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2 March 2010

Dear Parents / Guardians

We are now over halfway through the second term of the SWIFT course and I am writing to say how pleased I am with all the comments, both verbal and written, I have received from the College tutors regarding St Benedict's pupils. By the end of the week I will have visited all of the Year 11 students at the various colleges. They really are a credit to the school!

You should have received a college report before Christmas directly to home addresses. I was surprised to hear that many of our parents did not attend the Warwickshire College Parents' Evenings in January especially as they only hold one Parents' Evening a year. I trust that telephone contact was made should there have been any queries on your part.

Hairdressing Students

Katie Meadows, Anita Mason and Jaydeen Cullum represented Warwickshire College in the regional finals of the College Hairdressing Competition in Lincoln last month. Katie came third in the competition and will therefore go forward to the National Finals in Blackpool this month.

Year 11 Performing Arts

These students will have their final assessments between 26 – 30 April 2010 culminating in the performance of The Canterbury Tales at the end of the week. The pupils will be at Stratford College for the whole of this week. We will advise school staff, but it is essential that students catch up on any work that they miss.

Young Apprenticeships

I would like to congratulate all the Young Apprentices who have had to complete up to 50 days work experience over the two years (much of which has been undertaken in their own time). The engineering students at Rugby, Chris Bond and Daryl Owen, are well ahead of schedule and will have completed their qualification by Easter. Well done to all.

Exams

Many pupils will be having assessments at College over the next few weeks. Some external assessments may not fall on SWIFT days. Your son/daughter is always notified and I will send reminders. However, many assessments take place during SWIFT days so it is very important to avoid absence as pupils will then have to go back into College at the end of the course (during exam leave) to finish off work missed in order to gain the qualification.



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If pupils have modular GCSE exams that fall on a SWIFT day they must come into school to take the exam. We will endeavour to get them back to College afterwards. Please let Mrs McCaslin know of any clashes as soon as the dates are issued so we can inform College.

SWIFT Contributions

I would like to thank all parents who have already sent in contributions towards funding SWIFT courses. Without these voluntary contributions we could not afford to run SWIFT. I have detailed below whether you have any amount outstanding or whether you have paid in full for the year (Year 11 only pay £100 for 2 terms). It would be much appreciated if outstanding contributions could be paid as soon as possible.

As always, please feel free to contact me or Mrs McCaslin at anytime at school should you have any queries or concerns about your child and their SWIFT course.

Yours sincerely



Natalie McLeod
SWIFT Co-ordinator

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To be returned to Mrs McCaslin in Room 12 as soon as possible

RE: YEAR 11 SWIFT Contribution

Name of pupil: _____ Form: _____

- I have paid in full the voluntary contribution of £100

PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU HAVE PAID OR WILL BE PAYING VIA THE PARENTPAY SYSTEM

- I have paid £50 for last term and I am enclosing/paying via Parentpay £50 as this term's contribution

- I have notified Mr Nallen as I am unable to make a voluntary contribution at present

Signed _____ Parent/Guardian Date _____