



PARENTS' WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

LET ALL THAT YOU DO BE DONE IN LOVE

2 OCTOBER 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

YEAR 12 ASSESSMENT WEEK
W/C 28 SEP

BBC BITESIZE EVENT
FRI 2 OCT



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our Year 11 pupils have enjoyed a memorable and thought-provoking Battlefields Trip to France and Belgium, bringing their History studies to life through visits to some of the most significant sites of the First World War. After beginning their journey in Paris, where they explored Montmartre and visited the Sacré-Cœur, pupils travelled to Belgium to visit Vimy Ridge, the Thiepval Memorial, Delville Wood Memorial, Ulster Tower and Newfoundland Memorial Park. They also explored Langemark German Cemetery, Tyne Cot Cemetery and Sanctuary Wood, where they saw preserved trenches and gained a deeper understanding of the conditions endured by soldiers on the front line. A particularly moving moment was attending the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate in Ypres, providing a fitting opportunity to reflect on the sacrifice of those who lost their lives.

Alongside these important historical visits, pupils enjoyed exploring the medieval city of Bruges, taking in its beautiful canals, historic architecture and famous landmarks. Experiences such as these are invaluable in helping our young people develop a deeper understanding of history beyond the classroom, while encouraging them to reflect on the human cost of conflict and the importance of remembrance. I am incredibly proud of the maturity, curiosity and respect our Year 11 pupils have demonstrated throughout the trip, and I hope they return with lasting memories and a greater appreciation of the sacrifices made by previous generations.



PROTECTING OUR COLLEGE COMMUNITY ONLINE



As technology continues to evolve, including the rapid growth of artificial intelligence, we are reviewing how we use our school websites and social media accounts to help protect the privacy and digital footprint of our pupils and staff.

Over the coming weeks, you may notice some changes to the photographs and content we share. We will continue to celebrate the learning, achievements, enrichment opportunities and special moments that make our College community so special, but we will be more mindful of how individual pupils are identified and represented online.

As part of this approach, photographs featuring pupils will increasingly be 'faceless'. This may include photographs where faces are obscured, as well as more scenic, candid or wider shots rather than direct portraits.

We know how much parents and carers enjoy seeing what happens at St Edward's, and we want to continue sharing the fantastic experiences and achievements of our pupils. These changes are simply part of our ongoing safeguarding practice as the digital landscape continues to develop.

The dignity, wellbeing and protection of every child are at the heart of everything we do. This reflects our Catholic ethos and our Edmund Rice commitment to ensuring every child is known, valued, respected and protected.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support as we navigate the changing digital landscape together. We look forward to continuing to celebrate the wonderful things happening across our College community.





**ST EDWARD'S
COLLEGE**

SIXTH FORM
**OPEN
EVENING**

**WED 21 OCTOBER
4-7PM**

REGISTER TO ATTEND
at <http://tr.ee/HoQxNd>



CLICK THE IMAGE TO ATTEND!

SIXTH FORM HIGHLIGHT! - WELCOME BACK FORMER HEAD BOY AND OES!

On Monday, we launched the Year 12 Honours programme. It was great to welcome back two students, Maya and Sam, who are heading to Oxford this week for their first year - Maya to St Hilda's to read Ancient History and Sam to Trinity to read Philosophy and Theology- and Former Head Boy, Patrick, who is entering his second year reading Geography at Christ's College, Cambridge.

Connecting with students who are only one to three steps ahead of them was a fantastic opportunity to learn about the benefits and expectations of being part of the SEC Honours programme. A great afternoon complemented by cake! We are excited to guide their journey!





FOSEC FOCUS

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to our FOSEC Welcome Meeting held in the school earlier this week. It was wonderful to see so many new faces. We are so grateful you took the time to attend and share your energy, ideas, and enthusiasm with us and we are excited to work together on future FOSEC events to support our school community.

Next FOSEC event

This weekend we welcome back to the school previous pupils for the annual Old Edwardians Dinner. If previous years are anything to go by, what a fantastic night it will be. Great food, great company and very reasonable priced bar! All helping to raise funds for the school.

Try the School Lottery!

Did you know you can contribute to fundraising for the school from your sofa. Our Weekly School Lottery is the easiest way to support our school while giving yourself a chance to scoop a jackpot!

Cost: Just £1 per ticket.

How to Play: Registering is a breeze. Head over to the link below which takes you straight to our simple sign up page.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-edwards-college>

Where does the money go? all of the profits from FOSEC events go directly back into the school, funding the "extras" that make our children's learning experience truly special.

Couldn't make the welcome meeting?

FOSEC is powered by parents just like you. Whether you have an hour a month or an hour a year, your help makes a massive difference. Curious about what goes on behind the scenes? Come and join us, have a chat with the FOSEC team to see how you can help make our school even better.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 7 October

Time: 7:15pm

Location: The CI Club

We can't wait to see you there!

BBC BITESIZE CAREERS TOUR - WORK HARD

Today we were delighted to welcome Lucas Yeomans, BBC Bitesize host, Edward Gorton from Prime Transport, Ryan Dobney from BBC Radio 5 and Tamzine Williams from the University of Liverpool to speak to our Year 7-9 pupils.

Our visitors shared their career journeys and experiences, giving pupils valuable insight into a range of industries, future pathways and technical careers.

