



# St Benedict's Newsletter



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**CHILDREN IN NEED** The Sixth Form was full of characters yesterday with students going to great lengths to dress up and have fun to raise money for charity. Children in Need, organised by our students has become a much anticipated annual event in the Sixth Form and was rounded off at lunchtime today with students taking part in the Annual Duck Race. Well done to everyone who took part, students and staff have raised a grand total of £160!



**SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING** On Tuesday this week, we welcomed prospective students and their families to our Sixth Form Open Evening. Our students were on hand to welcome guests and give them an insight into studying in the Sixth Form and feedback we have received has been very positive.



**ONE INSPIRING DAY** Half term might be a distant memory for some, but for Year 9 student, Sam Thomas, it was a school break he will never forget! Over the last year, Sam has been working hard towards his Silver Arts Award, and in response to the criteria, Sam set about making a life-time ambition come true. With hard work and tenacity, Sam sent letters, emails and made phone calls, which led



to him securing entry to the world-famous Abbey Road studios, otherwise not open to the general public. Sam was lucky enough to spend the day with sound engineer Paul Pritchard, who acted as a guide and gave one to one tuition, and an informal Q&A about real-life in the music industry. When writing to thank the studios, *Sam said 'it was an amazing experience and it has helped me a lot in my Silver Arts Award. I've learned many things, like about different microphones, acoustics, life in London and much more. I'm even more determined than ever to follow a career in the music industry.'*

**OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS** From 12 November, we are introducing a new procedure for overdue books. Students will receive two overdue reminders asking them to return or renew their books. If the books are not returned or renewed we will then send an email to their parents/carers asking for payment for the books via ParentPay. Our library books are a valuable resource that we cannot afford to lose. If anyone has any overdue library books, no matter how overdue they are, they can be returned to the library or they can be put in the drop off box in the foyer. Thank you for your co-operation.



**ST BENEDICT'S ARE SEEKING PARENT GOVERNORS** The school are looking to recruit two parent governors to work closely with the leadership team in supporting school improvement and maximising pupil outcomes. For more information, please see the poster attached with this newsletter.

## Dates for your Diary

19 - 30 November	Year 11 Mock Exams
Wednesday 12 December	Carol Service 5pm (more information to follow)
Friday 21 December	End of Term
Monday 7 January	INSET Day (students not in School)
Tuesday 8 January	Term Begins

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