



PARENTS' WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

GREAT YOUNG PEOPLE, DOING GREAT THINGS

09 FEBRUARY 2024



UPCOMING EVENTS

START OF TERM
TUE 20 FEB

YEAR 7 REVIEW
WED 21 FEB, 15.30

Year 9s preparing skiing on the slopes!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As it is the end of term, I would like to draw attention to how many pupils were participating in a wide range of extra curricular activities that we have to offer this term. Mr Johnson noted in his letter this week that over 250 pupils participated in different sports fixtures, especially over the weekend. We encourage every pupil to take part in at least one extra curricular activity. Well done everyone for joining in and being proud!

On Sunday Year 9 pupils landed safely in Turin and are enjoying learning how to ski in the sun and snow. Yesterday the beginner skiers are having an assessment for higher slopes, we look forward to hearing more about their achievements.

Thanks to Mrs Johnson for updating us! For more updates please visit our [social medias](#).





U12s with Trafford schools rugby team.

SPORTS NEWS - JOIN IN

The final Saturday fixtures of the season were a first ever fixture vs Trafford Schools which is a project of Sale Sharks in which a number of schools in the Trafford area of Manchester join together to form one school team and play fixtures across the North West.

The U12's played first and produced one of their best team performances of a successful first season. Across the whole squad there were great individual performances with the following players picking up the awards:

FOTM: Eugene S and Oliver Mc

BOTM: Michael G

POTM: Anthony M

The U13's followed and concluded their season with a good win in a good competitive game. Both their attack and defence were equally impressive with individual awards going to the following players:

FOTM: Michael D

BOTM: Ryan W

POTM: Matthew Mc

Unfortunately, Knutsford Academy withdrew from two fixtures late in the week so the U14's & U15's did not get to play.

After half term, attention turns to midweek Rugby 7's tournaments, some midweek football and the U14's have a Lancashire Plate semi final vs Manchester Grammar School scheduled for Tuesday 20 February.



We are looking forward to our quiz this evening which is a sellout event . We are delighted that many of our staff are joining us so it should be a lively evening.

AFTERNOON TEA - SATURDAY 9 MARCH

Tickets will go on sale for our very popular Afternoon Tea on Monday 12 February at 9am. This event sells out very quickly so please set your alarm!

The afternoon will commence with a glass of fizz in college hall at 13.30, serenaded by our very own college musicians. We will then move to the Refectory for a beautiful afternoon tea served on beautiful china, handbag bingo and raffle. Of course the bar will be serving drinks and a delicious cocktail or two. There is live music throughout the afternoon and the opportunity for a little bit of dancing too!

The event is for over 18's only and numbers are strictly limited . We do hope you can join us for what is a lovely occasion.

Congratulations to Ms M who is the winner of this week St Edward's College lottery. You can join the lottery at www.yourschoollottery.co.uk

If anybody is able to provide raffle prizes for our forthcoming event, we would be very grateful. This could be a gift, a voucher from from your business, a donation or sponsorship. Please contact **Elizebeth.murphy@sky.com** if you are in a position to help. Thank you for your support.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 20 February at 7pm in the Royal Standard pub in West Derby. You are cordially invited and all are welcome.



PHYSICS OLYMPIAD SUCCESS - WORK HARD

This year four Year 13 students were awarded certificates in the highly prestigious Physics Olympiad competition. Thousands of top students from the UK and further afield take part each year in a written test including very challenging problems that are used to select a national team. This year's international Olympiad is due to take place in Iran. Three of our students received Bronze certificates and one a commendation.

Well done to Aiden, Rayan, Winner and Henry for your achievements!



OXFORD UNION DEBATE COMPETITIONAL REGIONAL ROUNDS RESULTS - BE PROUD

One of our debate teams - Sneha J and Grace S - qualified on Tuesday night for Finals' Day at Oxford after being put through in the Regional Rounds at Manchester Grammar School of the Oxford Schools Debating Competition. All competitors did extremely well - as witnessed by Mr Murphy and Ms Digney who ran from room to room throughout the evening to ensure our students felt supported!

Cewkie W, Esme LB, Mark G, Anaelle M, Mia A and Lachlan G were outstanding and were narrowly missed out on being placed.

Well done to everyone, you have been are a credit to the College!



CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK - GROW IN FAITH

To celebrate Christian Unity Week, boy choristers and Youth Choir members enjoyed singing Antonio Vivaldi's Gloria with Liverpool Cathedral Choir last Saturday, and hosting Choral Evening Prayer here at the Metropolitan Cathedral on Sunday with both cathedral choirs.



MASS WITH UPTON HALL CHOIR - GROW IN FAITH

Last Tuesday, our girl choristers hosted the choir of Upton Hall FCJ. The two choirs sang Mass together, and it is hoped to make this a regular event.



SCHOOL DAY CHANGES - BE PROUD

We are proposing a change to the structure of the school week in September 2024.

The proposed changes are in-line with the requirements set out by the Government's 2022 White Paper. The College's weekly timetable currently falls short of the expected 32.5 hours with the Department for Education (DfE) advising schools to "work towards meeting this expectation as soon as possible". The proposal seeks to lengthen the school week by increasing each day by 10 minutes. The day would start at 8.40am, as at present, but would end at 3.10pm for Year 7 – 11 with Sixth Form lessons continuing until 3.30pm.

