



St Benedict's Newsletter 270

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Remembrance Art Competition Winners



The Royal British Legion came to judge the works for the Remembrance Art Competition this week. The judges were struck by the wonderful array of personal responses made by students and the care that had been taken for each entry. Alongside the winners featured here who will receive certificates and prizes for their hard work, special mentions also go to Adam Bulacz, Charlotte Nicholls and Scarlett Pullen in Year 7 for their ideas and imaginative responses. Thank you for your creativity and compassion Bennie's artists!

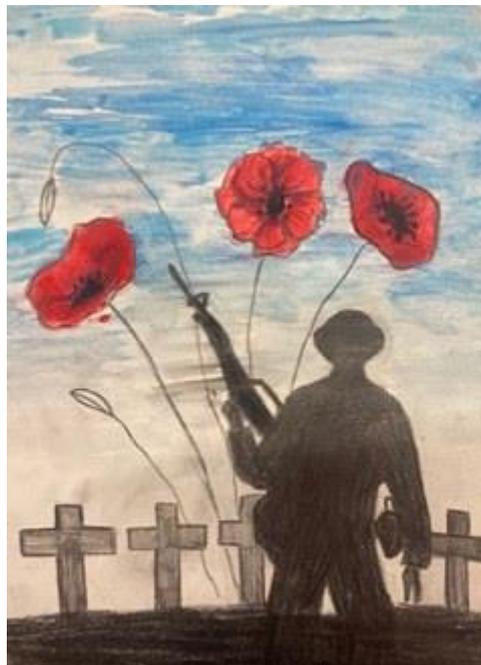
Ms Chacksfield



1 - Winner - Amy John, year 12 inspired by the Wilfred Owen poem, Exposure



2 - Runner Up - Lisa Marie Ferino Year 8



3 - Runner up - Patrycja Golonka, Year 8

National Debating Competition

This Friday evening, St Benedict's is to participate in the first round of the ESU Mace, the national debating competition for schools. I am proud to announce that our team is, in the order in which they are speaking, Anotidaishe Bhanti (year 12), Michael Unwaha (year 12) and Linduli Jayaneth (year 10). These students are all new to debate and are showing great courage and resilience as well as teamwork in their preparations and their enthusiasm for the experience.

We are opposing the motion that "This House would build on the greenbelt", proposed by Ipswich School. We are looking forward to a lively debate for our team as well as being the floor to two other debates by four other schools. Two teams will go through to the next round, so please support our three intrepid speakers in their quest for victory.

