



## St Benedict's Newsletter 267

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## Year 10 Art Trip to Cambridge



Our year 10 Art and Textiles GCSE students enjoyed a trip to three Cambridge Museums last week to support the start of their coursework project on 'Structures'.

Our first exhibition was at the fascinating Museum of Zoology, where students were impressed by the array of amazing creatures on display from moths to monkeys, mammoths to manatees, discovering stories of extinction, survival, evolution and exploration.

Next we explored the museum of Archaeology and Anthropology to capture studies of artefacts from a range of cultures and countries after which we braved the heavy rain to make it to the last venue of the day, the Fitzwilliam Museum. At the Fitzwilliam we had a break for a well deserved lunch and then made drawings from the extensive collection of Amory, ceramics, statues and paintings on display in the magnificent galleries.

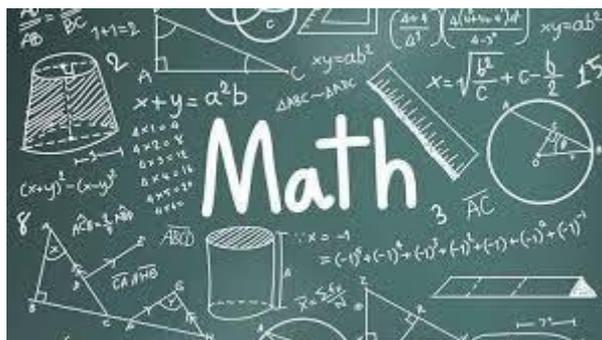
Students created some beautiful sketchbook pages on the day, all making a confident start to their course. Thank you for representing the school so maturely year 10, you are a delightful group to take out researching!

*Ms Chacksfield, Head of Art and Design*





## Senior Maths Challenge (SMC) 2024



On 1st October 52 A Level mathematicians took the Senior Maths Challenge. This is a 90-minute, multiple-choice competition aimed at high ability Maths students across the UK. It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems.

In this year's SMC we were awarded 5 golds, 10 silvers and 17 bronze certificates! To recognise the highest performers in the Challenge, UKMT awarded the top-scoring 66% of participants Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates in the ratio 3:2:1. Please see below for those who secured certificates!

### Gold

Piotr Ignaciuk, Asir Isswiasi, Amy John, Raphe Spiller and Taylor Valach

### Silver

Teodora Bodean, Mateusz Bos, Alice Ellison, Phoebe Harpur-Davies, Kuba Kluczynski, James Ladbrook, Isaac Lewis, Rafael Martinez, Adam O'Flynn and Dylan Painter

### Bronze

Ellen Baldock, Henry Baldock, Milan Biju, Maksym Budzan, Anabelle Burden, Jace Duffy, Matthew Ekoru, Afonso Faria, Oliver Green, Maria James, Tia Martin, Jakub Poczapinski, Portia Ratcliffe, Evie Ruane, Maksym Struk, Don Luis Torres and William Wells

Following this challenge, UKMT have invited 6000 of the highest performing students to take part in the Senior Kangaroo, all five of our gold award students have qualified for this next round. Our outstanding mathematicians will sit this further round on Wednesday 20th November. We await the results and are proud of the achievements of all our pupils that took part in the Senior Maths Challenge.

If you think that you could match the results of our award-winning students then try out one of the questions from their paper, I have included the question that most of our students got correct and also the one that most students got wrong!

*Mrs Nicholls*

9. A palindromic number is one where the digits read the same forwards as backwards, such as 123321.  
What is the hundreds digit of the largest six-digit palindromic number that is divisible by 18?  
A 9      B 7      C 5      D 3      E 1

5. When  $4^5 \times 5^4$  is correctly calculated, how many digits are there in the answer?

A 4

B 6

C 10

D 16

E 20

## Sixth Form Building

We are excited to be able to share news that plans are moving forwards for the sixth form building and it is hoped that the sixth form will move into the new building in the new year.

More information can be found in the Bury Free Press who reported on it today: [Bury Free Press Article](#)

## A Rewarding Day in London

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This week we worked with the Parish of St Edmund's and Ely to host a visit from Fr Jacob who is a priest working in our partner parish in Siem Ream, Cambodia. Fr Jacob is a Missionary from India who works with the Mill Hill Missionaries (responsible for the little red donations box in many Catholic households 20 years ago!). For part of his first ever visit to the UK we wanted to take Fr Jacob to London to do some sightseeing, so we used the opportunity to take a group of 13 students who had achieved the St Benedict's Gold award as ambassadors of the school and for a treat for them too!

