



## Sixth Form in the Docks

On Tuesday, Mrs Titcombe and I took a group of 29 Year 12 and 13 sociology, psychology and government and politics students to London, to visit the Royal Courts of Justice (London's High Court) and the Old Bailey (the Central Criminal Court of England and Wales).

At the Royal Courts of Justice, we were given a tour by an ex-journalist who spent many years covering cases in both courts. Not only did he tell us about the history of the building, but he also gave us an excellent insight into the English and Welsh criminal justice system, including the types of cases dealt with at the high court, how much the top barristers can expect to earn and why criminal cases can sometimes take years to be heard in court. In the afternoon, we went to the Old Bailey, where we were able to sit in the public gallery of one of the courtrooms to watch a trial as it happened. One group got to sit in on a highly publicised manslaughter trial and listen to a neonatal expert giving evidence to assist the prosecution, and the other group were able to watch a trial where the victim of a serious assault was being cross-examined by the defence barrister. The experience gave students an excellent understanding of the workings of the criminal justice system and will undoubtedly enhance their studies in this area.

Mrs Shepherd



## Year 7 Residential

The Year 7 Summer Residential to Walsingham is now available to book through Parent Pay.

This is a joint pastoral and religious education trip which will provide students with the opportunity to experience a trip away from home whilst engaging in exciting activities!

Students will be within their form groups, spending a day at the Pilgrimage site and a day at Holkham Estate. The trip will include high ropes, cycling and fish and chips on the beach!

Mr Senior has written to all parents/carers explaining the payment details and options. We would like to see as many Year 7s on this trip as possible so if you have any questions, please do email [JSenior@st-benedicts.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:JSenior@st-benedicts.suffolk.sch.uk)

Miss Law

#NCW2024

National Careers Week 2024  
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## National Careers Week 2024!

National Careers Week (NCW) this year runs from 4-9<sup>th</sup> March 2024. NCW is a one-week celebration of careers guidance with a focus on supporting young people to develop awareness and excitement about their future pathways. Students will be able to access a virtual careers fair and a range of other resources during the week. Do visit our website during NCW2024 for more information. In the meantime, here is a link to the Hope Film which conveys the supportive ethos of NCW: [NCW Hope Film](#)

Miss Hahn - Head of Careers

## Idiom of the week! Idiom des fruits

### Ramener sa fraise

**Literal meaning:** To bring its strawberry.

Don't let yourself be fooled by this "to bring its strawberry" idiom. This is the French version of "to stick your nose into something," although it can also be used to invite someone to approach.

Mon frère **ramène constamment sa fraise** alors qu'on ne lui a rien demandé.

"My brother is constantly sticking his nose in even though no one asked him anything."

Allez ! **Ramène ta fraise !**

"Come on! Join us!"

### Prendre le melon

**Literal meaning:** To take the melon.

This one means "to be big-headed."

Depuis qu'il a obtenu sa promotion il a tellement **pris le melon** qu'il en est devenu insupportable.

Ever since he got promoted, he's so big-headed that he's become unbearable.

Ms Dalby - Head of MFL



## Behind the Scenes of Hairspray

### Naomhan Walker: (Mr Wilbur Turnblad)

**What was the audition process like?** It was good.

**What was good about it?** Because it was the male one, it was quite quiet, I think, there were only six of us in total.

**What's it like working with the cast?** Everyone's really friendly and great.

**What are you looking forward to most about the show?** I think "Timeless to me" will be pretty fun!

I think that's going to be one of the highlights of the show! I wish you every success with the show, Naomhan.

### Matthew Becker (Mr Pinky)

**What was the audition process like?** I would say it was fairly easy based on how few auditioners there were!

**What are you enjoying most about the cast?** I really seem to like how there's a wide variety of characters, although most of them are feminine. **But there's a range of people to work with?** Yes.

**What are you looking forward to most about the show?** My family watching me because last time I did it was ages ago. I can't wait to do our show.

### Henry Dobson (Harriman F. Spritzer)

**What was the audition process like?** Yeah, I kind of agree, there weren't as many there as last time I don't think.

**What are you enjoying most about the cast?** There is a huge range of people. **Diversity?** Yeah. Range of talents, ability.

**What are you looking forward to most about the show?** Just like everything, really.

### Claudia Bergin (Tracy Turnblad)

I'm here interviewing Claudia, who is our main star of the show, our biggest attraction, who plays Miss Tracy Turnblad. So Claudia, I have three questions for you. **What was the audition process like?** Yeah, it was good, it was really fun.

