

St Benedict's High School



Newsletter

December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

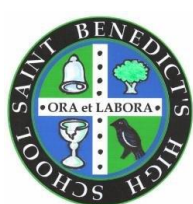
Welcome to our Christmas edition of the St Benedict's News and my first as Head Teacher of the school community.

The run up to Christmas is always very busy but also a joyous time in school. This newsletter provides some information about what has been going on in the school over this term, the many events , achievements and successes of the young people of St Benedict's.

I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter. I welcome your comments and any new information which we can share in future newsletters.

On behalf of the staff of St Benedict's, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you all at one of our many events next year.

Alan Taylor
Head Teacher



PUPIL LEADERSHIP

Introducing the team for 2018-19



I am pleased to introduce our Captaincy team for 2018-19.

Over the past month the team has expanded with the introduction of 3 new roles :

Faith Ambassador Captain, Performing Arts Captain and Sports Captain.

The team is now complete and have been working well together setting a good example for others and taking forward a number of initiatives within the school and in the wider community. In our next newsletter you will get to hear more about all they have been involved in – exciting times for the team ahead!!!

Captaincy Team 2018-19



Head girl - Katie Stewart

Head boy - Daniel Okungbowa



Deputy Head boy – Adam McAlpine

Deputy Head Girl & Performing Arts
Captain – Carla McPherson



Sports Captain Beth Caldwell



Faith Ambassador Captains
Jodie Cunningham and Lara McGarry



Performing Arts Captain
Anna Edvaldsson

HOUSE SYSTEM

Exciting plans to introduce a house system are currently underway. This will involve creating three house groups for pupils S1-S6 to be linked to. Over the past month we have undertaken consultation with pupils and staff and members of our parent body to select patron saints to name each of these house groups. I would welcome any suggestions to add to our discussions. Please email to:

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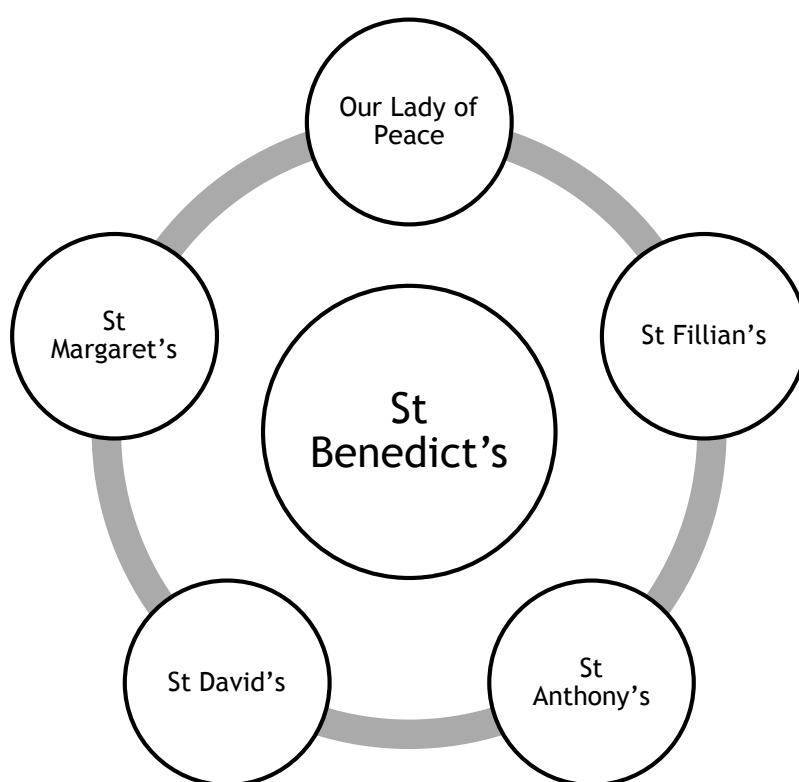
I hope to update you early in the New Year with further details.



