



St Benedict's

Catholic High School, Alcester

7 April 2017

Dear Parents

As we embark upon our Easter break, we have again reached the end of another busy term at St. Benedict's. With public examinations just around the corner staff have been working very hard in preparing our Year 11 and Year 13 students. Lent is a busy time in our liturgical calendar and we have finished the term with our powerfully reflective Lenten Mass and Day of Reconciliation.

Holy Family Catholic Multi Academy Company

As you will be aware we have now joined together with five of our Catholic feeder schools to form the Holy Family Catholic Multi Academy Company. Our ethos, uniform, staffing and curriculum will remain the same and we are excited by the prospect of strengthening partnerships and collaborating across a range of educational areas through sharing good practice and ensuring our pupils receive a first rate Catholic education from 3-19 years. It is an exciting time and I wish to thank all those associated with the conversion process for dedicating an immense amount of their time and hard work seeing the MAC come to fruition.

Successful Bid

We have recently been informed by the Diocese that we have been successful in a bid for an additional building and have been allocated a teaching facility which can house 60 pupils, the equivalent of two full size classrooms. The architects are due to site the building outside the Humanities block and it is our aim to have this additional teaching facility ready for after the summer holiday.

Charity Success

Throughout the term we have hosted a range of charity events, including Lenten Mile, cake sales and non-uniform days, which have been organised by individual tutor groups. This has culminated in £2,737 being raised for the CAFOD Haiti Appeal. This is a fantastic achievement and is testament to our pupils supporting other communities beyond our school gates; a vital part of being a Catholic school and developing the 'whole person'.

Sport Bid

The school successfully bid for £8,500 this year and we have benefitted from improved resources in PE. You will have seen in the Newsletter the large number of pupils who represent teams at local, regional and national level in a range of sports. We have been very successful at school inter-regional competitions and I am very grateful to all staff and volunteers who run extra-curricular sessions at lunch and after school. Some of our recent key team achievements are listed below:



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Y11 Warwickshire football league (B) champions
KS4 Boys South Warwickshire basketball league runners up
Y10 Boys Indoor Rowing South Warwickshire Runners up
Y10 Netball South Warwickshire Plate Finalists
Y10 Warwickshire football league (B) runners up
KS3 Boys South Warwickshire basketball league runners up
Y9 Netball South Warwickshire Trophy Finalists
Y8 Netball South Warwickshire Trophy Finalists
Y8 Netball 3rd overall in South Warwickshire league
Y8 Boys South Warwickshire Indoor Athletics runners up
Y8 Girls Indoor Athletics Team 3rd in South Warwickshire
Y7 Boys Indoor Athletics champions South Warwickshire
Y7 Girls Indoor Athletics Team 3rd in South Warwickshire
Y7 Boys Indoor Athletics Warwickshire County Finals runners up
Y7 Boys Warwickshire football tournament runners up

School Website

The new school website has been well received and has a host of important and useful information including a link to our sixth form which was recently ranked 8th nationally for our IB results - a phenomenal achievement! In response to parent feedback we have included a Twitter feed which has been used very successfully for informing parents about trips, events and general school life. I would urge you to sign up and follow the school on Twitter or keep an eye on the school homepage to receive updates in addition to our school Newsletter.

Calendar

Please find attached to this letter a copy of the 2017-2018 school term dates.

Year 6 Induction Day

We look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 pupils as they take part in their Induction Day on Tuesday 27 June 2017. It is always a great pleasure to see the next generation of St. Benedict's coming into the school and they will be well looked after by our pupils and staff whilst engaging in a range of learning experiences as they begin the next chapter of their education.

Public Examination Results

A reminder that Results' Day for International Baccalaureate students is Thursday 6 July. For those pupils who are taking GCSEs or any Key Stage 4 exams, results will be issued in school on Thursday 24 August between 9am-11am.

Summer Term

We look forward to welcoming our pupils back to school for the start of the summer term on Monday 24 April 2017.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the school and to wish you all a very happy and holy Easter break.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'N. Gibson', written in a cursive style.

Mr N Gibson
Headteacher