A huge thank you to all four speakers for giving their time to inspire our pupils and help them think about the exciting opportunities that lie ahead!



NEW CHORISTER APPOINTMENTS - GROW IN FAITH

Well done to our newly appointed Head Choristers!

Interviews and auditions took place throughout the first few weeks of September for the appointment of chorister leaders and choral students for the 2026-27 academic year.

Competition for the positions were particularly strong, with an impressive field of candidates across all areas. This is a testament to the exceptional standard of musical education and wider development our choristers receive through the unique partnership between St Edward's and the Metropolitan Cathedral.



YEAR 9 LATIN PUPILS CELEBRATE GREAT RESULTS! - WORK HARD

A huge well done to our Year 10 pupils who chose to study Latin last academic year. Although Latin is not part of our College curriculum, these pupils showed fantastic dedication and achieved outstanding exam results.

The Principal recently welcomed them for a special breakfast to celebrate their hard work and achievements. Well done Year 10!



PUPILS' DYNAMIC DRESS IDEAS - BE PROUD, WORK HARD

In search of avant-garde answers as part of an experimental 'draping on the mannequin workshop', Year 10-11 Design Technology pupils absolutely smashed it with a range of exciting and dynamic dress ideas.

This couture technique involves working directly onto the dress stand using a volume of fabric without cutting into it.

Pupils completely embraced the challenge, and the results show real imagination with sculptural qualities. Are we seeing the next generation of fashion designers and creative visionaries at St Edward's?



YEAR 7 RETREAT - GROW IN FAITH

Last Friday, Year 7 took part in a Retreat day exploring the College's mission statement 'Let all that you do be done in love'. We made a morning visit to both of Liverpool's cathedrals. Pupils were welcomed with a guided tour at the Metropolitan Cathedral and a more relaxed self-guided experience at the Anglican Cathedral. For many pupils, this was the first time they had been in at least one of the buildings.

After returning to College for lunch, pupils listened to an engaging presentation on the Catholic approach to love by OE Sarah McGheehan, Archdiocesan Youth Coordinator as well as some activities led by form tutors. Overall, pupils enjoyed the day and hopefully it will bear fruit throughout the year.



CROSS-COUNTRY - JOIN IN

Mr Henderson reports...

The first training session after a race always brings a feeling of letdown and deflation; we want to get back racing but have to wait another month. Last Friday we solved the problem by having our usual vote about what training we should do - and a relay session won the day. This is guaranteed to put a smile on every runner's face and proved a great way for our new members (Sash V, Yr 7 and Gloria R, Yr 10) to be welcomed to our club.

After the session had ended, a number of runners stayed behind to have a most intelligent, mature and knowledgeable conversation about running/tactics and also to analyse the results from the Camp Hill race. I was struck by the enthusiasm and seriousness of these young runners. It was most heart-warming to share this time with such fantastic young adults. I am sure none of us wanted the conversation to end. We could have talked into the wee small hours and I'm certain not one would have complained. Magic.

Monday brought us my favourite session - my beloved 400m reps. This is the toughest training around. Each lap of the track is followed by a short rest before the athletes attack the track again. The lactic acid starts to take effect from the third or fourth rep. It's a quite horrible feeling but the session is guaranteed to get our athletes fit and strong in no time. As ever, no complaints from our runners. It was a baptism of fire for our new members: Louis J and James B (Yr 7,) Harry J, Lana Y and Mylie W (Yr 8). I can assure them that not all sessions will be as hard!

Wednesday was a return to the field. A pyramid session was the order of the day. One minute of running, rest, two minutes, rest, three minutes, rest, four minutes, rest then back down again. A lovely sight to see some runners running backwards along the top straight. That'll sort the quads out! We ended with sprint relays. They're always a superb way to finish our sessions. Great fun had by all and nice to get a bit of fast running in. I do hope our newest recruit, Joseph C (Yr 7) enjoyed the afternoon with us.

We have two and half weeks left before our next race on the 21st October. All students of every ability are welcome to join the club. Training is every Monday, Wednesday and Friday and is never cancelled.



WHAT'S ON IN LIVERPOOL?



River of Light - the iconic light art festival - will return to the streets of Liverpool this autumn under the theme of 'Together'.

Between 23 October - 1 November, tens of thousands of visitors will once again explore the city and experience the giant outdoor art gallery, which has become a staple of Liverpool's annual events calendar since 2018.

This year's trail is set to be bigger and better than ever as River of Light partners with Liverpool ABID to expand into new locations. Artworks will move beyond the waterfront and spread across the city centre, with new sites including Williamson Square and St Pauls Square.

All artworks commissioned for 2026 will use light to bring people together in a joyful way, and details of the first three artworks have now been unveiled - all of which are European or UK premieres. The wider programme of artworks will be announced in the coming weeks.



COMING UP

I look forward to welcoming our Old Edwardians back to the College tomorrow evening for our annual Old Edwardians' Dinner. It will be a particular pleasure to welcome back former Principal John Waszeck, former Deputy Principal Dominic Mackenzie and former Chair of Governors John O'Brien as we come together to celebrate the rich history and enduring traditions of St Edward's College, while raising funds to support our current pupils and enrich their College experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone involved in organising this special event. The continued support and generosity of our Old Edwardians play an important role in strengthening our College community and creating opportunities for the next generation of Edwardians.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Lee Fabia

Principal