



PARENTS' WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

MAKING A POSITIVE, CHRISTIAN DIFFERENCE

31 JANUARY 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

PD DROP DOWN DAY 4
WED 5 FEBRUARY

DEADLINE FOR YEAR 12 APPLICATIONS
FRIDAY 31 JANUARY, 16.00



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Last week, we travelled with our Senior Prefects on an enriching Leadership Trip to Poland, where they had the chance to explore Kraków's rich cultural and historical landmarks, including the Wieliczka Salt Mines and Auschwitz. This experience allowed them to grow in faith and knowledge as they immersed themselves in the country's past and vibrant culture, showing the value of working hard to understand the world around us.

Humanities and Arts Society Prefect, Esmé L-B, reflected on the trip:

"The prefects' recent trip to Kraków was a wonderful balance of educational insight and cultural exposure. Tasting the local cuisine, like pierogi, was a true highlight, along with McDonald's being delicious and affordable. It was also a great chance to join in on some Polish phrases.

The harrowing tour around Auschwitz and Birkenau was as informative as it was disturbing, prompting deep discussions on our own fortunes and how the Holocaust connects to global situations today. Overall, I am grateful for the chance to explore a city with such a rich and constantly growing cultural history, and I hope to visit again one day."

This trip was a powerful and thought-provoking experience for our Senior Prefects, helping them deepen their understanding of history, leadership, and global awareness. I am incredibly proud of how they treated others well throughout the trip and approached this opportunity with curiosity, respect, and reflection.

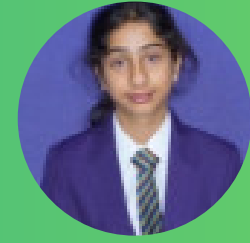
POLAND TRIP PICTURES - JOIN IN, TREAT OTHERS WELL



PUPILS WITH EXCEPTIONAL POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR THIS WEEK



Well done to Prince-Anthony L in 7R and Zahra A in 9C for gaining the most positive points this week.



Rank	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Prince-Anthony L	Harrison D	Zahra A	Tom L	Mark A
2	Gabriella B	Rose D	Matthew B	Sean U	Adrian B
3	Anna H	Daisy C	Rafael D-G	Olivia C	Adrian LR
4	Archie B	Emmauella E	Lewis B	Alistair M	Angel O
5	Gabriella NM	Ivin J	Evie D	Anita O	Anjola A
6	Asharn N	Shea R	Seth H	Sienna M	Aidan C
7	Findley M	Zach W	Patrick McC	Megan T	Sam R
8	Frankie N	Shea E	Valeriia B	Thomas C	Reuben A
9	Sophia N	Jenson H	Daniel D	Jensen F	Aliyah J
10	Leon S	Andrea J	Emily R	Phoebe H	Ruari McD



Congratulations to Ms W who won this week's StEdward'sCollege lottery, you can join the lottery here at www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and follow the link for St Edward's College.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 11 February at 7 pm in the Cl. We hope to see you there.

Click the button below to purchase tickets for the Afternoon Tea.



FOSEC Afternoon Tea 2025 - Adults only

FOSEC are delighted to invite you to join us for our popular adults only afternoon tea on Saturday 29th March 2025!...

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**FRIENDS OF ST EDWARDS COLLEGE
INVITE YOU TO THEIR POPULAR**

Afternoon Tea

**SATURDAY 29TH MARCH 2025
1.30PM COLLEGE REFECTORY**

TICKETS £24
**INCLUDES GLASS OF FIZZ ON ARRIVAL,
FINGER SANDWICHES, CAKES, AND
SCONES.**

**LIVE MUSIC AND
A WELL STOCKED BAR**

YEAR 10 DT TEXTILES SUCCESS - BE PROUD, WORK HARD



Year 10 DT Textiles pupils entered a National Fashion Design Competition.

ICHF's Annual Fashion Design Competition invites budding Textile, Art and Design students aged 13-18 years to create the unimaginable and defy expectations with our brand new challenge: Wearable Art!

