



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back Edwardians!

I hope that you have had a restful and joyful holiday season. As we commence the new year we look forward to witnessing your achievements and successes in the coming term.

On Christmas Eve, the boy and girl choristers gathered at the cathedral to sing Midnight Mass which was broadcasted live on BBC Radio 4, <u>click here to listen to</u> <u>the recording</u>. They did amazingly well, singing to a congregation of 2,000+ and live to the nation at large.

Congratulations and well done to the choristers for their hard work and dedication over 2023.

A week prior to the mass, the choristers enjoyed their Christmas Party at the cathedral and big thanks to Mrs Larrosa for providing food and drink!







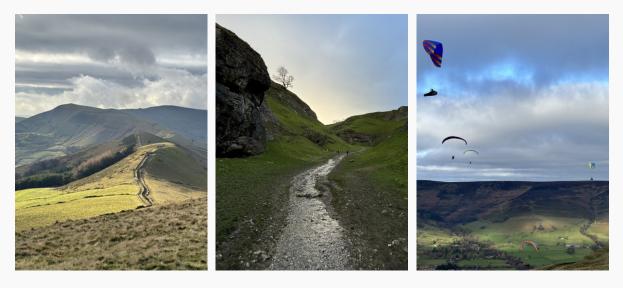
STAFF NEW YEAR'S GREAT RIDGE PEAK DISTRICT TREK - JOIN IN

A report from Mr Wilkinson about the Great Ridge Peak District Trek.

As part of the Geography Department's outreach programme and contribution to SEC health and wellbeing the SEC Mountaineering Society enjoyed its inaugural trek on Friday 5 January 2024.

An enthusiastic group of colleagues traversed the Great Ridge above Castleton in the Peak District summiting Mam Tor. The walk lived up to its name and included a great ridge, a road destroyed by a 4000 year old landslide (that's still sliding!) in the 1970's and a spectacular ancient coral reef over 300 million years old!

Watch this space as there will be several opportunities in the coming months to enjoy similar experiences across the North West - colleagues, friends and family are all very welcome. The ultimate goal? The Yorkshire 3 Peaks - a 24 mile, 12 hour challenge for charity!



<u>CHAPLAINCY ROUND UP ADVENT TERM - GROW IN</u> <u>FAITH</u>

Diligent readers will remember previous newsletter reports of several chaplaincy activities last term: The sacrament of confirmation, Requiem Mass, Red Wednesday appeal & vigil for persecuted Christians, MacMillan Coffee Morning. This round-up reports on other less publicised work of the chaplaincy.



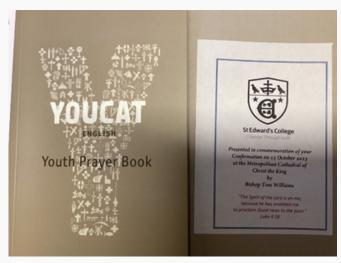
The Faith in Action award group has got off to a great start with 15 exuberant Year 7 and 8 pupils who have been busy finding opportunities to give service; from reading and serving at Mass to cake sales and warm clothes appeals. Next term they will continue their enthusiastic quest to achieve their Bronze award by the summer.



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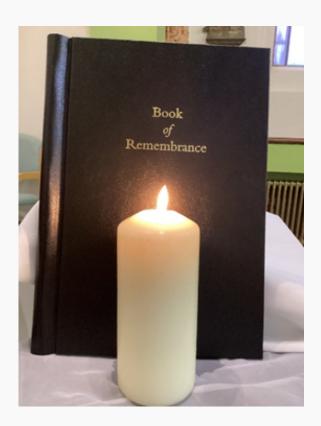
Confirmation Presentation

As a school we wanted to acknowledge our pride in each of the 120 students who made their confirmation in November. Therefore each candidate was presented with a certificate and 'Youcat' prayer book which will support them in their faith journey.



November Remembrance Book

Throughout November many pupils called into the chapel to add names of those who have died to our Remembrance book. The chapel is always available for pupils to spend time in quiet prayer in break or lunchtime.



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Christmas Appeal

Our Christmas appeals have been co-ordinated by the Faith in Action and Cafod clubs and form 10 Mersey. Thank you for your support and generous donations which have gone to support local people in need.

