



# St Benedict's Catholic College Newsletter Issue 4 - 29th September 2023

### **Message from the Principal**

Dear parents, carers, students and friends

I've always said that the best thing about St Benedict's is our students, and I was proved right yet again at our Open Evening earlier this week. We welcomed over 800 visitors to the college on Wednesday evening, and our prefect guides and department helpers were exceptional ambassadors for the college. I'm grateful also to all of our staff who worked so hard to welcome visitors and showcase the fantastic learning and enrichment opportunities that take place here every day.

At St Teresa's in Lexden last night, 16 of our young people received the Sacrament of Confirmation, witnessed by families, friends and staff of the college - we congratulate Sofia, Daniel, Declan, Jake, Ellie, Olga, Levi, John, Diyoni, Sophia, Alvin, Tony, Dwayne, Samuel, Delwin and Diya on this important next step in their journey of faith. Congratulations also to past students Anthony and Beatrice, as well as Mr Hallows, who were also Confirmed. I invite you to join me in praying for them all.

Next week one of the most important events of the year takes place, our Family Mass on Wednesday. It's a great opportunity to meet staff and families face to face, as well as to share in worship together. I'd encourage you to fill in the form <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/xudejvec84">https://forms.office.com/e/xudejvec84</a> if you haven't already done so and come along at 6.00 pm on Wednesday.

Wishing everyone associated with the college a pleasant and restful weekend.

Mrs J E Santinelli

Principal

## **Chaplaincy**

On Thursday evening, 18 past or present students and 1 member of staff received the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Teresa's Church, Lexden. In a beautiful service led by Bishop Alan, these candidates were invited to renew their promises made at their Baptism and receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. A big thank you to all parents, carers, family and friends who have supported these adults and young people on their journey. May God bless all of those who have been confirmed and guide them in their journey of faith.

This is the final opportunity for anyone in year 9 that attends St Teresa's Church in Lexden to sign up for this year's confirmation programme. The first meeting will be on Monday evening so the form must be completed before then! To fill in the form, scan the QR code in the information below.

The next monthly BCYS Youth Mass will be on Thursday 5th October at Brentwood Cathedral. This is a great opportunity for students to meet other young Catholics from all over Essex and East London.

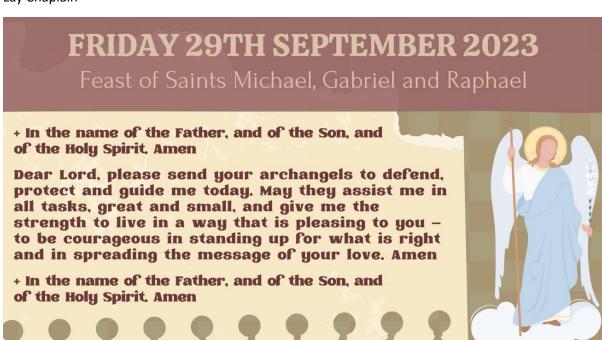
The evening starts at 6.00 pm with Dominos pizza in the hall and then Mass will start at 7.30 pm. There are spaces on a minibus from Colchester to the Youth Mass, if you'd like to book a seat, please email t.fusi@stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk

#### October Youth Mass with Caritas - Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (bcys.net)

The next Youth Mass at St Benedict's will take place on Thursday 19th October at 5.00 pm in the college Chapel. Fr Rick will be celebrating the Mass with young people taking part in the readings, music and Altar serving. There will be refreshments and an opportunity to socialise after Mass.

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	October 2023 Parent and candidate meeting	
16 October 2023	Session 1	6:30pm-8:00pm
06 November 2023	Session 2	6:30pm-8:00pm
27 November 2023	Session 3	6:30pm-8:00pm
02 December 2023	Retreat at Walsingham House	all day
11 December 2023	Session 4	6:30pm-8:00pm
08 January 2024	Session 5	6:30pm-8:00pm
29 January 2024	Review	6:30pm-8:00pm
12 February 2024	Session 6	6:30pm-8:00pm
04 March 2024	Session 7	6:30pm-8:00pm
25 March 2024	Session 8	6:30pm-8:00pm
15 April 2024	Session 9	6:30pm-8:00pm
29 April 2024	Session 10	6:30pm-8:00pm
13 May 2024	Rehearsal	6:30pm-8:00pm
19 May 2024	Pentecost Sunday Confirmation Day	9:00am Mass



### **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 have received an email from our partner Choice Voting, where you will see the names of each candidate and their elections statement.

Voting is open and will close at 12.00 noon on Monday 2nd October 2023.

If you have not already voted, please do so before the closing date.

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

## The Knitting and Stitching trip reminder

The Year 9 and 10 textiles students attending the Knitting and Stitching trip on Thursday 5th October, please remember that we are meeting at 7.45 am at the bell tower, full college uniform and packed lunch (strictly **NO nuts** allowed) are required. We will be returning to the college at approximately 4.00 pm.

