

Dear Parents

We have reached the end of another very full and rewarding term and we look forward to some well-earned time with family and friends. As we reflect upon another successful year I am very grateful to all of our St Benedict's staff, friends and families, who have worked hard and played their part in supporting the school, enabling it to continue to thrive.

Developing the 'Whole Person'

The last term is always a busy time and if you are keeping abreast by following the school website/twitter you will have seen that this year has been no different. We have been treated to a host of events including musical performances in the House Competition; Sports Day with nine event records being broken; Awards Evening, DT Presentation Evening, MacArts Festival and a fantastic £3,126 raised in our school sponsored walk!

IB Results

Once again the sixth form has achieved outstanding IB/BTEC results and it continues to go from strength to strength establishing itself as a centre of excellence. One of the benefits of studying the IB is that the wait for results is already over, in advance of A levels. You will have seen from previous press releases that our students achieved a 100% pass rate at IB with the average score at 33 points (equivalent to three A grades at A Level). I have no doubt that these results will place the school in the top 10 nationally and secure our position as being one of the highest performing Sixth Forms.

GCSE Results

A reminder that GCSE results will be available to be collected from our Sixth Form on Thursday 24 August between 9.00am-12:30pm. We wish our year 11 pupils every success and we look forward to celebrating with them on results day.

Staffing

We say goodbye to some long standing members of staff who have given an immense amount to the school and we wish Mrs Holbrook, Mrs McLeod, Mr Hendry, Mr Holland every happiness in their retirement. Moving on to pastures new are Mrs Brown, Mrs Fullthorpe, Mrs Farrelly, Mr Sindroja, Mr Strett, Mr Liles and Mr Deschamps. I would like to thank them for their service to the school and wish them every success as they embark upon a variety of new opportunities.

We are fully staffed for September and we look forward to welcoming the following colleagues to our St. Benedict's family:

Mrs Bishton-Moseseli – Teacher of Health and Social Care

Miss Chadfield – Teacher of Science

Miss Clarke – Teacher of Mathematics

Mr Cooper – Teacher Mathematics

Miss Green- Head of Mathematics

Mrs Jones – Teacher of MFL

Miss Munro – Teacher of Science

School Day

Starting next year we have made a minor adjustment to the lunchtimes to align them all together starting at 12.20pm and finishing at 1.15pm. This will allow sufficient time for students to have their lunch and take part in activities. The start and finish times of the school day and lesson times will

remain the same with tutor period starting at 8.50am and the school day finishing at 3.35pm. Details of the school day are in the pupil planner and the parent handbook.

Return To School

A reminder that we look forward to welcoming all pupils back to school on Tuesday 5 September.

Upcoming Diary Dates

The school calendar will be released in the first week on our return in September. Please find below some key dates for your diary:

5 September	Pupils return to school	20 September	Yr5/6 Open Evening
7 September	Yr 13 Awards Evening 7pm	25 September	Yr7/12 Tutor Evening
11 September	Yr10/11 Educational Evening		
14 September	Y7 Transition Evening 6:30pm		

Finally, I would like to thank staff, governors, directors, parents and our pupils for your continued hard work and commitment and I wish everybody a happy and restful summer break.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Nick Gibson