

Retreat Days



At the end of last week, we had the joy of being able to take two groups on a voluntary retreat which we offered in response to requests from students who wanted to go deeper with their faith after the mission week earlier in the year.

We took two groups just down the road to the very welcoming and beautiful Beacon Church. The first group was the students from year 7 & 8 on Thursday and year 9 & 10 on Friday. The Beacon Church itself was a brilliant venue to visit, very close to school with a really modern look and feel, just walking into the church generated excitement and intrigue.

The content for retreat day itself was delivered dynamically by 4 members of the Sion Community, Andy, Toni, Henar and Fr Gareth. The whole day was themed around a single line from scripture 'They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.' Acts 2:42, but the day was rich with well prepared content and activities.

We all seemed to have a great time and, each day, all 60 students were a credit to themselves and the school. It was brilliant to get back to making trips happen and giving students experiences they otherwise haven't had access to over the last couple of years.

For more information on future retreats and events that I would recommend for students who want to take another step in their faith don't hesitate to contact me. Sion regularly run weekends for years 7-9 called D Weekend. More details can be found at sioncommunity.org.uk/category/events/

I look forward to the next one!

Matt School Chaplain

First Professional Gig



We are very proud of one of our year 11 students, Oscar Lyons who has got his first professional gig as a musician coming up after his exams have finished.

He is very excited to be given this opportunity, we wish him every success and hope the gig goes well for him. Please see the link below for further information.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/felixstowe/two-sisters-arts-centre/jazz-oscar-lyons-quartet/e-omqgm1>

LRC News

LRC will be closed for general use during the exam time (before and during school). Students who attend breakfast club need to go to F1. Please request and return books before school in F1 as well. Additionally, people can request books through their Accelerated Reader teacher.

Top 10 readers for Accelerated Reader for May 2022

Helena Bulacz, Linduli Jayaneth, Michael Knight, Tegan Findley, Sean Dersley, Isabelle Wakes, Keerthana Kandeegan, Finn Senior, Leon Maloba, Phoebe Moran.

Big thanks to all of those who have been helping keep the library tidy during Exam time!

Mr Walker

Maths Challenges Success

Junior Maths Challenge (IMC) 2022

The JMC is a 60-minute, multiple-choice competition aimed at high ability year 7 and 8 Maths students across the UK. It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems.

We are delighted to announce that of our 29 participating students at St Benedict's achieved 6 golds, 14 silvers and 6 bronzes in this year's JMC! To recognise the highest performers in the Challenge, UKMT awarded the top-scoring 50% of participants Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates in the ratio 3:2:1. Please see below for those who secured certificates!

Gold Sean Dersley, George Wightman, Aidan Feely, Joseph Ferdinand, Ryan John and Isaac Spiller

Silver Lukas Barisius, Peyton Bovitz, Michael Knight, Joshua Woodroof, Isabel Basham, Helena Bulacz, Alexander Guirguis, Brook Larnier, Michael Maciejak, Phoebe Moran, Rosie Pullen, Finnian Senior, Eva Torfinn and Naomham Walker

Bronze Ben Baldock, Ellen Beckwith, Raf Calumpiano, Oliver Hayes, Emily Vince and Delfina Warren-Barbieri

Following this challenge, UKMT have invited 10,000 of the highest performers from all of the entrants to take part in the Junior Kangaroo, and George Wightman, Ryan John and Joseph Ferdinand have qualified for this. This follow on round will take place in June. We are so proud of the achievements of all our pupils that took part in the Junior Maths Challenge.

Mrs Nichols