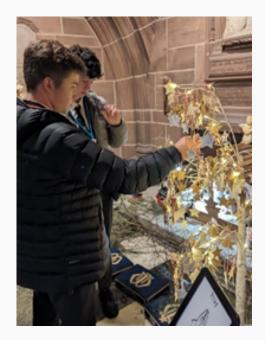


St Edward's Crib Fest

In December the Vatican, Rome held its annual exhibition of '100 Presepi' (nativity scenes). At St Edward we held our own 'Crib Fest' exhibition. Pupils made their own crib scenes as part of a house competition. We had some beautiful entries which reflected hours of work. The winning entries were judged by Mr Lammin, head of Art. <u>Click here to view the winners</u>.

RE & Chaplaincy reward trip

On the last day of term 30 Year 11 students took part in a wind-swept trip to 3 places of worship in the city centre. These were the awe inspiring Princes Road Synagogue and both Cathedrals. They finished their day attending the College Carol Service in person, in the cathedral.



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Prayer & Liturgy

In September we implemented plans to improve the quality of our prayer and liturgy. This included improved prayer resources for teachers to use at the start of the day. These have been well received by teachers and pupils. We have also set aside a full hour for a weekly year group Mass. This has enabled Mass to be less rushed and a fuller expression of the Eucharist.

Lastly, thank you so much for all the support gave chaplaincy activities last term. As someone who has a hectic family life I know how busy daily life can be.

As we start a new year we thank you for the past we praise you for the present and we entrust the future to your protection and care. Bless our school and all who are part of our community. Help 2024 to be a year of joy and happiness. Amen.





ST EDWARD'S GOT TALENT - JOIN IN

Edwardians from different year groups competed in the annual charity event St Edward's Got Talent, a talent show organised by Miss Halpin, also as part of the series of House Competitions in the academic year.

Edwardians represented their houses and performed in front of their peers. The audience were very supportive of each act and enjoyed their performances. Well done to all that took part and the technical crew that helped make the show possible.





FOSEC have a busy calendar of events in 2024 which we are hoping you will be able to attend and support our fundraising for pupils and students.

The first event of the new year is on Friday 9 February 2024 which is our ever popular FOSEC quiz. This will be a fabulous evening with a quiz, play your cards right, a reasonably priced bar and a delicious 70s and 80s themed buffet.

Tickets are £10 per person and are available at <u>www.friendsofstedwardscollege.co.uk</u> (please note this is an adult only event).

On Saturday 9 March 2024 we will be holding our Ladies Afternoon Tea. Ticket availability will be announced shortly Please do keep an eye out for the release date as tickets sell out within a few hours!

Congratulations to Mrs A who is the first winner of the St Edward's College lottery of 2024. Hopefully you will be aware of our lottery, but for any parents, family or friends who aren't already participating please do is have a look at it. It's very simple to join, tickets cost just £1 per week and there is a draw every Saturday night at 8pm for our community.

Every ticket purchased also automatically goes into the super drawer where there is a chance to went up to £25,000. This week there is an additional prize of £1000 luxury holiday getaway. Remember you've got to be in it to win it!

To join please go online to your <u>www.yourschoollottery.co.uk</u>.

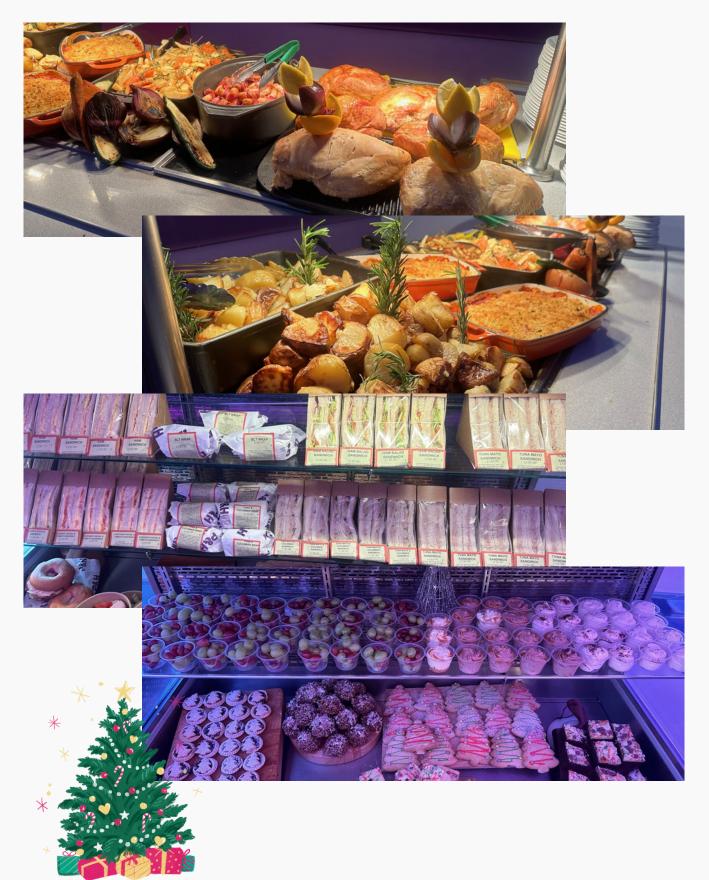
Our next FOSEC meeting is on Tuesday 16 January at the Royal Standard pub in West Derby Village at 7pm. Everybody is of course welcome.



