



# PARENTS' WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

GREAT YOUNG PEOPLE, DOING GREAT THINGS

19 APRIL 2024



## UPCOMING EVENTS

LEAVERS' CONCERT  
MON 22 APRIL, 18.00

HONOURS TRIP TO OXFORD  
AND CAMBRIDGE  
THU 25 APRIL (ALL DAY)

*Class of 2024 with their subject teachers.*

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This morning we had a mass led by Father Taras, followed by a Colours Award ceremony which our honourable guest Peter Buckton, former History teacher and rugby coach, presented awards to outstanding students. The students also spent time reflecting on their two years or seven years at St Edward's during the speeches given by Peter Buckton, Mr Ray and former Head Boy & Girl, Samira and Vincent.

A large number of students received achievement certificates, Upper School Colours and College Colours for their dedication to the equally important non-academic side of school life.

Well done to all for your achievements and I wish you the best of luck in your exams this summer!



*Peter Buckton talking to Year 13 about the importance of Joining In.*

# STRIKE ACTION



## ST EDWARD'S COLLEGE

LIVERPOOL

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

19 April 2024

To: All Parents, Carers, Pupils and Students  
(Ref: 015/24)

Dear All

### Teacher Strike – dates below

I am writing to inform you of significant news affecting all pupils at St Edward's College.

Many of you will be aware of national concerns regarding behaviour in schools since Covid and reductions in education budgets. In light of this, there has been industrial action by the NEU in a number of local schools of late.

Over the previous term, the College Leadership Team and Governors have been engaging with the NEU (National Education Union) to provide action and reassurance about various issues, including behaviour, equipment for teaching and directed time, which they have raised with the school on behalf of their members.

We have met with the NEU many times and felt that the dialogue was positive and constructive. We have agreed to their request to establish a workplace joint union-management negotiation and consultation committee, and diarised the first meeting of this.

Many of the matters raised by the NEU have been resolved. We have not been informed which matters the NEU believe are unresolved: we are seeking urgent clarification around this to allow meaningful dialogue to continue.

Whilst we recognise our staff's right to strike, I understand you may be concerned about the damaging effect a strike will have on your child/ren, particularly Year 11 and Year 13. The extent of NEU membership within this school means that we have now, regretfully, to plan for school closure on the dates listed below.

- Tuesday 23 April 2024
- Thursday 25 April 2024
- Tuesday 30 April 2024
- Wednesday 1 May 2024
- Thursday 2 May 2024

We hope to offer online resources to help pupils learn from home on these days, and we will write again on Monday with more details. A small number of pupils will be invited to work in school – but most will not be able to be accommodated. Further details will be shared on Monday.

Rest assured, we seek to continue our positive engagement with the NEU and earnestly hope that they will engage meaningfully with us.

Yours faithfully

Stephen Morris  
Principal

John O'Brien  
Chair of Governors

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# POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR IN COLLEGE - TREAT OTHERS WELL

We would like to start highlighting pupils that have been following the five keys of an Edwardian, this aims to recognise and celebrate their positive behaviour both inside and outside lessons.

Well done to the following top 3 students that have gained the most ClassCharts points this week:

1. **Reece J - Year 12, awarded a distinction for going above and beyond helping his form teacher.**
2. **Leila C - Year 10, awarded a distinction for helping a poorly pupil during the DofE expedition**
3. **Justin J - Year 10, consistently treating others well.**

# INFRINGEMENT - TREAT OTHERS WELL

The vast majority of pupils are rarely issued with an Infringement (which is served at break) or an After School Detention. However, should your child be issued with an Infringement or an After School Detention attendance is mandatory and takes priority over any other commitment including sports practices or fixtures. All pupils have been reminded of this and of the specific consequence for non-attendance.





James Finnegan in St Peter's Square.

## **OE JAMES FINNEGAN AT THE PAPAL MASS- GROW IN FAITH**

Old Edwardian, James Finnegan, left in 2013 to study in Durham University. Over the Easter holidays, James sung the gospel at the Papal Mass in St Peter's Square in Rome. James will be ordained priest in the cathedral in June, alongside fellow Old Edwardian, Peter Ross!

## **OE ANNA CALLACHER LEADS YOUTH CHOIR IN BBC RADIO BROADCAST - GROW IN FAITH**

Last Sunday, Anna Callacher who is now the conductor of the Youth Choir led the Easter Mass from the Cathedral. To listen to the recording please click the following link:

<https://t.co/ZKqKEWiP0q>



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH EXPEDITION - WORK HARD

Well done to Year 10 pupils who battled the chilly weather in North Wales during their Silver Award expedition, the sun did come out eventually when they set up their tents!



