



St Benedict's Catholic College Newsletter Issue 3 - 22nd September 2023

Message from the Principal

Dear parents, carers, students and friends

At the end of another positive and successful week at St Benedict's we look forward to the week to come. On Wednesday 27th September we are opening our doors to prospective students and families at our annual open evening. It will be a great opportunity to see all our community has to offer.

A little further ahead is our Family Mass on Wednesday 4th October – all families are welcome to celebrate Mass together in the Sports Hall, followed by light refreshments. We are grateful to Father Rick who will be celebrating Mass for us. Do please come along and meet other families and members of staff. If you would like to attend please complete the form:

https://forms.office.com/e/xudejvec84

Mrs J E Santinelli

Principal



Open Evening Wednesday 27th September 2023

I look forward to welcoming you to our Open Evening on Wednesday $27^{\rm th}$ September 2023 from 6.00 pm - 8.30 pm.

During the evening you will have the opportunity to meet students and teachers, visit departments and take part in exciting activities.

I will give a talk during the evening.

You are also very welcome to visit the college during a college day, giving you the opportunity to visit lessons. Tours are available from Monday 2nd October 2023. Please visit our website or telephone college reception on 01206 549222 to book a place.

You can find further information about the college on our website

www.stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk

Jo Santinelli, Principal

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Chaplaincy

On Wednesday 4th October, the college will be celebrating a family Mass which is open to all staff, students and their families. As a college, Mass offers us an opportunity to come together as one body in Christ and to give thanks for the many blessings that we have received. If you'd like to be a part of our celebration, please complete the following form: https://forms.office.com/e/xudejvec84 Mass will begin promptly at 6.00 pm.

If your child is part of St Teresa's parish in Lexden, and in year 9 or above and wishes to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, please read the following poster and scan the QR code or click this to enrol them onto the course.

Mr Fusi

Lay Chaplain

St Teresa of Lisieux Parish, Lexden

Application to enrol in the Program for Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday 19th May 2024



Program dates - (Please note all dates are compulsory).

02 October 2023	Parent and candidate meeting	6:30-8:00
16 October 2023	Session 1	6:30-8:00
6 November 2023	Session 2	6:30-8:00
7 November 2023	Session 3	6:30-8:00
)2 December 2023	Retreat at Walsingham House	all day
I1 December 2023	Session 4	6:30-8:00
8 January 2024	Session 5	6:30-8:00
19 January 2024	Review	6:30-8:00
2 February 2024	Session 6	6:30-8:00
4 March 2024	Session 7	6:30-8:00
5 March 2024	Session 8	6:30-8:00
5 April 2024	Session 9	6:30-8:00
29 April 2024	Session 10	6:30-8:00
3 May 2024	Rehearsal	6:30-8:00
9 May 2024	Pentecost Sunday Confirmation Day	9:00am Mass

Friday 22nd September 2023 Twenty-fourth week of Ordinary Time



+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Dear God, thank you for the gift of unspeakable joy.
Please help me to find it when times are difficult, and help me to spread your joy to others throughout your kingdom. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Extreme reading

We loved receiving your extreme reading pictures over the summer! A big well done to Zoe our competition winner and most extreme reader!

Mrs Hunter

Teacher of English and Literacy co-ordinator



Parent Governor Election

In our newsletter on 8th September 2023 nominations from parents were invited for the vacancy for a parent governor.

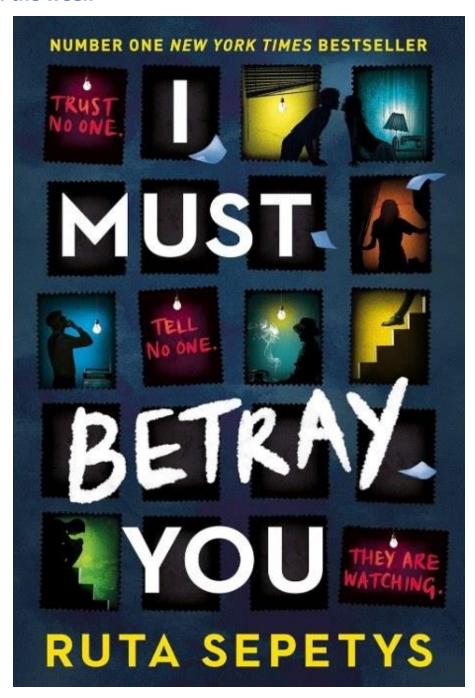
There has been a good response and there are three candidates for the one vacancy.

