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CERN Trip



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A Memorable School Trip to CERN

On Friday 6th September, 19 excited year 13 Physics students, along with myself and Mr. Jogee, flew from Luton Airport to Geneva for an incredible visit to CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research. Upon arriving in Geneva, we checked into a cozy youth hostel before heading out to a

traditional Swiss restaurant. There, we kicked off the weekend with a delicious cheese fondue, giving the students a true taste of Swiss culture.

Saturday was the highlight of the trip, as we took a coach to CERN for a fascinating guided tour of the world's largest particle physics laboratory. The students were captivated by the ground-breaking experiments, and during a hands-on workshop, they built cloud chambers using dry ice to observe particle trails—a remarkable look into the world of physics in action.

For lunch, we ate at the CERN restaurant before heading back to the city to explore Geneva's stunning scenery, from its crystal-clear lake to the impressive backdrop of the Alps.

On Sunday, we flew home, taking with us wonderful memories of our time at CERN and a newfound appreciation for the world of science.

Ms Cleaver









Design Technology Recycling Project



Starting this week we have launched a new project in DT aimed at recycling plastics. These will be reprocessed and turned into plastic sheet, from which we can design and make plastic outcomes. As a start to this appeal, can all students, staff, parents and anyone associated with the school please start collecting their used PLASTIC BOTTLE TOPS.

These can be from milk, water, orange juice and other containers but we need the TOPS ONLY. Please bring them to the DT department where they will be kept for my attention. Details of the products we make will follow!

Many Thanks

Mr Sankey

Literary Success

Bury Literary Festival Winners

In the summer term, students at St Benedict's entered the creative writing competition run by Bury Literary Festival. Using only the prompt 'Beyond My Front Door', students were invited to produce a piece of writing of 800 words or less. This led to a range of very creative and imaginative responses in the form of poems and short stories. At the start of this term, we received the exciting news that Suzie Francis in 9L was the runner up in the Children 11-13 category and Dora Edwards in 11P was winner in the Young People 14-17 category.

Huge congratulations to both students!

Mrs Oakes

Bugsy Malone



We are very excited to announce that this year's school show is going to be Bugsy Malone! It's a fantastic show with lots of parts and great songs.

What's Bugsy Malone all about?

It is 1929 in New York and the city is divided by gang warfare. On one side, Dandy Dan's mob terrorise the district, taking out those they turn against with their new splurge guns. On the other side, Dandy Dan's rival, Fat Sam, runs his successful Grand Slam Speakeasy. There, he deals with business and enjoys the attentions of his girlfriend, the seductive Tallulah. However, Sam is jealous of Dandy Dan's gang as he still uses old-fashioned custard pies to take out their victims. When Fat Sam's gang is brutally splurged and his empire under severe threat, he engages the help of Bugsy Malone, a smooth-talking man about town. While Bugsy simultaneously attempts to woo Blousey Brown, the new-girl singer in town, he helps Fat Sam steal a fresh delivery of splurge guns from Dandy Dan. However, Bugsy's efforts cost him his relationship with Blousey after he lets her down by not taking her to Hollywood as promised. Returning to the speakeasy, Blousey and the rest of Fat Sam's crew are unaware of Dandy Dan's intent for revenge. His mob burst into the speakeasy and chaos ensues. Splurge, custard pies, and flour bombs fly across the bar. As the pandemonium comes to a sticky end, it emerges that Bugsy and Blousey have reconciled and there is finally peace between the two rival gangs.

How to get involved?

If you would like to be part of Bugsy Malone as a performer then you will need to come along to a pre-auditions next week on the following nights.

Tuesday 17th Sept 3.45 – 4.45 G1

Anyone wanting to audition for a female lead part

Wednesday 18th Sept 3.45 – 4.45 G1

Anyone wanting to audition for a Male lead part

Thursday 19th Sept 3.45-4.45 Hall

Anyone wanting to Dance, Sing or be in the chorus

At the pre-auditions you will be taught the materials needed for the actual auditions. At the Tuesday and Wednesday pre-auditions students will be taught the songs needed for each role and we will go over the audition script. On the Thursday the students will be taught a short dance for the chorus and dancer auditions. You may want to attend this pre-audition in PE kit.

If you have any questions regarding Bussy Malone then please speak to Mrs Roughley or send an email to troughley@st-benedicts.suffolk.sch.uk

Mrs Roughley

Open Morning



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Saturday 21st September 2024



**St Benedict's
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*Developing Wisdom, Compassion and Resilience
through Prayer and Work*

Find out more about our wonderful school at our Open Morning for prospective Year 7 students.

10am to 12.30pm on 21st September 2024

For more information about applying for a Year 7 place for September 2025 please visit our website at: www.st-benedicts.suffolk.sch.uk



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We know that choosing a secondary school for your child is a big decision. At St Benedict's we believe that our community is distinctive and unique and we have worked hard to ensure that our values are evident in all we do. We are incredibly proud of our school and the young people at St Benedict's. We hope that you will get a clear sense of the school and the distinctiveness of our community both from our materials and through visits to the school.

Our school is a high-achieving one, with our curriculum underpinned by Gospel values and by our Catholic ethos in practice. Our vision as a school centres particularly on the Gospel values of Wisdom, Compassion and Resilience and our curriculum reflects these values and principles. As a school community we serve a large geographic area and welcome students and families who are supportive of our distinctive ethos from all backgrounds. As a result, our community serves many students who describe themselves as Catholic, those of other faiths and those with no faith. We are an inclusive school where students of all abilities, talents and cultures are nurtured and supported to achieve their potential.

St Benedict's students are polite, conscientious, reflective and supportive of one another. We have many opportunities for student leadership including charity work and service in the local community and our students engage with a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities.

Our values as a school encourage students to see competition as a mutual challenge where all contribute and we take pride in both personal and collective success. As a school we hold the Gold Award for religious studies and ensure that the spiritual, moral, cultural and social development of students is a priority.

We also hold the Gold Artsmark and are a Duke of Edinburgh Award accredited centre and encourage our students to develop their understanding of the world through many extra and super curricular activities.

We are very proud of both the 2022 Ofsted report (April 2022) and our Section 48 Inspection (July 2022) which highlighted that this is a school where young people are happy and flourish and where it is 'OK to be different'. (Ofsted report)

Students leave St Benedict's well-prepared for the life that awaits them beyond school through a well-rounded education that goes beyond the confines of the academic curriculum and examinations. We believe that every one of our students should go out into the world ready to make it a better place.

If you are interested in finding out more or visiting our school, please join us for our Open Morning or get in touch.


 Mrs Imogen Senior Headteacher

Reporting Absences

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 students in the sixth form

OR

Email: 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 inform us by 9.00am or use the above phone/email address, it will be highly likely that you will receive a text alert 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. Please note that the Fixed Penalty Fine is now £80 per legal guardian for unauthorised absences of 10 sessions (5 days) or more.

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

Thank you very much.

Mrs Wesley - Attendance Officer

Dates for your Diary



21 September - Open Morning

24 September - Year 7 Information Evening

26 September - Year 12 Information Evening

1 October - Year 9 Information Evening

3 October - Year 8 Information Evening

8 October - Year 10 Information Evening

17 October - RHS Cross Country

22 October - Sixth Form Open Evening

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