



ST EDWARD'S COLLEGE

LIVERPOOL

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

16 December 2024

To: All College Parents/Guardians
Ref: 081/24

Dear Parent/Guardian

As we approach the end of a very successful term, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on what we have achieved together as a school community. It has been a term of significant transformation here at St Edward's College, with a noticeable shift in school culture. The improvements in behaviour and standards across the school have been demonstrable, and we are proud of how our pupils are embracing our shared vision for the future. These positive changes are evident in the classrooms, on the sports field, and throughout the school community, with our pupils showing a renewed sense of pride in their work and their school.

This term has been filled with memorable events that showcase the heart of our school community. Highlights include our Old Edwardian's Dinner, our whole-school Mass for St Edward's Day at The Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, with over 3,000 attendees, and the Cathedral Choir's inspiring visit to Cologne. Pupils also enjoyed Geography field trips to Moel Famau and the Isle of Arran, while the St Cecilia concert in the cathedral crypt celebrated the talent of our music department. Sixth Form visits to the University of Bristol and Bath, alongside our most successful Sixth Form Open Evening, provided valuable insights into higher education. Over 100 Year 8 pupils were confirmed at the Cathedral, and we marked our school's legacy at Founders' Evening. Additionally, our pupils excelled in countless rugby, netball, and hockey fixtures, demonstrating outstanding teamwork and school spirit. These events, alongside the recent Catholic Schools and Ofsted inspections, represent significant milestones in our journey to make St Edward's College the preeminent Catholic school in the city, reflecting our high standards and shared commitment to providing the best education for every child.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you, our parents and carers, for your continued support throughout this term. Your partnership is invaluable, and we truly appreciate the trust you place in us to guide and educate your children. Education is a reciprocal process, and we believe that the strongest progress is made when school and home work together as one. The encouragement, care, and involvement you show in your child's education make a tremendous difference to their success and well-being. We are deeply grateful for your ongoing commitment to helping us create an environment where every child can thrive.

As we approach the Christmas break, it is important to remember the true significance of the season—the birth of Christ. This time of year offers an opportunity for reflection, gratitude, and renewal of our faith. It is a reminder of our shared mission to "Make a Positive Difference" in the lives of our pupils, staff, and the wider community.

At St Edward's, we are committed to fostering the five key principles that define an Edwardian: Be Proud, Work Hard, Join In, Treat Others Well, and Grow in Faith. These values guide our school community and help us to live out our Catholic mission each and every day. This Christmas, let us all take a moment to reflect on how we can continue to grow in these values and carry them with us into the New Year.

As we look forward to 2025, we remain focused on our shared vision of excellence. The best is yet to come.

Pupils will return to school on **Monday 6 January at 8.40 am**. We look forward to another successful term, full of opportunities for learning, growth, and achievement.

End of Term Arrangements: Thursday 19 December

Please find below the arrangements for the end of term for pupils in Years 7 to 11:

- **Year Group Celebration Assembly:** Each year group will participate in an assembly to celebrate their achievements this term.
- **Christmas Carol Service:** As part of the College's Christian witness, pupils will walk, accompanied by College Staff, from the College to St Mary the Virgin Church, West Derby, to attend a Christmas Carol Service before returning to the College.
- **Dismissal:** Pupils will be dismissed for the Christmas holiday at 1.30pm, marking the start of their festive break.

For **Years 12 and 13**, their last day of term will be **Wednesday 18 December**.

If you have any questions regarding the arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact your son's or daughter's form tutor.

Wishing you all a peaceful and joyous Christmas.

God bless,



Lee Fabia
Principal