

PTFA Meeting

St Benedict's PTFA would like to invite all parents to their first meeting of the year. We are a friendly group of parents and staff who put on a range of activities through out the year to help raise funds so we can support the education of the children. We have recently purchased new light and sound equipment for the Drama department, purchased sports kit for the teams and provided picnic benches for the grounds. If you would like to be involved in the running of event or just want to find out more about us please come along at 6:30pm Monday 16th September at the School.

For further information please contact Fgreen@st-benedicts.suffolk.sch.uk

Looking forward to seeing new faces on the 16th.

Fiona Green on behalf of St Benedict's PTFA

Term Dates 2019 to 2020

Autumn term

Starts – Monday 2 September 2019

Half term

Monday 21 October 2019 to Friday 25 October 2019

Ends— Thursday 19 December 2019

Christmas holiday

Friday 20 December 2019 to Sunday 5 January 2020

PD Days Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 September and Friday October 18 2019

Spring term

Starts— Monday 6 January 2020

Half term

Monday 17 February 2020 to Friday 21 February 2020

Ends— Thursday 2 April 2020

Spring (Easter) holiday

Friday 3 April 2020 to Sunday 19 April 2020 (includes Bank Holidays)

PD Day Monday 6 January 2020 and 14 February 2020

Summer term

Starts— Monday 20 April 2020

Half term

Monday 25 May 2020 (May Bank Holiday) to Friday 29 May 2020

Ends—Wednesday 22 July 2020

Firstly I would like to welcome all parents/carers to our first St Benedict's Newsletter of the school year. This has been a wonderful first week back. So much has happened at the school over the summer and we are incredibly grateful to Mrs Kennedy, Mr Groves, Mr Bird, Mr Howell and Mr Spiller and all of the cleaning staff, contractors and support staff who helped us move onto one site and set up the new classrooms, offices and spaces. It has been a frantic summer, but hugely successful both in terms of the building project and the exam results that the students achieved. We are confident that the results when calculated in terms of the national data will show not only exceptional attainment levels, but also progress for all our students both at GCSE and A level.

Our new classrooms are in, and in use. There are still a few areas to be finished but the huge challenge of adapting the school in less than six weeks has been achieved. This a school to be proud of in every respect.

For staff, our week began with two training days where we looked not only at the vision and ethos of the school, but also at the practical ways in which we can ensure that the school 'lives' the ethos. It is a real joy to join with colleagues in really thinking about what kind of school we are and how we can do even better for our students.

This term, as always is a busy one and even though the Year 7 students are barely through the door one of our first events will be our Open Event for prospective Year 6 students. This year we will be holding an Open Morning for families on Saturday 28th September from 10:30am-12:30pm. We hope that this will make it a more family-friendly event and give the opportunity to see the school in all its glory in the daylight! I hope that you all had a restful summer and I look forward to working with you all and with your children in the year ahead.

Best wishes,
Imogen Senior

Attendance

We will be introducing a new addition to the newsletter from next week. This will be an attendance table showing the attendance of your child's form within the year group and across the school. Please do keep an eye on this. High levels of attendance are crucially important in ensuring the best outcomes for your child educationally. There has been extensive research using a large amount of data that clearly shows the impact of attendance on GCSE results. There is a table below showing some of the findings and also a link to the government document that this was taken from. It is vitally important that you ensure your child attends school when they can and that any holidays in term time are avoided if at all possible.

Fiona Green

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