School Improvement Targets for session 2018-19

- We will improve attainment in all curricular areas, particularly in literacy and numeracy.
- Closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged children.
- Improvement in children and young people's health and wellbeing.
- Improvement in employability skills and sustained, positive school leaver destinations for all young people.

St Benedict's Cluster – Working in Partnership



In November, we welcomed all of our P7 pupils from our 5 associated primary schools for a Health and Wellbeing Festival and Languages day. Both events were very successful. As well as the young people being able to develop new skills through all of the activities, they were able to meet and work with pupils from across the other schools making new friends for the future. We look forward to seeing them again towards the end of term.

NUMERACY AND LITERACY

Developing our young peoples Numeracy and Literacy skills continues to be a key focus within our cluster. Throughout the year St Benedict's Maths and English teachers visit our associated primaries and work alongside primary staff to drive forward improvements in these areas. Pupils have reported that they have enjoyed the lessons so far and have learned a lot.



This approach helps for a smooth transition and continuity in learning and teaching at this crucial stage.

News from across the school.....

There has been lots going on in recent months. This is what makes St Benedict's High such a great school and it is experiences such as these, which enable our young people to develop their skills for life, learning and work.

Faith Development – Caritas

Our Caritas candidates have made a fantastic start to the year. To gain the award S6 pupils must complete 20 hours of faith based work in school and 20 hours in their local parish or community. Many of our S6 pupils have already exceeded their targets and in doing so enhanced the faith life of the school as well as the wider community.

Their activities include: a coffee morning for St Vincent's Hospice, a Krispy Kreme Doughnut sale for Let the Children live, SSVP masses and functions at St Aidan's and St Margaret's parishes, Volunteering at the Homeless centre in Paisley, selling Christmas cards for St Vincent's Hospice and organising the Malawi Christmas parcels for our partner school St Patrick's. This is all in addition to their contribution during school and parish masses where they set up the altar, read, minister the Eucharist, provide music and help at the children's liturgy. Their contribution to our catholic ethos has been outstanding.



Service to others

Malawi 2019

Preparations for our next exchange visit are now well under way. Next June a group of 10 young people, from the February visit host families, will travel to Malawi accompanied by Fr. Michael, Miss McFadden and Mrs Kerr.

They will work alongside the boys at St Patrick's as well as volunteering at St Magdalena's boarding school for disabled primary children, organising a sports day for the local primary school and visiting hospital patients. The visit will no doubt be a life changing experience for all involved and it will strengthen our partnership.



Developing our Young peoples skills for life, learning and work - Teambuilding Event

All S1 pupils recently attended a teambuilding event. This was held at the On-X Leisure Centre and run by the Navy and Marines. The aim of this event was to allow pupils to make new friendship groups which would aid their transition from Primary school. During the sessions the pupils were involved in a number of teambuilding tasks which developed their communication and decision making skills. Feedback from pupils was very positive and it is hoped this will become a regular event in the school calendar.





SDS Careers Event – Developing Skills for Life, Learning and Work

40 senior pupils attended the annual Skills Scotland Careers Fayre at the SECC in October 2018. A number of employers and colleges were in attendance and pupil feedback was very positive. This event raised awareness of the opportunities available to pupils including Modern Apprenticeships and was very worthwhile.

English Department

The Foyle Young Poets of the Year 2018

Congratulations to last year's S6 pupil, Neave Scott for her recent success in the Young Poets of the Year 2018 competition. Neave's poem received a special commendation from a panel of judges having been selected from nearly 6,000 entrants and 11,000 poems this year from across the world. Well done Neave!!! What an amazing and impressive achievement.



Skills Development Scotland – Careers Adviser

From the beginning of term, the Careers Adviser has been working with senior pupils helping them to develop their career management skills and supporting them with their career planning, through 1:1 meetings and group sessions.

Employability Workshops

In November the Careers Adviser, along with colleagues from the SDS Post School team, met with senior pupils who are interested in applying to college and who are interested in Modern Apprenticeships. The employability sessions focused on preparing a personal statement, in preparation for making applications in January. Follow-up employability sessions will take place in January.

