

# St Benedict's News



I would like to start this Newsletter with a huge thank you to all those parents who attended the County Lines presentation that took place last Monday. I know that many parents also attended our event held last summer on the same topic and I am also aware that due to the demand for Monday's event some parents were not able to attend. As a group of Headteachers we are coordinating both a follow up event and a repeat of this session. We will however send out the 'Key Information' section of the presentation by email. It is really encouraging to see the level of response and concern from our community about this issue and the importance of protecting our young people through sharing information and resources is recognised by all involved. It is always worth remembering that if you ever have concerns about the safety or wellbeing of any young person please do share these either with us as a Safeguarding concern or directly to Social Services or the Police if you believe that there is immediate danger to a young person. I am confident that as a community we can protect our young people through shared vigilance and increased discussion and awareness.

This has been a wet and rather cold week and as a result the back field and pathway to the new classrooms look as if we are about to run a re-enactment of the Battle of Passchendaele. We are looking into a permanent solution to widen the path but in the meantime, it is very helpful if students aim to stay on the paths where possible and avoid the already muddy puddles where they can!

I hope that you all have a wonderful weekend and we look ahead to hopefully a drier end to November.

Yours in Christ, Imogen Senior

## Sporting Highlights

U14 Girls netball V Ormiston Sudbury Academy

Well done to the U14 girls netball team who beat OSA 12- 5 last week. Excellent play from all the girls on the team even when playing out of position.

Players player was awarded to Eva Varma.

Mrs Wright



## Congratulations

One of our 'A' Level Art students, Jojo Jessop, participated in the art trail that took place around the market in Bury St Edmunds on 22<sup>nd</sup> July of this year for the mental health charity for teenagers 'Fine Not Fine'. Over twenty artists and students were asked to use Edvard Munch's 'The Scream' as an inspiration for painting their own interpretation. All the artwork was to be sold in auction with all proceeds going to 'Fine Not Fine'. The auction took place last week and it is with great pleasure to announce that Jojo's painting sold!



The art work was on display at the cloisters in Bury Cathedral.

## Christmas Card Competition

Calling all artists, photographers and designers! Could you be the designer of the school Christmas Card this year? See your work published as a real card this Christmas.

Please use your favourite choice of media, collage, paint, pencil, mixed media and submit your design on card/paper no bigger than A4.

Please ensure your design reflects the theme of Christmas in an imaginative way to convey the values of the school.

Come and talk to art department staff for ideas if you need inspiration or materials to experiment with.

Submit your entries to Mrs Chacksfield or Miss Stemp by Mon 2nd December.



## Upcoming Career Talks

**Friday 22nd November 2019** - Lunchtime Careers Talk, Chartered Architectural Technologist. AJ Fleet from Andrew Fleet Chartered Architectural Technologist. This talk will take place in A2.

**Monday 16th December 2019** - Alumni Lunchtime Careers Talk, Diagnostic Radiography. Natasha Carlyn.

**Friday 10th January 2020** - Lunchtime Careers Talk, Systems Engineering. Derek Langley from Thales UK

**Wednesday 22nd January 2020** - Lunchtime Careers Talk, Policing. Andy Pursehouse, Chief Inspector for West Suffolk

**Thursday 2nd April** - St Benedict's Careers Fair Years 7-13- confirmed exhibitors so far: Aim Group-Apprenticeships, Army, AXA Insurance, British Racing School, BT, Care Development East, Centre for Data, Innovation & Ethics, CIAT, Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB), Claas UK, East of England Ambulance Service, EDF-Energy, Fairhurst Menhuin & Co Solicitors, Hudson Group Plc, Institute of Marine Engineering, Science & Technology (IMarEST), JM Finn Wealth Management, Kwikfit, London Institute of Banking & Finance, Loughborough University, New Anglia LEP, NHS Foundation Trust, Norwich University of the Arts, Orwell Offshore, Oxford Brookes University, Peak Performance, RAF, St Nicholas Hospice, Study USA, Suffolk Constabulary, Thales UK, The National Trust, University of East Anglia, University of Essex, University of Lincoln, University of Suffolk, West Suffolk College

If anyone is interested in attending any of these talks please register your interest with Mr Steward.

## Christmas Fayre

Our cast and band of 'We Will Rock You' will be performing in the centre of Bury, next Thursday, as part of the annual Christmas Fayre. The performance is due to commence at 1pm on the Greene King Stage, Angel Hill. Please come along and support us in our first public performance of extracts from the show!

Mrs Severeij

## Scholastic Book Club

There are only 13 days left to order from our latest Scholastic Book Club. Just go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/st-benedicts-suffolk> to browse the latest books and place your order. Every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club will earn 25p for our school in Scholastic Rewards. The books will arrive at school in the first week of December will then be distributed to the students via their tutor groups.

