

As we approach the end of the half term we can reflect on all of the great things that have happened this term, the start of the term seems very far away! During the Bishop's visit last week it was wonderful to be able to discuss all of the great benefits of being on one site and to have the opportunity to share the distinctiveness of St Benedict's. We have a short week next week with a great deal planned and I hope that the half term, when it comes for us all brings a period of relaxation and rest.

Best wishes, Imogen Senior

Public Speaking Competition



Two teams of sixth formers went to County Upper School on the evening of Tuesday 8th October to represent the school in a new public speaking competition run by the English Speaking Union. Our "X" team consisted of seasoned orators Dermot Gray and Aidan Mayall as Speaker and Questioner as well as Chair Maxwell Cartwright, who was a newcomer to this, and they performed with panache, earning praise from the adjudicators for their efforts.

The other, "Z" team of Alfie Dry, (who was our Speaker); Emily Bickers, (our Chair) and Emily Black (who was Questioner) also acquitted themselves with great self-assurance and aplomb, winning the heat for Norfolk and Suffolk. This means that St Benedict's will compete at the Perse School in Cambridge on Monday 18th November at the Final round of the contest. We hope you'll join us in wishing them all good luck.

Mrs James

Donation

The school would like to say a very big thank you to Mr J Adams and family who have made a generous donation of 100 chairs to the school. The chairs will brighten up areas of the school such as the sixth form workroom and common room and in this present financial climate will help the school and students. Thank you very much.

Mrs Green

A Blessing from the Bishop

On Monday (30th September) we were fortunate to have a visit from Bishop Alan Hopes, the Bishop of East Anglia, as well as Fr David Bagstaff, Fr Padraig Hawkins and Fr John Warrington.

The bishop joined us to bless the new buildings, constructed to allow us to become a single site school, the blessing was carried out with dignity and with good humour as the bishop visited the classrooms where lessons were being held and sprayed the rooms and students with holy water! It was a good opportunity to gather as students, staff, governors and clergy and pray for our school and all our God has in store for us in the coming years.

While the bishop was with us we also celebrated Mass together, during lunch Bishop Alan met with staff then with a group of year 13s, the day was busy and it was fantastic to share a glimpse of what it is to be St Benedict's. We owe a debt of gratitude to each of the students, leaders and governors who made the visit possible and run as smoothly as it did, as well as the clergy who joined us and especially Bishop Alan himself for his cordial attitude throughout the visit.

Matt Spiller

Attendance Figures for the Week

A big well done for 9S who have achieved 100% attendance.

Year	A	C	P	L	S	X
7	96.3%	98.3%	97.7%	94.8%	95.9%	98.2%
8	94.3%	94.2%	97.8%	99.2%	99.6%	98.3%
9	95.4%	94.2%	97.6%	95.2%	100%	97.8%
10	95.4%	96.9%	96.3%	95.8%	95.2%	89.6%
11	96.7%	97.4%	98.8%	94.6%	99.2%	97.5%

Sporting Highlights



Bury Hockey Club success reflects the depth of hockey talent at St Benedict's.

Out of 16 players at tournament at Old Buckingham Hall School with teams from a number of prep schools across the County including St Josephs, Barnadiston, Finborough and Sudbury Hockey Club, 8 were St Benedicts pupils. Bury Larks team with Abi Bushell & Lilia Payne won the plate trophy and Bury Linnets came third in their group & played well and included Olivia Whinney, Evie Hunt, Hannah Gargett Bethany Woodruff, Ava Denyer-Peach & Romilly Findlay.

Well done to all the girls and if you are interested in getting involved in hockey outside school please come and find either Mrs Green or Mrs Smart who can give you further information about opportunities.

Fiona Green

Suffolk Schools Golf Competition – Woodbridge Golf Club 1st of October 2019



Tuesday the 1st of October saw the running of the Suffolk Schools Golf Competition at Woodbridge GC with Jack Rust and Joe Kemp competing for St Benedict's. On a difficult course and in challenging weather conditions both boys showed tremendous resilience and no shortage of skill on the day with Jack managing a net score of 73 and Joe 84. Whilst sadly the boys did not come away with any prizes they both played and competed well and were a tremendous credit to themselves and the school on the day.

If anybody else in school plays on a regular basis, holds a handicap certificate and would like the opportunity to take part in future competitions please come and see me or drop me an email dteward@st-benedicts.suffolk.sch.uk
Mr Steward

Caritas Cake Sale

On Thursday, the Caritas House held a cake sale to raise money for the school PTFA. It was a huge success. Thank you so much for the many donations of cakes from students and staff. The range of cakes on offer was amazing. Thank you also to all of the staff and students purchased cakes. We raised £350. The Caritas students ran the sale very well. We would not have been able to do it without the fantastic team effort.



There will be further cake sales and events for everyone to participate in for their houses throughout the year. Please look out for future communications.

Thanks again,

From the Team Captains William Harpur-Davies and Emily Black, Heads of House Mrs Eastwood and Mrs Kellett

Term Dates Reminder

Autumn term

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