## YEAR 7 PUPIL QUALIFIED FOR GB TEAM - WORK HARD

Max M in Year 7, pictured in the black suit, competed in his first ever biathlete event for the European qualifiers as he has a passion for both swimming and running. He had a fantastic result and qualified as a reserve for the GB Team Competition in Madeira in the summer! What a great achievement, well done Max!



## YEAR 7 PUPIL PARTICIPATES IN THE LONDON MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIPS - WORK HARD

Bobby M in Year 7, has been selected to represent North West England in the TCS Mini London Marathon Championships this Saturday. He was picked among the best U13 boys from across the region, being 12 months younger than the rest of his teammates! The race will take over 2.6k of the official London Marathon course. Best of luck Bobby!



# OPPORTUNITY FOR CREATIVE STUDENTS - JOIN IN

We would like to highlight an opportunity at LMA for creative students in the College. The deadline is Friday 26 April, don't miss out...



Dear All,



As dedicated educators, we guide our students to think about their career pathways & encourage them to make informed decisions about their future. LMA is here to help!

In January, LMA launched **YOU**Fest, the first performing arts & creative media industry led event of its kind. We pushed the boundaries, allowing our students to get up close & personal with incredible industry professionals. Check it out @youfestivalofficial on Instagram.

The event presented opportunities such as:

- Dancing with Becky Hill & Chase & Status at the BRIT awards
- A Partnership with Glastonbury Festival
- Musicians performing at an exclusive Talent Agency awards ceremony
- Actors winning a pitch to direct & perform their play at Edinburgh Fringe

Now it's your turn...

LMA is launching **YOU**Create! A full day of free practical workshops, talks, a tour of our facilities & more. If you have students interested in the creative industries, this is an exclusive invitation to **YOU**!

**YOU**Create! Will take place at both our London & Liverpool campuses on:  
Wednesday 26th June 2024, 9:30am - 5:30pm

Interested & want to know more? Show your interest by...

[Completing this form for Liverpool.](#)

Deadline: FRIDAY 26TH APRIL 2024

Details to note:

- This opportunity will first be available for Year 12 students. Please enquire to bring other students.
- Specifics for the day & special guests will only be announced to those that have shown interest.
- Students must pick from one of the 6 disciplines which are in line with LMA's BA (Hons) programmes:

Acting & Performance

Dance Performance

Digital Film & TV

Digital Games Art

Music Performance

Musical Theatre

Any questions? Please email us at [youfestival@lma.ac.uk](mailto:youfestival@lma.ac.uk)

See **YOU** there!

**LMA**

# THE USE OF SNAPCHAT - TREAT OTHERS WELL

Merseyside Police Cyber Dependant Crime Unit would like to make parents aware about the improper use of Snapchat. Please see leaflet below.



## MERSEYSIDE POLICE CYBER DEPENDANT CRIME UNIT



**Snapmaps** is a feature on Snapchat, which allows Snapchat users to see **exactly** where they are - it is extremely accurate.

Unless you change your privacy settings, anyone can see you **and** any posts you submit to Snapmaps.

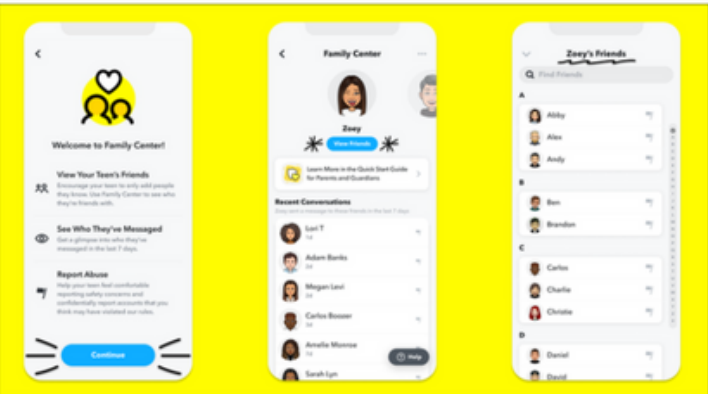
Be sure to check your children's privacy settings and make sure they are not publically visible.

**There was a 25% rise in child abuse image offences recorded by UK police in 2022/23**

Snapchat was involved in almost half (44%) of instances where the online platform was identified by police.

