted in a second goal shortly afterwards. Following an own goal by Trinity, Olaf completed his hat trick from the penalty spot. Toby Phillips scored and the win was rounded off with a left footed strike by Rohan Bhogal. Credit to the whole team with a special mention to Will Burn on his debut in goal.

YEAR 10 BOYS also made a strong start to their football season on Wednesday, winning 6-2 away at Trinity School. Goals were scored by Jamie Haines, Johnny McBean, Dominic Gentleman with a hat-trick from Ryan Downey. The man of the match was Ryan Downey for his hat trick and all round play. Oliver Sanderson in Year 9 receives a special mention for stepping in to play for the older team.

CONGRATULATIONS to our fantastic cross country runners, listed below, who have qualified to represent South Warwickshire at the inter area cross county championships this Saturday at Kineton.

Inter Girls - Bethan Sykes, Maddy Cropper, Sarah Shaw

Inter Boys - Ben Jones, Jake Kilburn, John Mellon, Tom Hickey, Michael Macleod, Cameron Ford

Junior Girls - Lauren Sykes, Faye Gourlay **Junior Boys** - James Price, Charlie Vann-Nicholls

Minor Girls - Emily Farr, Lyla Agar, Caitlin Libeaut, Amie Cullen **Minor Boys** - Luke Clemons

STAFF VACANCIES We are currently looking to recruit a number of **Learning Assistant's-Level 2** for between 20 – 25 hours per week on a fixed term contract. Previous experience of working with students with communication and interaction difficulties, cognition and learning difficulties, social, emotional and mental health difficulties and sensory and/or physical needs is essential.

We are also looking to appoint a highly committed and enthusiastic **Technology Assistant in Design Technology** for 15 hours per week, term time plus one week from September. You will have the ability to manage and liaise effectively, both formally and informally, with both members of the department and students to ensure that safe practices are observed at all times. You will be required to do day to day servicing of machinery or equipment

For a job description, more information and to apply, please contact Casey Lashley on 01789 762888 or e-mail lashley.c@st-benedicts.org

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