



# St Benedict's Newsletter



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**CONGRATULATIONS** to Affinitas for being awarded 'Best Company' and 'Most Innovative Product' in the South Warwickshire Area Young Enterprise Annual Awards last night. The company, set up and run by Year 12 students as a CAS project, has gone from strength to strength - designing, making and selling upcycled goods. The Young Enterprise Scheme is stringent



Affinitas pictured with Stephen Marchant, left and Mrs McLeod, right.

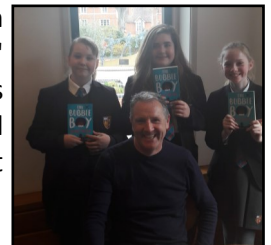
and requires students to set up a credible company that includes selling shares, producing accounts and marketing and selling their goods, this culminated in making a presentation to a panel of judges and answering questions at the Awards Evening last night. Affinitas will now go forward to the Coventry and Warwickshire Final. The profits from the business will be donated to Shakespeare Hospice. All of this would not have been possible without help and advice from Stephen Marchant, Director at Masefields Architects and Marcus Emerson, owner and founder of Gozzard Bikes. If any parents would like to contribute with either sponsorship or time in future projects please contact Mrs McLeod in the Sixth Form.



**FACE TO FACE** On Wednesday 5 April, we were invited by Archbishop Bernard Longley to a vocations conference at the National Motorcycle Museum in Solihull. We listened to talks from Fr David Oakley - the rector of Oscott College, Jimmy Mitchell and Bishop Frank Caggiano, the Bishop of Bridgeport, USA. The day gave us the opportunity to reflect on our calling as young people to be a witness and a leader. We were provided with a lovely lunch and were able to spend some time looking around the Motorcycle Museum.



**YEAR 7 STUDENTS** visited the Bridge House Theatre in Warwick before Easter for the Warwickshire Schools' Book Awards. Our students, together with students from neighbouring schools enjoyed, book reviews and an entertaining talk from shortlisted author Stewart Foster (pictured right with students).



**YEAR 8 STUDENTS** Scott Rafferty, Joseph Hembry, Hannah Dipple and Josie Chambers visited the Salter's Festival of Chemistry which took place at Birmingham University on 4 April. They had to use their knowledge of chemistry, teamwork and ingenuity to solve a forensic problem. The day concluded with an exciting demonstration from the University Chemistry staff.

**FISHING FOR HELP!** Fisher House need a new filter for Memo's (the House fish) tank. If anyone has an old one that they don't need anymore we would be very grateful. Please contact Mrs Williams in Room 23.

### *Dates for your Diary*

Friday 28 April - Friday 19 May

Monday 1 May

Saturday 6 May

Mon 8 - Wed 10 / Wed 10 - Fri 12 May

Thursday 11 May

Friday 12 May

Year 13 IB Exams

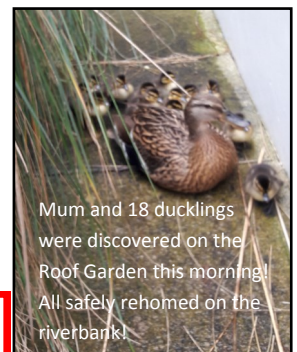
Bank Holiday - Students not in School

Year 10 Silver D of E practice weekend

Year 10 Geography Field Trip

Year 11 Celebration Mass

Year 11 Prom



Mum and 18 ducklings were discovered on the Roof Garden this morning! All safely rehomed on the riverbank!

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