



# St Benedict's Newsletter



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**OUR ANNUAL HARVEST COLLECTIONS** are now underway, the deadline for donations is Friday 5 October 2018 which is CAFOD Family Fast Day. Our school canteens will be closed during break time on Friday as we join in solidarity with those in need. Thank you so much for all of the donations we have received so far. Donations will be distributed to our local food banks. Please see the list below for donation ideas, we kindly request that products are within a reasonable use by date.



- Tinned foods- meat, fish, soup, vegetables
- Tea, coffee, sugar,
- UHT Milk, fruit juices (long life)
- Pasta, rice, cereal
- Jars- pasta sauces, jams etc
- Treats- Biscuits, chocolate



**THE WORLD NEEDS THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE** The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Buckingham has recently written an article giving the benefits of studying the International Baccalaureate, as a school we really value the qualification, however it is always great to hear other people say it too! Please click on the link and take a minute to read the article. <https://www.tes.com/news/world-needs-international-baccalaureate>

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S SHAKESPEARE** Year 11 student Ruben Freeman (pictured right) was selected to join a professional production of Romeo and Juliet earlier in the year at the RSC. The opportunity came about when director, Erica Whyman, instigated a project to introduce 56 local students to the experience of working in a live theatre performance in Stratford. Erica said, "By inviting these young people to join us on stage, I want to celebrate the diverse talent of the UK and highlight the revolutionary heart of this most timeless love story."

Ruben first met the other 55 students in March and began rehearsing in mid-June. Ms Taylor Jones, said, "Ruben was chosen due to his strong involvement with the Playmakers Festival in 2016, in a joint project between the Year 10 Drama GCSE group and a voluntary group of Year 8 students. Ruben reflecting on the experience says "The whole project so far has been amazing. I have been working with 5 other people my age from other schools that have also been chosen for this fantastic opportunity and they have all been brilliant".



After performing in the play, students will be involved with workshops, talks and meetings, where they will be given the skills to become 'Shakespeare Ambassadors' and will encourage a love of Shakespeare, his works and his language, to others.

**STUDENT CARE PLANS** If any student has been issued with an updated care plan, please can parents send a copy to the school office for the attention of Mrs S Nickerson. Previously copies have been sent to school when they were issued to parents however they are only issued to parents now.

**ST BENEDICT'S PTA AGM—TUESDAY 9 OCTOBER** We are a small friendly committee who meet regularly to discuss fundraising for the school. Everyone is welcome and we would especially welcome any new parents to the school. Our AGM, on Tuesday 9 October at 7pm in school, will elect a new committee and be followed by our monthly committee meeting. Our Treasurer is retiring after many years and we are seeking a replacement, if you would like to step into the role, please either attend the meeting or contact the school. The PTA relies on volunteers to run and to give as much of their time as possible and in the past has contributed to worthy causes such as the school minibus, student lockers and our annual Christmas trees.



**MEDICINE ADMINISTERED IN SCHOOL** Please ensure that any medication kept in school for your children, including epipens, are always in date as we are not allowed to administer any treatment that has passed its 'use by' date. Thank you.

**STAFF VACANCY** We have a vacancy for a School Cleaner to work 10 hours per week - either early mornings or after school. For further information please phone 01789 762888 or email [laishley.c@st-benedicts.org](mailto:laishley.c@st-benedicts.org)



**YEAR 12 STUDENT** Umika Vadera, who has a real passion for fashion, returned to school to discover that the Textiles design coursework that went towards her A\* score at GCSE, has been highly commended in the Young Fashion Designer UK competition. The national contest showcases exceptional work created by KS3, GCSE and post-16 students, thus providing a platform to launch designers of the future.

Her bright and elegant three piece 'Lehenga' saree was inspired by a rich heritage of Asian fashion, her Indian culture and the personal tastes for her client, a female in her early 20s. She used silks and polyester satin while her parade of embroidered elephants provided a stunning quality finish. Textile Teacher, Miss Dale, said "Umika worked with real dedication throughout the GCSE course. She fully deserves this recognition and I look forward to seeing more of her creations within the IB Technology course."

**ROAD SAFETY** Please can we ask all parents to use the crossing if you are collecting students at the end of the day. In order to ensure the safety of our children we don't allow them to cross the road in front of school, especially at the end of the day, when the road can be very congested with traffic, and visibility can be dangerously low due to the buses. When parents arrive and call their children across the road to them, or cross back across the road with their children, it puts us in a very difficult position, and doesn't set a good example.

Many thanks for your support with this.

**UNIFORM** Many thanks for all your support in ensuring our high uniform standards have been adhered to. Just a reminder of a few key details:

- Shoes must be polishable and not contain logos
- Skirts must be our pleated school skirt with logo (except year 10), and an appropriate length
- Jumpers must be v-necked.

**DO YOU NEED HELP WITH HOMEWORK?** The Inclusion Department Homework Club takes place on Mondays and Wednesdays, in the Library, from 3.35pm - 5.00pm. It is by invitation only, please see Mrs Ball for more information.



### **Dates for your Diary**

10 October	Year 11 Parents Evening and Sixth Form Introduction 4.15 - 7.15pm
24 October	Staff Inset Day – School closed to pupils
29 October - 2 November	Half Term
13 November	Sixth Form Open Evening 6.30 - 8.30pm

### **USEFUL CONTACTS**

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