



PARENTS' WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

GREAT YOUNG PEOPLE, DOING GREAT THINGS

26 JANUARY 2024



UPCOMING EVENTS

OPEN MORNING FOR PARENTS
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YEAR 9 SKI TRIP
SUN 4 FEB

Year 13s visit Wieliczka Salt Mine.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As you may have read, the Year 13 Senior Prefects went on a trip to Poland with myself and Miss McCann. It was a very educational and important visit.

Below is a report from Head Girl, Samira.

The Poland Trip was an incredible opportunity to explore a city which holds such historical significance - we were fortunate enough to be toured through the Salt Mines, Auschwitz and Birkenau, as well as through the city of Krakow taking in other spectacular monuments and pieces of architecture. Personally, my highlight of the trip was our visit to the Salt Mines, certain scenes were just absolutely breathtaking and the tour itself was really interesting. On behalf of all of the Prefects, we'd like to say a huge thank you to all the staff involved in the organisation of the trip - it was an unforgettable experience!





Harriet and Lachlan in Geneva.

EDMUND RICE AMBASSADORS - JOIN IN, GROW IN FAITH

Deputy Girl Harriet P and student Lachlan G went on the Edmund Rice Ambassador Trip to Geneva. A report from Harriet:

On Sunday 21 January, myself and Lachlan G went to Geneva as Youth Ambassadors for Edmund Rice along with 10 other students from other Edmund Rice Schools in England.

We visited the United Nations and attended 2 UPR (Universal Periodic Review) sessions for Senegal and China. We learnt about how the Human Rights Records are monitored within the countries involved. At the same time, there were communities from China protesting about the breaches of their Human Rights. We also learnt about the roles and opportunities that there are within the UN.

We also visited the Edmund Rice Institute where we met Brother Brian Bond who talked about the ways in which Edmund Rice International is involved in the UN as well as what the ERI does.

After this, we went to the Red Cross Museum, where we had a tour of the war exhibitions. This was a very moving experience.

Overall we found the whole visit empowering, informative, powerful and very moving.

SPORT NEWS - JOIN IN, BE PROUD

Merseyside Country Cross-Country Championships, Arrowe Park

Nine athletes represented SEC last Friday. Ben L (Year 11), Niamh W (Year 9), Evie Dunne and Lyla D (Year 8), Esme C (Year 7), Bobby McE, Max M, Archie H, and Samuel S (Year 7) all braved the cold, wind and muddy conditions.

Special mention for Max, Bobby and Esme who all qualified to represent Merseyside in the annual competition against Cheshire next month. In addition, Bobby ran superbly to finish fifth in his race and thus qualify to represent Merseyside in the English Schools Championships at Pontefract on 16 March.

As ever, our athletes were a credit to our school. Their behaviour, enthusiasm and talent shone through the poor conditions.



SPORT NEWS - JOIN IN, BE PROUD



Congratulations to the following U14 and U15 rugby players who have been selected to be part of the Sale Sharks Developing Player Program for this season 2023-24.

This will consist of a number of additional training sessions throughout the season and end of season playing opportunities. Impressively, of the nine players selected across the two age groups, five have only started playing rugby since they joined St Edward's in Year 7 which is a great example of what can be achieved with a join in and work hard attitude. Well to all selected players and be proud.

Combined Y9-10 photograph L-R: Oren H, Sean U, Patrick R, Matthew J, Loui M, Scott J, Joshua P, Alexander R and Alfie C.

SPORT NEWS - JOIN IN, BE PROUD

A great display of resilience and teamwork from our Y7, 8 and 9 Netball teams vs St Mary's College on Saturday morning. Well done to all! POM: Molly C, Matilda B, Lilly F.



Thank you to Owestry School and Cronton College for coming together on a Wednesday afternoon for a great game of rugby. Plenty of mixing up the teams and hopefully you enjoyed it all.



SPORT NEWS - JOIN IN, BE PROUD

Pupils are still taking advantage of our great sports facilities in the College. Kayak Polo group developed their core kayaking skills in preparation for their next match and Year 10 pupils really joined in by teaching their peers how to safely belay in core PE!



CHORISTER NEWS - GROW IN FAITH

Congratulations to Benjamin and Finlay who were awarded their surplices last Sunday and are now full choristers!



On the 30 December the Holy Father, Pope Francis addressed choristers from across the world:

Dear boys and girls,

What you do is very important because your voices help communities to pray, to open their hearts to the Lord, and this is fundamental for the life of the Church. I thank you very much, and I would like to reflect with you on three key words for your service: joy, prayer and humility.

Let's start with joy. Singing is joy, especially when it is done in choir. The joy you have in singing is a gift that you have received from those who composed the music you perform, from those who teach it to you, and from those who have handed it down to you, sometimes even through the centuries. Think of how many other children and young people have sung the same notes you sing! They were boys and girls just like you, full of life and dreams, who loved playing, and being together, and who, like you, generously devoted time and effort to learning, performing and handing on what they had received. When you put enthusiasm into your singing, you give a great gift to those who hear you. How much we need joy in our world! Today, many people, even young people, feel unhappy or bored. Singing and music can touch hearts, give beauty and restore zest and hope in their lives. This is what gives us joy!