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Palmer and Howells prepared a Christmas Lunch for us before the end of term. There was turkey, pigs in blankets, vegetables and a delicious selection of deserts. It was enjoyed by all!





SIXTH FORM CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT - TREAT OTHERS WELL

Deputy Head Girl, Harriet P organised a Christmas night for Sixth Formers to celebrate the end of their exams in 2023. They watched the film 'Nativity!' along with popcorn, sweets and drinks provided by Palmer and Howells. Well done to Year 12-13 for your hard work and dedication in 2023!





SPORT NEWS - JOIN IN

The final playing week of 2023 produced the following...

Monday 11 December- an evenly contested 2 tries each draw for the U12's in a friendly fixture with Calderstones HS.



Wednesday 13 December - an excellent and impressive 53 - 12 win for the U14's in their Lancashire Cup last 16 game vs Westhill HS.

The conclusion of KS3 Boys Inter House Rugby competition with the results as follows..

7CDH: 1st 7D, 2nd 7H, 3rd 7C

7MRS: 1st 7S, 2nd 7M, 3rd 7R

8CDH: 1st 8C, 2nd 8H, 3rd 8D

8MRS: 1st 8R, 2nd 8M, 3rd 8R

9CDH: 1st 9C, 2nd 9D, 3rd 9H

9MRS: 1st 9M, 2nd 9R, 3rd 9S

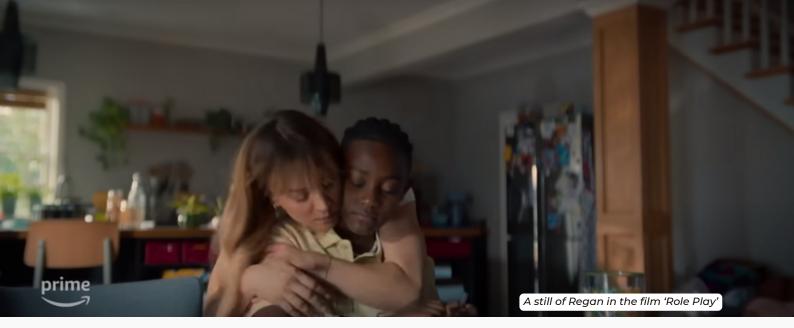


Well done to every pupil who 'joined in'

SPORT NEWS - JOIN IN

Wednesday 10 January - Senior A and B Netball teams showed excellent performances at the City Tournament. Congratulations to Team A for winning the tournament and well done to Team B for fantastic tactics and spirit. POT: Izzy D and Niamh W.





YEAR 7 STUDENT IN FILM 'ROLE PLAY' - BE PROUD

Regan BG in Year 7 acted in an Amazon Prime action film called 'Role Play' which is about a young married couple's secret of an assassin for hire is revealed. The film is out to watch today and can be viewed on Amazon Prime. Click the picture below to watch the trailer.

Well done Regan!



CLASS OF 2024 LEAVERS' HOODIES - BE PROUD

We would like to remind parents that we are offering Leavers' Hoodies for Year 13 students.

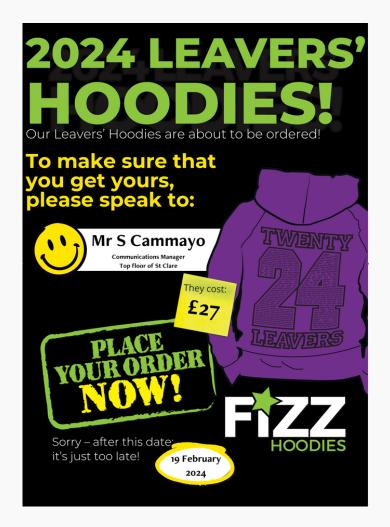
The hoody contains a large '24' print on the back with all the names of the students in their year. You can pick from our school colours of royal blue or purple along with an opportunity to personalise your hoody with a nickname.

