



PARENTS' WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

GREAT YOUNG PEOPLE, DOING GREAT THINGS

22 MARCH 2024



UPCOMING EVENTS

YEAR 10 MATHS TRIP
WED 27 MARCH

END OF TERM
THU 28 MARCH
(normal time)

The orchestra conducted by Dr Howard.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We extend our gratitude to all parents, carers, friends, and family members who joined us for our sold-out Spring Concert.

Our pupils and students dedicated themselves in working hard during rehearsals, showcasing a diverse range of genres in the concert. A huge congratulations to the Senior Choir, Senior Orchestra, Young Voices Choir, bands, and soloists for delivering an exceptional performance, highlighting the College's high standard of musical talent.

A special thank you goes to the technical team who worked tirelessly behind the scenes and in the balcony to ensure the smooth running of the concert.

For more images click the following link: [Spring Concert 2024](#)

It is also worth noting that on the Start of term, 15 April, it will be a 09.40am start for pupils with the gates opening at 09.25am.





CAREERS FAIR - WORK HARD, JOIN IN

The Careers Fair was a success! We hosted over 55 different professions and educational institutions. Amongst the visitors were parents and Old Edwardians who gave up their time to bring awareness to pupils about the wide array of career paths and opportunities. The visitors were impressed by how well-mannered and inquisitive the pupils were throughout the day.

Thank you to all who attended and for offering your invaluable insights to our pupils. We look forward to seeing you at the next careers event!

To see more pictures, follow this link: <https://buff.ly/3viZzti>



SPORTS NEWS: RUGBY - JOIN IN

We are pleased and proud that Year 7 have finished their 1st season together with a strong performance on Monday. A great bunch who have joined in, worked hard since the start of the season and improved so much.

In a 5 - 3 tries win; BOTM: Zach E and FOTM: Lucas M.



Well done to our Year 9 Rugby squad who enjoyed playing 10 a side on Tuesday. They won both their fixtures and scored plenty of tries in the process. Thank you to Merchant Taylors for having us.



SPORTS NEWS: NETBALL - JOIN IN

Well done to our Year 7 Netball A, B and C teams for their performances at the City Championships on Tuesday - 6 games won in total, 2, draws and lots of goals scored.



SPORTS NEWS: HOCKEY - JOIN IN

Congratulations to the U14 Hockey team who won the County Tournament this week. Three excellent games played with great teamwork!



SPORTS NEWS: CROSS COUNTRY - JOIN IN

We had the final cross-country race of the season on Wednesday. A depleted SEC team did us proud at a very water-logged Wavertree Mystery. Special mention for Archie T, Sam S, Ella H (Year 7) and GT (Year 9) who all finished in the top ten of their races. All of our athletes ran their hearts out and all behaved impeccably. A couple of runners expressed their apprehension about the race but they now know that doing their best is just as worthy as winning. Their best is all we can ask of our valiant athletes.

Congratulations also to our three Year 7 runners who represented Merseyside in the annual Merseyside vs Cheshire Cross-Country Championship. Bobby Mc won his race. Hats off to him. Max M was 5th and Esme C was 4th in her race. Fabulous performances by them, too.





Sneha and Grace in Oxford Union Schools

OXFORD UNION SCHOOLS DEBATING NATIONAL FINALS - BE PROUD

On Saturday 9 March Sixth Form students, Sneha J and Grace S took part in the Oxford Union Schools Debating National Finals in Oxford.

Having qualified through a regional round in Manchester, they joined the best 120 teams from over 1000 schools who had entered from many countries, making it the largest debating competition in the world. Up against far more experienced teams from primarily fee-paying schools all over the globe, they coped brilliantly with the pressure of an intense, exhausting day. The debating motions were highly varied, including, "This house regrets the glorification of the longevity of the careers of sporting superstars such as LeBron James, Cristiano Ronaldo and Tom Brady" and, "This house believes parents should not teach their children about their views on the afterlife".