S2 Subject Choice

The Careers Adviser has been delivering careers lessons to S2 pupils: raising awareness of how to prepare for making their subject choices next year and also of the SDS tools that can support them in making the right choice. Pupils were directed to: www.myworldofwork.co.uk and were encouraged to register on the website. The pupils were also encouraged to make use of the Subject Choice tool:

www.myworldofwork.co.uk/subjectchoices

Another useful resource:

www.myworldofwork.co.uk/parents

The Careers Adviser is in school every day with the exception of a Wednesday morning.

Mathematics Department



A very successful Maths week took place in September giving every pupil the opportunity to be involved. Events included Cryptography (code breaking) workshops delivered by Strathclyde University; senior pupils attended an Inter-authority Maths conference in Cumbernauld; a team of S4 and S3 pupils represented St Benedict's in an Enterprising Maths competition; pupils took part in Maths Relays and competitions; a whole school photo competition showcased Maths in real life to great effect and gave the panel of judges a difficult decision choosing a winner; pupils took part in STEM activities in department constructing pasta towers and an escape room was organised with pupils puzzling to escape.

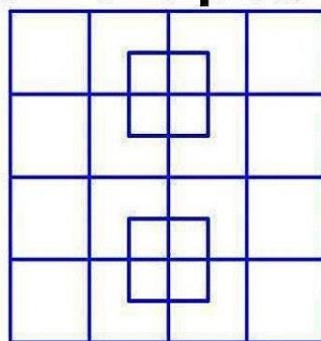
A great week was had by all and already ideas are in place to make it even better next year!

Puzzle

How many squares can you see in the puzzle below?

Answer in the next newsletter...

How many squares are in this picture?



Social Subjects

This year there have been a number of amazing opportunities in Social Subjects for all of our learners to put the curriculum into context. Some of the events so far this session include:

- S4 Geography river study in Lochwinnoch.
- Holocaust Educational Trust visit to Auschwitz – Beth Durkin and Adam McAlpine in S6.
- WW1 remembrance event ran by our fantastic pupil experts and Mr Sinclair.
- S5/6 geography urban study in Glasgow.
- S4 history visit to Fairfield Govan Heritage Centre.
- S5/6 history visit to National Museum of Scotland.
- Parents' information evening for Iceland trip.

Exciting events in the New Year include:

- Gathering the Voice exhibition for all of our school community.
- S2 trip to Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh.
- S3 visit to the Scottish Parliament for First Minister's questions.
- S3 visit to Paisley Sherriff Court.

Follow us on twitter to keep up to date with all of the events above and to see excellent examples of our approach to teaching and learning @socsubsstbens.



Physical Education Department

Sporting Success



Mrs Kearns' Netball Team have been competing in the Renfrewshire Schools Netball Tournament.



Mr Millar's Senior Volleyball team playing at Trinity HS. The team are top of their group.



Mr McGeady's Junior Basketball Team playing at a recent festival at Glennifer High.

Mr McGinty's Under 14's Football Team have been performing well this season, beating Park Mains 3-2 and Johnstone High 2-0 over recent weeks.



Mrs McCartney's Sports leaders organised and led activities to promote Active Girls Day in October.



Sports Leaders facilitating the Renfrewshire Boccia Competition at the On-X.



Pupils from various year groups went on a football coaching trip to Valencia led by Mr Hardie in September. Pupils played several games against Spanish teams and visited the stadium of Valencia FC.



Health and Wellbeing

S4/S5/S6 Peer Educators worked with Active Communities to organise and run the P7 Transition Health Festival.



Health, Food and Textiles Department

Young Chef Competition

Congratulations to our three St Benedict's Finalist in the Rotary Club of Gryffe Valley's Young Chef Competition 2018.

Joseph McIntosh, Ailani McMahon and Luke Russell competed against young chefs from other schools to prepare and serve a two course meal. They all worked extremely hard to impress the judges and have done St Benedict's proud.

Well done to Luke Russell in coming 2nd place in the Renfrewshire Finals.



