

## Parent Information Evenings

Thank you to all parents and students who attended our Year 10 and Year 7 information evenings yesterday. The turnout was exceptional. My thanks to all staff who took part, presented and organised the evening. Evenings like these are very useful for parents and for students because they provide an insight into how best to support your child at home in regard to school work and revision. They also give everybody a chance to ask vital questions about what your child will be learning about. The year 10 information evening included reminders about how to support your child to develop a Growth Mindset approach to study.

## Half Term

Students finish for half term next Thursday which means they do not need to be in school on Friday as this is a PD day. Students return to school on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October.

## In memory of Lizzie

Today was the funeral of Lizzie Huck. Two members of staff from St Benedict's staff attended. We will be working with our current students to produce a memorial for her at school. Please keep the family in your prayers

K Pereira

## Congratulations

A huge congratulations from the music department to St Benedict's pupils who achieved their Suffolk Music Service grades in the summer:

William Chambers, drum kit grade 2 with merit  
 Toby Cooper, drum kit grade 2  
 Rohan Firat, drum kit grade 2 with merit  
 Pierre Hornsblow, contemporary guitar grade 5  
 Chris Jayamana, violin grade 4 with merit  
 Ailish Kemble, cello grade 1 with merit  
 Oscar Lyons, alto saxophone grade 3 with distinction  
 Marcia Nyarko, classical guitar grade 5  
 Oscar Rose, viola grade 2 with merit

Mrs Davis

## Lower school gardening club.

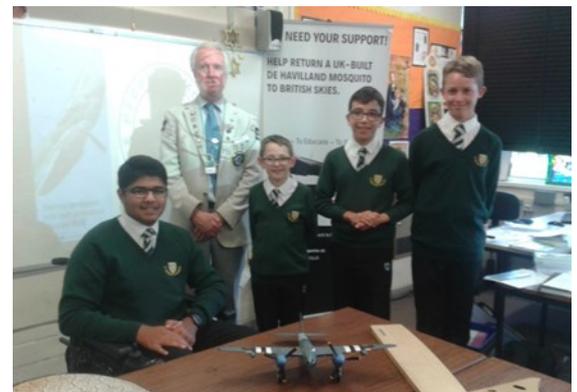
Last years gardening club on the lower school centre run by Mrs Jennison have recently had their successes recognised at the annual Young Green Fingers Award at the Athenaeum in Bury St Edmunds where they received a silver award and also £100 in gardening vouchers for the school. The students really enjoyed their lunch times last year and it is wonderful to have their efforts recognised. A massive thank you to Mrs Jennison for all her hard work.

Mrs Green

## The Mosquito Club

No, not a club to celebrate the flying insect, but one to research and present what was arguably the most important strategic aircraft of the RAF during World War II – the de Havilland DH.98 Mosquito. Lunchtime on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October saw the inaugural meeting of the St Benedict's Mosquito Club. 13 keen young aviation enthusiasts and historians attended at the invitation of Mr Wallace, whose idea this was.

The meeting began with a presentation by Mr Gregory that introduced the students to the historic aircraft, one that has not graced the skies in Britain since 1996. It must be said, though, that many of the students were already aware of the Mosquito, its technical excellence and its great historical significance!



Four of our Mosquito enthusiasts pictured with Mr Gregory and a model of a PR XVI Mosquito, along with genuine pieces of a Mosquito aircraft kindly loaned to the Club by The People's Mosquito charity

Throughout the year Club members will be encouraged to carry out their own research on any aspect of the Mosquito aircraft that takes their interest – who designed it? – how was it built and who built it? – how many versions of the aircraft were there and what roles did they carry out? – who flew them and what notable missions were undertaken? All this will result in articles that can be published by the Club and presentations that the authors can give to future Club meetings at which all students will be welcome.

The Club's activities will also support a UK charity, The People's Mosquito, whose aim is to "...not only return a de Havilland DH.98 Mosquito FB.VI to the skies above Britain, but, for the first time in more than 75 years, build this iconic aircraft in the UK. As a not-for-profit restoration project and registered charity, our aim is to inform and educate the public and future generations on the Mosquito and its place in history."

The charity's motto is 'To Fly · To Educate · To Remember' and our Club members are certainly keen to play their part.

Mr Gregory

## Science Club

The Lower School Science club learnt about polar and non-polar molecules through the use of milk, food colouring and washing up liquid.... Students could see the movement of the colours across the surface of the milk (illustrating surface tension), creating beautiful patterns.....all leading the question **why?** Molecules of different polarity don't mix together; milk contains mostly water, but also some mineral, proteins and fat. Water is polar molecule while all fats are nonpolar.

But why did we use washing up liquid? Soap molecules are made out of the long nonpolar tails with short polar heads, so it can mix with both types of molecules! When we put it into the milk, the nonpolar tail will collect fat molecules, while the head will mingle with the water molecules.



In all that movement, the food colours are pushed around producing swirling patterns – art adding to the wonder of science AND easily reproduced at home..... go on try it.



*Miss Coogan*

## Careers Talks

Just a reminder to everyone that we have our first careers talks on the 17th October with Dean Quinton coming in from the British Army. The talk will run from 1.30-2.10 in the music room.

Diane Last, NHS Health Ambassador will be in on the 29th October to talk about careers in the Health Sector & NHS. The talk will run from 1.30-2.10 in the music room.

I am also pleased to announce that Dominic Crame from JM Finn will be coming in on the 4th of December 2018 to talk with students interested in careers in Finance, Stocks, Investments and Wealth Management. This talk will again take place from 1.30-2.10, room to be confirmed.

If you are interested in Dominic's talk on the 4th please register your interest with Mr Steward. Also It's not too late to sign up for either of the talks on the 17th and 29th of October.

We will be running more of these talks through the year so watch this space.

*Mr Steward*  
*Careers*

## PTFA

Please get baking over the weekend or the beginning of next week if you have a child in year 8 or 9. The first of the annual cake sales raising money for the PTFA is taking place on Wednesday 17th October. Children will be able to purchase the cakes at break on the two sites so please send them in with some change. The proceeds from the sale will be used to help purchase items for the school such as picnic benches and the team kits for the PE department.

The next big fundraiser for us is a shopping trip to London on the 17th November please see a previous communication home. If you would like to join us on this excursion then please send the money and names into the office at either building to secure a ticket.

*Mrs Green*

## Sporting Highlights

### Netball U14 and U15 Tournament

U14 netball team played really well and managed to get through to the finals and came 4<sup>th</sup> place out of 12 schools from West Suffolk area. They played some good games and showed good determination and teamwork in all games played. Sophia Attfield joined the team last minute and was a great asset in defence, making some good interceptions. Some good shooting from Libby Moore and Imogen Saul and special mention to Maddie Green who came back on fighting after a fall in one of our final games.

U15 team played in many matches against some tough teams and unfortunately didn't make it through to the finals. Some great defending from Amelia Holt and good pressure on the ball from Francesca Nichols.

*Miss Harris*