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: <u>https://shop.fizz-</u> group.co.uk/

School Unique ID: 26843YR11

The deadline for orders 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.



CHORISTER NEWS - GROW IN FAITH

Ceremony of Carols

Well done to the boy choristers for four performances of *A Ceremony of Carols* last term! They performed at the Metropolitan Cathedral, St John's (Wigan), Tung Auditorium and Liverpool Parish Church. The solo singers performed excellently and led to positive feedback especially from Professor Lisa Marie Johnson who is the Head of the Music Department at Liverpool University.





Professor Lisa Marie Johnson @elsie33 · 23h Replying to @chrisjmcelroy @LivUni and 2 others

You all did a marvellous job, and it fills my heart to see such accomplished young musicians performing difficult music beautifully and professionally.

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CHORISTER NEWS - GROW IN FAITH

BBC Sunday Worship

In addition to the choristers' broadcast of the Midnight Mass on BBC Radio 4, the Youth Choir recorded a Mass for Easter which will be broadcasted on BBC Radio 4 in April this year!

The Youth Choir has been augmented for the occasion with former choristers who have returned home from University. We are delighted to see them all again and are thrilled that they still have the joy of singing in the cathedral. OE Anna Callacher is the new director of this choir.



PERSONALD DEVELOPMENT DAY 3 - TREAT OTHERS WELL

On Thursday 18 January is our third Personal Development drop-down day.

See the Personal Development session list on the following pages to see what your child will be covering in these sessions.

You can gain extra information on RSE lessons by accessing the TenTen Online Parent Portal <u>https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/programmes/life-to-the-full-secondary/page/online-parent-portal-lttf-s/</u>

Username: **st-edwards-l12** Password: **large-square**

There you can browse for the video accompanying each session (please look for the actual title of your child's lesson as our order of lessons differs). We are always happy to answer any questions, send us an email at **RSE@st-edwards.co.uk.**

Pupils will also have a session with the following safeguarding focus:

Year Group	Session
7	Online behaviour & Hate Crime
8	Vaping
9	Online behaviour and Digital footprint
10	Staying safe in the community
11	Staying safe in the community

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT Health and Well-Being

Year 7	Puberty and Body Development
	Through the delivery of a series of 5 lessons pupils will develop
	their knowledge understanding, and resilience through an
	introduction to puberty and body development in both boys and
	girls. Lessons will also highlight other areas of concern that occur
	during puberty such as consent, hygiene and self-esteem.
Session 1	Introduction to Puberty and hormones
Session 2	Puberty in Girls
Session 3	Puberty in Boys
Session 4	Personal hygiene including oral health
Session 5	Assertiveness consent and hormones (Assertiveness, self-
	esteem and empowerment)

Year 8	Physical Health and Well-Being Year 8 will be looking to increase to confidence in Health and Well- Being with the end of sequencing objectives being to know a range of methods to improve my own and others health & wellbeing and to understand the importance of maintaining good physical and mental health.
Session 1	Health and Well-Being, Mental Health
Session 2	Stress Management
Session 3	Positive Body Image
Session 4	Healthy Eating and Cholesterol
Session 5	Child Abuse & Types of Bullying

Year 9	Body Confidence - exploring confidence within health and wellbeing. Y9 will be covering a variety of areas within this, from understanding self-esteem changes to how to deal with grief and loss. This main focus of this unit is to secure resilience and grasp a deeper understanding of body issues.
Session 1	Self-Esteem Changes
Session 2	Body Image, Airbrushing and Self Esteem
Session 3	HBT Bullying (homophobic, transphobic, biphobic)
Session 4	Dealing with Grief and Loss
Session 5	Healthy Lifestyles: The Geography of Disease

Year 10	Mental Health and Well-Being
	Through the delivery and sequencing of lessons, we encourage pupils to become active individuals in seeking help when faced with poor mental health & challenges. Inspiring pupils to be resilient in the face of adversity.
Session 1	Child Abuse
Session 2	Screen Time and safe mobile phone use
Session 3	Common Types of mental health