Science Department

STEM

In order to encourage pupils to consider STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) as a future career path we have been running a number of STEM activities.

Bloodhound Heats

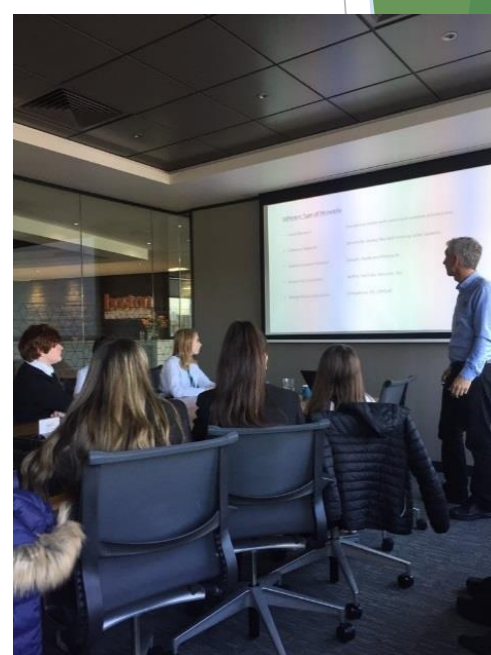
We had two teams competing in the Renfrewshire Bloodhound Challenge. Pupils had to design and build a model car that would travel as fast as possible. The St Benedict's teams finished 2nd and 4th. Well Done!!

Engineering the Future for Girls

Three pupils (Alana Moody, Kelechi Nwokeabia and Anna Hailey) attended a week long course at Strathclyde University. The programme introduced the girls to the different aspects of engineering through participation in team challenges.

Trip to Boston Networks

Pupils met with a number of different people at Boston Networks where they learned about the wide range of STEM careers available.



Trip to Rolls Royce

Pupils worked on team tasks and were given an insight into the work going on at Rolls Royce.

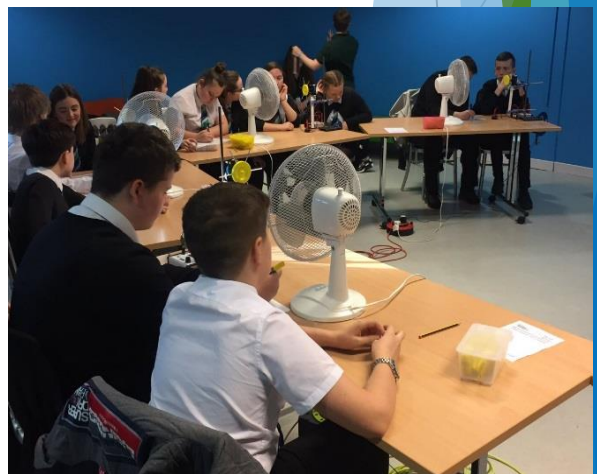


Young Weir- Wise: Discovering Engineering

Two S2 pupils (Chloe Doherty and Holly Mitton) have been successful in their application to this opportunity. They will attend a two day programme at Strathclyde University.

STEM Fest 2018

S2 pupils had a great day experimenting and learning about STEM careers at STEM Fest at Glasgow Science Centre.





Senior Biology PCR Workshop

S5/6 Biology pupils enjoying the DNA technology workshop @UofGlasgow today, where they were given practical experience of the Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) and Gel Electrophoresis. @gsc1 @CVRinfo



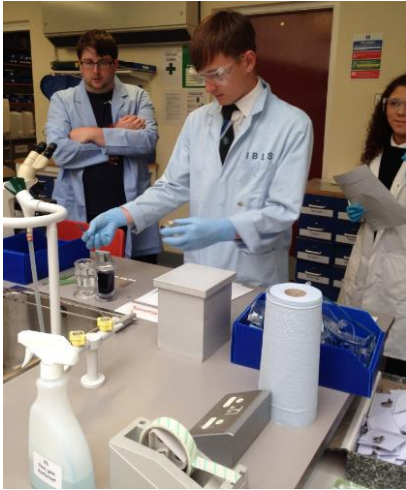
Strathclyde University Chemistry Labs

S5/6 Chemists enjoyed a day of practical chemistry at Strathclyde University. The pupils put their skills to use in the lab making stalagmites, working with dry ice and producing slime.



