

Dear parents/carers and students,

Despite some very autumnal weather, this week has seen some excellent examples of all that makes St Benedict's fantastic. We have seen some excellent sporting activities and successes, as well as trips, visits extra-curricular events. Despite the rise in covid cases seen locally the school has coped well and students continue to engage with school life with very little adaptation. We are of course disappointed that some of the events we had planned to have in school this week and next have been run remotely, however we hope that by continuing to work together we can keep school as normal as possible in the 'big' things for us all by making some compromises elsewhere. We remain very grateful to our families for their continued support and wish you all a wonderful weekend ahead.

Yours in Christ

*Imogen Senior*

## Sporting Highlights

### Under 15 Netball

On Thursday evening the Under 15 girls travelled across Bury to play in a mini Netball Tournament. The girls were a bit rusty to start and needed to get to know each others playing for the first few minutes. Our first match against Sybil Andrews and saw a close first half with the score at 3 -2 to St Benedict's. After a motivating half time talk from captain Olivia the girls improved their play with more accurate passing and taking advantage of Carmen's height to get the ball into the 'D' Phoebe was able to score several times. At the end of the game, to the delight of the girls, St Benedict's had won 11 -4.

The second game against County Upper was even more challenging however the girls were into their stride and fought well to keep possession. At half time County were leading 3 - 2. The spirit of the girls, the determination of Emily, Helena, Elise, Grace and Libby enabled them to show the resilience needed to achieve a 9 - 6 win by the final whistle.

It was a pleasure to take these girls to the fixture, they represented St Benedict's beautifully and we are all looking forward to being able to play more matches in the near future.

Thank you to Mr Turner for driving and to Lola for supporting the team.



### U14 Boys Football vs Stowmarket

This week, the U14s Boys had their first football fixture for the school since they were in Year 7. The game didn't start off too well, conceding a goal in the first 5 minutes. However, St Benedict's showed great resilience to keep pushing forward, trying to find the equaliser. Giles Atfield's quick feet proved too much for the opposition, resulting in a foul in the penalty box. Theo Piggott slotted home in the bottom left corner to make the game 1:1. The second half, St Benedict's showed their true strength, dominating possession but still searching for the winning goal. Charlie Oxborrow made the difference, hitting a superb strike outside the box into the left corner of the goal to seal the win 2:1.

### U13 Boys Football vs Sybil Andrews

The U13s had their first ever football fixture for the school on Thursday against Sybil Andrews. The first game was against Sybil's A team. This proved to be a very difficult and physical test for Bennies. The first half ended with no goals scored, but with some excellent saves from Rory Blewitt in goal, who kept us fighting in the game. The second half started off great, with Ollie Hayes scoring from a corner to put us 1 nil up. Unfortunately, Sybil kept the pressure on, and scored two late goals to win the game 2:1.

St Benedict's then played against Sybil Andrew's B team. St Benedict's are still recovering from the previous game, but still managed to dominate possession. A great corner from Archie Coogan found Mateusz Szczech's head to put St Benedict's 1 nil up. The second half was still dominated by St Benedict's, with Yaseen Ali firing home a rebound from the keeper to secure St Benedict's the win 2:0.



### MFL World Film Club. (in E5)

Do you enjoy watching foreign films (with subtitles!) and discovering the life and culture of different countries through the medium of film?

Then the MFL Department's **World Film Club** is for you. Ms Wintersteller and Mrs Dalby will be showing the wonderful French Film "**Mademoiselle POPULAIRE**".

**The first half** of the film will be shown on **Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> of November.**

**The second half** of the film will be shown on **Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> of November.**

**We will start promptly at 3.50pm and will finish shortly before 5 pm.**

Everybody is warmly invited to come and share our passion for film with biscuits provided.

We are looking forward to seeing you on Thursday (04/10/21) and bring along some popcorn!