



It feels as if we have reached the end of the longest half term possible. As we look ahead to the final half term we do so with hope for the lifting of remaining restrictions on school life and a return to more 'normal' ways of working and being together as a community. As I write, Year 11 are finishing their final day of timetabled lessons and Year 13 are finishing their final day in school. This has been such an incredibly challenging time for all students, but these exam groups have been the most significantly impacted and I am incredibly proud of the good-natured high spirits that we have seen from students in school today and how much respect our students show one another and staff. We are moving apace with a range of changes in the school. We have invested heavily in a new IT infrastructure which will help improve not only the use of technology in our classrooms, but also make available the use of Wifi more readily for our Sixth Form. We are beginning a tender process to build a new Sixth Form study space and common room as a bespoke modular building. It is our hope that this will be available for student use by the end of the autumn term, but there is a lot to work through! We have interviewed and appointed a small number of new administrative and teaching staff to expand our admin team and adapt to changes in our curriculum model and the retirement of two teaching staff this summer. Finally we have ended the day today with a non-uniform day in aid of the Parish Literacy appeal for the twin parish in Siem Reap, Cambodia. I have included information about this fantastic appeal in the newsletter and we hope that our support will help the work of this important programme. Although I hope that we all have a wonderful half term break, can I please ask families to continue to complete twice weekly lateral flow Covid tests and report any positive cases so the school if a student develops symptoms or tests positive in the 48 hours following attendance in school. As before, please call 01284 775711 9am-6pm to report a case.

Best wishes, Imogen Senior



Support groups provide vital support and social connections for those experiencing mental health issues or those supporting those struggling.

We run five support groups every week!

The support groups are free for people attending and allow like-minded people to support you with help given by some of the therapists employed by Teenage Mental Health.

We know how difficult it is for parents/ carers when their child is ill, we have just set up support groups for parents and carers of children (no matter how old) experiencing mental health problems.

The groups run weekly at our facility:
31 Lower Brook Street, Ipswich, IP4 1AQ.

From 7pm until 8:30pm

- Monday's - Parental Support Groups
- Tuesday's - Men's Mental Health Support Group
- Wednesday's - Disordered Eating Support (Under 25s)
- Thursday's - Gender Identity Support Group (Under 25's)
- Friday's - Self Harm Support Group (Under 25's)

Contact us
For Mental Health Support in Ipswich & the surrounding areas please contact us using the details below or alternatively fill out the form and we'll ring you back to arrange an appointment.
Call: 01473 411324
Email: access@teenagementalhealth.co.uk
Address: 31 Lower Brook Street, Ipswich IP4 1AQ

SUPPORT



group therapy helps individuals develop communication skills and socialization skills

Goodbye Year 13

On behalf of all the staff at St Benedict's, I would like to take the opportunity on their final day at school to wish our wonderful Year 13



students all the very best for the future. Each and every one of them are wonderful in so many ways. I am immensely proud of both their academic achievements and their contributions to the wider life of our school despite this very challenging period of time for everyone. To our Year 13 students, I am confident that all of you have gained deep subject knowledge and a passion for learning, understanding that there is immeasurable joy in the pursuit of knowledge and the offering of kindness. You are all such special people and I am certain you will find fulfilment in all your future endeavours. Best wishes to you all.

Mr Richmond

Head of Sixth Form

Student Equipment

As we approach the half term we take this opportunity to remind parents and students of the equipment we would like them to bring to each lesson. Arriving at lessons well equipped is vital in enabling students to succeed in their studies. To help families who have found it challenging to get to the shops during lockdown, the school reprographics department stock all of the equipment that students need. This can be purchased through ParentPay accounts.

In September '21 students will, in addition to the usual list of equipment, be expected to bring with them a mini whiteboard to use in lessons. Again, these can be purchased in school from the Reprographics department. Students can begin using these during the last half term of the current academic year as soon as they have them in lessons.

The full equipment list is below:

A5 size Whiteboard
Whiteboard Pen
15cm Ruler
Set Square
180° Protractor
Pair of Compasses
HB Pencil
Eraser
Prittstick
Casio FX83 GT X Scientific Calculator
Mr Tatum