Eligible voters will receive an email from our partner Choice Voting (or a paper ballot form if we do not hold an email address for them), where you will see the names of each candidate and their elections statement.

Voting opens on Monday 25th September at 00:00 and will close at 12.00 pm on Monday 2nd October 2023.

You will be notified of the results once the election has been completed.

Book of the week



1 - <u>I Must Betray You by Ruta Sepetys</u>

I Must Betray You by Ruta Sepetys

Shortlisted for this year's Carnegie Award, a powerful, heart-breaking thriller based on real events which took place in Romania in 1989.

Cristian has lived his entire life in the grip of a repressive dictatorship. The country is governed by fear. When the secret police blackmail him, Cristian has an impossible choice. Should he save the life of his sick grandfather by informing on his family, or risk his life, and all of theirs, by resisting?

At 17, Cristian dreams of being free but doesn't know where to turn. In this climate of constant suspicion, can he trust his best friend, his girlfriend or even his family?

This 13+ book is available to borrow from our college library

Mrs Sullivan

Reader Leader

Year 11 Design & Technology support

Year 11 design and technology students, please come along to after college support with your NEA in room 23 every Tuesday from 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm.

Mrs Stewart-Thomas

Head of Art, Design and Technology



What parents/carers need to know about the Wizz app

Over the weekend, we put a warning on our social media about the app Wizz.

Wizz is an app that encourages young people to join by purporting to be a safe space for them to make friends who have shared interests. It is similar to a dating app, in that profiles and information are shared.

Concerns have been raised however, for a number of reasons. Firstly, there are no parental controls on the app, meaning that you cannot monitor what your child is doing whilst they are using it. Secondly, in setting up the app, children have to include a profile picture and the default setting on the app is to also share location. Finally, and most worryingly, the app has been used by predators to

groom children, to share harmful content and there is no way to monitor that as a parent. There are some real concerns about online safety for children who use this app.

We recommend that you delete this app from your child's phone if they have it. There are a number of useful articles online to help you navigate this, that will also give you information about the concerns that have been raised about this app.

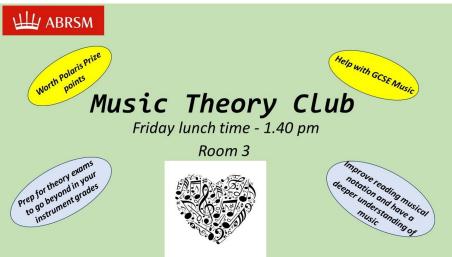
Mrs Davis

Assistant Principal - Safeguarding



Music clubs





Polaris Prize



Keeping children safe online



Keeping children safe online

Parent Guides to Online Safety



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to **Sharing Pictures**



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to **Live Streaming**



A Parent's Guide to **Online Grooming**



A Parent's Guide to A Parent's Guide to **Online Influencers** Fake News



A Parent's Guide to **Privacy Settings**









Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skips.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941



www.skipssafetynet.org









Extracurricular clubs and activities - Autumn term 2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Geography & Environment Club All Years Room 38 Mrs Welsh	Rock School All Years Room 3 Mr Radley	Polaris Award All years Music room Mrs Orme	French Club Year 7 & 8 Room L1 Mrs Hunt	Music Theory All years Music room Mrs Orme
	WIS WEISH	All Years Chapel Mr Fusi		All Years Music room Mrs Orme	
IIId.	Bible Study All Years Chapel Mr Fusi	Language Leaders Year 10 Room L2 Mrs Hunt	Brain Break All Years Chapel Mr Fusi	Social Justice Club All Years Chapel Mr Fusi	Vkelele Club Years 8 - 11 Drama studio 1.40 pm - 2 pm
All rears 1.40 pm - 2.23 pm	Newbies Computing Years 7 & 8 Room 33 Mr Johnson	Experts Computing GCSE Computer Science students Room 33 Mr Johnson	Flamenco Cajon Drumming All Years Drama room 1.40– 2 pm Ms Lesto	Textiles Please see Mrs Holloway in room 27 for specific year groups, dates and topics	Warhammer Club All Years Room 33 Mr Johnson
	Jazz Club Grade 3 or above Room 3 Mr Asamoah	Drama Club All Years Room 10 Mrs Davies		\$2000 A \$2000	
	Games Club All Years Room S1 Ms Rajgobal	Games Club All Years Room S1 Ms Rajgobal	Games Club All Years Room S1 Ms Rajgobal	Games Club All Years Room S1 Ms Rajgobal	Games Club All Years Room S1 Ms Rajgobal
		Mindful Colouring Year 7 Room 17 Mrs Ment			