We are proposing extending Period 1 by five minutes and also lengthening the lunch break by five minutes. We have consulted with staff about the proposed changes but realise that it is important to ask for parental comments. If you have any feedback and/or suggestions, please do not let us know via email help@st-edwards.co.uk by no later than Friday 1 March 2024 so that a final decision can be made at the Full Governors' Meeting before Easter.



OUTBREAK OF MEASLES - TREAT OTHERS WELL

This is a message for parents and guardians of children from the Director of Public Health Professor Matthew Ashton.

There is a large outbreak of measles around Birmingham. Many children have been admitted to hospital. It is likely that measles could spread to Liverpool.

Measles is a nasty infection and can make you very sick if you catch it. It starts with a high temperature and a cold with red eyes. Then you get a measles rash that spreads from your face to the rest of your body.

It is very easy to catch if you are not vaccinated. It spreads through coughs and sneezes. Measles can be very serious for some people. It can cause pneumonia, encephalitis (brain infections) and sometimes even death.

How to protect yourself and your children from measles:

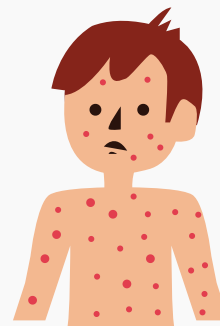
The MMR vaccine prevents measles. It is very safe. You need 2 doses to protect you for life.

All children are offered the MMR vaccine. It is free on the NHS.

If your child has missed any vaccine, book an appointment at your GP practice. Check your child's Red Book if you are not sure or ask the GP practice.

It is never too late to catch up if you have missed a vaccine.

For more information, visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>



CAR PARKING AROUND THE COLLEGE - TREAT OTHERS WELL

We would like to remind parents to please park responsibly when parking near the College as residents in the area find it difficult to get out of the road. Please read Liverpool City Council's guidelines on parking near schools below.

Inconsiderate and dangerous parking around our schools has become a major problem, placing our children and others at risk.

PLEASE:

- ✓ Keep your speed down
- ✓ Turn your engine off
- ✓ Make sure your child gets out of the car onto the pavement – never onto the road
- ✓ Check for pedestrians and cyclists before either - you or your child - opens the door
- ✓ Leave enough room on the footway for pedestrians, wheelchairs and pushchairs to pass
- ✓ Always stop for a school crossing patrol when directed to do so



CAR PARKING AROUND THE COLLEGE - TREAT OTHERS WELL

PLEASE DON'T:

- ✗ Park on yellow lines, zig zags, or school entrances
- ✗ Park at a School Crossing Patrol location
- ✗ Park on the footway, central reservation, or across dropped kerbs
- ✗ Park across and block driveways
- ✗ Park opposite, or within 10 metres of a junction
- ✗ Stop in the middle of the road to drop your child off
- ✗ Block the road as emergency vehicles and other traffic may need access



SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR



REMINDER: CLASS OF 2024 LEAVERS' HOODIES - BE PROUD

A reminder to Year 13 parents and students that the deadline for getting your orders in for the Leavers' Hoodies is 19 February 2024. After this date, we won't be placing any more hoodie orders, so be sure to secure yours in time! Orders will be delivered directly to the College and can be collected from the Communications Office.

The hoody contains a large '24' print on the back with all the names of the students in their year. You can pick from our school colours of royal blue or purple along with an opportunity to personalise your hoody with a nickname.

For those curious to see the hoodies in person, please see Mr Cammayo in the Communications at the top of St Clare building.


To place an order please visit the following site: <https://shop.fizz-group.co.uk/>

School Unique ID: **26843YR11**

2024 LEAVERS' HOODIES!

Our Leavers' Hoodies are about to be ordered!

To make sure that you get yours, please speak to:

 **Mr S Cammayo**
Communications Manager
Top floor of St Clare

They cost: **£27**

PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW!

Sorry - after this date: it's just too late!

19 February 2024

FIZZ HOODIES

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](#)



CAREERS BREAKFAST/FAIR

The College are looking for volunteers to come forward and deliver a talk about their profession and career path. We know that hearing first hand from parents and alumni about their career and life experiences inspires current pupils to think about professions and jobs they may not otherwise have considered. Career talks can take place either 8am or at 3pm. With an option to do a virtual talk.

We are also looking for parents or a company to support our Careers Fair on the 19 March (all day event) to help aspire the next generation.

If you are interested please contact Miss Maitland at margaret.maitland@st-edwards.co.uk



CAREERS NEWSLETTER

We have created a Careers Newsletter which contains various opportunities shared by employers, apprenticeships and universities. Click the link or the image to view the newsletter: <https://www.st-edwards.co.uk/newsletters/60.html>

COMING UP

On Sunday morning, the lay clerks will be singing Ubi caritas and Tantum Ergo by Duruflé during Solemn Mass. I would like to thank the choristers for their hard work this term, I wish them a rejuvenating and enjoyable half term break.

A reminder that the start of term is on 20 February, this week Year 12 will be out of lesson for their work experience and that Year 7 review will take place on Wednesday 21 February at 3.30pm.

I wish you all a restful half term break,

Stephen Morris

Principal

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