



St Benedict's Newsletter



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BOOK AWARD Teams of book critics gathered at St Benedict's last Thursday to hear which novel had won the Alcester Book Award. The news that Jess Butterworth's "Running on the Roof of the World" was top of the pile met with mixed approval among the Year 8 students from Bennies, Alcester Academy and AGS. "Terror Kid" by Benjamin Zephaniah was another popular choice.

As well as discussing the results, the cluster enjoyed meeting students from other schools with whom they shared a passion for reading. They composed acrostic poems for chocolate prizes and played novel associated word games. The hungry readers representing Bennies' this year were (pictured) George Wren, Jack Tabberer, Harry Vale, Aisling Quirke, Lauren Joyce and Lucy Cosgrove. Some of their motives for volunteering include, "a desire to read more" or "try something more diverse"

PASSION FOR FASHION Students with a real flair for style have been entered into the Midlands heat of the Young Fashion Designer UK. The competition showcases exceptional work created by KS3, GCSE and A Level students and provides a platform to launch designers of the future.

The Year 11 students nominated this year are (Back row: Charlotte Taylor, Umika Vadera, Chanel Mullings, Front: Georgia-Mae O'Mahony, Louise Dawson, Francesca Nolan and Leo Patterson). In addition to their GCSE course work, their applications included a written statement of what inspired them and made them choose certain fabrics, techniques and trends.



Textiles teacher, Miss Dale, has felt so rewarded by the quality of work created by this cohort. (Excellent 3D items such as soft toys and accessories were excluded from entry). "It's a shame that this marks the end of the pure GCSE Technology Textiles qualification at St Benedict's, however, I am excited by the new GCSE 'Art & Design: Textiles' course which allows Year 10 students upwards to be more creative with fabric designs, colours and textures".

FIRST WORLD WAR BATTLEFIELDS TOUR OCTOBER 2018 - 2 places remaining! If your son or daughter is currently in Year 8 and you would like to secure a place, please contact Miss Dance as soon as possible.

END OF AN ERA With exams and coursework deadlines safely behind them, our Year 13 IB and BTEC students could comfortably let their hair down last Friday at a celebration to mark the end of their time at St Benedict's. The 'Prom', held in the glorious surroundings of Salford Hall near Evesham, gave students and staff the chance to unwind after their journey through Sixth Form. Once again our thoughts go with them as they prepare for the next exciting episodes in their lives and anticipate their results. In a break with tradition, our Year 11 Leavers' Celebration is being held on 22 June, after GCSEs have finished.

Dates for your Diary

Mon 28 May - Fri 1 June	Half term
Monday 4 - Friday 8 June	Year 9 Trip to Marle Hall
Wednesday 13 to Friday 15 June	Year 10 Geography Field Trip
Fri 22 June	Year 11 Prom- 7.00pm
25 June - 3 July	MACarts Festival
Friday 6 July	IB Results to students



WEDDING CELEBRATIONS It was a right Royal party in the canteen on Friday lunchtime last week. All the flags were up and Michelle even made a lemon and elderflower wedding cake to celebrate Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's big day. **CONGRATULATIONS** to English Teacher, Miss Ford as she celebrates her wedding to Nick over half term. Miss Ford will return as Mrs Miles after the break.

HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION In true Bennies' tradition, our annual House Music Competition will take place this year on Tuesday 10 July. Houses have a variety of songs to make their choice from, including artists such as Avicii, Ed Sheeran and Queen or songs from 'The Greatest Showman'. More information about the evening will follow but please save the date!



YEAR 8 WWI CENTENARY RESEARCH As part of our centenary commemorations, the History Department will be running a research club every Tuesday 3.35-4.30pm in the Library, starting on 5 June. We hope to find out as much as possible about local soldiers that fought in the First World War, so please feel free to come along with the name of a soldier you would like to research. Please register your interest in advance with Miss Dance.



LEPRA FUNDRAISING Well done to Year 7 and 8 students who have all taken part in fundraising Zumba sessions, ably assisted by Year 12 Sport Leaders. All money raised will be going to LEPR. If anyone still needs to hand in their envelopes please do so as soon as possible to Mrs Munford in the Sixth Form.

CUPPA AND A CAKE! Year 12 Young Enterprise students rounded off their year with a tea party on Wednesday this week. Sixth Form students and staff were invited along to enjoy a piece of cake and a cuppa and also take part in a raffle (prizes pictured right) and guess



the number of sweets in the jar competition. As well as it being a fitting end to their success, the event also raised a total £116 which will be donated to Shakespeare Hospice.

If you would like share in the success of our Young Enterprise companies and have time to spare in September as a business advisor, please contact the Sixth Form Office.

STAFF VACANCY We currently have a vacancy for a Chief Financial Officer within the MAC. The position is full time, for further details please visit the school website.

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