Session 4	Self-harm & Suicidal thoughts and support
Session 5	Promoting emotional well-being
Year 11	Adult Health and Looking after yourself –
	During the following 5 sessions we will discuss: organ donation, risk
	factors, diagnosis and treatment of testicular, prostate, cervical and
	ovarian cancer.
	We will also explore fertility, IVF, parenthood and healthy
	relationships both from a scientific and a Catholic ethos standpoint.
Session 1	Organ donation and donating blood
Session 2	Testicular and prostate cancer
Session 3	Cervical, breast and ovarian cancer
Session 4	Fertility and what it is influenced by
Session 5	Love and abuse are not the same

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT Life beyond School (inc Careers & Vocation)

Year 7	Managing Change Pupils will be given opportunity to reflect on the key changes at key times during their time in school. They will start to develop coping mechanisms to deal with this change and how to flourish. Pupils will learn about the benefits of understanding how career education can support them through these key changes.
Session 1	Getting to know people
Session 2	Careers and your future
Session 3	Sleep and Relaxation
Session 4	Financial education
Session 5	Transition points in your life

Year 8	Proud to be me Pupils learn how to work collaboratively toward a common goal and will explore what is important to them to help them make choices about their future. They will have opportunity to consider what may effect their choices in terms of their self-esteem and how to overcome this
Session 1	Employment skills
Session 2	Proud to me + choices
Session 3	Career interest and jobs
Session 4	Self-esteem and the media
Session 5	Exploring careers

Year 9	Essential life skills

	Pupils will learn about important skills that they will need to be successful in life, develop resilience and dealing with anger as well as having an understanding of how to manage their finances.
Session 1	From failure comes success
Session 2	First Aid
Session 3	What is anger
Session 4	Saving and managing money
Session 5	Employment and financial management

Year 10	Year 10 Rights and responsibilities
	To understand your rights as a consumer and an employer and
	have an opportunity to explore how you can be manipulated as a
	consumer by social media and advertising.
Session 1	Insta generation
Session 2	Targeted advertising
Session 3	Consumer rights
Session 4	Employment Rights
Session 5	Exploring your pay check

Year 11	Exams and Beyond Preparing for examinations and development of key skills when leaving school for example cv writing and time management. This unit will also explore the i9mpact of social media on your life.
Session 1	Planning for future post 16
Session 2	Time management
Session 3	CV writing and personal statement
Session 4	Exam stress and relaxation
Session 5	Insta life vs real life

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT Rights & Responsibilities (Citizenship)

Year 7	Politics and Parliament Pupils will learn about democracy and how different types of government work. They will start to understand how our system of law works in the UK and how they can play a role in decision making at both a local and national level.
Session 1	Why is politics important?
Session 2	How is our country run?
Session 3	Creating a political party
Session 4	Elections and campaigning
Session 5	Political debates and Parliament
Year 8	Law, crime and society

Session 1 Session 2 Session 3 Session 4 Session 5	 Pupils will learn about crime and the consequences of it. They will understand how the legal system works from the point of view of the harmed and the offender. They will cover: criminal and civil law, victims, effects of crime, role of police, anti-social behavior, social media and the law, types of courts and tribunals. Desert Island Living Desert island: Building a community and making decisions Criminals, law and society Law making in the UK Prisons reform and punishment
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Year 9	Combating extremism and terrorism This unit is designed to build pupils' resilience to radicalisation by promoting fundamental British values and enabling them to challenge extremist views. The classroom will be a safe space in which all can understand the risks associated with terrorism and develop the knowledge and skills to be able to challenge extremist arguments. Pupils will learn to manage risk, make safer choices, and recognise when pressure from other threatens their personal safety and wellbeing.
Session 1	Conspiracy theories and extremist narratives
Session 2	Extremism and terrorism
Session 3	Proud to be British
Session 4	The radicalization process and counterterrorism
Session 5	Anti-Semitism
Year 10	Exploring British Values Pupils will learn that British values support all of us to establish a strong sense of social and moral responsibility within our community. They will learn to challenge prejudice and stereotyping and understand what it is to be a citizen in a modern and diverse Britain. This unit supports them in creating an environment free from discrimination, tolerance and hate.
Session 1	Critical thinking and 'fake news'
Session 2	Exploring Britishness and British Values
Session 3	LGBTQ+ rights and British Values
Session 4	What are Human Rights?
Session 5	Exploring Human Rights
Year 11	Exploring world issues Pupils will learn about international organisations that are available to support the world. They will look at concepts of peace, war and conflict.
Session 1	International organisations
Session 2	Brexit
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PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT RSE (Relationships & Sex Education)

