



# St Benedict's Catholic High School

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28 June 2010

Dear Parents

As we are at the end of the first year of the SWIFT course I am writing to congratulate the Year 10 pupils for all the hard work and commitment they have put into the courses this year. They have been a credit to the school and you as parents.

I am delighted to announce that the following pupils have already achieved their NVQ Level 1 in Beauty this year: Jordan Prosser, Megan Campbell, Paola Evans, Michaela Hanisova and Chloe Fusco. These students will continue their studies at Leamington College next September where they will work towards their NVQ Level 1 Certificate in Hairdressing.

The Performing Arts students: Molly Sheridan, Vicky Marks and Louis Sutton are currently making final preparations for their assessed production of 'Much Ado about Nothing', which they will be performing to audiences at Stratford College this week.

I would like to thank all the parents who gave up their time to transport pupils into SWIFT before or after exams. Without this practical support, some students would have missed up to 3 days at college.

I can confirm that the start date for all students in the autumn term is Wednesday 15 September. May I remind you that pupils are expected to be in school on Wednesdays when they are not on SWIFT.

As your child approaches the halfway point in their SWIFT course, I have enclosed a questionnaire requesting your opinions and views on the SWIFT programme. It is this feedback from parents which helps improve the courses and puts pressure on the government for funding, which as you know proves to be a recurring problem each year. I would be very grateful if these could be returned to school this term. Many thanks.

I would like to also thank parents for the prompt return of the bus pass application forms and payment. Although £100 does sound a lot for a pass for one day, this is still subsidised by the Local Authority.



I would lastly like to thank all those parents who have sent in contributions towards funding the SWIFT courses. The school is at present contributing over £30,000 a year so that its pupils can access these courses; it is likely to be a lot more next year. St Benedict's is very committed to the vocational courses as the benefits to our pupils are obvious, however, we have had to drastically cut the numbers on SWIFT next year as we cannot fund as many places. It is with regret that the school has to ask for contributions towards the cost of these courses. May I remind parents who pay the SWIFT contributions termly that summer term payments are now due. I have detailed any amounts still owing on the form below. I am sorry that it does seem to be a never ending request for money, especially at such times of economic difficulty, but without such support we could not offer these opportunities. I would be very grateful if outstanding money could be sent into school by the end of term.

Thank you for all your support and please do not hesitate to contact me or Mrs McCaslin if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely



Natalie McLeod  
**SWIFT Co-ordinator**

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*Please complete and return to Mrs McCaslin in Room 12 by the end of term*

Name of pupil: \_\_\_\_\_ Form: \_\_\_\_\_

I am enclosing the outstanding contribution towards funding the SWIFT course.

I have paid the contribution in full.

I am unable to pay any contribution at present and have contacted Mr Nallen or Mrs McLeod

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Date \_\_\_\_\_