The brief was to choose an artist for inspiration and create 3 design boards of research, initial ideas and a final design. Pupils had to consider sustainability and ways to utilise recycled materials.

We were delighted to receive 6 highly commended certificates for Olivia G, Lilia F, Jasmine M, Miley B, Laila B and Sophia D.

Gabby S was selected to attend the final at the Fashion & Embroidery show, NEC Birmingham where her creation will be displayed on the catwalk and judged by a panel of industry professionals. Gabby now has to manufacture her garment and take it to Birmingham in March.

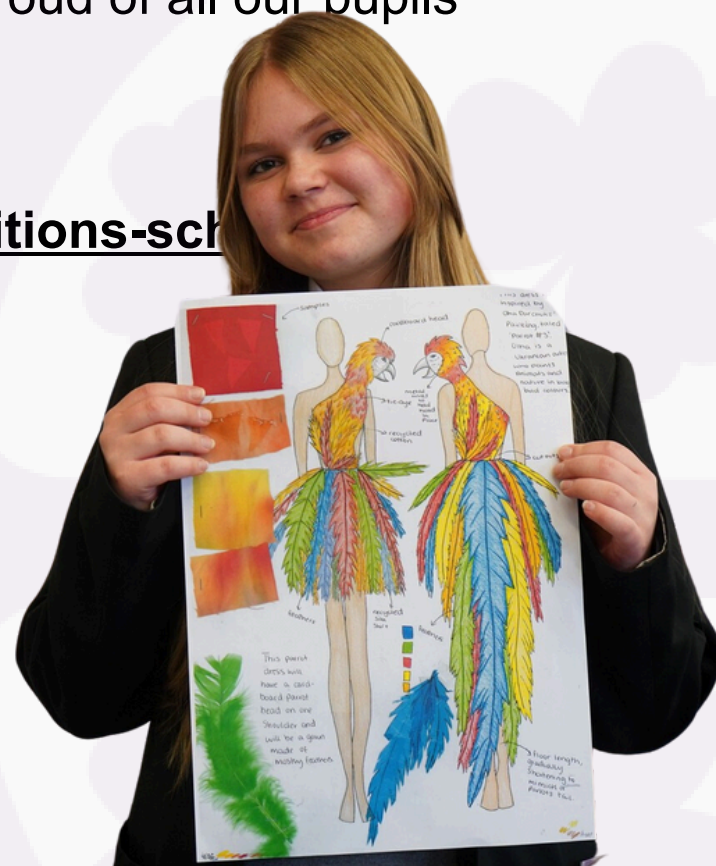
This is a brilliant achievement for our Year 10 pupils and their work will be displayed in Birmingham NEC.

We wish Gabby the best of luck and are really proud of all our pupils brilliant design work.

You can read more about the competition here:

<https://www.creativecraftshow.co.uk/competitions-school>

[Click here to view their entries!](#)



STEVE ROTHERAM VISITS THE COLLEGE - WORK HARD

A huge thank you to Steve Rotheram, Mayor of Liverpool, for visiting St Edward's and inspiring our Sixth Form students!

He spoke about the importance of young people leading the way in shaping a better future for Liverpool, shared insights into upcoming projects across the city, and gave a fascinating look into the responsibilities of a mayor.

It was an invaluable experience for our students, encouraging them to think about their own role in making a difference in their community.



WHY LANGUAGES? - JOIN IN

Our annual 'Why Languages?' event with Year 9 was a fantastic way to end the week, celebrating the importance of learning languages. Our eloquent Year 13 and Year 10 gave a true insight into what it is like to continue learning a language, along with Old Edwardian speakers. Bon week-end! ¡Que tengas un buen fin de semana!



JUST EAT COUCHER WINNER - BE PROUD

Congratulations to Emily for winning the Just Eat voucher in the 100% attendance draw!

DID SOMEBODY SAY



Emily M (£10)
100% attendance (this week)



**JUST EAT
WINNER?!**

CHINESE NEW YEAR LUNCH - TREAT OTHERS WELL

Wednesday 29 January marked the Chinese New Year which celebrates the beginning of the new year on the traditional lunisolar Chinese calendar.