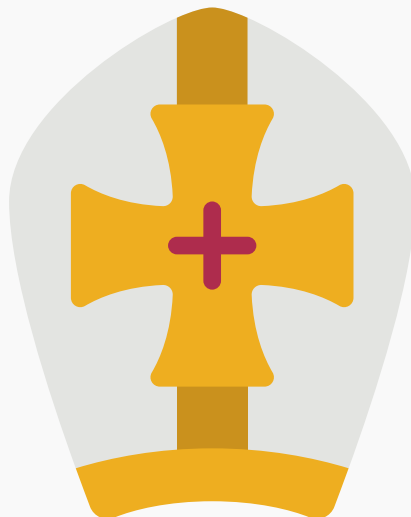
The second word is prayer. You are not just any type of artists, you are not "performers". You help others to pray by your prayerful singing. So it is important for each of you to keep your heart close to Jesus, not only when you sing, but always, and this is done in prayer, every day. If your heart is full of love for Jesus, it shines through in your voices; it is like an arrow that hits the mark, reaching people's hearts. Saint Augustine once said that "singing is proper to those who love" (Sermo 336, 1: PL 38, 1472) and that those who sing pray twice. By singing and praying together, in harmony, listening to one another, waiting for one another, adding your own voice and movement to those of everyone else, you help the larger community to do the same. You teach how good it is to walk together.

CHORISTER NEWS - GROW IN FAITH

Finally, humility. Singing is a school of humility, because the singer, even in solo parts, is always part of a choir, and each is at the service of all, even the director. Your singing, is all the more humble because it is at the service of God: while it helps others to encounter the Lord, it is also able to step aside at the right moment, to leave room for silence, so that everyone can listen quietly to the words that only Jesus wants to say to each one of us. Singers who try to draw attention to themselves, or to stand out from others, are not good singers; indeed, they often risk spoiling everyone's work, and this can be heard immediately. So, do not try to stand out, seek to sing as one, with the unity that comes from humility; in this way your singing can express true friendship, with God and with one another.

Let me say one last thing. There are many of you here, yet when you were singing just now, you seemed to be one and this is truly beautiful! That did not happen by chance; it was because you studied the parts, you rehearsed, and you worked hard. This too is an important message for everyone. Singing together well requires effort, just as living together well requires effort. With the harmony of your performances, the light in your eyes and the beauty of your voices, you help us to understand that the effort is worth it!

Dear children, how much do we learn from music! And all the more so sacred music, whose soul is the word of God. You are fortunate to have received this gift, and so too are those who listen to you when you share it with them. Thank you for what you do for others! Continue to do it with passion, with the help of your teachers. I bless you from my heart. And, please, remember to pray for me. Thank you. May the new year bring you many blessings!





Thanks to everyone who has supported FOSEC and bought tickets so far for the quiz night on the Friday 9 February, it's set to be a great night. For anyone who hasn't yet bought their tickets you can follow the link below, but be quick, they're selling out fast!

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CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 5-11 FEB 2024 - TREAT OTHERS WELL

We would like to share with parents about the theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week - empowering young people to use their voices and encourage those around them to hear their voices. Click the image below to see what's happening all around Liverpool!



JEWELLRY IN THE COLLEGE - TREAT OTHERS WELL

This is to forewarn and ask parents' support with a crackdown on jewellery.

From Monday 29 January as with coats, pupils will be asked to remove jewellery on entry to the College.

Once in the building, an infringement each time a member of staff asks a pupil to remove an item of jewellery.

Pupils will be expected to serve the time, i.e. 15 minutes for each infringement on the day they are accrued.

There are no exceptions to this and individuals failing to conform will be liable to further sanctions.

Jewellery is not part of the College uniform and is not to be worn.



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.

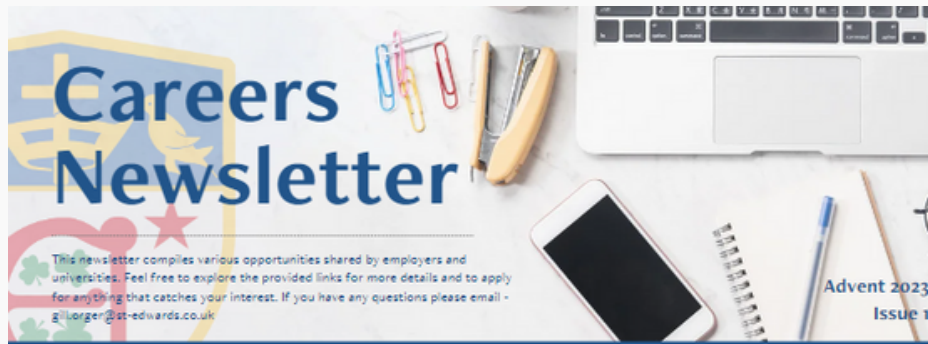
There will also be a Careers Breakfast talk Monday 29 January 8am with **EasyJet**. It is open to all year groups who wish to attend.

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



COMING UP

On Sunday, the choristers will be singing Like as the hart by Howells and Videte miraculum by Tallis in Solemn Mass.

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend,
Stephen Morris
Principal

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