



St Benedict's Newsletter



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We are thrilled to announce another 100% successful Arts Award moderation, by Trinity College. Congratulations to all of our young artists, including; dancers, photographers, actors, writers and film-makers. We are immensely proud of the young people's work and see the award as a significant achievement and credit towards their academic and personal profile for the future.

Gold Arts award – Level 3 (16 UCAS points)

Erica Mauro, Emily Holliday, Callum Conroy, Madelyn Sullivan, Emma Watson, Ellenschalburg Moyes-Holm, Eleanor Smallbone and Georgia O'Connell.

Silver Arts Award – Level 2

Isabel Trinkle, Morgan Murray

Bronze Arts Award - Level 1

Karys Handforth, Molly Hart, Kelly Hunt, Scarlett Oliver, Thomas Rainbow, Lauren Robinson, Andrew Smith, Charlie Styler, Samuel Thomas, Emmanuel Trimming, Elodie Turner-Hurd, Grace Webber, Ellie Williams, Amy Armfield, Niamh Boyle, Eleana Buxton, Beatrice Cooke, Maja Ficyk, Thomas Francioni, Rhiannon Gair, Declan Glancy, Madelaine Bayliss and Daniel Smith

'What a pleasure it has been to see such excellent submissions from such articulate and inspiring young people! Felix Pepler, Trinity College London

We are very proud to hear that we are one of only 9 secondary schools in the West Midlands to have successfully delivered and moderated the Gold Award Arts Programme.



FINLEY BUILDS A SHINING REPUTATION FOR HIMSELF Following last month's announcement, Finley Hawkins went to the Birmingham Thinktank on Wednesday to receive his Alu D&T Challenge 2017 design award. But the challenge didn't end there; Finley came to appreciate the extent of his achievement when after being interviewed for the TV camera, he had to talk at length to an audience of aluminium industry experts, architects, judges and several talented winners in other categories. His proud parents and DT teacher, Mrs McDermott, watched the Year 9 student give a very confident account of his research and the sustainability of his design idea in the *'Garden building for a creative homemaker'* category.



This experience has been a massive boost for the hobby designer and sketcher. "This is one of the best things that have ever happened to me. I didn't think I'd get this far. I've always wanted to do architecture or engineering and this has really motivated me to consider it as a career". Finley wanted to thank Mrs McDermott for giving him this amazing opportunity. "It has given me confidence and made me think about my future". 1,600 Key Stage 3 students took part in this national competition, over 100 entries were submitted and 18 students were shortlisted for the final. There were three final winners in each of the three categories and Finley wins prizes for himself and the school.



STAFF VACANCY We currently have a vacancy for a Finance Assistant, 25 hours a week. For further information please contact Mrs Casey Laishley on 01789 762 888 or email Laishley.c@st-benedicts.org

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.



THE YEAR 12 YOUNG ENTERPRISE GROUP are taking part in the National Trade Fair tomorrow with their company B4, at Waterside in Stratford upon Avon. Students will not only be selling their upcycled goods and gifts, but are also being judged. Competing against other stands from around the country, they will be asked questions about their company, it's products, pricing and financing. The market takes place from 10am to 3pm, please go along and give your support

CONGRATULATIONS to Warwickshire County Schools U16 players Matthew Turner and Harry Castle, in Year 11, for their 4-3 win against Worcestershire Schools Team on Wednesday evening. The match held at South Bromsgrove school was a hard fought game with Worcestershire scoring their third goal in the closing minutes!



HEAD OF ENGLISH, Mrs Hursey is continuing with her fundraising in aid of MIND and is running the London marathon in April for the same cause. You can sponsor Mrs Hursey at <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/rachel-hursey-marathon>



ALL IN A GOOD CAUSE! The PTA are holding a fundraising quiz on Friday 16 March in the Sixth Form. Doors open at 7pm and the quiz starts at 7.30pm. Teams can be for up to 8 people and tickets cost £10. There will be a bar selling nibbles and treats. Tickets can be purchased via ParentPay and for more information please see the Friends of St Benedict's PTA Facebook page.

ICE SKATER Klaudia Kaczmarczyk in 7F competed in Milton Keynes IJS 2018 competition at Level 1 earlier in the week. She won the category, achieved her new personal best result, and achieved the score that allows her to move to Level 2 as well. Well done Klaudia!



Dates for your Diary

Monday 12 - Friday 16 March	National Science Week - in lesson activities
Tuesday 20 March	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Thursday 29 March	Final day of lessons for Year 13 IB Students
Thursday 29 March	End of Term
Monday 16 April	Term begins - students in school
Tuesday 17 April	Year 8 Parents' Evening

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