The menu for lunch was: chicken & sweetcorn soup, salt & pepper crispy chicken, Kung Po stir fry, egg noodles, steamed rice, wok fried vegetables and delicious cupcakes!



TEACHER MAIL - TREAT OTHERS WELL

Year 9 pupils have written some more Teacher Mail. Here are just a few of the thoughtful messages they shared:

Miss Malone: Thank you for helping me learn through Year 9 so far, also thank you for sending me a postcard to congratulate me on my test.

Miss Morris: Thank you for always being so understanding when I have a problem and supporting me when I need it most.

Mr O'Keeffe: Thank you for being the best music teacher and giving life advice. From your favourites at 9 Domingo.

Mr Hardisty: Thank you for being a great teacher and putting a smile on my face in lesson or around the corridors.



HOCKEY NEWS - JOIN IN

Great to get back to hockey last Saturday V Liverpool College and to see legendary coach Jean Arnold. Well done girls, you all were amazing. POM: Orlaith D and Sophie H.



Congratulations to the U16 Hockey team on finishing in 2nd place at the County Tournament on Tuesday. A special mention to our new goalie Sophie M for some outstanding saves and our captain Olivia C for leading by example every game. Well done girls!



HOCKEY NEWS - JOIN IN

Well done to our Year 7 and 8 Hockey teams in fixtures V Archbishop Blanch and Liverpool College on Thursday. A 0-0 draw for Year 8 V Archbishop Blanch and a 1-0 win for Year 7 V Liverpool College. Well done to all. POM: Akira W, Orlaith D and Poppy F



RUGBY NEWS - JOIN IN

The sun came out although it was still a chilly morning for three competitive and excellent fixtures with Bishop Heber HS.

With a squad of 24 selected Year 7 played 4 10 short ten-minute games with Bishop Heber who were also a talented side. Rotating the team at every interval, honours ended even with SEC winning the first two games and BHS the last two games. BHS outscoring SEC in total number of tries scored with a late flurry. Both teams played excellent rugby at times. Player awards were given to FOTM: Ethan G, BOTM: Alec G and POTM: Jude C.

The U13s also played out a very competitive game which again ended honours even for two strong teams. SEC awards were given to FOTM: Beau P, BOTM: Will H and POTM: Zach E.

The U15s (with some U14s) bucked the morning trend with a comfortable and impressive 54-26 victory. FOTM: Michael De'A, BOTM: Sean U and POTM: Ryan Mc.