We had great fun enjoying the view from the top of the London Eye, Lunch in Trafalgar Square, Photos in front of Buckingham Palace, the muted splendour of Westminster Cathedral and souvenirs with an Ice cream by the Houses of Parliament. While we found it was easy to keep track of our students, not losing Fr Jacob became a running theme of the day! The weather was fantastic, as were the students.

Fr Jacob was also able to have dinner with almost all of the students and staff who travelled to Cambodia this summer as well as fulfil a lifelong dream of visiting Cambridge. He's still flying home as I write this but we look forward to seeing him again soon!

*Matt Spiller*







## Bugsy has begun!

What a fabulous first week of rehearsals we have had. Mrs Keefe has been working on accents with our principals. The flapper girl dancers have started to learn their first dance and Dandy Dans gang have already started to shoot cast members with their famous splurge guns. Keep up the good work cast!!

*Mrs Roughley*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Where</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>What</i>	<i>Who is needed</i>
Mon 14th Oct	G1	1pm	Fat Sam's Grand slam	Whole Cast
Tues 15th Oct	G1	1pm	Bugsy Malone song	4 club singers
Wed 16th Oct	G2	1pm	Page 3, 4 and 5	Pop Becker, Bugsy, Blousey, Fizzy
Thu 17th Oct	Hall	3.45-5	Fat Sam's Grand slam	Whole Cast

## Gala Dinner

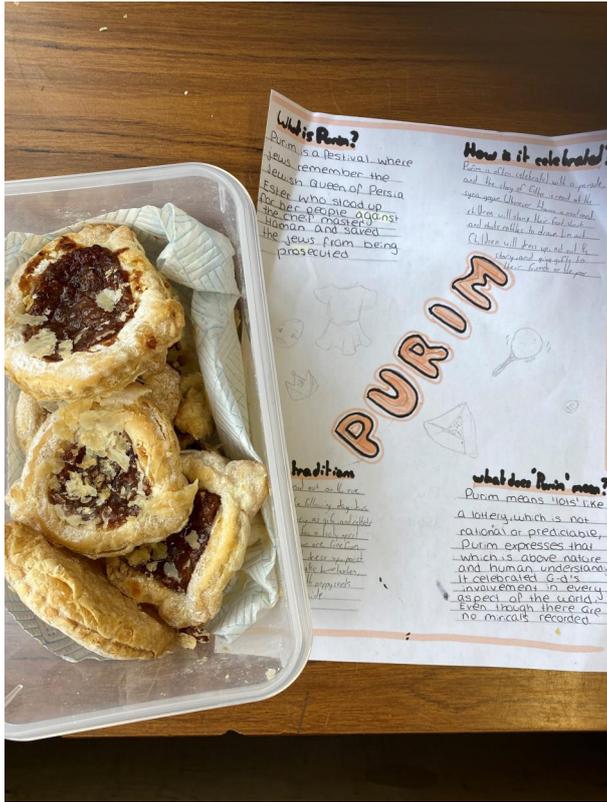


## Year 9 Judaism

Year 9s have been studying Judaism in their RE lessons recently, looking at key beliefs different groups of Jews have and how they are put into practice.

Here are some photos of some of the work they have produced.

*Mrs Cobbold*





## Vacancies

### **Learning Support Assistant**

Salary: Grade 3 range 4-6 (£23,114 - £23,893) pro rata

Job Term: Part Time, Term Time only (38 weeks) 27.5 hours per week

Appointment: Permanent

We are seeking to appoint a Learning Support Assistant to work with our wonderful students as part of our SEN team. This post will involve providing support for students with additional needs both in the classroom and in intervention sessions. St Benedict's is a 'Good' school (April 2022) with a strong reputation and a supportive local community. Applications from both experienced staff and those

considering a new role are welcomed. This is term-time only role, up to 27.5 hours a week, although candidates who can offer fewer hours than this will also be considered.

We will respond to applications as they are received, so an early application is advised.

For more information on both posts please contact

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

Tel: 01284 775712

## 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](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 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



- 17 October - RHS Cross Country
- 17/18 October - Yr 9 Battlefields Trip
- 18 October - Year 11 Silent Disco
- 22 October - Sixth Form Open Evening
- 25 October - Break up for Half Term
- 4 November - Back to School
- 8 November - Gala Dinner
- 12 November - Careers Fair
- 13 November - Year 8 Parents Evening
- 18 November - Yr 11 Mocks Start
- 22 November - PD Day
- 26 November - Yr 13 Parents Evening
- 29 November - Sixth Form Trip to London

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