

## GCSE Pod

We would just like to remind you that St Benedict's has a subscription to GCSEPod which provides Award -Winning audio-visual teaching and learning resources for GCSE subjects. It is an incredibly useful resource for students in Years 10 and 11, but also for Key Stage 3 students. GCSEPod's own research has found that on average, regular users of GCSEPod achieve, on average, 1 grade higher per subject than non-users.

If you would like to find out how you can use GCSEPod to support your child's learning plus get tips and guidance on effective home learning practices, please book onto one of GCSEPod's Parent Webinars (1 hour) [www.gcsepod.com/podup-presents-parent-webinars](http://www.gcsepod.com/podup-presents-parent-webinars) which will take place on:

26th January @ 5pm

9th February @ 5pm

23rd February @ 5pm

9th March @ 5pm

23 March @ 5pm

There is also a student webinar (30 mins) [www.gcsepod.com/podup-presents-parent-webinars](http://www.gcsepod.com/podup-presents-parent-webinars) on:

19th January @5pm

If your son/daughter has not yet logged in to GCSEPod or has forgotten his/her password, please could you encourage them to activate his/her account by following the instructions below.

## Live Talk

During Life skills in Form time as part of the PSHE & Citizenship programme, students have had a live talk from a UK Parliament Representative who has given a good overview of how Parliament works and what our role in it can be.



## Caritas On Line Event

Caritas is holding two online events – 3 Feb at 1pm & 10 Feb at 7.30pm - to listen to those on the margins of the Church. Be part of the Synod - we want to hear your voice! More information: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/synod-zoom-meetings-to-reach-those-on-the-margins/> Any questions and to register, email Jacinta Welch: [caritas@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:caritas@rcdea.org.uk)

Please share this information with anyone who may be interested. Many thanks for your support.



On Wednesday 19th January 2022, St Benedict's will be holding our first Number Day. We will have a numeracy focus across the whole school day.

Students will be able to wear non-uniform including an item of clothing with a Number on. Donations will be collected for the Malala Fund, helping girls to access education around the world. This will be by cash in buckets at the gate and there will be an option on Parent Pay. Suggested donation £1.

All lessons held that day will include a numeracy starter and will have a link to numeracy in the content of the lesson.

Lunch time competitions including a Battle of the Bands Competition, Origami Competition and a Team Quiz. With certificates and prizes for the winners.

Problem solving activities will be displayed around the school.

It is a great opportunity for the whole school to get involved and celebrate numeracy in our everyday lives.

Mrs Eastwood

## Term Dates

### Spring term

Half term Monday 21 February 2022 to Friday 25 February 2022

Ends Friday 8 April 2022

Spring (Easter) holiday Monday 11 April 2020 to Friday 22 April 2022

PD Days 4 January 2022 and 18 February 2022

### Summer term

Starts Monday 25 April 2022

Half term Monday 30 May 2022 to Friday 3 June 2022

Ends Thursday 21 July 2022

Summer holiday Friday 22 July 2022 to Wednesday 31 August 2022



## Suffolk Schools B Race

On Thursday 13th January Mr Turner took a select group of students, who had qualified by finishing in top 50 positions in the Suffolk Schools A Race in November, to Woodbridge High School for the next round of the competition.

The students were very excited and keen to try and finish in top 20 positions to stand a chance of being selected to represent Suffolk in the Anglian Schools race on Saturday 5th February. However, they didn't just have to contend with the best runners in the county, but also the notoriously hilly Woodbridge course.

Eleanor (7L) was the sole competitor from St Benedict's in the Minor Girls race (2300m) and finished strongly in 37th position. After the race she graphically described how she had to crawl up the hill! While in the boys' race (3200m), Archie (7S) and George (7A) continued their friendly rivalry in the The connoisseurs and aficionados in the crowd were keen to see who would have the edge on this occasion; as Archie narrowly pipped George to the finishing line in the Inter Form race in September, while George finished just one place in front of Archie in the A race. In the end, for the third consecutive occasion there was only one place between them as Archie closed in 29th with George in 30th.



In the Junior age category, Violette (8L) ran extremely strongly in the girls' race (3200m) to finish in 50th position, despite being in the bottom of her age group. While in the boys race Charlie (8C), who also has another year to go in this age group, had the performance of the day to finish in 5th position. This placing replicated his position in the A race and will earn him, what will no doubt be the first of many county vests. This race also saw the strongest St Benedict's team performance as Kuba (9C) raced well to finish in 28th closely followed by Thady (9S) in 36th.

Following this excitement, all of the St Benedict's runners who had already raced turned out to support their teammates in the Intermediate age group. Hannah (10L) was very pleased to improve on her 44th position in the A race by finishing seven places higher in 37th. In a very competitive Inter boys' race Nathan (11X) showed his consistency by finishing in 30th position, with Will (11A) running strongly and crossing the line in 55th.

We would like to congratulate all the students who qualified for this race, as it was the most students we have taken to this stage of the competition – perhaps ever. Unfortunately, not all the runners who qualified were able to run on the day – including Phoebe (10A) who was first in the A race in September – we hope that she will also be selected for the Suffolk team for the Anglian race in February.

Mr Murphy

## Vacancies

Deputy Headteacher required at St Alban's Catholic Primary School Cambridge.

Are you an inspiring Deputy Headteacher who would like to work in a very successful school in the heart of Cambridge city?

We are looking for someone new to fill this position due to the promotion of our current Deputy.

For more details contact Joanne Koehler, School administrator, on 01223 712148, [office@stalbans.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@stalbans.cambs.sch.uk) or visit website: [www.stalbans.cambs.sch.uk](http://www.stalbans.cambs.sch.uk)

Ideally, this post is from the start of the summer term 2022 but we accept it may have to be in the autumn

## Casual Admin/ Office support

We are looking for someone to provide support to our school office and administration team on a casual basis. This is to cover staff absences or support at particularly busy times when our existing staffing needs capacity. Hours will be within the school day and duties will be to provide capacity, for example answering the telephone, dealing with enquiries in reception or general administration. This is a casual contract with no guaranteed hours, paid at Grade 2 point 2, (£9.43 per hour). Please complete an application as soon as possible, due to urgent need, applications will be reviewed on receipt.

## Water Bottles

We sell St Benedict's water bottles, they are available to purchase from resources for £ 1.50.

