



# St Benedict's Newsletter

7 June 2024



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### A Level Art and DT Exhibition

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End of Year Show

Wednesday 19 June 2024

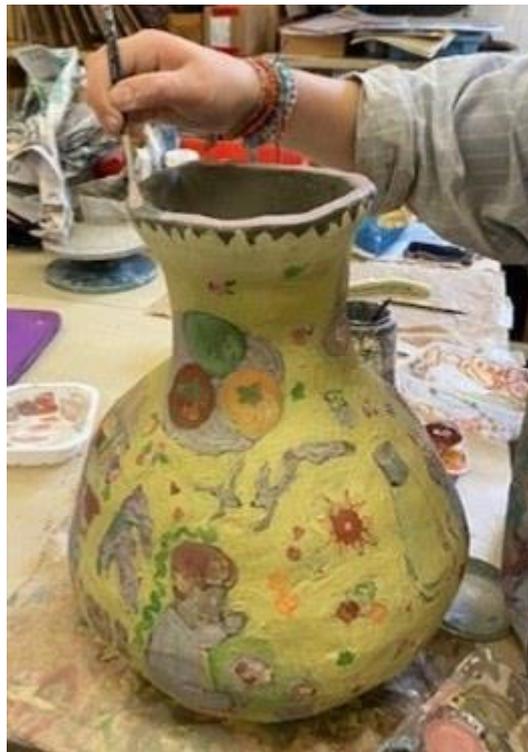
6 - 7pm

Join us to celebrate the A Level students' success this year, with a glass of Pimms or a soft drink!

The students have been working hard all year on their projects so we wish them every success as they await their results.

Well done Year 13.

*Mrs Chacksfield*







St Benedict's Day Fayre - 11 July



St Benedict's are hosting their annual summer fayre on 11 July and are seeking donations or prizes to go towards the raffle.

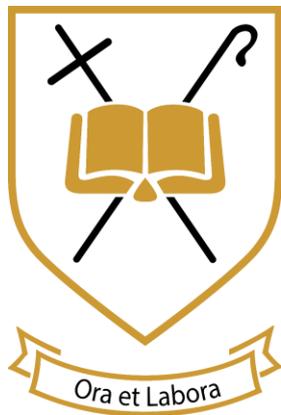
The newly formed Interact Club, led by Cerys, Pola and Niya in Year 12, is reaching out to local businesses to seek donations but they are also keen to reach out to Parents and Guardians to see if anyone would like to contribute towards the cause. Money raised through the fayre will go towards the My Wish Charity, associated with West Suffolk hospital - a charity close to us at St Benedict's.

If you would like to offer a prize or donation please can you contact Mrs Hamilton by Wednesday 12 June: [Email Mrs Hamilton](mailto:office@st-benedicts.suffolk.sch.uk)

Thank you very much.

*Mrs Hamilton*

### Summer Celebration Evening - Change of Date



# St Benedict's Catholic School

*Developing Wisdom, Compassion and Resilience  
through Prayer and Work*

### **Summer Celebration – change of date**

Due to the upcoming General Election, the Summer Celebration will now take place on Tuesday July 2 2024 at 7pm. Invitations to this event will be sent to parents shortly. This is an invitation only event.

If any individual or company who would like to sponsor an award, please contact [office@st-benedicts.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-benedicts.suffolk.sch.uk) as soon as possible.

Thank you

*Mrs Cornforth*

## Year 12 Geography Field Trip



On Friday 24 May the Y12 geographers ventured via train to the county town of Suffolk to conduct an investigation into the success of the Ipswich Waterfront regeneration project. Students devised a study that would allow them to collect data to evaluate the relative merits and drawbacks of such a regeneration project. This investigation allowed students to capture primary data and develop fieldwork skills essential to the completion of their own individual Non Examined Assessments (NEAs). All of the students acquitted themselves impeccably on the trip and enjoyed interacting with local people when completing their questionnaires.