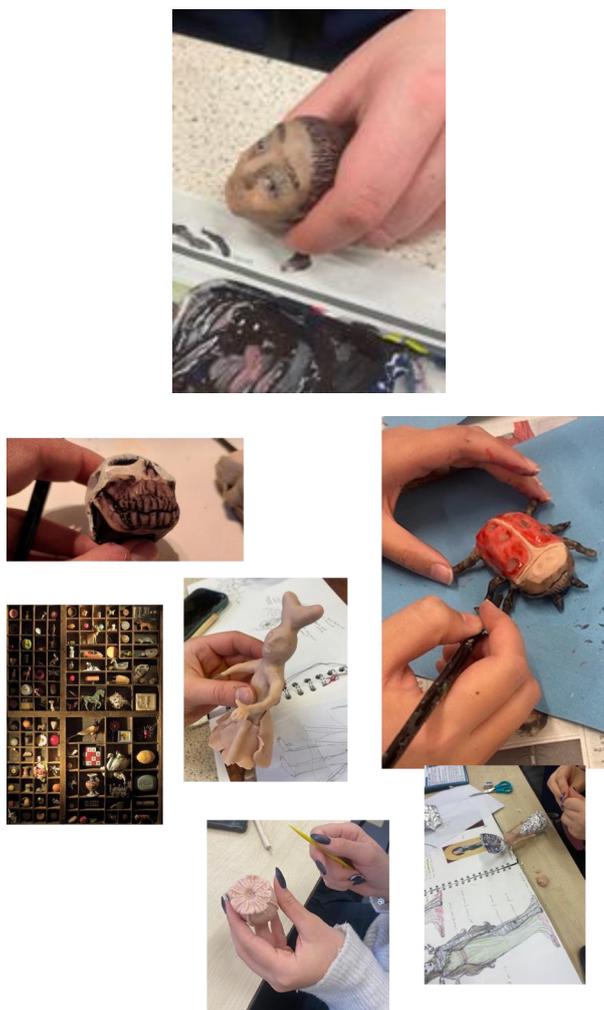
Ms James

Master Class Inspires A Level Model Makers

Year 12 and 13 Art A Level students worked this week with James Welton, local illustrator and model maker as part of a masterclass for their A Level Art course. Students were inspired by the notion of 'A Cabinet of Curiosity' to make a range of models using polymer clay; from ladybirds and armoured characters to fantastical figures based on creatures and natural forms.

The students learnt how these models can be used to make dioramas and illustrations as well as maquettes for larger sculptures as the material is used by both artists and designers who work in Pixar and Disney studios. An inspiring day of making! Thank you, James, for sharing your knowledge and expertise with the students.

Ms Chacksfield



School Christmas Card Competition

Every year the school runs a competition giving students the chance to design the school's Christmas card, for more information on how to enter, please follow the link below.

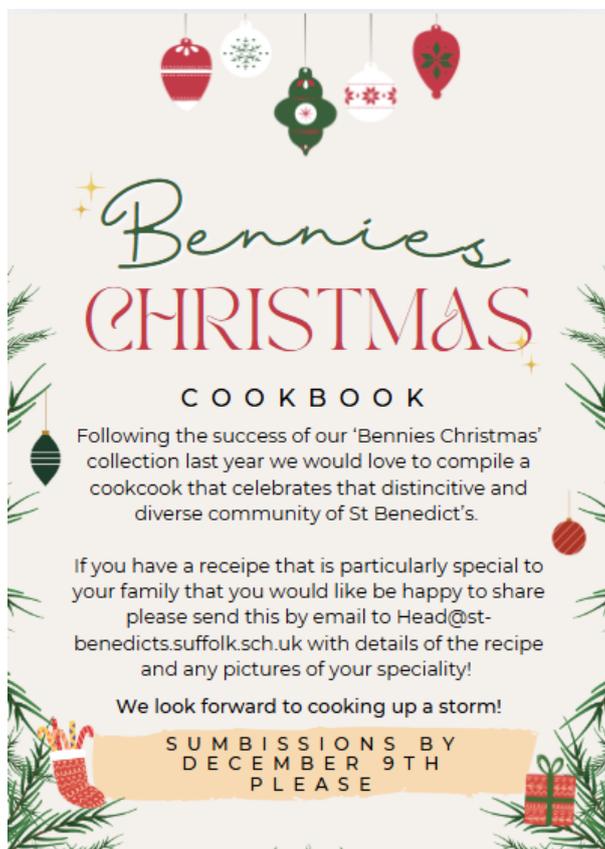
[Competition Information](#)

Ms Chacksfield

St Benedict's Cook Book

Do you have a special family recipe that you would be willing to share with others? If so we would love to hear from you.

Mrs Senior



National Anti-Bullying Week, 11 - 15 November

St Benedict's is completely opposed to bullying and will not tolerate it.

It is entirely contrary to the values and principles we work and live by. All members of the school community have a right to work in a secure and caring environment. They also have a responsibility to contribute, in whatever way they can, to the protection and maintenance of such an environment. We actively promote positive interpersonal relations between all members of the school community. In common with all other schools, we recognise that some students at St Benedict's will experience bullying of some kind, but we will work hard to eradicate it.

For more information about the school's bullying policy please follow the link below:

[School Bullying Policy](#)

CHOOSE RESPECT #ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

**Anti-Bullying Week 2024:
Choose Respect Poem**
Handout 1

I Choose
You Choose
We Choose Respect

Choose Respect, it's Fundamental,
Essential in life and elemental,
Without it, relationships can be temperamental,
Which can end up being detrimental.

Choose to Respect everyone's perspective,
A difference in opinion, that's our prerogative.
Listen to others and be appreciative,
Rather than inconsiderate and argumentative.

Choose to respect the disrespectful,
Don't allow them to feel powerful.
Don't fight back with words that are hurtful,
Or act impulsively and end up regretful.

