



PARENTS' WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

GREAT YOUNG PEOPLE, DOING GREAT THINGS

11 OCTOBER 2024



UPCOMING EVENTS

ST EDWARD'S MASS
SUN 13 OCTOBER, 11AM

PD DROP DOWN DAY 1
FRI 18 OCTOBER

Year 8 Confirmation in the Cathedral.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Yesterday evening, over 100 Edwardians were confirmed at the Cathedral in a beautiful ceremony and the mass was led by Archbishop Malcolm. This significant milestone reflects our pupils' commitment to growing in faith as they take on new spiritual responsibilities and deepen their relationship with God.

Archbishop Malcolm's words underscored the importance of faith as a guiding force in their lives, encouraging them to carry forward the values and teachings they have embraced. The event not only marked a personal journey for each pupil but also reinforced the strong community of faith that unites us all at St Edward's College.

Many thanks to all of our dedicated staff who were involved in the planning and preparation for such a wonderful occasion.

A special thank you to Claire Guidi for leading the event with gusto and energy.



PUPILS WITH EXCEPTIONAL POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR THIS WEEK

Well done to the following pupils that have earned the most positive points out of their year group this week.

Special congratulations to **Rafael D-G** in Year 9 and **Adrian D** in Year 11 for both gaining the most positive points out of the school.

Rank	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Harry James A	Cillian I	Rafael D-G	Keiron E	Adrian D
2	Nathan A	Ivin V	Matthew A	Oscar S	Tom O
3	George E	Rose O	Matilda A	Ben E	Aaron A
4	Sam A	Eromonsel e R	Seth E	Joshua O	Reuben E
5	Lucia U	Jake A	Matthew H-E	Patrick A	Mark A
6	Archie R	Dillon I	Nathaniel A	Georgia E	Nathan A
7	Rosalie O	William I	Arsen R	Gianluca M-H	Holly O
8	Olivia L	Jules U	Evie V	Aoife O	Justin U
9	Anna N	Alissa L	Samuel A	Amelia M	Lucas U
10	Chloe H	Kane A	Matthew A	Thomas H	Luke U



Roll up, roll up, come and get your tickets!

On Friday 18 October, we will be holding our famous FOSEC quiz night. This is definitely an event not to be missed. Whilst we like to think that nobody takes it too seriously, it's still a fabulously competitive night of parents vs. staff. Who will come out with the honours this year?

So, if you fancy something different on a Friday evening, come along and join our resident quiz masters, Mike and Si, not only for the quiz but also for a game of "Play Your Cards Right," a disco, a very reasonably priced bar, and cheese and biscuits.

Tickets are £10 and are available at www.friendsofstedwardscollege.co.uk or on the FOSEC page of the school website.

Another brilliant way to support fundraising for our pupils and students is to join our very own St Edward's College lottery. It is £1 per entry, with opportunities to win other prizes. Please subscribe now at www.myschoollottery.co.uk.

Congratulations to Miss D, who won last week's draw.

We are always on the lookout for new members to help run our fantastic events—even an hour here or there is brilliant, as every little helps. Our next helping event is to decorate the St Edward's College Christmas tree on the 28 November from 3 pm to 5:30 pm. The next afternoon, we will be decorating the tables for our Winter Ball. If you are able to lend a hand with these festive events, please contact our chair, Liz Murphy, at elizebeth.murphy@sky.com.

Speaking of festive events, there is lots of interest in tickets for the Winter Ball on the 30 November. We are just finalising the details, and ticket sales will be open very soon. Watch this space!





Mr Wilkinson & his group resting before the summit.

YEAR 9 TRIP TO MOEL FMAU - JOIN IN, WORK HARD

This week, 151 Year 9 students summited Moel Famau, this is an incredible achievement - 90% of the pupils have never dreamed of climbing a mountain before, we hope we've enriched the student's cultural currency!

Weather and climate were challenging at times but our pupils showed remarkable resilience, and all completed their worksheets with a positive attitude.

One highlight to mention - Year 9 sitting at top of a steep backwall of a corrie field-sketching and a pupil gave his jacket to another pupil because he thought it would keep her warmer. A great gesture!



SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Parents of Year 10 and Year 11 pupils are invited to come and join us in our Sixth Form Open Evening on **Wednesday 23 October, 4-6pm.**

This will be a chance to speak to subject teachers and find out more about the different courses that we offer in Sixth Form.