National 5 Biology workshop

Nat 5 Biologists enjoy a microbiology workshop at the Glasgow Science Centre.



Supported Study

Supported Study for all Higher and National 5 sciences has been running now for over 2 months.

Monday – Nat 5 Biology - Mrs Kidd

Thursday – Higher Biology – Mrs Kidd

Tuesday – Nat 5 Physics – Mr Andrew

Thursday – Higher Physics – Mrs MacNeil

Wednesday – Higher Chemistry – Mr McPhee

Thursday – National 5 Chemistry – Mr McPhee

Higher Chemistry Supported Study up and running and well attended!

[#RaisingAttainment](#)



Higher Biologist working hard at Supported Study! [#RaisingAttainment](#) [@stbenedictsren](#)

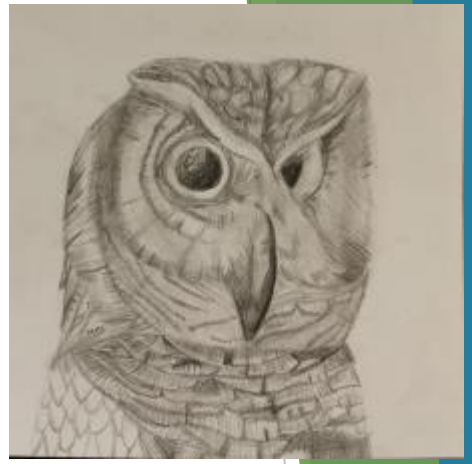


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Great turnout at National 5 Physics supported study this afternoon! [@stbenedictsren](#) [#mindsetforsuccess](#)



Art and Design



As ever, the Art & Design Department have been very busy this past term. The Awards Ceremony saw a number of our students rewarded for the exam successes of the previous year; award winner Jessica Turley's N5 Expressive Portfolio was a particular standout, scoring 100%. Supported study has been running both after school and at lunchtime since September to support our students in the production of their portfolios and more fantastic work is being created for submission in 2019; students should look to take advantage of this extra time as these extra few hours can make a big difference in the preparation of a portfolio.

The S1-S3 Art Club that runs on a Monday, and now also a Wednesday lunchtime have been creating a large scale replica of the SCES Icon celebrating 100 years of Catholic Education in Scotland. A number of our senior Advanced Higher students have also been working on this and passing their numerous artistic skills onto younger pupils. The Art Club will continue to run into 2019 and the staff have exciting events planned for the young people of St Benedict's. The senior students involved with the Art Club have also been made Art Leaders in recognition of their contribution to Art & Design in St Benedict's and the positive example that they set to other students in the school community.

The Art Department are also starting work on the background scenery for the Christmas Show taking place on Wednesday 12th December 2018; as ever, this is sure to be a fantastic night with the student's once again taking centre stage.

S1 students have recently taken part in a Christmas card competition, the winner of which will see their card design sent out to our associated primary schools and parishes.

Mr Corcoran and a number of the Advanced Higher students are visiting the V&A Design Museum in Dundee on 30th November; keep your eyes peeled for photographs on our Art & Design Twitter [@StBenedictsArt](https://twitter.com/StBenedictsArt).

Finally, the Art Department would like to thank all staff, students and parents for their continued support throughout the past year and wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.



Music

The Music Department have had a busy session so far, filled with lots of extracurricular opportunities and we have many more exciting events planned for the year ahead.

The session started with the Inaugural Mass, where our choir and praise band pupils helped lead the musical praise. Our Annual Award Ceremony closely followed this event where the choir and soloists joined in the celebration of our school successes and achievements.