Year 7	Pupils will discuss identity and what makes people completely unique, a unity of body and soul, created and loved by God. Pupils will learn about Sexual intercourse as more than just a physical act, but a gift from God for married couples, an expression of love and his plan for how children are made. Pupils will explore self-esteem and reflect on different types of friendship and family structure, with consideration of thoughts, feelings and actions. Our RSE programme does not set out to tell pupils what to think or do; we respect their autonomy. But it does seek to provoke thought, personal reflection, and to help them understand the wisdom of the Church's teaching and how they might choose to learn from that rich tradition.
Session 1	Puberty: what it is, where it comes from, God's gift of sexuality
Session 2	Being healthy inside and out
Session 3	Family and friends, different kinds of friendship
Session 4	Keeping safe online
Session 5	Living responsibly, aware of how my actions impact others

Year 8	Pupils will appreciate male/female differences and learn about rooting our identity in who God created us to be. We will discuss how to manage sexual feelings, develop self-control, self-respect and patience. Pupils will contemplate life in the womb being both beautiful and fragile. Our RSE programme does not set out to tell pupils what to think or do; we respect their autonomy. But it does seek to provoke thought, personal reflection, and to help them understand the wisdom of the Church's teaching and how they might choose to learn from that rich tradition.
Session 1	Appreciating differences
Session 2	Feelings
Session 3	Before I was born
Session 4	Tough relationships and tolerance, kindness, forgiveness
Session 5	Think before you share, inc online

Year 9	Pupils will contrast love and lust, shame and regret as key issues when thinking about sexual intimacy. Pupils will learn about methods for managing conception and reflect on whether artificial contraception upholds or contravenes the nature of sexual love. Pupils will discuss consent as not just gaining permission for something but involves
	choosing to honour and respect one another as persons with innate dignity. Our RSE programme does not set out to tell pupils what to think or do; we respect their autonomy. But it does seek to provoke thought, personal reflection, and to help them understand the wisdom of the

	Church's teaching and how they might choose to learn from that rich tradition.
Session 1	Love, lust, objectification, concerns re pornography & casual sex
Session 2	Fertility & Contraception
Session 3	Legal Marriage, and the Sacrament of Marriage
Session 4	Consent requires 100% respect and 100% honour
Session 5	Sexual exploitation and human rights

Year 10	Pupils will explore how dignity allows us to appreciate our bodies in the right way as well as making good moral choices linked to building confidence, integrity and understanding. Pupils will discuss how we sometimes take parents for granted; parenthood impacts us in so many ways, however it is the responsibility of a lifetime. Pupils will learn about pregnancy and how it is an invitation to discover the challenge of responding with love to the gift of life. Our RSE programme does not set out to tell pupils what to think or do; we respect their autonomy. But it does seek to provoke thought, personal reflection, and to help them understand the wisdom of the Church's teaching and how they might choose to learn from that rich tradition.
Session 1	Self-image
Session 2	Beliefs, attitudes, values
Session 3	Parenthood
Session 4	Pregnancy & abortion
Session 5	4 main types of abuse, danger signs, peer-pressure, finding help

Year 11	Pupils will discuss why it is important to have self-worth and what can happen if you do not show love for yourself. Pupils will hear first-hand accounts of overcoming severe addictions through the help of family, community, responsibility and faith. Pupils will also reflect on their deepest needs and the complexities and contradictions within themselves. Our RSE programme does not set out to tell pupils what to think or do; we respect their autonomy. But it does seek to provoke thought, personal reflection, and to help them understand the wisdom of the Church's teaching and how they might choose to learn from that rich tradition.
Session 1	Self-worth & coercive control
Session 2	Addiction
Session 3	Eating disorders
Session 4	Birth control and STIs
Session 5	Dangers & harms of pornography

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.

There will also be a Careers Breakfast talk Monday 29 January 8am with **EasyJet**. It is open to all year groups who wish to attend.

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: <u>https://www.st-edwards.co.uk/newsletters/60.html</u>



COMING UP

I would like to welcome four new staff members who have joined us this week.

Teacher of Geography - Mrs V Ebbrell and Mr G O'Driscoll (former teacher) and Student Services Assistants - Mrs N Bryne and Mrs A Talbot.

Next week the Senior Prefects will be going on a trip to Poland from Thursday 18 January to Sunday 21 Sunday. Safe travels to our Senior Prefects as they embark on this remarkable adventure.

On Sunday, the choristers will be singing Behold the Lamb of God by Handel and The Call by Vaughan Williams in Solemn Mass.

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend, Stephen Morris Principal

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