LUNCH TIME SPORTS CLUBS:

Autumn term 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 10 Football JRI	All years Table Tennis ICL	All Years Multigym ICL	Year 11 Football JRI	Year 7 Football JRI Year 9 Football
All years Badminton ICL Year 11 Netball LWI & KMU	Year 8 & 9 Boys Basketball JRI Years 9 & 10 Netball LWI	Years 10 & 11 Boys Basketball JRI Year 7 & 8 Netball LWI & KMU	Year 8 Football ICL Years 10 & 11 Girls Basketball KMU Years 9, 10 & 11 Trampolining LWI	ICL Years 8 & 9 Girls Basketball LWI

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Dungeons & Dragons Club All Years 3.30 - 5.00 pm Room 34 Mrs Knight	Art club Years 11 Room 29 Mrs Stewart- Thomas	Favourite Fiction Club Years 7 & 8 Library Mr Hallows	Art Club Year 9 & 10 Room 29 Mrs Stewart- Thomas	Warhammer Club All years 3.30 – 5.00 pm Room 33 Mr P Johnson
_		Textile GCSE coursework Years 10 & 11 Room 27 Mrs Holloway (26th September, 3rd & 17th October only)	Art Club Year 7 & 8 Room 29 Mrs Stewart- Thomas		GCSE Music Year 10 & 11 Music room Mrs Orme
After College 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm		STE(A)M Science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics Years 7 - 10 Room 25 Mrs Adenekan and Ms Chase	Musical rehearsal All Years Music & Drama Mrs Orme & Mrs Davies		
		Further Maths GCSE Further Maths students Room 11 Mr Eves	D of E Year 10 Room 4 3.45 - 5.00 pm Mr Thomson (Starting after half term)		

Lost and Found

If your child/ren have lost any items while at college, it may have been handed in to the college reception.

Check out our website or <u>click here</u> to have a look at what currently is in our lost and found. Alternatively, it is also displayed on the screens around the college for students.

Communications sent home

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14th September - Early closure - All years
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15th September - Ofsted inspection report - All years

19th September - School photos - Years 7 - 10

19th September - French revision guides - Year 10 and 11

21st September - Family mass - All years

21st September - St Teresa's Roman Catholic Church trip - Year 7

21st September - Online safety - All years

22nd September - Mersea trip 2024 - Year 7

22nd September - PSHE 2023-24 - Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11

22nd September - RSE - Years 7 - 11

Catering Menu - Week B

Please ensure your child's ParentPay meal account is in credit. Any new deposits for the day must be made by 8.20 am in order for funds to clear in time for break.

For the full list of menu choices this week, please click on here

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Ch	ain Meal illi con carnie, rice & to cket potato & beans	£1.25	Wheat/gluten/milk/s	oya	ORA ET LABORA
	add cheese eggie Option orn chicken & savoury	£1.05	Milk Egg		
Grab and Go		Salad bar		Snacks	
Chicken goujon wrap	£1.75 Gluten	Salad box	£1.05	Granola pot	£1.05 Wheat/
Brie & bacon panini	£1.65 Wheat/gluten/milk	Tuna	£1.05 Fish/milk/	Yoghurt	£1.00 Milk
Cheese & tomato pizza	£1.25 Wheat/gluten/milk	Eggs (x2)	£1.05 Egg	Fruit pot	£1.50
Spicy potato wedges	£0.75	Ham	£1.05 Sulphates	Yum Yum	£0.85 Wheat/milk
Cous cous & veg tuk tul	k £1.05 Gluten	Cheese pot	£1.05 Milk	Doughnut	£0.70 Wheat
Cold pesto, spinach & tomato pasta pot	£1.05 Wheat/gluten	Drinks Water	£0.50	Popcorn Proper Chips	£1.00 £1.00
Selection of sub rolls	£1.65 Allergens detailed on product	Milk carton Various flavours	£0.65 Milk		
Various small filled roll	£0.75 Allergens detailed on product	Radnor fizz	£0.70		
Soup and bread roll* Tomato or Sweet potato & butternut (*from November 23)	£1.50 Wheat/gluten	Radnor splash	£0.50		
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Tuesday Week 2