In October the Music Department took 38 pupils to London for a Musical Theatre residential trip. This is the second year running that this successful trip took place, introducing the pupils to a new dimension within the world of work. The jam-packed itinerary included a backstage tour of The National Theatre, shopping in Covent Garden, dinner at Planet Hollywood, two song and dance workshops at Pineapple Dance Studios with West End professionals and two trips to the theatre; Matilda the Musical and Phantom of the Opera. Pupils were treated with a surprise photo opportunity when they met the leading lady from Phantom (Kelly Mathieson) after the show. As always, our pupils behaved impeccably throughout the trip and were a credit to their school.



The Young Music Leaders are working hard rehearsing their own Musical Theatre production for the Christmas Concert. Senior pupils have been sharing their skills and expertise with our younger students and we can't wait to see them treading the boards on Wednesday 12th December for a Disney Extravaganza. Our Young Music Leaders have also been busy this term with their Musical Ministry. They have been providing musical praise for our liturgical events within the school community, including the Inaugural Mass and All Saints Mass. Next term they are planning to run keyboard and guitar lunchtime clubs for junior pupils, once again helping to lead learning in the Music Department.



Traditional Composer of the Year 2017, Adam Sutherland will be visiting the Music Department on 6th December to deliver a workshop to our senior phase classes. We are delighted to be able to provide this excellent opportunity for our students to help inspire them in completing their assignment portfolios.

We had a proud teacher moment earlier this month, when former pupil, Evonne Jeffry, was invited to pipe for distinguished guests at the Celebration of 100 Years of Catholic Education event at Edinburgh Castle. John Swinney, SMP hosted the event on Wednesday 14th November and many distinguished figures within Catholic Education were in attendance.

Once again we thank each and every pupil who has contributed their time and talents to the invaluable work within our Music Department. We also thank parents for supporting pupils to be involved in our diverse activities.

Business Education Department

The Higher Business Management class have been using active learning within the classroom to bring the theory to life! Pupils conducted market research using a taste test of 3 different products of 'own brand' against the market leader. They tested crisps, chocolate biscuits and cookies, comparing taste, appearance, quality, packaging and price. They were surprised by the results!

The Higher Business Management class created a "human organisational chart" in the street area. Each pupil was allocated a job title and they had to arrange themselves according to their position within the organisation. Using photographs, pupils could then see the shape and levels of the chart and also the effect created when the organisation was downsized by removing departments. A great fun lesson to liven up the topic and pupils can now visualise the chart which helps them when answering exam questions.



The Higher Business Management class were asked to put their communication and decision making skills to the test. Working in groups, they were provided with 20 sheets of (recycled) paper, cellotape, scissors and a 2p coin. Their challenge was to create a free standing tower as high as possible which would support the coin. The highest tower would be nominated the winner. This is a great ice breaker for pupils and replicates a task used by businesses as part of the recruitment process.



Anti-Bullying Day 2018

As part of national Anti-Bullying week, the school hosted an anti-bullying awareness day for our new first years. The pupils participated in seven different workshops throughout the day, learning about the different types of bullying, what to do if bullying type behaviour occurs and about gaining self respect. Twelve of St Benedict's High School pupils were recently trained as Diana Award Anti-Bullying Ambassadors and some of the ambassadors delivered part of the day for first year. This years national theme was CHOOSE RESPECT and the pupils produced a fantastic display which will take pride of place in the street area soon.



Raising Attainment

In November, all S5 pupils were involved in a Raising Attainment Seminar. This was a morning of motivational presentations, tips and guidance for exam preparation. Students attended a range of workshops delivered by staff to support them in their study skills and mind-sets as well as offering advice in how to deal with the stress and pressure of exams through exercise and mindfulness.

All of these were positively received and students also gained from workshops focussing on employability and team-building.

A number of our S6 engaged in learning rounds where they shared their own ideas and guidance based on their experience last year.

This is the second year we have run this programme and once again feedback was extremely positive. Evaluations included the following:

“I enjoyed today and it has motivated me to study”;

“Good to hear from people who were in the same position last year”;

“Learned new study techniques”;

“Workshops were fun and engaging”;

“Lots of very useful advice”;

“Each workshop had a unique message.”