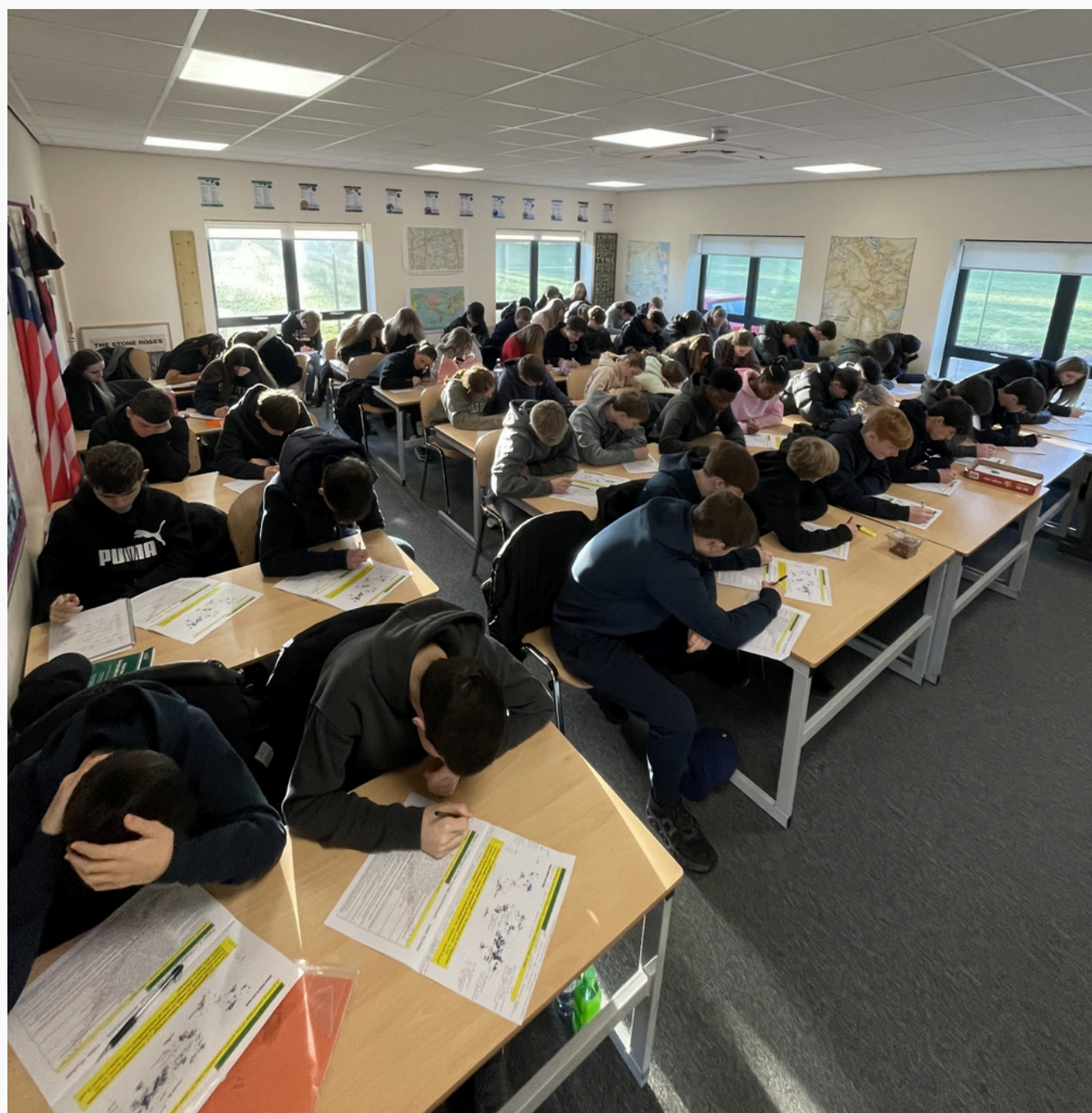
Mornings like this are not about results however; they are more about getting as many boys in as possible with their parents / guardians - supporters and SEC staff to coach-encourage-guide them in enjoying all that is great about representing the College at Rugby. It was another morning with lots to be proud about so well done to all involved.



GEOGRAPHY REVISION- WORK HARD

On Saturday 25 January we had 68 Year 11 Geographers in College at 9am for their 1st GCSE Geography revision session of 2025.

We are really impressed with their attitude and dedication! More sessions to be announced. Well done everybody!



LEAVERS' HOODY - BE PROUD

Orders for Year 13 Class of 2025 Leavers' Hoodies must be placed before **17 February 2025** as the hoody company cannot accept anymore orders after this date due to plans in production and high demand.

We wouldn't want you to miss out on this wonderful keepsake to remember your time in St Edward's.

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

Our School Unique ID is: 26843YR11

**2025
LEAVERS'
HOODIES!**

Our Leavers' Hoodies are about to be ordered!

Any questions 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!

**17 February
2025**

**FIZZ
HOODIES**

REVISION LECTURES TIMETABLE (GCSE) - WORK HARD

We highly encourage students studying English to participate in one of the lectures as preparation for their exams.

