



# St Benedict's Newsletter



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**HARVEST MASS** Next Tuesday, 3 October, we have our annual Harvest Mass from 4.30pm in the main hall. This is always a lovely occasion and celebration of thanksgiving. In form, students will be creating Harvest food boxes. We are asking students to contribute food that will be donated to the Stratford Foodbank. A list of which food can be put into the boxes is on the back of the Harvest Mass letter that students have been given in form. The letter has also been sent via Parentmail. We are looking forward to seeing you there and welcoming our new Year 7 families as well as staff, students and parents from Our Lady's Primary School in Alcester.



**SUMMER SUCCESS** Alex Green in 10D, pictured right, has enjoyed an amazingly successful summer on both horses, Samuel & Harry Potter. Winning most improved rider of his section at Pony Club Camp, Team 6th at the National Riding Club Championships in Lincoln and Team 10th at the Pony Club Championships in Cirencester to name but a few.



**SHAKESPEARE HOSPICE** Year 12 BTEC Health and Social Care students spent the afternoon at Shakespeare Hospice yesterday. They had the opportunity to listen to a talk about the roles and responsibilities of the Hospice as well as take part in some exercises about adaptation that relate to the current topic they are studying. Whilst there, a donation of £695

was given to the Hospice, collected by students last year. This included a donation from our successful Young Enterprise Group, pictured right.



**SHOEBOX APPEAL** Our school community has been supporting Teams 4 U over the last four years. One of our Sixth Form students asked if we could support the charity as she has been volunteering for them for many years. Teams 4 U asks people to donate shoe boxes filled with gifts as a Christmas present for deprived children across Eastern Europe. Students will be receiving leaflets

next week with information about what sort of gifts will be appropriate for the box. Last year we donated 107 boxes to the Evesham based warehouse. We hope to exceed that this year! Any donations for boxes or completed boxes will be greatly received.



**CATHEDRAL VISIT** On Tuesday 26 September, some members of our school Chaplaincy team joined other schools from across the Archdiocese for a Chaplaincy Commissioning Mass at St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham. Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley, who took time afterwards to speak with our students and even have a photograph taken! Thank you to all of our staff and students who work hard to contribute to Chaplaincy in our school.

This week, Ken Nielson from South Warwickshire Gideon's visited our Year 7 students to present them with a copy of the New Testament. Ken shared some inspirational scripture and prayed with us.



## Dates for your Diary

Monday 2 October	PTA AGM 7:00pm in School - All welcome
Tuesday 3 October	Harvest Mass 4:30pm
Wednesday 11 October	Year 11 Parents' Evening 4.15pm - 7.15pm
Monday 16 - Friday 20 October	Year 11 Work Experience Week
Wednesday 18 October	Teacher Education Day - Students not in School

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