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What a lovely first week back at St Benedict's Catholic High School and Sixth Form. We hope you enjoy the first family newsletter of 2020. Please check dates for your diary and upcoming news and events for main school and sixth form.

## Year 11 Parent Twilight session

Parent's twilight session will take place on Monday 13 January at 4:30 pm. The purpose of the session is to help empower parents with strategies and techniques to support their child in this crucial period. As stated in my previous letter sent in October, parental support is eight times more important in determining a child's academic success than social class so you really can make a difference! We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. If you are able to attend, please email the school's main office so that we can be informed of likely numbers. Please email [admin@st-benedicts.org](mailto:admin@st-benedicts.org)

## DofE Training Day

Sat 18th January @ St Benedict's School  
9am – 3pm. These training sessions must be attended and are not optional.

Students must bring a packed lunch with them to all of the full day training sessions as the school canteen will not be open and/or use shops directly opposite the school at their own risk.

Students must wear appropriate clothing for weather which will involve working outside on the field e.g. warm waterproof coat and layers and suitable footwear. The day may finish early if all training aspects and information are covered. **Any questions please email Mr Singleton at: [singleton.s1@st-benedicts.org](mailto:singleton.s1@st-benedicts.org)**



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Year 11 Revision Parent Support**  
13th Jan 4.30pm Main School

**Year 11 Postively Mad Revision Sessions**  
Monday 13th Jan - During School Day

**Year 11 After School Intervention Sessions**  
Week Commencing 13th Jan

**Year 7 Reports** 16th Jan

**Year 7 & 8 Basketball Match at Home**  
**Vs Alcester Academy**  
Tuesday 14th Jan

**Year 10 DofE Training Day at St Benedict's**  
Saturday 18th January 9am - 3pm

**Year 9 Exams**  
20th to 24th Jan

**PTA Meeting at the Roebuck.**  
**Invite to all Parents/Carers**  
Weds 15th January at 7pm

## SPORTS NEWS

### After School Sport Sessions

- Netball Monday for Year 7 & 8
- Netball Wednesday 9 & 10
- Basketball Tuesday HOME MATCH no practice
- Basketball Thursday Year 7 & 8
- Basketball Thursday lunchtimes all years welcome

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.**



## Weekly Prayer of St Benedict

Angel of God, my Guardian dear,  
to whom his love commits me here,  
ever this day (or night) be at my side,  
to light and guard, to rule and guide.

Amen.





## The latest news from our Library

The Poem of the Month for January is The Snow by F. Ann Elliott. This is on display on The Poetry Place board in the library.

### Congratulations to Adam H from 11C

Who is the Student Librarian of the Month for January. Adam was nominated by his fellow student librarians. Well done Adam.

### Warwickshire Secondary Book Award

As mentioned in the last newsletter, on Monday we will launch the Warwickshire Secondary Book Award, with all of those taking part choosing their first book. We will read the six shortlisted books, vote for our favourite, attend the final and meet the authors. There will be weekly meetings at break on Mondays for those taking part, where there will be activities and competitions to enter.

### Inspiring work!

Inspiration Station the work submitted by students is now on display in the library. We have drawings, poetry, cartoons and designs on display. There is also a chance to see our Be Inspired book displays and our Teen Pioneers: young people who have changed the world display. This is based on the book by Ben Hubbard and is full of young people with great aspirations who are truly inspiring.

## Year 8 Food Technology Reminder...

A reminder to all Year 8 for their Bread and Butter Pudding practical lessons, please see dates below guided by form groups. Pupils are reminded to ensure they study



receipe, weigh and organise ingredients and bring an oven proof dish to bring on on the day.

### 8D

Group 1 Fri 17th Jan  
Group 2 Fri 31st Jan

### 8B

Group 1 Mon 20th Jan  
Group 2 Fri 24th Jan

### 8M

Group 1 Tues 14th Jan  
Group 2 Tues 28th Jan

### 8F

Group 1 Tues 21st Jan  
Group 2 Wed 29th Jan

### 8C

Group 1 Wed 15th Jan  
Group 2 Wed 29th Jan

*We hope you are looking forward to your pudding!*

## SIXTH FORM NEWS

### Welcome back news and more

We welcome our Sixth Form Students back to a very busy few weeks! Year 13 IB Students are sitting mock exams until Thursday 16 January and Year 12 and 13 BTEC students are sitting external exams. Thank you to students for their excellent conduct and punctuality. We are also nearing the deadline, of 15 January, for UCAS applications and students should be in the final stages of completing their applications.

### FREE RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMME DEADLINE

UNIQ is a free residential programme designed to give Year 12 students an opportunity to study at Oxford, meet tutors, sample their chosen course, stay in a college and learn how to make a strong application. The deadline for applications is 27 January, for more information please visit [www.uniq.co.uk/2020](http://www.uniq.co.uk/2020)

## SIXTH FORM DATES

UNIQ Oxford Residential App Deadline  
27 January

TOK Trip trip Birmingham  
5 February

Year 13 Mock Exams  
Wednesday 8 Jan to Thursday 16 Jan

## Sixth Form Applications

# NOW OPEN