Any questions, please see Mrs Holloway

Mrs Stewart-Thomas

Head of Art, Design and Technology



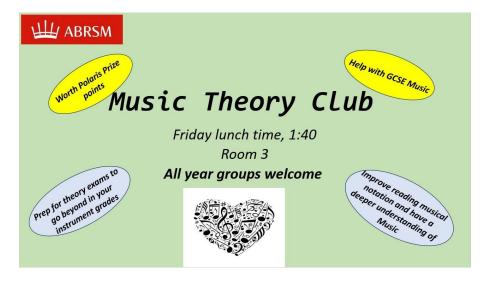
### **Music Clubs**

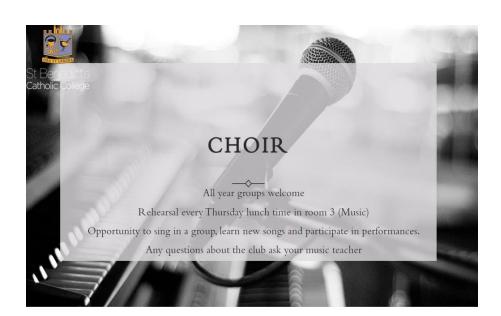
There is a music theory club every Friday lunchtime in room 3. All students are welcome especially those who have instrumental and/or singing tuition and are preparing for exams. This club will help with preparation for music theory exams and improve students' understanding of musical notation and analysis.

If you have any queries, please come and speak to me.

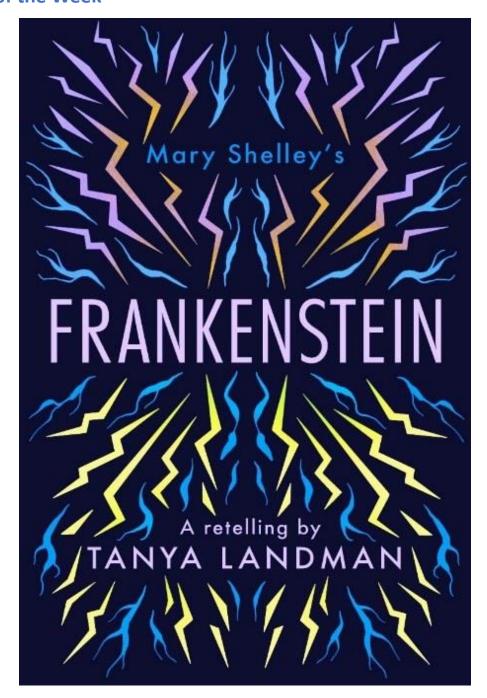
Ms Orme

Teacher of Music





### **Book of the Week**



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### Frankenstein: A Retelling by Tanya Landman

Tanya Landman revisits this classic gothic horror story, bringing to life Dr Frankenstein and his monstrous creation. A young man's search for the secret of the spark of life leads him to a horrific experiment in which he creates a gigantic creature from dismembered body parts. Rejected by his creator, the initially gentle creature turns into a monster when his desire to find companionship and love are thwarted.

This is a dyslexic friendly edition.

Available in our library, a gripping and thrilling horror story based on the classic Frankenstein by Mary Shelley.

Mrs Sullivan

Reader Leader

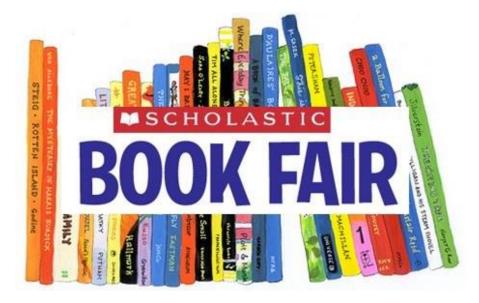
### **Scholastic Book Fair**

We will welcome the Scholastic Book Fair back to St Benedict's from 12th October through until 16th October. All purchases made at the book fair raise funds for the college that can then be used to purchase even more books!

On the days of the book fair, students can browse books in the Manning Hall at lunchtimes and can also make purchases using cash or card. Parents and carers can also purchase gift vouchers in advance directly from Scholastic's website which students can then use to exchange for books and stationery on the days of the fair. <a href="https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers">https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers</a>

Mrs Bishop

Head of communications faculty



### **Polaris Prize**



### Communications sent out this week

GCSE drama theatre trip - Selected Year 11 Students

### Catering Menu - Week A

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



## **Monday Week 1**



### Main Meal

Sausage, mash & beans Jacket potato & beans add cheese

**Veggie Option** 

Linda McCartney Sausage, mash & beans

£2.35 Wheat/milk/gluten/soya/lactose

£1.25 £1.05

£2.35 Soya/sulphates/wheat/milk

Grab and Go			Salad bar			Snacks		
Chicken burger	£1.75	Wheat/gluten/egg/ milk	Salad box	£1.05		Granola pot	£1.05	Wheat/ gluten/milk
Noodles tuk tuk	£1.05	Gluten	Tuna	£1.05	Fish/milk/ egg	Yoghurt	£1.00	Milk
Brie & bacon panini	£1.65	Milk/wheat/gluten	Eggs (x2)	£1.05	Egg	Fruit pot	£1.50	
Cheese & tomato pizza	£1.25	Milk/wheat/gluten	Ham	£1.05	Sulphates	Yum Yum	£0.85	Wheat/milk
Spicy potato wedges	£0.75		Cheese pot	£1.05	Milk	Doughnut	£0.70	Wheat
Tomato & spinach pasta	£1.05	Wheat/gluten	<u>Drinks</u>			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				



