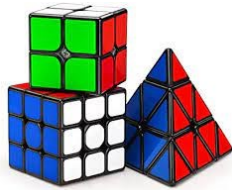


St Benedict's NUMBER DAY 11th January

St Benedict's held their whole school Number Day on 11th January. It was a non-uniform day for all students and staff which has raised an amazing £374 so far for the Malala Fund, helping girls access education across the world. Thank you so much to everyone who has donated, the option is still on Parent Pay if you would still like to donate.

Lessons across the school included a numeracy starter and numeracy activities linked to the subject throughout the day. Some examples of this were country populations in French, Spanish and Geography, addition of monarch's Roman Numerals in History, working out the sum of points required to win sports in PE, and finding out the number of Popes there have been in RE.



Rubik's cube club was very popular at lunchtime. We have introduced a variety of speed cubes to our students to try out in our club to improve team work and problem solving. The Cubers meet every Tuesday lunchtime in E2 and are keen to help students to learn the skills of solving the cubes. All students are welcome.

There was a numeracy starter in every lesson across the school during the day. In periods 1-4 the answers to the starter were the numbers 1, 1, 2, 3. In period 5, the students had to guess the relevance of the numbers. The numbers were the start of the Fibonacci sequence. This is a significant sequence as the numbers from it appear in nature and in God's creation. The next number in the sequence is found by adding the two previous numbers together. For example, $1 + 1 = 2$, $1 + 2 = 3$, $2 + 3 = 5$. How far can you continue the sequence?

It was great to see the buzz about numbers throughout the school and we look forward to the next Number Day in 2024.

Mrs Eastwood

London Trip Inspires Our Year 11 Artists and Designers!



50 year 11 students and 9 of our sixth form artists and designers travelled to London this Tuesday to explore London Museums and Galleries.

The GCSE art students, having received their new Exam paper questions on the coach, had the opportunity to find works of interest in the Tate Modern, before heading down river on the Thames by boat to Millbank where we ended our visit at the Tate Britain. The group were enthralled by the unusual installation of processing figures constructed by artist Hew Locke, exploring ideas of colonialism and the sugar industry.

The GCSE DT Students spent their time exploring London's design Museum in Kensington, having a chance to look at the 'Objects of Desire' Collection, a series of surrealist works including of course Dali's famous lobster telephone. Other works in the permanent collection, helped the students to learn more about the history and development of design which will be a great support to them during their exams and NEA components later this year.

Thank you to Mrs Kellet, Mrs Dunn, Mrs Stemp, Mrs Norman and all in the office who helped support the trip and make for such a successful and inspiring day

Ms Chacksfield



Vacancies

We have a number of support staff vacancies at the school

Cover Manager

Salary: Grade 4 (above the bar) currently £25,878-£29,439 pro rata

Job Term: 35 hours per week 39 weeks per year

Appointment: Permanent

Exams Officer

Salary: Grade 5 (below the bar) currently £29,439-£32,019 pro rata

Job Term: 25 Hours per week, 39 weeks per year

Appointment: Permanent

Cover Manager

Salary: Grade 4 (above the bar) currently £25,878-£29,439 pro rata

Job Term: 35 hours per week 39 weeks per year

Appointment: Permanent

We are always looking for invigilators

Exam Invigilators

Salary: Grade 2 point 3 currently £9.62 per hour plus holiday allowance

Job Term:

No guaranteed hours

Appointment: Casual

Place of work: St Benedict's Catholic School, Bury St Edmunds

Please see our website for further details of all the roles available.

<https://www.st-benedicts.suffolk.sch.uk/vacancies>

Year 9 Options Evening

Next Thursday, 26th January we have our very important evening for year 9's when we outline the process for choosing their GCSE options. All parents and guardians should have received an email inviting them to the event which starts at 6:30pm. There will be a short presentation by myself and Mr Tatum and then you will have the opportunity to visit the subjects your child is interested in, where there will be a short presentation by each of the departments. There will be the opportunity to attend 3 presentations during the evening.

If you are unable to attend please email mcornforth@st-benedicts.suffolk.sch.uk and I will ensure that your child receives their option booklet on Friday 27th January.

Mrs Cornforth

GCSE & A Level Certificates

We have a number of certificates for 2021 & 2022, if your child has not collected their certificates, please contact the office and we can arrange a time for them to be collected. officestaff@st-benedicts.suffolk.sch.uk

Local Community

We have been asked by West Suffolk Council to remind parents to bear in mind the local community and residents when picking up and dropping off children, they have unfortunately received a couple of complaints from residents near to St Benedict's School regarding parents idling their car engines for prolonged periods outside their houses. As I'm sure you can appreciate, this will be causing unnecessary air pollution which can be damaging to health, especially the growing lungs of children. Can we please ask for your consideration and cooperation.

Thank you in advance.



COME CELEBRATE GROUNDHOG DAY IN THE LRC! MASTER OF CEREMONIES: MR. JOHN GREGORY

STUDENTS ARE ALLOWED TO WEAR A TOPHAT, JACKET, AND SCARF IN THE LRC ON FEB 2ND AT LUNCHTIME

SNACKS AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED!

WILL THE GROUNDHOG SEE HIS SHADOW? COME AND FIND OUT!

Mobile Phones

Can we please ask you to remind your children that mobile phones should not be used in school, if they are caught doing so this will result in the phone being confiscated until the end of the day. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

HPV

The immunisation team will be in school Thursday 2 February for a catch up session. They will only immunise your child if you have given consent.

PD Day

Reminder that Monday 20 February is a PD day, this follows half term