Main Meal

Thai chicken & savoury rice £2.35 Wheat//gluten/milk/soya Jacket potato & beans £1.25 add cheese £1.05 Milk

Veggie Option

Spicy 5-bean chilli, rice & tortillas £2.35 Egg

Grab and Go			Salad bar			Snacks		
Burger/Cheeseburger	£1.75	Gluten	Salad box	£1.05		Granola pot	£1.05	Wheat/ gluten/milk
Caribbean beef panini	£1.65	Wheat/gluten/milk	Tuna	£1.05	Fish/milk/ egg	Yoghurt	£1.00	Milk
Pepperoni pizza	£1.25	Wheat/gluten/milk	Eggs (x2)	£1.05	Egg	Fruit pot	£1.50	
Roast potato pot	£0.75		Ham	£1.05	Sulphates	Yum Yum	£0.85	Wheat/milk
Arrabiatta pasta pot	£1.05	Wheat/gluten	Cheese pot	£1.05	Milk	Doughnut	£0.70	Wheat
Tomato & spinach pasta	£1.05	Wheat/gluten	Drinks			Popcorn	£1.00	
Selection of sub rolls	£1.65	Allergens detailed on product	Water	£0.50		Proper Chips	£1.00	
Various small filled roll	£0.75	Allergens detailed on product	Milk carton Various flavours	£0.65	Milk			
Soup and bread roll*	£1.50	Wheat/gluten	Radnor fizz	£0.70				
Tomato or Sweet potato & butternut (*from November 23)			Radnor splash	£0.50				



Wednesday Week 2



Main Meal

Mini toads, mash, veg & gravy £2.35 Gluten/milk Jacket potato & beans £1.25 Allergens detailed or product £1.05 add cheese

Veggie Option

£2.35 Vegetarian mini toads, mash, veg & gravy

Gluten/milk

Grab and Go			Salad bar			Snacks		
Chicken goujon wraps	£1.75	Wheat/gluten	Salad box	£1.05		Granola pot	£1.05	Wheat/ gluten/milk
Pulled pork panini	£1.65	Wheat/gluten/milk	Tuna	£1.05	Fish/milk/ egg	Yoghurt	£1.00	Milk
Pepperoni pizza	£1.25	Wheat/gluten/milk	Eggs (x2)	£1.05	Egg	Fruit pot	£1.50	
Potato pots	£0.75		Ham	£1.05	Sulphates	Yum Yum	£0.85	Wheat/milk
Steak Slice	£1.55	Wheat/gluten	Cheese pot	£1.05	Milk	Doughnut	£0.70	Wheat
Tomato & spinach pasta	£1.05		Drinks			Popcorn	£1.00	
Selection of sub rolls	£1.65	Allergens detailed on product	Water	£0.50		Proper Chips	£1.00	
Various small filled rolls	£0.75	Allergens detailed on product	Milk carton Various flavours	£0.65	Milk			
Soup and bread roll*	£1.50	Wheat/gluten	Radnor fizz	£0.70				
Tomato or Sweet potato & butternut (*from November 23)			Radnor splash	£0.50				



Thursday Week 2



Main Meal

Beef chow mein & prawn crackers	£2.35	Wheat/gluten/milk/soya
Jacket potato & beans	£1.25	
add cheese	£1.05	Milk