[Click here or the image to watch our promotional video.](#)



CURRICULUM DIVERSITY DAY, 14 OCTOBER - TREAT OTHERS WELL

Below is a list of what pupils will be doing during Curriculum Diversity Day for Black Culture and History. Along with this, the catering team has produced a Black History Month menu for next Monday looks absolutely delicious!

Maths	We're looking at the work of an African mathematician called Ibn Al-Banna, followed by some sums using his method.
English	We will be reading Amanda Gorman's poem, 'The Hill we Climb', which was performed at Biden's inauguration in 2021, followed by a discussion considering the main themes.
Science	We're outlining three British black scientists, Dr Alan Powell Goffe, Professor Asmeret Asefaw Berhe, Kayisha Payne, followed by a discussion on why diversity is important in the science field.
RE	We will consider the question 'What did Jesus really look like?' exploring how a particular view of Jesus, which is historically inaccurate, has been used to repress.
History	We will be looking at a TedTalk on Mansa Musa, who is one of the wealthiest men who have ever lived. We will looking at how he acquired his wealth and the power and influence of the Mali empire and its trade networks.
Spanish	We are studying Anguesomo, who is a multilingual singer and producer from Equatorial Guinea. Her main language is Spanish and we will look at her social media and one of her first songs 'Negra'.
French	We are doing some activities based on one of Aya Nakamura's song, followed by some biographical work. She is a French-Malian singer-song writer.
Geography	We'll be exploring the influence of black sporting role models who have had a massive influence on cultural heritage in our cities, lived experience and sense of belonging.
Music	We will be exploring some black musicians and composers, and how heritage can have a creative impact on style and work.
PE	We will be discussing and celebrating several British black athletes have made significant impacts in sports and society, serving as role models due to their achievements and advocacy, including Paul Ince, Dina Asher-Smith, Lewis Hamilton and Rachael Blackmore.
Design	We are showcasing the work of a young designer, Mac Collins, who uses his heritage as inspiration for his design and inspires some very thought provoking references made to Black artists and designers.
ICT	We're looking at the black computer scientist Joy Boulamwini, who is currently fighting to remove bias from AI - she founded the "Algorithmic Justice League".
Business	We will be doing a case study on Oprah Winfrey, where she discusses her journey as an entrepreneur, and we will also consider a presentation she gave at Stanford Graduate School of Business.

CURRICULUM DIVERSITY DAY, 14 OCTOBER - TREAT OTHERS WELL



Butternut Squash & Apple Soup

**Jerk Rubbed Chicken Thighs with
Home-Made Mango-Habanero Hot
Sauce**

Jollof Nigerian Rice

**Chakalaka South African Vegetarian
Dish**

**Rice and Black Bean Pilaf
Jamaican Cabbage**

Mozambique Banana Cake

P&H

UNDERSTANDING THE RISK OF SNUS - TREAT OTHERS WELL

This week, we are focusing on raising awareness about the dangers of snus and nicotine pouches among young people. Snus, a nicotine product originally from Sweden, comes in small pouches placed inside the gum. While traditional snus contains tobacco, nicotine pouches do not. Both products release nicotine into the bloodstream, which can provide a feeling of relaxation or a temporary buzz, particularly with stronger variants.

The Cycle of Addiction

It's important to understand that using substances like nicotine to cope with problems can lead to a cycle of dependency.

- If you are found with snus, there will be sanctions, as it is illegal to use it under the age of 18.
- Using substances to cope with life's challenges is not a solution. There are healthier ways to deal with problems.
- The school is here to help, not to punish. If you or someone you know is struggling with nicotine addiction, we encourage you to reach out for support.

Don't hesitate to seek help while you're young and have resources available.

Need Support?

If you or someone you know needs help, please contact:

- Pastoral Team: **Louisa.McCann@st-Edwards.co.uk**; **Toni.Malone@st-Edwards.co.uk**;
Wendy.Callacher@st-Edwards.co.uk
- Form Tutor
- School Health & Wellbeing Officer: **Simon.Rylance@st-Edwards.co.uk**

BBC RADIO 3 BROADCAST - GROW IN FAITH

Well done to the choristers who performed this week for the BBC Radio 3 broadcast Evensong on the feast of St John Henry Newman. Thank you to everyone who tuned in and showed support to our young musicians.

