



St Benedict's Newsletter



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WW1 BATTLEFIELDS TOUR 2018 In the early hours of Friday 5 October, 47 students and 5 staff departed school for the First World War Battlefields of Belgium and France. The students visited many sites including the Thiepval Memorial to the missing soldiers of the Somme, the Tyne Cot Memorial, Vimy Ridge and Langemark German Cemetery and were guided around the fascinating sites by a guide who told the many stories of ordinary people who fought and died on the battlefields. One of which was Nellie Spindler, whose grave was located by the students at Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, they also were able to locate the memorials of many soldiers during their tour, including local soldiers from Warwickshire. The students took part in an act of reflection at the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate, where the local people of Ieper commemorate the soldiers who fell in defence of their town at 8pm every night. Students and staff, found the tour to be an incredibly valuable and moving experience in the lead up to the centenary commemorations in school and within the local community. Well done Year 9, you were a credit to yourselves and to our school!



HARVEST BOXES We were overwhelmed with this year's donations for our Harvest collections! Thank you all so much for your contributions and efforts in supporting those in need in our own communities. We delivered 12 boxes to Stratford-upon-Avon Foodbank, and 12 boxes to Arden Foodbank, all of which were gratefully received. Congratulations to 7M and 8F who won the best decorated boxes.

This year, we will continue to support the Teams4U shoebox appeal. Every student has been given an information leaflet where you will find all of the information you will need. This is a great way to encourage our students to reach out to those most in need. Many of the children who will receive a shoebox will have never received a gift before. Last year, our shoeboxes were donated to children living in poverty in Romania and Southern Ukraine. The deadline for collection at school is Friday 16 November - shoeboxes should be handed in at the Chapel. If you would like any more information or can offer to help in any way, please contact Naomi through the Main office.



2018 ART HOUSE PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION RESULTS Thank you to everyone who entered and well done. It was very difficult to select a winner as the standard was exceptionally high this year with so many amazing and well photographed images. As the theme was capturing the weather and not just a landscape we used this as our selection criteria. Everyone who entered will receive a certificate and the 1st, 2nd and 3rd winners a small art gift from the Art Department; additionally some students were Highly Commended.

Well done to: **1st Eduardo Lopes Giantaglia 7D** **2nd Victoria Jones 8C** **3rd Chloe Butler 10M**

Results for the House competition

1st More	17 entries!
2nd Fisher	9
3rd Becket	8
4th Dibdale	6
5th Clitheroe	5