**What do you enjoy most about working with the cast?** **What's good about the cast?** They're all really lovely and they're all really committed and dedicated to doing it well. Good, pleased to hear it! **What are you looking forward to most about the show, now that you've just seen the costumes, is that one of the features you're looking forward to?** Yeah, the costumes are really good! I also like all the fun of the show, staying behind after school and just backstage. **The backstage atmosphere?** Yeah. I'm going to say this now, and I'll say it many, many more times, break a leg! You're going to be AWE-SOME! Thank you. You're welcome!

Ms Keefe



## London Marathon

Only 51 Days until Mr Turner runs the London Marathon. He is running for Breast Cancer Now and training is going well with just over 8 weeks to go until the big day. If you would like to support a fantastic charity, please use the link below. Thank you to everyone who has supported so far. Good luck Mr Turner you will smash it!



<https://2024tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/ben-turner04>

## Year 12 Geography

On the Thursday before half-term the Y12 Geography students braved the inclement weather to visit the New Bury Community Centre, to see first-hand what regeneration projects in urban spaces look like. The students were first given a speech by the manager who informed them how the project was initiated, what the aims of it are and what the funding and financing arrangements of the centre are. They were then invited to take a tour of the community centre and see how local people are using the facilities and how charities are using it as a base to improve community cohesion. The students also had a chance to speak to both the organisers and the users of the centre and this enabled them to make sense of what regeneration projects mean to communities. This was an informative and interesting experience for all involved and I would like to thank the Bury Community Centre for being so welcoming.

Mr Sayer - Head of Geography





## Sixth Form Overseas

Recently 30 sixth form students travelled to Barcelona and Montpellier. In Barcelona we visited many beautiful places including the outstanding Sagrada Familia, here we were able to admire the breathtaking architecture that is rich with Spanish culture and history. We also visited Park Güell which is full of incredible architecture, wildlife, and unforgettable views over the beautiful city of Barcelona. We were even lucky enough to watch traditional flamenco dancers on our last night there, we were all blown away by this amazing experience and the beauty of traditional Spanish culture.

We then moved onto Montpellier, which was equally as astonishing. During our time in Montpellier, we visited St. Pierre cathedral and the Triumphal arch located on the Promenade du Peyrou, here we stopped, and each did a painting of whatever caught our eye around us. We also visited the Fabre Museum, here we saw stunning pieces of artwork of many different medias and styles. We were able to visit many local cafes and restaurants full of delicious French foods and truly indulge ourselves in the French culture. Not only were we able to visit so many incredible locations that we will all remember in many years to come, but this trip was also filled with never-ending laughter and smiles, and many new friendships were formed.

Phoebe Teverson - Yr12



## Barcelona/Montpellier

It was an absolute delight to take 29 sixth form students to Barcelona and Montpellier for the first five days of the February half term. The trip consisted of students from both Year 12 and 13 studying A-level French, Spanish, Art, History of Art, and Product Design. Visiting breathtaking landmarks such as Park Güell, La Rambla, the Picasso Museum and the Mercat de la Boqueria in Barcelona, and les Jardins des Plantes, Promenade du Peyrou, la Cathédrale de Saint-Pierre and the Musée Fabre in Montpellier allowed students to admire and appreciate two distinct cultures from southern Europe. It was wonderful to paint 'en plein air' under beautiful Mediterranean blue skies, watch flamenco dancing (and even trying some moves), speak Spanish and French every day, and appreciate the cultural exchanges in general.

Our students were brilliant ambassadors for the sixth form and whole school community and were not defeated even when our return flights were cancelled and needed to stay in Montpellier for an extra day which became a great opportunity to spend a morning at the beach!

Thank you to all students for their enthusiasm and great company, and a big thank you to Ms Chacksfield and Ms Drabik for being such wonderful colleagues on the trip.

Merci/Gracias,

Mr Richmond - Head of Sixth Form

## Reporting your child's absence

If your child is unwell or has an appointment e.g. dentist/doctor could you please leave a message by 9.00am including the reason for the absence via:



Phone: 01284 753512 and Choose option 1:

And then choose option 1 for students in year 7-11

And option 2 for student in the sixth form



OR

Email: [attendance@st-benedicts.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@st-benedicts.suffolk.sch.uk)

For information on what to do if your child has COVID-like symptoms please see the following link for NHS guidance:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If you do not telephone us, we will text you at home or at work. Please note the school operates a first-day response to absences.

If, in exceptional circumstances, you need to request permission for your child to be absent from school during term time, you should complete a **leave of absence application form (please see link below)**, at least three weeks in advance, stating the reason why the absence must be taken in term time.

<https://www.st-benedicts.suffolk.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=74&type=pdf>

Thank you very much.

Mrs Wesley - Attendance Officer