Raising Attainment

Our S4 and S5 Mentor Programme is also up and running with students already having met with their mentors twice this term. This programme is designed to offer extra support for our students to assist them in overcoming any barriers to their learning. These groups will continue to meet at key points in the session as well as staff and pupils “checking in” on a more informal basis.

Pupil Reports and Target Setting

Throughout the year tracking and full comment reports will be sent home detailing your child’s effort, behaviour and progress across subjects. We encourage you to read these reports carefully and discuss in detail with your child. If you have any concerns or wish to talk to someone at school about any aspect of the report, please contact your child’s Pastoral Care teacher or Year Head. Young people have been busy this term setting their own goals and targets for the year ahead in each of their subject areas. This has been reinforced in subject areas with class teachers, through assemblies and in Personal and Social Education classes.



St Benedict's High is a

GROWTH MINDSET SCHOOL

Our growth mindset parents' guide will be published early in the New Year giving you more information about the concept and key tips on how you use it to support your child to achieve their full potential

Our message is that intelligence is not fixed but is malleable. Evidence shows by developing a knowledge of Growth Mindset and applying its strategies, pupils can significantly improve their performance in key areas.



Some of the messages we have been working on through our assemblies and in classes

10 Growth Mindset Statements

What can I say to myself?

FIXED MINDSET

INSTEAD OF:

I'm not good at this.
I'm awesome at this.
I give up.
This is too hard.
I can't make this any better.
I just can't do Math.
I made a mistake.
She's so smart. I will never be that smart.
It's good enough.
Plan "A" didn't work.

TRY THINKING:

- 1 What am I missing?
- 2 I'm on the right track.
- 3 I'll use some of the strategies we've learned.
- 4 This may take some time and effort.
- 5 I can always improve so I'll keep trying.
- 6 I'm going to train my brain in Math.
- 7 Mistakes help me to learn better.
- 8 I'm going to figure out how she does it.
- 9 Is it really my best work?
- 10 Good thing the alphabet has 25 more letters!

GROWTH MINDSET

Parents in Partnership

St Benedict's High School have been working in partnership with selected families of pupils in S1 and S2. Parents and carers have had the opportunity to experience typical lessons across the curriculum, meet with Year Heads, Guidance, SFL and Home Link staff giving them an insight into their child's experience day to day.

Parents and carers have given really positive feedback from the sessions

We are keen to continue to create partnership working and welcome any enquiries.



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PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

St Benedict's High School has an active and thriving Parent Council which is here to represent the views of all parents/carers at the school. We support the work of the school by

- **Providing a voice for parents on issues that are important to them and their children.**
- **Advising the school on its policies.**
- **Being involved in the appointment of senior staff.**
- **Organising social and fundraising events.**
- **Ensuring all parents are listened to and understand what the Parent Council does.**
- **Promoting contact between all parents and the rest of the school community.**
- **Discussing any key areas of interest to parents.**



Who are we?

Michael Young (Chairperson) Clare Turley (Vice Chairperson)
Karen Reid(Treasurer) Alan Taylor (Head Teacher)
Members - Clare McGinley, Nicola Stewart, Fergus Phillips,
Margaret McNeillie, Elizabeth McNally, Charlie McMahon, Helen
Higgins, Father Michael McMahon, Councillor Binks, Alma Strutt,
Kay Quinn. Staff Representatives – Clare Howell, Colette
McArthur, John Paul Tonner, Lynda Blackburn.

LATEST NEWS.....

Charlie McMahon (Parent member) has recently kindly volunteered to develop how we can communicate more effectively through social media and is currently looking at ways to make this happen so that we can keep the school community informed of our activities. This year, we have been fortunate to have Elizabeth McNally, join us and lead our fundraising activities. We have also now registered with the **Easyfundraising** website to help us raise more funds. It works by turning your everyday online shopping into free donations for our school. All you have to do is register on the website and select St Benedict's High School, Renfrewshire. Thereafter, you can use the mobile phone app or the desktop website to start your online shopping using the links to many retailers and they will make a small donation to say "thank you". There are 3580 retailers to choose from, such as M&S, John Lewis, Next, Debenhams, ASOS, Insurance providers, Asda, Tesco, Morrisons and many travel companies.