Tuesday 21st January	An Inspector Calls with Mr Johnson	3:15pm-4pm, College Hall
Tuesday 28th January	A Christmas Carol with Miss Ramsay	3:15pm-4pm, College Hall
Tuesday 4th February	Transactional Writing with Mrs Ion	3:15pm-4pm, College Hall
Tuesday 11th February	Unseen Poetry with Miss McCann	3:15pm-4pm, College Hall
Tuesday 25th February	English Language Paper Two Mock Exam Prep with Miss Cobham	3:15pm-4pm, College Hall
Tuesday 25th March	Poetry (Anthology) with Mr Moore	3:15pm-4pm, College Hall
Tuesday 1st April	Macbeth with Mr Sutton	3:15pm-4pm, College Hall
Tuesday 22nd April	Final Language Reminders with Miss Hughes	3:15pm-4pm, College Hall
Tuesday 29th April	Final Literature Reminders TBC	3:15pm-4pm, College Hall

YEAR 13 EXAMS INFORMATION - WORK HARD

Date	Start	Length	Exam	Rooms in use
Thu 06 Feb	09:00	03:00	English Literature Paper 1	Sports Hall/ C201
Thu 06 Feb	09:00	01:30	Further Maths	Sports Hall/ C201
Thu 06 Feb	13:00	02:30	Spanish Paper 1	Sports Hall/ C206
Thu 06 Feb	13:00	02:00	Psychology Paper 1	Sports Hall/ C201
Fri 07 Feb	09:00	02:30	History Paper 1	Sports Hall/ C201
Fri 07 Feb	09:00	02:00	RE A Level Paper 1	Sports Hall/ C201
Fri 07 Feb	09:00	01:30	RE AS Level Paper 1	Sports Hall/ C201
Fri 07 Feb	13:00	02:00	Biology	Sports Hall/ C201
Fri 07 Feb	13:00	02:00	Politics Paper 1	Sports Hall/ C201
Mon 10 Feb	09:00	02:30	Film Studies Paper 1	Sports Hall/ C201
Mon 10 Feb	09:00	02:00	Maths A level	Sports Hall/ C201
Mon 10 Feb	13:00	01:30	Geology	C201
Mon 10 Feb	13:00	02:30	French Paper 1	C206

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Date	Start	Length	Exam	Rooms in use
Tue 11 Feb	09:00	02:25	Geography	Sports Hall/ C201
Tue 11 Feb	09:00	02:30	Music	Sports Hall/ C206
Tue 11 Feb	09:00	02:00	Music AS level	Sports Hall/ C206
Tue 11 Feb	13:00	02:00	Physics	Sports Hall/ C201
Tue 11 Feb	13:00	02:00	Environmental Science	Sports Hall/ C201
Wed 12 Feb	09:00	02:30	English Literature Paper 2	Sports Hall/ C201
Wed 12 Feb	09:00	02:00	French Paper 2	Sports Hall/ C201
Wed 12 Feb	09:00	02:00	Maths A level Applied	Sports Hall/ C201
Wed 12 Feb	13:00	02:00	Chemistry	Sports Hall/ C201
Wed 12 Feb	13:00	02:00	Film Studies Paper 2	Sports Hall/ C201
Wed 12 Feb	13:00	02:00	Spanish Paper 2	Sports Hall/ C201
Thu 13 Feb	09:00	02:30	History Paper 2	Sports Hall/ C201
Thu 13 Feb	09:00	01:00	RE A Level Paper 2	Sports Hall/ C201
Thu 13 Feb	09:00	00:45	RE AS Level Paper 2	Sports Hall/ C201
Thu 13 Feb	13:00	01:15	Politics Paper 2	Sports Hall/ C201
Thu 13 Feb	13:00	02:00	Psychology Paper 2	Sports Hall/ C201

SOCIAL MEDIA AND COUNTY LINES - TREAT OTHERS WELL

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Social Media and County Lines.

A briefing on how organised crime groups use social media to groom and exploit young people.

There is information that “one in four young people (24%) reported that they see illicit drugs advertised for sale on social media – a significant figure considering how recent a phenomenon this is.”

- Most common social media platforms used to advertise drugs are Snapchat 56%, Instagram 55% and Facebook 47%.
- Most drugs are available with adverts viewed being Cannabis 63%, Cocaine 26%, MDMA/Ecstasy 24%, Xanax 20%, Nitrous Oxide 17% and Codeine/Lean 16%.

