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Code Club Expression of Interest Years 3-6

5th May, 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Exciting news, next week we are starting the after school St Benedict's Code Club. Code Club is a club for learning to program a computer using software called Scratch. Your child will also be able to continue working on their projects at home.

What is Code Club?

Code Club is a nationwide network of free volunteer led, after school programming clubs for children aged 9-11. The volunteers teach programming through projects at school coding club. These projects teach children how to program by showing them how to make computer games, animations and websites.

For further information, visit <https://codeclubau.org/>

What is Scratch?

Scratch is accessed through a web browser using an internet connection which makes it easy for your children to program their own interactive stories, games and animations, through colourful drag-and-drop blocks. It comes with some background images, characters and sounds ready to use, but you can also add your own images and sounds, making it even more fun! You can also download the Scratch program to your computer.

For further information about Scratch, visit <http://scratch.mit.edu>.

Is it safe?

The software comes from the trusted and respected Education Institute, MIT, and is safe to download and use.

Is it free?

Yes, completely free. You can use Scratch online using a web browser at <http://scratch.mit.edu>. Alternatively download Scratch at <http://scratch.mit.edu> (PC or Mac).

Why should they use Scratch?

Programming in Scratch is an ideal way to encourage a child's creativity and problem solving skills, while also helping them to become more confident with computing skills that could help them in many future careers.

Will my child have to sign up for anything?

Your child doesn't need to sign up for anything, but we have a dedicated St Benedict's space where the students can share their projects with others. There is a huge benefit in sharing projects and receiving and giving constructive comments. For further information, visit <http://scratch.mit.edu/parents/>.



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The St Benedict's Code Club will be run by Mrs Melanie Stratford.

When: Monday Weeks 3-10

Time: 3.15-4.15pm

Location: Mrs Stratford's Classroom

Pick up: Students will be collected through the After School Care entry at 4.15pm. Students who attend Afterschool care on Monday will be walked over at 4.15pm.

Equipment required:

We have a small number of school laptops available for student to use. Students may bring in their own laptop device which would be stored safely during the school day. Please note: Student owned iPads and Tablets with the Scratch Junior Application have limited features are not suitable for Code Club.

Please confirm your child's interest by returning the slip below to Mrs Stratford by Friday 5th May or make contact with Mrs Stratford at the email below. Initially, the St Benedict's Code Club will be limited to 15 students and students will be selected through a consultation process.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Melanie Stratford
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My Child _____ would like to attend the St Benedict's Code Club after school each Monday.

- They are bringing their own laptop device.
- They will need to use a school laptop.

Parent Contact Details

Name: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Contact email address: _____

Parent Signature _____