



St Benedict's Newsletter



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CHILDREN IN NEED The Sixth Form was full of characters today with students going to great lengths to dress up and have fun to raise money for charity. Children in need, organised by the Sixth Form Committee has become a much anticipated annual event in the Sixth Form and we will announce the total raised in the next newsletter. **NO PHONE THURSDAY** Mr Smallman challenged Sixth Formers to spend a school day without their phones and in return he would donate 50p per student to Children in Need. We were very impressed that 67 students rose to the challenge and in return Mr Smallman donated



£40 to the pot and Mrs Moseseli also kindly donated £17. We are very pleased to announce that all students were ok after the ordeal and it may become a regular event in the Sixth Form!



LAST WEEKEND saw acts of remembrance across the country to remember fallen soldiers in conflicts since the First World War. The History department ran a school competition to design a postage stamp with the theme of remembrance; students were instructed to think carefully and reflectively about how we remember those that have lost their lives. We were hugely impressed with the 70 entries submitted. Congratulations to the following students: **1st Prize** - Jena Harding, **2nd prize** – Unathi Mhlanga, **3rd prize** - Jacob Evans. There were also awards for Best in Year:

Year 7 – Niamh Kenyon, Year 8 – Alice Greenwell, Year 9 – Magda Bednarek and Louise Quirke. Well done to all participants and to Clitherow for the most entries! A selection of entries is on display in the chapel throughout November.

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING On Tuesday this week, we welcomed prospective students and their families to our Sixth Form Open Evening. Our students were on hand to welcome guests and give them an insight into studying in the Sixth Form and feedback we have received has been very positive.

FIT FOR SPORT! run activity camps for children during the holidays and this Christmas they are running sessions at Stratford Upon Avon Leisure Centre from 18 to 22 December. For more information please see www.fitforsport.co.uk.

TOK WEEK Last week we celebrated TOK Week in the Sixth Form. TOK (Theory of Knowledge) is taught as part of the IB Core and for a whole week, staff and students enjoyed demonstrations, talks, mazes and competitions that certainly gave us all food for thought. Students offered topics for us all to ponder at the TOK table during lunch hours and break. Everything from a demonstration of Plato's Cave, another on Angel cards and the power of belief, a drop in clinic for 'How to train your memory', an exploration of words whose meaning get 'lost in translation' from Polish to English, and a presentation of objects and images that make us ask, 'What is art?'. A huge thanks to all students who have participated this week, and particularly those who ran the TOK table.

TEAMS4U SHOEBOX APPEAL A massive thank you to everyone who donated a shoebox. This year we have collected 96 shoeboxes! Over the next couple of days, students will organise the shoeboxes ready to be delivered next week!

YEAR 11 LITURGY This week, as year 11 students prepare for their mock exams they took part in a liturgy with Deacon Steve, reflecting on our equal worth and dignity as God's children. There was some beautiful singing and reading from the students.

Dates for your Diary

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| Monday 20 - Wednesday 29 November | Year 11 Mock Exams |
| Monday 27 November - Friday 1 December | Year 8 Trip to Alton Castle |
| Monday 11 December | Christmas Carol Service 4.30pm and 7pm |
| Friday 22 December | End of Term |



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