If you are interested in coming along to join us, our next meeting will be held on **Monday 28th January 2019 at 7pm** , where you will be given a very warm welcome.

School uniform – Dressing for Excellence

Uniform continues to be extremely important to us in St Benedict's and we thank you for your continued support to ensure that our young people look their best.

The wearing of school uniform

- Is invaluable in conveying a sense of community, wellbeing and purpose.
- Indicates a sense of pride in the school and helps pupils to form positive attitudes to the school and their school work.
- Protects children from the harmful effects of social distinction and competitive dressing.
- Promotes the school's identity in their community, with our immediate neighbours, local business and industry.
- Assists staff in the task of supervising pupils and keeping unwelcome visitors out of the school.

A reminder of our school uniform requirements.

St Benedict's High School's policy is that all of our pupils are required to wear the school uniform.

The School Uniform consists of :

- A white school shirt/blouse, and school tie which is visible at all times.
- Tailored black trousers or black skirt - Leggings, jeans, denim and tracksuits, are not acceptable under any circumstances.
- A school blazer with badge
- Comfortable footwear (black in colour).
- Plain black jumper or cardigan (optional).



Within this area I have identified two areas for improvement I would like to highlight and ask for your support when purchasing new items for your son/daughter.

1. Black school jumpers should be of an unbranded style that allows the school tie to be clearly seen (v neck).
2. Footwear if not of a formal style should be black with no coloured/white markings. – A large number of pupils are currently wearing “converse style” trainers. These are not part of our school policy guidelines and therefore will not be accepted from next session (2019-20).

It is in this area I require the support of you as a parent/carer to ensure our uniform standards are at a level that will promote the school's standing within the community.

ATTENDANCE/TIMEKEEPING

We have been working hard this term to ensure that young people in St Benedict's High School continue to achieve and attain to their highest level. Regular attendance and punctuality at school are essential for this. Your support here as a parent/carer is crucial.

Please ensure that your child is only absent from school if they are genuinely unwell or there is a valid reason. Absences must be reported to the school office by 8.45am. If young people are absent on a regular basis or if they are late to class, this is detrimental to their education and learning. Please be aware that if your child's attendance or timekeeping falls below the standards we expect, we have a duty of care to inform you and to follow Renfrewshire Council procedures.



Pastoral Care Teachers 18/19

- Mr G Harvey:** 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 4.1, 4.5, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 6.1, 6.3
- Mr D McGrane:** 1.1, 2.3, 2.4, 3.2, 3.3, 4.2, 5.2, 5.3, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4
- Mrs G O'Neill:** 1., 1.4, 2.5, 3.4, 3.5, 4.3, 4.4, 5.3, 5.4, 6.4

St Benedict's Website and Twitter

I draw your attention to our school's website www.oraetlabora.co.uk as an interesting and ongoing source of valuable information on events and achievements at the school, including our calendar for this session.



Our twitter feed is up and running again and is also a great source of information about the school. Follow us on @stbenedictsren



Finally, we always welcome feedback on the Newsletter, or indeed any other aspect of the school. You can share your views with us by using the returns slip in the Newsletter, via email or indeed by any means of communication that suits you. I look forward to hearing from you.

Dates for your Diary

21 December	End of Session
7 January	School Re-opens
14 Jan – 25 January	Prelims
28 January	Parent Council Mtg 7pm
31 January	S1 Parents Evening
1 February	S2 Report issued
11 – 12 February	Mid Term Break
13 February	In-Service Day
14 February	S2 Parents Evening
1 March	S3 Report issued
8 March	S4 Report issued

FEEDBACK

We welcome any feedback on the content of the Newsletter or indeed any other aspect of the work of the School. If you wish to make an electronic reply please do so through the school email address

stbenedictshighenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

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Pupil’s Name: _____

Year Group: _____

Comment:

Parent’s Signature:.....

Parents Name (please print):.....

