



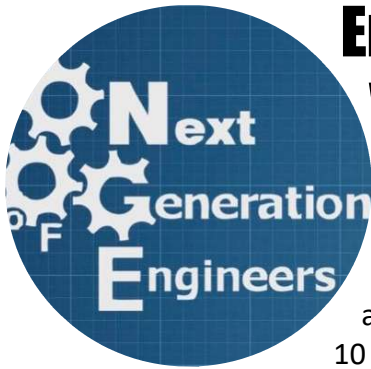
## Christmas Dinners all week!

Anita and the friendly catering team are offering a yummy traditional Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings next week and Friday they will offer a Veg option. Pudding includes Chocolate Cracknel or Christmas Pudding all for £2.85



## Engineers Next Gen Visit to Year 9 & 10

We are looking forward to having an inspiring presentation from engineering firm Next Gen. They are coming to discuss careers in all areas of engineering to all year 9 and 10 pupils on Tuesday 17 December and another date in January TBC.



## Advent Charities

This Year KS3 and KS4 are raising money during Advent for Cafod World Gifts. We are looking forward to their weird and wonderful creative fundraising ideas! Visit world gifts to see where our donations will be going to [www.worldgifts.cafod.org.uk](http://www.worldgifts.cafod.org.uk) This week year 9 raised money with a fantastic cake sale.



## SPORTS NEWS

### After School Sport Sessions Next week

- **Netball** Monday for Year 7 & 8
- **Basketball** Tuesday Year 9, 10 and 11
- **Basketball** Thursday Year 7 & 8

Sessions are run by our PE Department, if you would like your son or daughter to attend, please ask them to speak to their PE teacher for more information. Sessions generally finish at 4.45pm. **Match times are confirmed on an individual basis.**



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Mon 16 December**  
Year 8 Drop Down Day

**Friday 20 December**  
Advent Mass

**Fri 20 December**  
End of Term

**Mon 6 & Tues 7 January**  
INSET Days

**Weds 8 January**  
Term Begins

## Donate to Kit A Kid in Nigeria

Don't know what to do with your old football kits and boots? Shea from year 9 is asking for donations of any old football kits and boots for his fundraiser Kit A Kid at St Michaels School in Nanka, Nigeria. It will truly bring a smile and help to give a child something they would never have. **You can kindly donate any size/age football kits and boots to the school reception. No cash collections.**



### Weekly Prayer of St Benedict

Gracious and Holy Father, give us the wisdom to perceive you, diligence to seek you, patience to wait for you, eyes to behold you, a heart to meditate upon you, and a life to proclaim you; through the power of the spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**



## 'The God who Speaks'

On the 1st of December the Birmingham Diocese officially launched 'The God who Speaks', an initiative of the Church to encourage more Catholics to explore holy scriptures. St Benedict's was honoured to play a small role in this special occasion at St Chad's Cathedral, Mrs O'Gara read the second reading and Romilly O'Gara was proud to serve Mass with the Archbishop.



## Starting to look a lot like Christmas in our Library

We have all been very busy making Christmas decorations and displays in the library this week. Most of them are made from upcycled books. The whole library is looking very festive thanks to the many students who helped make the decorations.



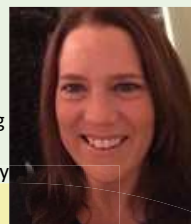
A very big thank you to everyone who took part.

## Meet our Schools Governors



**Will Fensom** I became a foundation governor at St Benedict's in October 2019. This is my first time as a school governor, so I have a lot to learn. I have 5 children aged 11-21 and currently have 1 child attending St Benedict's in year 10. I moved to Bidford on Avon with my family just over 1 year ago and we are all settling into life in the West Midlands, this is quite a change from living in Southend on Sea in Essex. I have a personal interest in special educational needs as my eldest son who is on the autistic spectrum, went through his whole school life with an IEP and has recently started university.

**Victoria Rouse** I became a foundation governor in October 2019. I am married to Ed (a former pupil) and have 2 children and a silly cocker spaniel! I spend most of my time driving my children to their various activities. I have recently started playing tennis again and I enjoy swimming to keep fit.



## SIXTH FORM DATES

**Wednesday 18 December**

Sixth Form Christmas Bowling Trip

**Thursday 19 December**

Year 12 Reports to Parents

**Wednesday 8 Jan - Thursday 16 January**

Year 13 Mock Exams

## SIXTH FORM NEWS

### Sixth Form Gets Political

Year 13 were given an insight into politics and the election on Wednesday morning with a talk and Q&A session with local party representatives. Representatives were invited from the three main parties and candidates Dominic Skinner for the Liberal Democrats and Felix Ling for the Labour Party attended. Students heard about how the candidates ended up in politics and how the process works and this led into a question and answer session with students asking some very formative and interesting questions. The session could have carried on for much longer but we hope that this has given students food for thought!



*Pictured above Dominic Skinner (left) and Felix Ling (right)*

## Sixth Form Applications

# NOW OPEN



You can download an application form online at [www.st-benedicts.org/sixthform](http://www.st-benedicts.org/sixthform) or collect an application form from our main reception office.

Courses offered are the IB Diploma, IB Courses and BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care.

St Benedict's also welcomes students from the surrounding areas of Alcester some of which include; Henley, Studley, Redditch, Pershore, Evesham and Stratford Upon Avon.

For more information please visit our website [www.st-benedicts.org](http://www.st-benedicts.org) or email [sixthform@st-benedicts.org](mailto:sixthform@st-benedicts.org)