In The Children’s Society report “Counting Lives: Responding to Children Who Are Criminally Exploited” (July 2019) Practitioners mention young people are approached through social media platforms to initially engage in County Lines models of exploitation. During Covid-19 restrictions, young people are spending more time online. There has been a national increase in perpetrators grooming young people online via social media and online gaming sites for both sexual and criminal exploitation.

Online Grooming is the act of developing a relationship with a child to enable their abuse and exploitation both online and offline. Online platforms, such as online gaming, social media, messaging and live streaming, can be used to do this.

There are many risks facing young people online to be aware of. Anyone can adopt any identity, young people can be manipulated to share information or images online, constant contact means there is no escape for young people from their exploiter.

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Social Media and How It Can Be Used within the County Lines context.

- Largely media audiences are grown through developing a customer base and encouraging young people or customers to share. Often “customers” are sharing on their stories positive reviews, referral deals, new products.
- Dealers can share “stories” to their followers but depending on the app, information can be shared through geographical location.
- Advertising occurs through sharing photos, videos or statuses showing money, new drugs or when they are open for “business”. Use of hashtags on platforms such as Instagram mean that individuals can search for specific terms linked to drug use and can find an account to purchase from in minutes. Outright searches for drugs are banned, however users can still search slang that will go undetected by Instagram.
- Emojis are also used to mask and hide language that is linked to drugs, violence and sexual activity online. Examples for selling drugs may be ❄️ (buying “Snow”) 🍷 (buying an 8th) or 🚀 (purity of drugs).
- After finding an advert, buyers can then contact dealers directly by commenting on their post or by using encrypted messaging services. Exchanges can then happen in person or through postal delivery.
- The design features on Social Media Platforms enables dealers to expand their network and professionalise their “business”. Functions like ‘suggested friends’ means that there is an element of trust through acquaintance and young people are more likely to accept requests with mutual friends.
- End to end encryption on many platforms means that only the individuals sending and receiving communication can see this. Some social media platforms also have time limits on when a message can be viewed making it more difficult to be able to capture evidence.

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How can Parents, Carers or Professionals use Social Media to protect their child?

- If a young person is linked to online criminal activity, some essential information to evidence:
 - Username
 - App being used
 - QR code/barcode (Snapchat, this can be found by clicking the account detail in the top left corner of the home screen.)
 - Evidence of content that is concerning. This can be through a screenshot or taking an image from a different device. Screenshots on some apps like Snapchat and Instagram alerts the original poster that a screenshot has been taken and this can put someone at risk of further harm.
- Some apps have functions that mean that messages or images shared are only visible for a small period of time or are only able to be opened once. The best way to record this is through taking a photograph of it from another device.
- Seek immediate advice from the local police, who have access to specialist resources to ensure that the evidence is recovered to allow for children to be safeguarded.

Further Information and Support.

- **The National Crime Agency County Lines** Website explain more about County Lines and indicators of exploitation in your area. [National Crime Agency County Lines Information](#)
- **Safe 4 Me** has details about support services nationally for young people impacted by Child Criminal and Sexual Exploitation. They also have lots of information regarding specific forms of exploitation, understanding trauma, rights and the law and much more. [Safe 4 Me Support Services Information](#)
- **The Safeguarding Network** have helpful tips for understanding indicators of exploitation and what may make a young person more vulnerable to being exploited. [The Safeguarding Network Resources](#)
- **The NSPCC** offer guidance on understanding specific apps and platforms that young people may be using on their [Net-Aware](#) website.

COMING UP

We have a busy and exciting week ahead at St Edward's College. Year 7 will take part in their Formation Day, led by Edmund Rice, providing a valuable opportunity for reflection and personal growth. Alongside this, we have a series of sports fixtures, Personal Development Day 4, and two educational trips that will further enrich our students' learning experiences. I look forward to another fantastic week of engagement and achievement across the College.

Wishing you a pleasant weekend,

Lee Fabia

Principal

Be proud

Join in

Grow in faith

Treat people well

Work hard