

Headteacher's Welcome

Despite the rather lack-lustre summer weather it seems that September wanted to greet us in style and this week's glorious sunshine has helped to make the school even more vibrant and cheerful at the start of term. We are delighted to see our students, new and old looking refreshed and eager to embark on new challenges and adventures with us. The summer brought lots of successes for our students. GCSE and A level results were incredibly strong and testament to the hard work and diligence of students and staff. Our summer school saw many of our new year 7 students join us to find out about the Medieval world. We have welcomed new staff too and seen some repairs to the school roof being undertaken.

As the calendar rolls ever onwards, we look ahead to many events the first of which is our Open Morning on 23rd September. We really appreciate the support of our students at the Open Morning and will be sending home permission letters to ask students to volunteer if they are able to help. Our students are what makes this school excellent and having them there as role models makes a huge difference and we are grateful for their and your support.

A start of term prayer:

Loving God,

As we gather once again as a school community we thank you for the teachers, students, support staff and families that form St Benedict's.

Help us look forward together to the term ahead and to embrace the opportunities we have to grow, learn, and have fun.

Help us all to develop wisdom in our lives to make good choices and achieve our potential.

Help us to grow in compassion and treat others with love, respect and kindness.

Help us to show resilience in facing the challenges that this school year will bring.

Let us come together through prayer and work to make the world a better place this year and always.

Amen

Mrs Senior

Fabric Donations

If you're having an end of summer clear out of clothes, the textiles department would love to take them off your hands, especially if you have any denim you no longer want. The department is planning a fabric recycling project later this term and any donations would be gratefully received.

Ms Ashcroft

Idiom of the week- Tamil

Here is a nice idiom from the Indian language, Tamil.

Enakku ēṛkaṇavē kātu kuttīyāccu

(எனக்கு ஏற்கனவே காது
குத்தியாச்சு)

Literal: I already have my ears pierced.

Meaning in English: In Indian culture, ear piercing is a ritual done when the child is young. So, the implied meaning here is that one is not so young or naive anymore to get easily deceived.

Mrs Dalby - MFL department



Languages Day 2023

St Benedict's school has a lovely diversity of languages spoken amongst the pupils and staff.

Here are just a few;

French, Spanish, Polish, Portuguese, Hungarian, Romanian, Slovak, Czech, Italian, Tagalog, Tamil, Arabic, Turkish, German, and many more.

We will be celebrating this diversity on 26th September.

- Taster sessions for years 8 & 9 given by pupils in the school who speak these languages.
- Food from the canteen will be international in flavour!
- Flag competition around the school
- Tutor competition with prize
- Cake/biscuit decorating/ cultural food competition with prize (the cakes etc will then be sold for charity)
- Pupils and staff can dress in their traditional religious and cultural dress (if they have it.) - no sports kits please!
- And much more!



St Benedict's News



Term Dates 2023/2024

Autumn term

Starts Monday 4 September 2023
Half term Monday 23 - Friday 27 October 2023
Term end Wednesday 20 Dec 2023
PD Days 4 & 5 September and 24 November

Christmas Holiday

Thursday 21 December 2023 to
Wednesday 3 January 2024

Spring term

Starts Thursday 4 January 2024
Half term Monday 19 - Friday 23 February 2023
Term end Thursday 28 March 2024
PD Days 4 & 5 January 2024

Easter Holiday

Friday 29 March to Thursday 11 April 2024

Summer term

Starts Friday 12 April 2024
Half term Monday 27 to Friday 31 May 2024
Term end Friday 19 July 2024

Non-pupil days or 'PD' days

All maintained schools set five teacher training days called Professional Development (PD) days at their own discretion so please check with your child's school.

Academies and Free Schools can set their own term dates so please check with your child's school in case these differ from those set by us.

Sponsored Cycle Ride

On Saturday 9th September Mr Murphy is taking part in the Suffolk Historic Churches cycle with retired head teacher Hugh O'Neill and a couple of other parishioners from St Edmund's.

The Suffolk Historic Churches Trust was founded in 1973 and makes grants to churches and chapels of all denominations towards repairs, improvements and restoration. Since it was founded it has raised more than £5 million and made grants to more than 700 churches and chapels of all denominations, including the renovations to the church, chapel and crypt at St Edmund's in 2014. Mr Murphy will be aiming to cycle approximately 30 miles and visit about 15 churches. If you would like to sponsor him, please make a donation via ParentPay.

Mr Murphy

Vacancies

Food Service Assistant

Salary: Grade 2 point 1 £10.50 per hour

Job Term: Part-time 15 hours per week, term time only

Required as soon as possible to assist in the school kitchen, duties, will include assistance in preparation and serving of food, assisting kitchen staff in keeping the area clean and tidy, setting up of dining hall and till work, ability to use own initiative and work alone, taking pride in your work. Experience in a similar role preferred but not essential, in-house training will be given as well as a certificate in Food Hygiene.

Cleaner

Salary: Grade 2 point 1 £10.50 per hour

Job Term: 12.5 - 15 Hours per week, 44 weeks per year

Appointment: Permanent

Place of work: St Benedict's Catholic School

We are seeking to appoint a cleaner to join our in house cleaning team. General cleaning of the school building, no previous experience necessary. Immediate start, completion of a DBS check required. We will respond to applications as they are received, so an early application is advised.

1-2-1 Learning Support Assistant

Salary: Grade 3 range 4-6 (£21,189 - 24,054 pro rata)

Job Term: FTE Term Time only (38 weeks) 27.5 hours per week

Appointment: Permanent

Place of work: St Benedict's Catholic School

We are seeking to appoint a 1:1 Learning Support Assistant to work with our wonderful students as part of our SEN team. This post will involve providing 1:1 support for students with additional needs both in the classroom and in intervention sessions. St Benedict's is a 'Good' school (April 2022) with a strong reputation and a supportive local community. Our school is committed to our mission as a Catholic community and seeks to help all our young people achieve their potential both academically and personally. We can offer you a positive environment where you will be encouraged to progress further in your career should you wish, supported by a team of staff who are very hardworking and dedicated to the school. Applications from both experienced staff and those considering a new role are welcomed.

Further details and applications to:

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