



As the official period of mourning for the Queen is now over we are all looking forward to the exciting term that we have ahead and sharing regular updates with parents of the activity of the school.

Today marks the feast day of St Pio, (one of the house saints in the school) and his words of 'Pray, hope and love' are always a fitting reminder to help us focus on how we can meet the challenges ahead, whatever they might be. I am very grateful for all of the activities that have already taken place this term; the Sixth Form trip to Thorpe Woodlands, Art trip, sporting fixtures and the Cross country on the field all help to make the school a vibrant and exciting place to be.

This Saturday we will hold our annual open morning for prospective parents and I am confident that once again the school community will demonstrate what a wonderful place this is to learn and I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff and students that make this happen. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Yours in Christ, Mrs Senior

Year 12 Teambuilding Trip



On Friday 16th September all the Year 12s spent the day at Thorpe Woodlands. The trip was organised as an opportunity for the new cohort to bond as a year group.

The year was split into 6 groups which rotated through a series of different activities throughout the day including a high ropes course, team building tasks in the forest and canoeing.



The students all behaved impeccably and were an asset to the school. It was wonderful to see them throw (quite literally in some cases when canoeing on the river) themselves into all the activities with many students trying new things for the first time.

The feedback at the end of the day from the students was very positive, and all enjoyed the collective experience. Many thanks to Mr Tatum and Mr Spiller who joined us, and to Mrs Slater for organising the trip.

Mr Richmond

Revision Workshop

The English department is delighted to be welcoming As Creatives back into school for the day on Monday 26th September. This time, our Year 11 students are taking part in revision workshops on "Macbeth" to prepare for their mock exams in November as well as for their GCSEs next summer. This is a great way to revisit the text, in a dynamic and engaging series of exercises rather than a conventional lecture or lesson, making the experience memorable and effective. We are all very much looking forward to the day's activities and respectfully request a contribution of £4 for each student to enable us to offer this lovely opportunity to our Year 11s.

Mrs James

CyberFirst Girls Competition

An exciting competition run by the National Cyber Security Centre is taking place in November!

The company runs many different competitions across the year but this first one is only open to Year 8.

Students will compete in teams of 4 to solve cyber security challenges.

Teams that progress through the Qualifying Round in November will be invited to compete in the Final, taking place in February.

The competition does not require any previous experience or knowledge about cyber security or Computer Science!

The competition is simply looking for a team of students who together have a good combination of:
Taking the lead / initiative

Staying calm under pressure, thinking outside the box, making sure everyone is listened to, logical thinking

Click on the link below to find out a little more about the competition:

[CyberFirst Girls Competition: inspire the next generation - YouTube](#)

If you're interested in signing up to the competition, you will need to let Miss Woodruff or your Computer Science teacher know by the end of Friday 7th October.

Miss Woodruff

Congratulations

Congratulations to Finlay Thomas who has won a cookery competition and is taking part in an 8 week Junior Chef course at West Suffolk College. Well done Finlay.



International Languages Day!

On 26th September, St Benedict's will have special activities to celebrate the many languages spoken by the pupils and staff. There will be a number of fun activities for the pupils.

All tutor groups will have a Languages/Culture quiz with a prize for the winning tutor group!

Year 7 are invited to E3 at lunchtime to join in various language activities

Volunteer teachers made up of pupils and teachers will teach Years 8 and 9 their languages for 1 lesson. Here are the languages available:



Portuguese, Italian, German, Japanese
Hungarian, Romanian, Polish, Arabic
Spanish

Mrs Dalby

Reporting an Absence

If your child is unwell or has an appointment and will not be at morning registration, can you please let the school know by 9.00am. You can either email attendance @st-benedicts.suffolk.sch.uk or call the main number 01284 753512.

For appointments during the school day can we also ask that you notify us in advance, we can then put a note on the register advising the teacher what time they need to leave and they can leave the lesson on their own, there is not always a member of staff available to go and collect students. We also require evidence of appointments attended. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mobile Phones

Please remind your child that mobile phones are not be used in school and should be switched off until the end of the day. If you need to contact your child urgently you can call the school office. And we will pass on a message. Phones are confiscated if they are used in school.

Negative Space and Positive ideas to inspire our A-Level artists



Our new cohort of Year 12 A Level Art students visited the Henry Moore Foundation at Perry Green Studios this week to kick start their first project in the department.



Students were inspired by a fantastic tour which gave us insights into the three main themes of Moore's work, Reclining Figures, Mother and Child and Interior/Exterior. We learnt about the creation of the beautiful tapestries that hang in the medieval barn at Perry Green, painstakingly recreated pixel by pixel from some of his many drawings and reworked sketches.



Students were able to find out more about the different processes that Moore used from plaster casting to generating his famous series of amazing maquettes in plaster, wax and concrete.

An excellent day of sketching and a superb group of students to take out in the minibus. Thank you to involved and we look forward to seeing how your work develops in response to his creative endeavours.

Mrs Chacksfield

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Mrs Senior is running the London Marathon on 2nd October 2022



Our Head Teacher is leading by example and has set herself the challenge to run the London Marathon this year.

Mrs Senior is running on behalf of the Catholic Children's Society (Westminster), the charity supports disadvantaged children and families across London, Hertfordshire and the South East, they work with individuals of all faiths and none; their sole aim is to help those in greatest need.

Donations can be made through: <https://tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/imogen-senior-f643f>

If you would like to know more about the charity, please visit their webpage: <https://www.cathchild.org.uk/what-we-do/>

Open Morning

Saturday 24 September 2022

10.00 am to 12.00 pm

No need to book please just turn up

Family Games Night

Saturday 24th September

after 6pm Mass in the Crypt

Come and play board games: Jenga, Connect 4, Table Tennis etc, and enjoy the hot dogs, burgers and ice cream!

There will be tea/coffee and soft drinks and all for only £3 adults / £1.50 child (under 5 free).

We are having a raffle on the night (cash only) - all proceeds to Cambodia twinned parish.

Exam Invigilators

Salary:	Grade 2 point 3 currently £9.62 per hour plus holiday allowance
Job Term	No guaranteed hours
Appointment:	Casual

<https://www.st-benedicts.suffolk.sch.uk/page/?title=Exam+Invigilators&pid=216>

Term Dates

Autumn Term

Half Term: Monday 24 October 2022 to Friday 28 October 2022

Term Ends: Friday 16 December 2022

School Holiday: Monday 19 December to Monday 2 January 2023

PD Day(s): Thursday 1 and Friday 2 September 2022, Friday 25 November

Spring Term

Starts: Tuesday 3 January 2023

Students Return: Wednesday 4 January 2023

Half Term: Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February 2023
Ends: Friday 31 March 2023

School Holiday: Monday 3 April to Friday 14 April
PD Day(s): Tuesday 3 January and Monday 20 February

Summer Term

Starts: Monday 17 April 2023
Half Term: Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June 2023
Ends: Friday 21 July 2023