Thank you!

Ms Moore LRC

## Uniform

Could parents please note that if they have any uniform to be returned, it must be returned direct to the uniform company and not sent back via the school.

## Cinderella brings St Edmunds pupils to the Art Department ....



15 pupils from St Edmunds joined us in the Art department this week to work alongside a talented group of year 7 artists for the day. The students worked so well in small teams to produce Lanterns for the Christmas Fayre parade, this year inspired by working with a local artist.

Our challenge was to produce Cinderella's pumpkin and 6 white horse structures, inspired by the Theatre Royals' pantomime of Cinderella which the Parade celebrates this year. A big well done to all who helped on this project this week, your enthusiasm and leadership with the younger pupils was inspiring!

**If you would like to join us to help carry the lanterns in the parade on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November, we leave from the Apex at 5pm.**

Ms Chacksfield, Head of Art

## Thank you & Goodbye

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Coffman who is leaving us to take up a new position at another school. Mrs Coffman has worked on reception for the last 3 years. We would like to thank Mrs Coffman for all her hard work and wish her well in her new role.

## Weekly Attendance

Year	A	C	P	L	S	X
7	98.6%	97.2%	98.5%	95.8%	97%	98.2%
8	94.3%	96.9%	98.9%	97.7%	97.4%	95.4%
9	93.1%	95.6%	94.8%	92.0%	94.0%	92.5%
10	94.3%	95.6%	94.8%	94.6%	93.5%	88.8%
11	99.6%	97.4%	94.6%	92.7%	92.0%	95.8%



## Dates for the Diary

PTFA Trip to London  
Saturday 30 November 2019  
Tickets £20

Carol Service  
Tuesday 10 December 2019  
St Edmunds Church  
Bury St Edmunds  
7.00pm

Year 7 Parents Evening  
Thursday 5 December 2019  
5.00pm– 7.00pm

GCSE & A Level Certificate Tea  
Tuesday 17 December 2019  
4.00–5.00pm

Year 11 into 6th Form Day  
Tuesday 17 December 2019

Deadline for 6th Form Applications  
Thursday 19 December 2019

End of Term  
Thursday 19 December 2019

Start of Term  
Tuesday 7 January 2020

PD Day  
Monday 6 January 2020

We Will Rock You Show

28, 29, 30 January 2020

Ticket sales information to follow

## Cake Sale

Humanitas cake sale on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October at break time,  
proceeds going to the PTFA

All donations of cakes welcome, please leave on the table by  
reception in the morning.

## Battlefields Trip 2019



At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

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**TIKTOK** 13+

What parents need to know about **TIKTOK**

**ONLINE PREDATORS**  
By default, users accounts are automatically set to public, which means that anyone can see your child's content. This means that anyone can see your child's content, including predators. It is important to be aware of this and to take steps to protect your child's account.

**IN-APP PURCHASES**  
As with many apps, there's a paid element to TikTok. Users can buy virtual coins to be exchanged for virtual gifts. For example, if they like a specific video, your child can use coins to purchase the gift. It is important to be aware of this and to take steps to protect your child's account.

**INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**  
TikTok lets users lip-sync to their favourite songs, but it also allows users to upload their own content. This means that there is a risk of inappropriate content being uploaded. It is important to be aware of this and to take steps to protect your child's account.

**BEING INFLUENCED**  
More than one third of children aged 6-17 consider social media to be an important part of their lives. This means that children are being influenced by what they see on social media. It is important to be aware of this and to take steps to protect your child's account.

**DISCUSS THE PITFALLS OF OVERSHARING**  
Encourage your child to always think before they do, say, like or post anything online. Explain that their digital footprint is permanent and that anything they post online can be seen by anyone. It is important to be aware of this and to take steps to protect your child's account.

**REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**  
If you or your child see something inappropriate on TikTok, you should report it to the app's moderators. This means that the content can be removed and the user can be banned. It is important to be aware of this and to take steps to protect your child's account.

**USE THE 'DIGITAL WELLBEING' SETTING**  
TikTok has a 'Digital Wellbeing' setting that allows users to control how much time they spend on the app. It is important to be aware of this and to take steps to protect your child's account.

**DISCUSS IN-APP PURCHASES**  
Users can also find the account @tiktokshop, which offers official online safety tips for promoting safety on the platform, rather than being influenced by ads.

**National Online Safety**

**Top Tips for Parents**

**HANDLING CRITICISM**  
While it's fantastic to see your child being creative and expressing their views online, it's also important to be aware of the risk of criticism. Encourage your child to ignore any negative comments and to report any bullying. It is important to be aware of this and to take steps to protect your child's account.

**SIGNING UP WITH THE CORRECT AGE**  
When signing up to TikTok, users must provide their date of birth. It is important to be aware of this and to take steps to protect your child's account.

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