



# St Benedict's Newsletter



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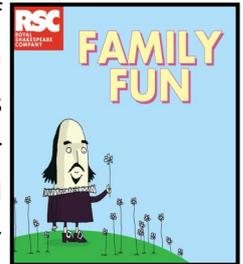
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**16-18 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE TABLES** for 2016 were released by the Department for Education last week confirming a fabulous performance by our Sixth Form. The academic performance of our IB students last year translated into a progress score of +0.38. This is rated as 'well above the national average' and places St Benedict's third among all schools and colleges, state and independent, in the whole of Warwickshire. This success was further reflected in the Sunday Times Good Schools' Guide, issued in November 2016 which rates our Sixth Form as the eighth best state school nationally for IB results. This notable leap from 18th place in the previous year is a remarkable achievement as many of the IB schools in the country are selective. The applied general performance of our BTEC Health and Social Care students was equally impressive with a progress score of +0.43 which places St Benedict's fifth among all schools and colleges in Warwickshire.

Headteacher, Nick Gibson, said, "These are fantastic results, of which we are justifiably proud. They reaffirm our commitment to providing a broad education to a comprehensive intake of students. Hard work has been rewarded, as has the outstanding expertise, commitment, care and support provided by our staff". We are still accepting applications to study IB or BTEC courses in our Sixth Form from September 2017. The deadline is next Friday, 3 February.

**RSC FAMILY FUN DAYS** run during half term from 20 - 24 February and include a range of fun activities, throughout each day, for all ages. There is also the opportunity to visit the new family interactive exhibition, The Play's The Thing, revealing the secrets and stories behind the RSC. Tickets for all events are available for purchase from the Box Office or online. The events at the RSC are normally excellent fun and a great day out for all members of the family. The workshops are very reasonably priced and some are free. For a full schedule of events, please see [www.rsc.org.uk](http://www.rsc.org.uk)



**BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD** Year 9 students are now able to complete applications to take part in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. Forms can be collected from Mr Wallington in the PE office, and must be returned to Mrs Whitehouse in Finance (Room 10). The deadline for applications is Friday 3 February.

**PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION REMINDER** It is the responsibility of a parent or carer to ensure that we have the necessary prescribed medication in school for your son or daughter. Please make sure that any items including epi-pens are within their expiry date. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



You can now keep up to date with school news and information via Twitter. Please follow us at @StBenedictsUK

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Tuesday 31 January	Public Speaking Competition 4.30 - 7.30
Thursday 2 February	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 8 February	Year 12 TOK Trip to Birmingham
Monday 20 - Friday 24 February	Half term
Monday 27 February	Teacher Training Day - STUDENTS NOT IN SCHOOL
Monday 6 March to Friday 10 March	Year 10 Exams



## STRATFORD-ON-AVON DISTRICT SPORTS AWARDS 2017



At St Benedict's, we are delighted to announce that Year 10 student, **BETHAN SYKES** and the **YEAR 8 BOY'S TENNIS TEAM** have been selected as finalists at the upcoming Stratford-upon-Avon District Sports Awards. Bethan (pictured left) has been selected as a finalist in the Junior Sports Person category for her amazing achievements in track athletics and cross country over the last two years. Congratulations to Bethan for her achievement.

The Year 8 Tennis Team (pictured right) has been selected as a finalist in the Junior Sports team category for winning the County Finals in 2015 & 2016. Congratulations to Alex

Pillinger, Henry Cullen, James Price, Michael Harrison, Joseph Hembry and Toby Phillips. Congratulations to the Year 8 tennis team on their achievement.

The Awards Night will be held on Friday 17 February at Stratford Art House, we wish them the best of luck.



**THE YEAR 7 FOOTBALL TEAM** (pictured left) competed in the Mid & South Warwickshire 6 a side tournament at Kenilworth School last week. The boys played extremely well, finishing runners up overall in what was their first competitive outing for St Benedict's. The performance of the night came in a 3-0 win against a strong North Leamington side, which led to the boys reaching the final.

**THE YEAR 8 FOOTBALL TEAM** also competed in their Mid & South Warwickshire 6 a side tournament at Myton School in the week before last. Again the boys performed fantastically, finishing 3rd overall with a record of played 8, won 4, drawn 3 and lost 1, scoring 5 goals and only conceding 1 throughout the whole evening.



**COUNTY SCHOOLS FOOTBALL** Year 10 students Matt Turner and Harry Castle took part in the U15 Warwickshire County Schools match against Shropshire on Wednesday evening. The hard fought game, played in Shrewsbury, ended in a 2-1 win to Warwickshire. Well done Boys!



**ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL** in Studley have been successful in submitting a bid for a TESCO's bags of Help grant. The decision on how much money they will receive will be put to a customer vote in Tesco stores during February 2017. The school intend to use their grant to build an 'outdoor wooden classroom' which teachers and students can use for a variety of eco activities and depending on how much the award is (£5,000, £2,000 or £1,000), there is a possibility they could develop 'small school farm'! In support of this, we ask that anyone shopping at local Tesco stores vote for their project. Any purchase, even if it is the Sunday Paper qualifies for a vote. The stores taking part are Kinwarton Road, Alcester Express - B49 6AA, Leamington Spa Metro - CV32 4DN, Stratford upon Avon - CV37 0UA, Studley Express - B80 7LL, Warwick - CV34 5QJ, Leyes Lane, Kenilworth Express - CV8 2DD, Stratford, Banbury Road Express - CV37 7HW, Lillington Express - CV32 7AH. We will let you know the results!

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