

Open Evening

This week saw our open events for the new intake 2019. Over 300 people attended the Open Evening which was fantastic. There was a lovely, exciting enthusiastic atmosphere amongst the parents and the children were left buzzing. Thank you to all staff and students involved and a special thanks to Frankie, Charlie, Narini and Elizabeth for their spectacular speeches. The Open Morning at the lower school also went extremely well, parents and children had the opportunity to see the school in action and ask lots of questions. If you have any further questions regarding admissions or would like an additional tour of the school please do not hesitate to contact us.

Today we also welcomed year 6 students from our Catholic feeder schools for a taster day, which has also gone very well. Thanks again to all involved in this and the year 8 away day at the upper school.



Homework Pilot Scheme

We will be running a homework pilot scheme this term, where each subject will be given a set allocation of homework. We will not be issuing a homework timetable for departments to follow, as this restricts when homework can be set and thus potentially prevents homework from being set at times that it can make the most impact on student learning. To avoid students being set too much homework on any given night, all departments have been instructed to give at least two to three days before it has to be handed in.

The allocation of homework is as follows

KS3

Art a project over the half term
 Music a project over the half term
 Computing once a fortnight
 Design and Technology/Food once a fortnight
 Geography once a fortnight
 History once a fortnight
 Modern Foreign Languages once a fortnight
 RE once a fortnight
 English twice a fortnight
 Maths twice a fortnight
 Science twice a fortnight

KS4

Option subjects twice a fortnight
 RE twice a fortnight
 English twice a fortnight
 Maths twice a fortnight
 Science three times a fortnight

If you would like to give any feedback on this pilot scheme then please do contact me

Mr Croucher
 Assistant Headteacher

CAFOD Young Leaders Programme

On Wednesday we took a small group of volunteers to attend a Leadership programme being run by Sarah Barber, CAFOD's Youth Team Leader. Our sixth formers joined with other students from around the diocese and learned leadership skills and also developed their understanding of different challenges facing our world.

They plan to gather a team around them in school and begin to raise awareness and produce action for real change, we will watch their progress with interest.

If you are interested in getting involved please contact

Matt Spiller

Sporting Highlights

U12 Football

St Benedict's 1 - Westley 2

The year 7's first game turned out to be a close fought affair played in an excellent spirit. Westley took the lead in the first half but good work from Cian Murphy in goal kept them to 1 goal and excellent play by man of the match Harry Fasey almost led to an equaliser. In the 2nd half Harry scored to make it 1-1 and we looked likely to get the winner. Despite excellent work in defence by Henry McCuaig a slip up 5 minutes from the end gave Westley another goal and despite chances for both teams that was the final score.

Year 11 netball

Year 11s played in the U16 netball tournament at Thomas Gainsborough last week and came third in their league. Some great shooting from Carmen Jobbins and working the ball up the court from Harriet Green.

Year 9 Netball

Year 9 girls played County Upper A&B team. They played well in both games but unfortunately missed out on the win in both games. Big week next week with a game against Mildenhall on Tuesday and a tournament at Thomas Gainsborough on Wednesday.

Cross Country!

Any pupils who are running in the Cross Country at Royal Hospital School on Thursday 11th October will receive an email home with all information about the day soon.

U13 Boys Football

The U13 Boys' Football started the campaign strongly with a 7-0 Victory!!

On Thursday 4th October, St Benedict's hosted Horringer middle school for the first league game of the season. St Benedict's started strong from the onset, scoring a goal after 30 seconds to put the home side 1-0 ahead. Some fantastic passing from Carmen Leacy in the centre of midfield started to provide chances for St Benedict's going forward. Santiago Davies was exceptional down the left wing, cutting inside to provide one and assist and two goals before the half time break, 4-0 at the interval. In the second half the visitors started strong creating chances going forward putting pressure on the St Benedict's defence. However, Luc Wallace and Ben Lovesey controlled the back line and prevented Horringer from any goal scoring opportunities. Some fantastic play from Jack McGeorge with a through ball to Santiago Davies who calmly finished into the bottom left hand corner. St Benedict's were on top and two more goals ended the score, St Benedict's 7 v 0 Horringer.

Players' of the match: Santiago Davies and Ben Lovesey.
Goal Scorers: Santiago Davies (5) and Salvador Forte Vaz De Noronha (2)

Sunshine and sketching with year 10 artists at the Botanical Gardens

58 students attended the trip to the Botanical Gardens in Cambridge this week to research plant structures and make studies for their first project this term exploring 'Natural Forms'. The weather was glorious and perfect inspiration for drawing out in the open air. An array of photographs from the tropical greenhouses were collected by the students who will now use their research material to make larger scale paintings and collages.

A big thank you to all the staff who helped and to the students for their commitment and excellent behaviour on the trip.

Mrs Chacksfield, Head of Art



Sketchbook development work in situ by Maya Bialas, Naomi Kerr, Rachel Abeyasekere

Astronomy Evening

Fancy a family evening with astronomy enthusiasts? a little taster for you before we get underway with the St Benedict's Astronomy evenings.

<https://www.whatsonwestsuffolk.co.uk/whats-on/event/4419/nowton-park-star-party>