Veggie Option
Vegetable noodles and crackers £2.35 Gluten

Grab and Go		Salad bar		Snacks		
Spicy chicken fajita	£1.60 Wheat/gluten	Salad box	£1.05	Granola pot	£1.05	Wheat/ gluten/milk
Bacon & egg panini	£1.65 Wheat/gluten/milk	Tuna	£1.05 Fish/milk/	Yoghurt	£1.00	Milk
Pepperoni pizza	£1.25 Wheat/gluten/milk	Eggs (x2)	£1.05 Egg	Fruit pot	£1.50	
Paprika spicy wedges	£0.75	Ham	£1.05 Sulphates	Yum Yum	£0.85	Wheat/milk
Tomato & spinach pasta	£1.05 Wheat/gluten	Cheese pot	£1.05 Milk	Doughnut	£0.70	Wheat
Cold pesto, spinach &	£1.05 Wheat/gluten	Drinks		Popcorn	£1.00	
tomato pasta pot	£1.05 Wheavgitten	Water	£0.50	Proper Chips	£1.00	
Selection of sub rolls	£1.65 Allergens detailed on product	Milk carton Various flavours	£0.65 Milk			
Small filled roll	£0.75 Allergens detailed on product	Radnor fizz	£0.70			
Soup and bread roll* Tomato or Sweet potato &	£1.50 Wheat/gluten	Radnor splash	£0.50			



Friday Week 2

£2.35



Main Meal

Scampi popcorn, chips and beans	£2.35	Wheat/gluten/fish
Jacket potato & beans	£1.25	
add cheese	£1.05	Milk

Veggie Option

Vegetable burger and chips

Gluten

Grab and Go			Salad bar			<u>Snacks</u>		
Mac cheese tuk tuk	£1.05	Wheat/gluten/milk	Salad box	£1.05		Granola pot	£1.05	Wheat/ gluten/milk
Mozzarella & tomato panini	£1.65	Wheat/gluten/milk	Tuna	£1.05	Fish/milk/	Yoghurt	£1.00	Milk
Cheese & tomato pizza	£1.25	Wheat/gluten/milk	Eggs (x2)	£1.05	Egg	Fruit pot	£1.50	
Cheese & ham toastie	£1.05	Wheat/gluten/milk	Ham	£1.05	Sulphates	Yum Yum	£0.85	Wheat/milk
Cheese bites & salad	£1.65	Milk	Cheese pot	£1.05	Milk	Doughnut	£0.70	Wheat
Nachos & salsa	£0.65		Drinks			Popcorn	£1.00	
Nachos & guacamole	£1.00		Water	£0.50		Proper Chips	£1.00	
Chips	£1.00		Milk carton Various flavours	£0.65	Milk			
Selection of sub rolls	£1.65	Allergens detailed on product	Radnor fizz	£0.70				
Small filled roll	£0.75	Allergens detailed on product	Radnor splash	£0.50				
Soup and bread roll* Tomato or Sweet potato & butternut (*from November 23)	£1.50	Wheat/gluten						

Instagram Highlights







You can follow our Instagram link here

Numeracy Challenge

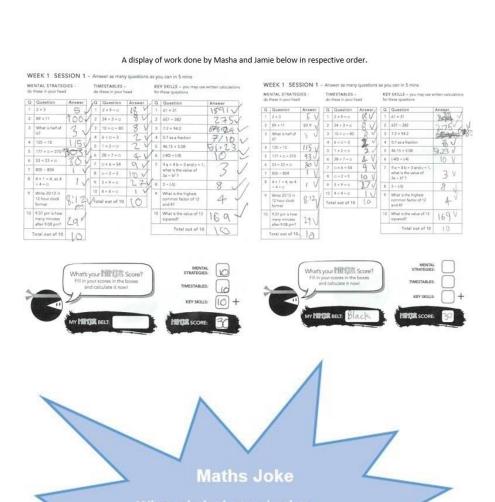
Well done for your hard work this week. This week's 3 respect points go to the following: Masha and Jamie of 8E. Congratulations.

The Numeracy Grandmasters Challenge continues. All you need to do is be a black belt for most of this year's challenges. Good luck!

Leader board as of Thursday 21st September 2023 has 7D, 8S, 9D and 10S in the lead.

Mr Asamoah

Teacher of maths and numeracy co-ordinator



Week Commencing 25th September 2023 - Week B

We are occasionally asked to promote activities/clubs etc. from local groups. Such activities are not quality assured by the college and parent/carers should be aware of the need to reassure themselves of the quality and safety of the services on offer, for example by visiting, looking at information reports etc.

Essex Active



Once bookings go live, you will need to book your child/ren onto a club through the Essex Activate website

Simply select your area and find what clubs are available, then book your child/ren onto a club. Click here for more information on the differences in the programme per holiday.

You will not receive a WONDE e-voucher from St Benedict's to book your child onto a half term club.