Grace and Sneha took part in four debates with only a break of about 30 minutes in between each, working together as team in a highly competitive environment. Despite securing an impressive second place in one of those four debates, they did not make it through to the evening's semi-final debate. Having only begun debating in October, Sneha and Grace have made a great impression and done the school proud. Many thanks to Miss Digney for her support with debating and the Politics Society, and to all the other St Edward's debaters, who have created such a positive debating environment, within which all of them have improved so much.

Here's to 2025! Join in, be proud and work hard!



Bo and Jing-Yi at the Birmingham Fashion Icon Competition.

BIRMINGHAM FASHION ICON COMPETITION - BE PROUD

Year 10 pupil, Bo M, and Year 13 student, Jing-Yi competed in the National Fashion Competition last week in Birmingham. Bo who was fantastic despite not placing has been offered an internship this summer in Bromsgrove Design College. The dress she is wearing was made by herself from scratch!

In the photograph above you can see Bo 7th from the right in green and Jing-Yi next to her, (a model wearing Jing- Yi's outfit).



SIXTH FORM STREET RETREAT - TREAT OTHERS WELL, GROW IN FAITH

On Friday 15 March, 13 Sixth Form students participated in our annual Street Retreat.

We started the day at the Liverpool University Catholic Chaplaincy, where we were led in reflection and faith sharing by Jiss & Kelly two university students. Following a time of prayer we spent lunch with Brother Nicholas, a missionary from Burundi who shared his experiences with us. From there we made the short walk to the Missionaries of Charity in Seel Street, where we put our faith into action and peeled a sack of potatoes between us! The day ended with a time of Adoration with the sisters and a final moment of sharing with each other. Below are some thoughts on the day from Emily...

“I really enjoyed the retreat day, as it was a day where I was able to spend time with my friends not in school reflecting on my faith. I really liked the time we spent with the university students as we got to see into what university is like for them and we also were able to see how they balance their faith and studies and how God has guided them in their lives.

I also liked the fact we were able to talk and get to know everyone who went, we were able to discuss things we wouldn't normally talk about in school, I think that it was important to do as we now not only feel closer to God but also each other. My favourite part of the day was helping out in the soup kitchen peeling potatoes, thinking how this small task that I am doing is going to impact many people. Overall, I would really recommend people to go on this retreat next year.”



CHORISTER NEWS - GROWING IN FAITH

Congratulations to the girl choristers on two beautiful performances of Pergolesi's Stabat Mater last week.

For pictures and video from both performances, click [here](#).



Last Sunday, the Cathedral Youth Choir had a fantastic day trip to York.

They sang at the Latin Mass in York Oratory where they were welcomed by the Director of Music, Sam Austin (former Organ Scholar of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral). They sang Byrd's Three Voices Mass, Wood's Oculi Omnium and experts of Gregorian Chant. They also enjoyed a Pizza Express lunch with free dough balls and some ice cream before attending Evensong at York Minster.

They were excellent and we hope this is the first of many more trips for Youth Choir!



DENTISTRY SUMMER SCHOOL - JOIN IN, WORK HARD

The Widening Participation Project is excited with share to us, information about an online Dentistry Summer School which is designed for Year 11 pupils who are keen to pursue dentistry as a career path. This program is free!

For more information follow this link: <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/dentalschool/summer-school>



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

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. There is also an option to do a virtual talk.

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

COMING UP

This Sunday, 19.30, The Ancient Office of Tenebrae (Latin for Darkness) will be sung by Cathedral Choir by Candlelight, all are welcome to attend.

Next Wednesday, boy & girl choristers and choral students will be singing in the Chrism Mass, 19.30.

Boy choristers and choral students will be singing in the Morning Prayer and the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday.

We wish our talented cathedral choristers and choral students the best of luck for an incredibly important and busy Easter period.

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend,

Stephen Morris

Principal

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