

Congratulations

We would like to offer our congratulations to Bethinn Feely of year 12 for her recent success in the challenging and prestigious national "Big Think" competition run by St Edmund Hall, Oxford University, open to all UK students in years 11, 12 or 13. Entrants had to submit a video essay on their chosen subject area question, which for English Literature was, 'Can art ever have a moral or political purpose?'

St Benedict's is very proud to announce that Bethinn achieved the huge accolade of gaining first place for English literature, and being the runner-up in the overall competition. She is typically self-effacing but will still doubtless enjoy the award ceremony with an Oxford tutor in August, as well as the £50 prize: very well done, Bethinn!

UCAS Discovery Exhibition



On Tuesday 14th June, our Year 12 students boarded a coach for The University of Suffolk in Ipswich for the annual UCAS Discovery Exhibition. There were over 120 universities from all over the country representing a diverse range of higher education providers, and it was a pleasure to see all our students chatting with university representatives, asking them questions and gathering prospectuses from different institutions. Our students conducted themselves brilliantly throughout the session, and it was an absolute pleasure taking them to the event.

Having already set-up their UCAS accounts, the information collected during the day will complement the research the Year 12s have already completed on their post-18 options and will feed back to their tutor in the coming weeks.

The UCAS visit will be followed by the 'Personal Statement Writing Workshop' for all Year 12 students which will take place during the school day after their mock exams and our 'Higher Education Information Evening' for parents (and students) in July. I will send out a letter confirming the dates and times for both the information evening and writing workshop.

Thank you, parents/carers, for your continued support of our sixth formers, and we wish them all the best during the next two weeks of A-level mock exams.

Mr Richmond



The English department is delighted to announce the visit, later this term, of As Creatives, to introduce year 9 to "Macbeth", their GCSE Shakespeare text. The brain, voice and energy behind the organisation is Jackson Kavanagh and his passion for Shakespeare shines through in his exciting and highly participatory workshops, lending pupils an "actor's eye view" of the plays. The workshop will see students up on their feet, telling the story of Macbeth themselves, through a series of carefully structured drama activities. Never afraid to dive into the original text, As Creatives explore the backstories of Shakespeare's characters, how those characters drive plots - and how all the different elements join together. St Benedict's is looking forward to our day of innovative, engaging and experiential workshops, taking place for all year 9 students on Monday 4th July.

Mrs James

Read Around The World



Part of our "Read Around the World" theme will include a large world map where students and staff can come to the LRC and 'pin' where their author is from and what it is about.

Students who are interested in participating in our creative writing contest can email or drop off their work to Mr. Walker at the LRC. Requirements for submission include 500+ words of your own creative writing that will also highlight a location or place within the story. Students can select a genre of their choice and write out their own plot and story. Please include some description of a place in the world: Athens, Antarctica, Chicago, etc.

Story should not exceed 3,000 words.

Thanks!

Mr. Walker

Uniform

Any year 11 or 13 students that have any uniform they would like to donate to the school we would be really grateful, specifically ties.

Thank you in advance