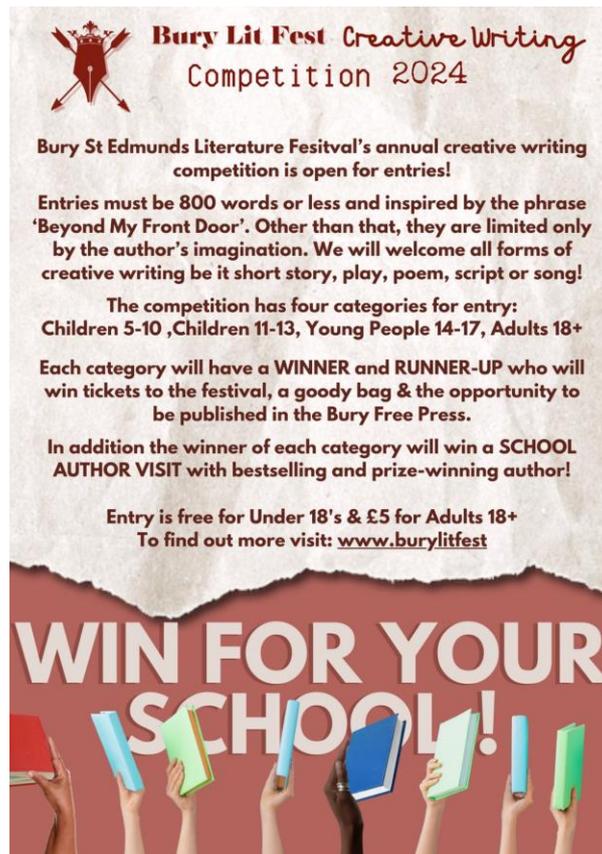
*Mr Sayer - Head of Geography*

## Bury Literary Festival

### **Bury Literary Festival**

Any students wishing to enter the creative writing competition for Bury Literary Festival should hand in their entry to their English teacher by Friday 5 July. See below for details about the competition.

*Mrs Oakes*



## Race Night - 14 June

Our Sixth Form have partnered with a team from outside the school to raise money for our partners in Cambodia - they are running an exciting Race Night - this is where you can place 'bets' on super short motorbike races and if your rider wins you'll get more tokens. All of the money raised will go directly to our projects in Cambodia, the current hope is that we can fund the purchase of a motorbike for them to get more efficiently from their rural location into the big town.

St Edmund's Parish and St Benedict's School  
Proudly Present

# Speedway Race Night



**Fun for all the family!**  
Pick your colour in 10 fast paced prerecorded races  
to raise money to buy a motorbike for our friends in Cambodia

 Friday 14th June @7pm	 St Benedict's School Hall
 Tickets on the door	 £1 per ticket, cash preferred
 £5 Adults	 You can buy multiple tickets!
 £2.50 >12s	 50% goes to the charity
 Free <12s	 50% goes to the winners
 Food and soft drinks provided	 Bring your own drinks

## Music and LAMDA



Would you like to learn a musical instrument?

At St Benedict's we offer a variety of musical instrument lessons. The lessons take place during the day and there is a choice of a 20 minute individual lesson, a 30 minute individual lesson or a 30 minute joint lesson.

We offer the following instruments:

- Piano
- Flute
- Clarinet
- Saxophone
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- Violin
- Viola
- Classical guitar
- Electric guitar
- Bass guitar
- Ukulele
- Drums
- Singing

If you would like to sign up for lessons in September or continue your lessons please return the paper work which has been emailed to you.

We also offer LAMDA lessons at St Benedict's. A LAMDA exam is the speech and drama equivalent of a music grade, which begin at basic levels and culminates at Grade 8. The exams use performance to develop self-confidence, physical presence and a strong speaking voice.

LAMDA exams cover a range of disciplines including:

- Acting
- Speaking Verse & Prose
- Miming
- Reading for Performance
- Speaking in Public

LAMDA exams are designed to develop your life skills, such as clear communication, self-confidence and teamwork, through the creative platforms of drama, literature and music. The exams offer you opportunity to improve self-expression, strengthen memory and, most importantly, have fun.

Lessons will be available either as an individual lesson or paired with another student.

LAMDA Exams are a highly credited qualification that are recognised all over the world that you can use to add to your CV, resume or university application. You can even earn UCAS points to help with university entry.

If you would like to sign up for LAMDA lessons in September or continue your lessons please return the paper work which has been emailed to you.

*Mrs Roughley*

## New Penalty Notice for Attendance

[New Attendance Penalty Information from 19 August 2024](#)

## Careers Update

### Year 10 - Preparing for Next Steps

#### **In 4 months' time, Year 10 students will begin applying to their post-16 destinations!**

Post-16 destinations include School Sixth Forms, Sixth Form Colleges (SFCs) and Further Education (vocational) Colleges, alongside apprenticeships. It is important to visit new environments and speak with course directors and students, as well as researching companies and their apprenticeship opportunities. Great research now will help students make optimal choices after Year 11. It will also support them with their individual Careers interview with me, which I will begin immediately after the Year 10 mock exams.

Students can apply to any number of post-16 destinations: for A Levels they will choose 3 subjects, for vocational courses they will choose only one but can usually *apply* for up to 3 different courses. An apprenticeship will involve a competitive job application process, which can vary amongst employers. Note that full-time employment (without training) is illegal in the UK before the age of 18 years.

Open Events are usually booked online - visit individual school/college/employer websites for more information.

*Miss Hahn*

## Old Uniform and Books

### Y11 and 13 Leavers

If you have any revision books that you no longer require, we would be very grateful if you could donate them to St Benedict's, so we can ensure that ALL our students have access to revision materials in the future.

Uniform that is no longer required (especially skirts) by your families and is in good clean repair would also be gratefully received.

Any donation items can be dropped at reception.

Thank you

## Dates for your Diary



10-14 June - Year 8 French Trip

13 June - Year 11 Celebration Day

14 June - Year 12 Cambodia Race Night

17 June - Year 10 & 12 Mock Exams Start

25 June - Sixth Form Transition Day

26 June - Year 11 Prom

28 June - Year 13 Prom

9 July - Sports Day

11 July - St Benedict's Day and Fayre

19 July - Break up for summer

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