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## **Tuesday Week 1**



#### Main Meal

Chinese chicken curry, rice and naan £2.35 Jacket potato & beans £1.25 add cheese £1.05

Veggie Option
Vegetable curry and naan £2.35 Wheat/gluten

Grab and Go		Salad bar		Snacks		
BBQ drumsticks	£1.75	Salad box	£1.05	Granola pot	£1.05	Wheat/ gluten/milk
Caribbean 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	
Cornish pasty	£0.75 Gluten/milk	Ham	£1.05 Sulphates	Yum Yum	£0.85	Wheat/milk
Roast potato pot	£0.75	Cheese pot	£1.05 Milk	Doughnut	£0.70	Wheat
Arrabiatta pasta pot	£1.05 Wheat/gluten	<u>Drinks</u>		Popcorn	£1.00	
Tomato & spinach pasta	£1.05 Wheat/gluten	Water	£0.50	<b>Proper Chips</b>	£1.00	
Selection of sub rolls	£1.65 Allergens detailed on product	Milk carton Various flavours	£0.65 Milk			
Various small filled rolls	£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			



# Wednesday Week 1



#### **Main Meal**

Mac cheese loaded with Mexican Pork £2.35 Wheat/gluten/milk//soya Jacket potato & beans £1.25 add cheese £1.05

**Veggie Option** 

£2.35 Mac cheese & vegan Cumberland Wheat/gluten/milk sausage

Grab and Go			Salad bar			Snacks		
Burger/Cheeseburger	£1.50	Celery/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	
Cornish pasty	£1.55	Wheat/gluten	Ham	£1.05	Sulphates	Yum Yum	£0.85	Wheat/milk-
Potato pots	£0.75	Wheat/gluten	Cheese pot	£1.05	Milk	Doughnut	£0.70	Wheat
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Soup and bread roll*	£1.50	Wheat/gluten	Radnor fizz	£0.70				
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## **Thursday Week 1**



#### Main Meal

Greek meatballs in sauce, pasta & pitta £2.35 Wheat/gluten/milk/soya £1.25 Jacket potato & beans £1.05

Veggie Option
Ratatouille spicy bean wrap £2.35

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Grab and Go			Salad bar		Snacks		
Chicken fajitas	£1.60	Celery/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	
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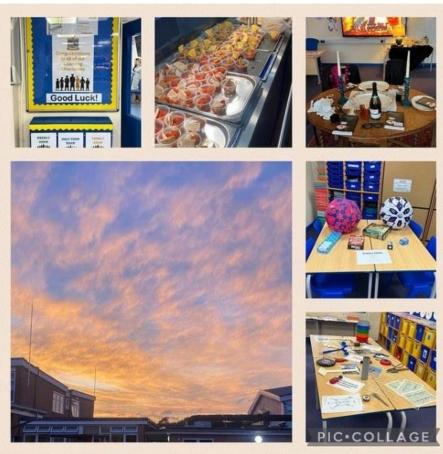
### **Lost and Found**

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.

## **Instagram Highlights**





You can follow our Instagram link <u>here</u>

### **Numeracy Challenge**

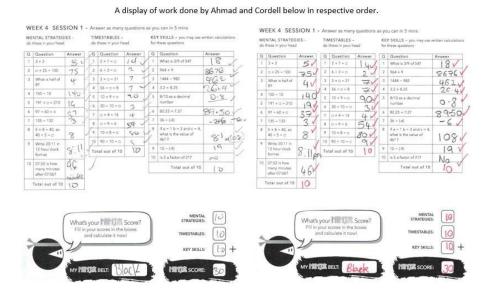
Well done and thank you for your hard work this week. I am delighted to see that a good number of year 7 students have started getting 30/30 after four weeks of trying, well done to you all!

This week's 3 respect points go to Ahmad and Cordell of 9E. Congratulations!

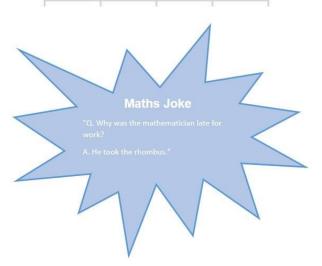
Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Asamoah

Teacher of maths and numeracy coordinator



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## Week Commencing 2nd October 2023 - Week A

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.



Or Cash on the door!

# TOURETTES ACTION



Colchester

**Support Group** 

A support group for families living with tourettes or tic disorders



WHEN?

We aim to meet every 3rd Sunday of the month



WHAT TIME?

10:30am - 12pm



STANWAY LAKELANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE STANWAY COLCHESTER CO3 8WD

**Contact Information Group leader Annie**07830260537

tourettesactioncolchester@yahoo.com facebook.com/groups/798970467446324 Or search Tourettes Action Colchester Support Group