

Goodbye, Good Luck and Welcome

Last week we said goodbye to Mr Steward who has been working here at St Benedict's for 16 years, he started as a teaching assistant and finished his time here as Head of Careers. Darrin has gone on to work at the Suffolk University in Ipswich, we would like to say a massive thank you for everything he has done at the school and we wish him well in his new venture.

We welcome Mrs Edwards who joined us this week as our new exams officer, we wish her well in her new role.

Cambridge Chemistry Race



Five of our year 13 chemistry students were entered into the Cambridge Chemistry Race which took place at the Chemistry Department, Cambridge University on Saturday 4th February. We have not entered this competition before, so it was with a certain amount of trepidation that the group, accompanied by Mr Senior, set off from Bennies at 09:15 on the Saturday morning. The team members were Lilli Warn, Clara Saiu Bell, Noku Jaji, Adrian Smith Delgado and Leonel Jose and they went by the name, Bennies Aromatics. The competition involved each team being set chemistry puzzles which they had to answer as quickly as possible and then run the answers to the answer desk, if they got it right first time they received 4 points, if they got it wrong, they had more attempts to answer but each additional try lost them a point. There was a lot of very stiff competition from the likes of Eton, Harrow and Wellington but the Bennies students acquitted themselves really well to end up coming 35th out of 68 teams. Now that Mr Senior knows how the competition works, he has vowed to start preparing his team for next year now, ready to show the elite what we can do.

PD DAY

Please remember that Monday the 20 of February is a PD day students do not return until Tuesday 21 February 2023. Happy Half Term.

Art Month



February is Celebrate Art month! Come by after half term to check out some of the student art from KS3 and our A-Level Students!

There are also several books on display!

Congrats to Archie Coogan, Jakub Mruzik and Zuzanna Munteanu! Their sketches were hand picked by the Art Department for display.

Additionally, Alice Prosser, Ella Chacksfield, and Fernanda Lopez-Clift have their art on display as well!

Trips

There are a large amount of trips going on at the moment, we welcome back the Pilgrims who went to Rome, the A level Art trip have headed off to Paris today and our skiers left this afternoon for Austria we wish them a safe trip. We will have reports and photos from all the trips after half term.

Non Uniform Day

Thank you to everyone who donated for today's non uniform day, so far the total raised was an amazing £1550 which has already been donated to CAFOD to assist with aid to Turkey and Syria following the earthquake.