If you missed the broadcast you can listen to it here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0023f32>



Dr McElroy received these comments:

- *Fantastic broadcast today. The children sounded great and I liked the Psalms in particular. All felt very prayerful'*
- *'Congratulations to you and the whole choir on another splendid broadcast in which the particular character of music at the Met came over clearly. A delight to listen to.'*
- *'Thoroughly enjoyable broadcast this afternoon ... splendid moments of colour in that most wonderful of spaces'*
- *'Many congratulations to you all! Fabulous stuff and great singing: I particularly enjoyed the Mathias (one of my favourites), and what a fantastic voluntary! Stunningly played, too'*
- *'Brava on the amazing sound and music at yesterday's Choral Evening Prayer. Love following the great work you do there... ad multos annos!'*

SIXTH FORM ICE BREAKER QUIZ - BE PROUD

On Tuesday morning, Year 12 students took part in a fun quiz as an ice breaker/get to know activity.

One of highlights was trying to identify their teachers from baby photos, which led to plenty of laughs.

A big congratulations to the winning team!



SPORTS ROUND UP - JOIN IN

The sun came out for a brilliant Saturday morning of fixtures at St Edward's College in what was the first ever block fixture vs Westhill School, Manchester having previously met in Lancashire Festivals and Cup Competitions.

Year 7 played some great rugby at times and will be all the better for another learning experience. Oscar L scored a brilliant team try and Leo F was POTM for his fearless tackling.

Year 8 played out an exciting 40 - 30 points win. Anthony M was awarded POTM brilliant leadership, plus great work in defence and attack which included a try.

Year 9 produced what Mr Abley described as a monumental performance to run out 24-5 winners. Reece D and Henry D both had great games; however, it was Michael D who was awarded POTM for being a real team player being relentless both in attack and defence.

In all there were 60 boys participating across three teams which is great however, there are still a number of boys not taking advantage of this great school opportunity and so are massively encouraged to join in. There are tri-fixtures against Liverpool College and Merchant Taylor's Crosby next Saturday.

Mr Davies and Mrs Johnson would also like to thank all staff who contribute to providing these great character opportunities through extra curricular sport practices and midweek/Saturday morning fixtures.

SPORTS NEWS - BE PROUD

We are incredibly proud to share that Dylan, one of our students, recently represented Team GB at the Ju Jitsu World Championships in Germany. Competing against a large number of nations, Dylan participated in five different disciplines and brought home an impressive set of medals:

- 🥇 1 Gold
- 🥈 1 Silver
- 🥉 1 Bronze

Dylan's dedication and hard work earned him this incredible success on the world stage, and being part of Team GB, marching to God Save The King during the opening ceremony, was a truly special moment.

Beyond the competition, Dylan also made lasting friendships with both national and international competitors. We are immensely proud of him for his achievements and for representing both his country and our school so wonderfully.

Congratulations, Dylan!



SPORTS NEWS: IRISH DANCING - BE PROUD

Well done to Summer who placed 8th in a worldwide competition in Glasgow. She will now be travelling to Manchester on Saturday and then London the week after for two more competitions. Best of luck!



SPORTS NEWS: NETBALL - JOIN IN

The girls worked really hard in their competitive Netball session showing great etiquette; whilst the boys produced an excellent performance in their Lancashire Rugby fixture vs Audenshaw HS (26-26). They now progress into the next round of the Plate. POTM: Jacob M. Well done both the boys and the girls today.



Thursday after school was also action packed with our Year 9 and Year 10 rugby squads training and our Year 7 - Year 9 girls playing netball fixtures vs Rainhill HS.

Year 7 played a superb 2nd half: POTM: Ella M

Year 8/9 B displayed excellent effort against an A team:

POTM: Akira W.

Year 9 had a great win and had to play amazingly well to do so: POTM: Arabella S

Well done to all involved in after school sport today.



DAILY PRAYER IN THE COLLEGE - GROW IN FAITH

Please click the link below to see how the school has prayed during this week; every lesson at 0840 daily begins with this common prayer. Please do select a day to read reflectively and prayerfully, entering in to prayerful solidarity with the school family.

[Daily Prayer in the College](#)



COMING UP

This coming Saturday, the College are hosting the international sports tournament for choristers. All choristers in Year 4 (Runnymede) to 10 and Youth Choir members are invited to take part. There will be over 100 players from Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, Liverpool Cathedral and Cologne Cathedral playing either football, netball or badminton. Parents are welcome to come along and show support!

I also look forward to the Old Edwardians' Dinner in the evening, meeting alumni and former teachers of the College, in particular Mr Peter Buckton who is our esteemed guest speaker and Fr Thomas Clark who will be saying grace before the meal.

Wishing you a pleasant weekend.

Lee Fabia

Principal

Be proud
Join in
Grow in faith
Treat people well
Work hard