



# St Benedict's Catholic High School

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Maths &  
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Headteacher: Mr T P Sara  
Deputy Headteacher: Mr J M Nallen

Assistant Headteachers: Mrs M Deeks  
Mrs C Wilks

12 November 2009

Dear Parents

All SWIFT courses are again up and running pretty smoothly this year. The students have made an excellent start. The tutors cannot believe how they have matured over the summer holidays. It is hard to believe they have less than two terms left at college before they qualify or take their exams. All our pupils have been highly praised by college staff for their attitude and commitment to their studies. I am very proud of them all.

## Stratford College Students

I am advised by Stratford College that letters will be sent home soon advising parents of the Parents' Evening at the college on Monday 30 November from 6.00 – 8.00pm. If students then take the form with them to College on Friday – a time slot can be confirmed for you. I would like to encourage all parents to attend as the next Stratford College Parents' Evening is not until April next year, so it is essential to make sure that students are on track to achieve their qualification in summer next year. The Parents' Evenings for Warwickshire College are in January as follows:

- Moreton Morrell - 19 January 2010
- Leamington/Trident - 21 January 2010
- Rugby - 25 January 2010

As I am sure you are aware by now, the SWIFT courses are very expensive to run due to the small size of the groups and the specialist facilities required. Due to well publicised cutbacks and the financial problems that many schools face, we have had to limit the number of Year 10 pupils on SWIFT this year and, it is with regret, that we have to ask for a voluntary contribution of £50 per term (£5.00 per week) to help meet the £650 shortfall per student per year. We ask for a contribution of £100 in Year 11 – this can be paid termly or in a one-off payment. I would be grateful if you would complete the slip and send the money into school by Friday 27 November 2009. Any parent in receipt of income support will not have to make this contribution. If you have any additional difficulties in meeting this voluntary contribution please contact Mr Nallen or me at the school.



The Parentpay system has now been set up to accept SWIFT payments. Please feel free to use this option if it is more suitable for you. Payments can, however, still be made by cheque if you prefer. I would advise though that you either use one system or the other as they are not linked – so cheque or cash payments made to school directly do not show up on the Parentpay system.

### Year 11 Mock Exams

The mocks start on Wednesday 25 November and we are trying to limit the amount of time students are absent from SWIFT. Some students are involved in exams on Friday 27 November – Mrs McCaslin will be arranging to take some of the students into college after the History exam in the morning and collect students from college for the BCS and language exams in the afternoon. It is essential that all students wear uniform when they are in school for any exams; can parents please ensure that, should their child be involved in Friday exams, they have both their school uniform and college clothes with them.

It is important that all pupils keep on top of their work in the important and busy year ahead. If there are any problems please speak to me as soon as they arise to prevent undue worry. If you have any concerns, please contact me or Mrs McCaslin at school at any time.

Yours sincerely



Natalie McLeod  
**SWIFT Co-ordinator**

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*To be returned to Mrs McCaslin in the Room 12 by Friday 27 November 2009*

### RE: Year 11 SWIFT contribution

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

I enclose this term's contribution to help towards the cost of running the SWIFT course.

I wish to pay        £50 for this term       

                              £100 for the whole year       

I can confirm that I am using the Parentpay system to make my child's SWIFT contribution       

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