

Can you help?

We really need your continuing support for this very important work.

We need to raise £25000 for equipment and books, to help pay salaries and to be able to offer places to families who cannot afford the full fees. We don't want to turn anyone away!



Could you give a one-off donation, or set up a regular Direct Debit, so that The Saint Benedict Academy can be firmly established for the years to come and many children and young people can experience the unique Catholic formation that the Academy offers?

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A last word...



Registration for September 2018 is open from 25th May.

Please contact us for a registration form and for more information about fees and help with fees.



A Word from the Head Teacher

It is hard to choose just a few highlights from our first term, but I will try... To begin each morning in our little chapel in front of the tabernacle, listening to one of the Canons or a seminarian inspiring the children with the lives of the Saints and encouraging them to enter fully into the seasons of the Church is very precious. To hear our pupils singing at the weekly Academy Mass, their voices alternating with the sisters', singing the chant and sacred motets that they have been studying during the week is also a great joy.

Passing through the different classes, seeing the children being challenged and led in a demanding but enjoyable curriculum is very encouraging. To be educated in this kind of environment seems to me, to be close to the ideal!

M. McCowen



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Benedict Academy
Education Centre

As we begin our second term at the Saint Benedict Academy, it is good to look back and give thanks for all that has happened. We have so much to be grateful for; for our Canons and sisters and for our staff, who have taught and inspired our pupils. Also for our generous friends and benefactors who have made the launch of the Academy possible.



The Saint Benedict Academy opened its doors in January 2018. It is situated at the Shrine of the English Martyrs in Preston and is under the spiritual direction of the priests of the Institute of Christ the King, Sovereign Priest.



St Benedict's is like a beautiful young shoot, a sign of hope for young families and for those who care deeply about the formation of their children. The truth and beauty of the Catholic faith and its heritage form the foundation of what we offer. The partnership between parents, experienced teachers

and the Priests and Sisters of the Institute gives our pupils a rich opportunity and our doors are open to those who want to share this unique chance!

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About Saint Benedict's

Teaching is in some key subject areas: English - focusing on grammar and writing skills, maths - with an emphasis on problem solving, Catechesis - based on traditional catechisms, music - four part singing and Gregorian chant, and French - making the most of our native French speakers. In the senior years there are also classes in Latin - a rigorous, grammar based programme and science - discovering the wonders of modern science, with a historical perspective. We have seven teachers and are taking pupils from age 5 upwards.



The Academy strives to create a nurturing environment that challenges our pupils as well as accompanying them. Character formation is as important as intellectual development.

A New Model of Education. Pupils attend St Benedict's for part of the week. The rest of the curriculum is taught at home. So there is a 'marriage' of education in the home and at the Academy.

This is a model that has great potential to combine the best of different approaches. It has all the advantages of a learning community with experienced teachers and the character formation of a Catholic environment. It also harnesses and equips the natural 'school' of the family where so much important education takes place. In the United States this type of setup is called a hybrid school and is growing rapidly.



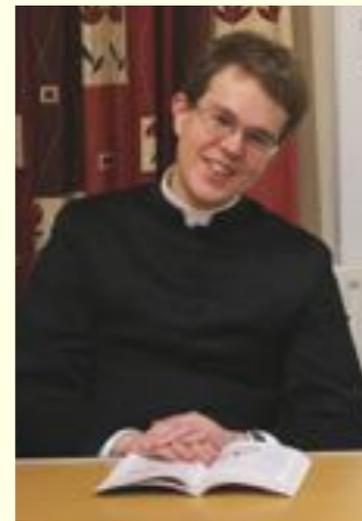
Academy News

Bishop Michael Campbell graciously granted the title 'Catholic' to our establishment. We are very grateful for all his kind support for us.



Important building work is continuing at English Martyrs and we will soon have two more classrooms, more office space and extra toilet facilities.

The Charity Commission has granted charitable status to Saint Benedict's (ICKSP). This is the body which is running the Saint Benedict Academy. It is a CIO (a Charitable Incorporated Organisation).



Pupils and staff met with members of L'Arche (for people with learning disabilities) for tea, cake and singing. This meeting gave the younger pupils an opportunity to debut the English folk songs that they have been learning, which were well received.

We celebrated the Feast of our patron, St Benedict with a sung Mass, educational games, Benediction and a Feast-day lunch. It was a wonderful occasion with all our priests and sisters joining us.

During the Easter Triduum, senior pupils had the privilege of singing some of the sacred motets they had been working on and it was good to hear so much positive feedback from clergy and congregation alike.

From our Chaplain

'And the king answering, shall say to them: "Amen I say to you, as long as you did it to one of these my least brethren, you did it to me." '

My dear friends, certainly I speak to those who are already convinced: **Catholic education is one of the main issues for the evangelization of our country.**



Canon Cristofoli

Do we not recognize a tree by its fruits? These last 50 years have left the United Kingdom in a sad state of secularization and loss of faith. Our values and Catholic truth are no longer transmitted... will we give up? No, our hope is firm and we modestly want to work for the Reign of Christ the King!

To support Saint Benedict's with your prayer or your generous gift, to enrol your children is to help us work for future generations, for the young Catholics who will be tomorrow's witnesses of Jesus Christ and his Blessed Mother Immaculate.

Come and visit us! We pray with all our hearts for our friends and benefactors! God bless you!

Are you interested in the unique Catholic formation offered by the Saint Benedict Academy?

Send us an email or get in contact by phone, or better still, arrange a visit and come and see us at the English Martyrs in Preston!

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