



St Benedict's Newsletter



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ALWAYS BENNIES Year 11 students, families and staff gathered on the Feast of the Ascension to celebrate Mass and the conclusion of their formal education at St Benedict's. It really hit home to our young adults, on the verge of their GCSE exams and the next exciting episode of their careers, that education is a privilege and that we are grateful to all the individuals and friends who have supported them these past five years.

Fr Alex Austin reminded the congregation that during our time at St Benedict's we are all witnesses to God's love and that life in future without faith is a meaningless one. Our

thanks go to Naomi Cairns for organising the landmark service, her words of motivation and for the traditional slideshow of how our "Bennies" family members have changed since arriving here.

Pictured top are Deputy Head Girl and Boy, Ellen Rafferty and Michael MacLeod, upholding another tradition of cutting the Leavers' cake. Please keep our Year 11 students in your prayers in the taxing weeks ahead.



YOUNG ENTERPRISE We are proud to announce that our Year 12 Young Enterprise company, B4, were incredibly successful at the South Warwickshire finals last week. Following a year of hard work from all involved, the team managed to secure not one, but two awards; 'Best Company Report' and 'Best Teamwork'. Overall, the company all agree that the journey through YE has been incredibly fulfilling despite the challenges at times. This is the second year our YE team have progressed to the County Finals, which will take place next Tuesday. We hope that this success will continue through the next round! The success of the company would not have been possible without the help, support and guidance from local businessman Stephen Marchant.



BOOK AWARDS On Tuesday 8 May, Year 8 students attended an author event at Alcester Grammar School. This was part of the Alcester Schools' Book Award which is run in partnership by St Benedict's, Alcester Grammar and Alcester Academy. Each student has read five books for the award and this was an opportunity to meet one of the authors. The author was Catherine Barter (pictured left) whose first book Trouble Makers was on the shortlist. It was especially nice to listen to Catherine talk about her book as she is a former student of AGS. On Thursday 17 May, St Benedict's will be hosting the final of the Book Award. Each student taking part has voted for their favourite books from the shortlist and the winner and runners up will be announced at the event.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 11 - Monday 14 May

Mon 28 May - Fri 1 June

Monday 4 - Friday 8 June

Wednesday 13 to Friday 15 June

Fri 22 June

25 June - 3 July

Year 12 Biology Field Trip to Dale Fort

Half term

Year 9 Trip to Marle Hall

Year 10 Geography Field Trip

Year 11 Prom- 7.00pm

MACarts Festival



TOBY BIRKS in 7B created a stir when he brought in his family tree during English - we were able to trace his ancestors right back to Anne Hathaway, wife of William Shakespeare! Toby did an excellent job in explaining the family tree to his class and telling them who he is related to. 7B were very impressed and it's wonderful to think that we have a descendant of Anne Hathaway in our school - not many of us can spot William Shakespeare on our family tree!



LEPRA FUNDRAISING Well done to 7B, 7C, 8B and 8C who took part in a fundraising Zumba session on Wednesday afternoon. There were some excellent moves on show!! All money raised will be going to LEPRA. If anyone still needs to hand in their envelopes please do so as soon as possible to Mrs



Munford in the Sixth Form.

7D, 7M, 8D and 8M will be taking to the Zumba stage next Wednesday afternoon, 16 May. All students in these classes are to come to school dressed in PE kit.



WELL DONE to 7B students Matthew Dawes and Olivia Ebanks for going above and beyond in their English homework. Matthew and Olivia took the initiative to bake a cake for the entire class in celebration of Shakespeare's birthday. Not only had the pair baked two delicious tiers of chocolate and vanilla, but they shared it with their form group, and a few lucky staff members, too! They have both earned 25 points in their homework challenge as well as 5 house points for Beckett house! Well done to both of them!

TECHNOLOGY DEBATE Year 10 Design Technology and Year 12 IB students found themselves energised on Tuesday discussing the topic of 'Alternative Energies' with an industry expert. Our guest speaker was Douglas Chandler, who is an Electrical lecturer on the Clarkson Evans Apprenticeship scheme. He was well placed to introduce our students to different ways of generating energy while stirring debate on issues such as the impacts they have on the environment, cost effectiveness and efficiency. Hydro-electricity was a clear turn on to some of our students while nuclear power is always guaranteed to spark controversy.



CONGRATULATIONS to Shea Fitzgerald in 7M for recently passing his Popular Music Vocals Level 2 Exam at the University of West London with a Distinction. Well Done Shea!

ACCEPTANCE OF SIXTH FORM OFFERS We request that your replies are returned to the Sixth Form Office by 18 May. Please pop over for a chat if you have any questions at all.

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