



## Headteacher's Update

All terms seem to fly by but this half of the autumn term always seems particularly speedy. Today we have held a lovely two minute silence in school which was observed beautifully and with the Last Post played throughout the school. With so much conflict around the world at present, this time to remember those who have lost their lives or loved ones to conflict and those still affected by conflict seems incredibly relevant.

As we look ahead to the next few weeks, we are busy planning our Carol concert for Advent, which will take place in St Edmund's Church. We would also like to give advance warning of the non-uniform days that will take place during Advent. Friday 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and the last day of term will all be non-uniform with donations of £1 or more requested for charity. This year we will be supporting St Nicholas Hospice, CAFOD and Mary's Meals through these days. The first will be a Christmas jumper day, the second a pyjama day and the final day a festive outfit day. We hope that no one feels pressured to buy new or expensive items for these days and if anyone would like any support please do ask.

*Yours in Christ, Imogen Senior*

## Suffolk Education Awards

Last night the senior leadership team represented the school at the Suffolk Education Awards in Ipswich. We were finalists in the Secondary School of the Year category. Whilst the prize went to Woodbridge Independent school it was great to receive the recognition of what a special place St Benedict's is and we hope to be more successful in future years. The school certainly is wonderful.

*Mrs Senior*



## Last, Last Post

Max Ledgerton (year 13) has played the last post every year since he started in year 7 and today he played for us for the last time, thank you Max. This year he was accompanied by Finn Senior (year 10).



Left to Right

Charlie Latta Diaz, Max Ledgerton and Ms Keefe

## Reading Week

### 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> November

Next week will be the first Reading Week of the school year. There will be a particular focus in lessons on what reading involves for different subjects. In addition, students will take part in a Book Cover quiz during tutor time and there will be a range of activities happening in the library at lunchtimes:

Monday – make a bookmark

Tuesday – create a character

Wednesday – design a story map

Thursday – take part in a Reading Quest

The winner of each activity will receive a £10 book token!

*Mrs Oakes and Mrs Pickersgill*

## Charity Quiz

"I am doing a quiz night to raise money for charity. I am doing it because we have been given the challenge in PSHE to use £2 to do something kind.

Anybody can come if they would like to.

It is on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

At Bradfield and Rougham Baptist Church, Kingshall Street, Rougham, IP30 OBA

7 for 7.15pm start, teas and coffees available.

£10 for a table of six.

Email [beckiepickering@gmail.com](mailto:beckiepickering@gmail.com) to book."

*Amelie Pickering (Year 7)*

## Idiom of the Week- Polish

### Thinking of blue almonds

"Myśleć o niebieskich migdałach"

Meaning

A rather sweet way of saying that you drifted off into a daydream.

I think we all need to think of blue almonds from time to time!

Mrs Dalby - MFL Department

## Christmas Card Competition

Calling all artists, photographers and designers!

Could you be the designer of the school Christmas Card this year?

See your work published as a real card this Christmas.

Use your favourite choice of media, collage, paint, pencil, mixed media and submit your design on card/paper **no bigger than A4.**

Please ensure your design reflects the theme of Christmas in an imaginative way to convey the values of the school. Come and talk to art department staff for ideas if you need inspiration or materials to experiment with.

Please submit your entries to Mrs Chacksfield or Miss Batterbee in D7 by Thursday **30<sup>th</sup> November**

Winners will receive an **Art Pack prize** and see their design transformed into the official school card with additional prizes for the three runners up.

Mrs Chacksfield



## Debate Winners

On Thursday evening, sixth formers Will Blewitt, Jasmine Lau and Dylan Painter represented the school in a Zoom debate against other secondary schools in the first heat of the ESU's national "Mace" competition. Teams are given their topic, as well as the stance they must take; and our team were set to oppose the motion that "This House would broadcast court cases in the British justice system." Our first speaker Jasmine was swift to offer rebuttal to the other side, as well as adjusting her approach due to the narrowing of the proposition's interpretation of the motion in that they refined "broadcast" to "broadcast by radio". Nothing daunted, she evidenced her arguments clearly and succinctly, linking well to Dylan's second opposition speech, which coolly addressed the issues and presented new points to bolster Jasmine's. Will was our summary speaker; and he was organised and confident in rebuttal as well as in answering questions from the "floor" and completing the team's performance in a very balanced and cohesive manner. Having been told that we had succeeded in going through to the next round, the adjudicator stated that the St Benedict's team was the "Crème de la crème"!

I should like to congratulate all three students and look forward to their debating in person early in the New Year.

Ms James



Left to right

Will Blewitt, Dylan Painter, Jasmine Lau