NSPCC  
Rise in child sexual abuse image offences report  
2022/2023

THE FAMILY CENTER



The **Family Center** was introduced by Snapchat in August 2022 to enhance Snapchats safeguarding element when it comes to teen accounts.

Snapchat states that their users must be over the age of 13 years, but we know that this does not necessarily mean that the users are over 13.

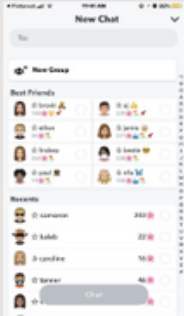
The family center allows a teen user account and a parental user account to be linked. This allows the parental account to view their teens friends, see who they are messaging (you cannot see content of those messages).


[For more on The Family Centre click here](#)

Do you know who your children are **speaking to** on Snapchat?

Their "best friends" will be who they speak to the most. But any of their contacts can see their "stories" and message them.

Make sure they only add or accept people they **know**.

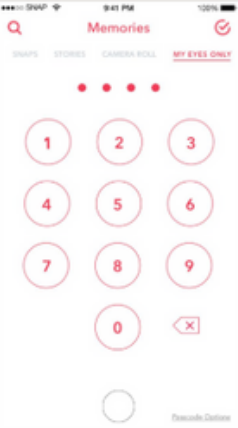




"My Eyes Only" is a section of Snapchat where you can save stories or images which are **locked by a passcode** set by the user.

These images are only visible when the passcode is entered, the passcode cannot be recovered by Snapchat.

Investigations have highlighted this is the section where children are saving and storing indecent images of themselves, or other children.



It is **illegal** to take, possess or share indecent images' of anyone under age of 18 - Including yourself

## **YPAS DROP-IN - TREAT OTHERS WELL**

YPAS would like to make parents aware about the crisis drop-in date and times for those who are interested in attending:

North Hub Alternative to Crisis drop-in times (Croxdale Road West, L14 8YA, 0151 305 2040):

Wednesday 9.30am – 8pm

Thursday 2pm- 8pm

Central Hub (36 Bolton Street, Liverpool, L3 5LX, 0151 707 1025):

Monday: 9.30am- 8pm

Tuesday: 9.30am- 8pm

Wednesday: 9.30am- 8pm

Thursday: 2pm- 8pm

Friday: 9.30 am- 4pm

South Hub (Lyndene Road, Liverpool, L25 1NG, 0151 305 2030):

Monday: 9.30 – 8pm

Tuesday: 9.30am- 8pm

## **EXAM MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT - TREAT OTHERS WELL**

With GCSE examinations looming - I wanted to share with you a few opportunities available to you to support your son and daughter.

Kooth are running some support sessions for parents/carers of young people sitting exams. In April we're running webinars specifically to help parents and carers with children sitting exams. Please let your network of parents know about this support available, especially if they are worried about their child's anxiety:

Mon 22 Apr. 1-2pm

Thu 25 Apr. 6-7pm





We are busy organising the family event which will be at the College on the afternoon of Saturday 6 July. This will be a lovely event with music, family games, great food and a very reasonable bar. More details will follow very shortly. As you can imagine it takes a lot of hard work to pull an event like this together and we would really appreciate anybody who can give some time to helping , in the build up to the event or on the day itself - even if it's only for a few hours. Please contact

**[Elizebeth.murphy@sky.com](mailto:Elizebeth.murphy@sky.com)** if you are able to assist.

The St Edward's College lottery is a wonderful way for us to raise funds for our pupils and students. The weekly draw is exclusive to our community and very simple.

Choose six numbers between nought and nine and if they match the weekly lottery draw you win a prize. Tickets are only £1 each.

**<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/>**

Every Saturday at 8pm then numbers are drawn and posted online, winners are notified by email and winnings paid into the bank account of your choice. You can pay by direct debit or debit card. It's so easy to join, to start supporting or to restart your subscription please visit your school lottery.co.uk and search for St Edward's College.

Tickets are also automatically entered into the jackpot prize draw for a chance to win £25,000 and also into the regular super draw. Fancy a chance at winning the current prize -an iPhone 25 Pro Titanium.

Our next meeting is at the Royal Standard pub in West Derby on Tuesday 30 April at 7pm. All are very welcome.

We thank you for your continued support.

# 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](#)



## COMING UP

On Sunday the boy and girl choristers will be singing Missa Brevis by Dove and Worthy is the Lab & Amen by Handel during Solemn Civic Mass.

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend,

Stephen Morris

Principal

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