Choose to respect the disrespected,
Respect is something that is reflected.
Respect can prevent someone from feeling rejected,
Respect is a cycle that is interconnected.

Choose to make respect an easy decision.

I Choose
You Choose
We Choose Respect

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Netball Results

On Tuesday Year 7 and 8 girls played in a netball tournament against Stowmarket High School. Both games were very equal, and both teams once again showed character and resilience!

Year 7 girls lost their game by one, but Year 8 girls won their game by one!!!

Congratulations to the all participants.

Ms Szczech



4 - Year 8 Girls



5 - Year 7 Girls

Cathedrals at Night

November 22, 2024 | 6:30 pm - St Edmundsbury Cathedral are holding a special evening where they will be open late to show a different side to the Cathedral.

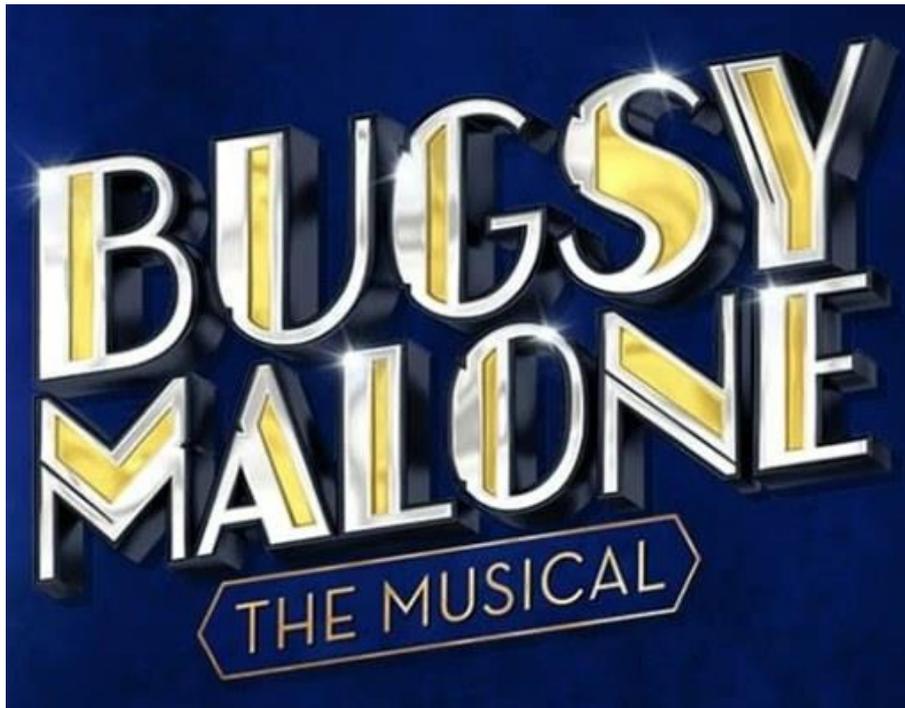
Visitors will be able to take a stroll through abbey life with Abbot Anselm, Jocelyn de Brakelond, Eleanor of Aquitaine and the Abbey Cook. There will be crafts and activities throughout the Cathedral, with fun for the whole family.

There is also an opportunity for visitors to stay and watch and listen to the night-time prayer of the Abbey monks, called 'Compline' and sung by the Cathedral Choir.

This is a free event but booking is required: [Booking link](#)

Mrs Eden

Bugsy Rehearsals



Date	Where	Time	What	Who is needed
Monday 11 th November	G1	1pm	That's why they call him Dandy	Whole Cast
Tuesday 12 th November	G1	1pm	It's Show Business	Lena
Wednesday 13 th November	G2	1pm	Page 9, 10, 11	Bugsy, Blousey, Hoods, extras
Thursday 14 th November	Hall	3.45 - 5	That's why they call him Dandy/Tomorrow	Whole Cast

Expectations



As a school community we all need to work together to look after our surroundings and to help us look after the school (especially the newly carpeted areas) we would like to remind all students that they are not to chew gum in school.

With the arrival of the colder weather we have noticed an increase in the number of hoodies being worn in school, please can we remind students that hoodies are not permitted and that outside coats should not be worn in classrooms.

Thank you very much for your help and understanding.

St Benedict's School

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



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

17 December - Exam Certificates Evening

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